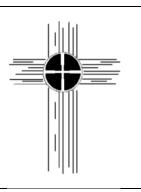
The Newsletter of New Malden Methodist Church July 2019



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Message from Reverend Karl

It's hard to believe that this is the last newsletter of the Connexional year – I don't know about you, but it feels like somebody has hit the accelerator in 2019, and it is has gone by exceptionally quickly! July brings with it both the busyness of Malden Fortnight, and the various community events which comprise it – not least the Community Celebration Service on 14th July, where we'll be joined by the Mayor of Kingston – and a winding down as August approaches, and people go away on holiday. It is, therefore, a month of changing moods as summer gets into full swing.

This year, July also brings with it what might be a difficult change for the High Street in New Malden, and some of our friends in the community, as Tudor Williams closes its doors. At the time of writing, it is unclear what will happen to the site – we shall have to wait and see. In the meanwhile, following on from the Annual Church Meeting, I would

like to encourage us to ponder what this may mean for us, as we seek to be at the heart of the High Street. We talked at that meeting about putting in a lift, and seeking grant money to help do so, but what might it mean more generally for the building to be 'fit for purpose' not just now, but in ten years' time, say, if the area becomes more residential?

In many ways, we're in an exciting place — the fruits of the Rebranding Project will shortly be in situ, and before the summer is out, I hope that we will have welcomed a third Lay Worker to the team, to help us further develop the ministry of the coffee bar as it formally becomes Wesley's. For me, this represents an opportunity to build upon the best of what we currently do, and to be ready to embrace new possibilities. The Bereavement Café, which has now been going for three months and is seeing a good number of people come through the doors, is a good example of what I mean.

Beyond the immediate context of our changing surroundings, however, we're also being encouraged by the Circuit to think about staffing, and what resources we need in order to be faithful to what God has called us to be and to do. As Reverend Andy Clark prepares to move on to pastures new at the end of the next (2019 – 20) Connexional year, the Circuit Meeting last month saw us discussing the options for the future. Are we as a Circuit seeking to maintain the current setup, or are we willing to think about

alternatives to seeking a like-for-like replacement presbyter?

I appreciate there's an awful of questions to think about here, but my sense is that we are in a strong place from which to grapple with them. We have a lot to offer to the people of New Malden, and the point of the Community Celebration Service is — as much as anything else — to celebrate those ways in which we can already see the Holy Spirit at work around us, and to help us prayerfully think about opportunities to roll up our sleeves and join in this Kingdom-building work. We can go into the holiday season with a lot of positivity for the future, even as we and others face challenges.

So, friends, I hope you have a blessed and restful summer as we move into August and the warmest days, and come back in September refreshed and ready for a new Connexional year. Finally, I would like to thank you all for how you have supported and encouraged me in my first two years in ministry. Being your minister is a real joy.

The Rededication of the Organ



[Fresh from refurbishment with all new bells and whistles (the organ)]

16th June saw the rededication of the organ and a demo of its new capabilities in a short recital by Peter after the service. See below for details of the July Organ Fest to celebrate its return – tickets online or from the coffee bar.

Thanks again to Peter and Alison for leading efforts to see this instrument restored to its true glory and beyond for the church and community as a whole to enjoy. I for one am looking forward to local musicians and music groups making use of this fabulous resource. Suggestions of repertoire for horn and organ gratefully received.

Thanks to Alan Vincent for the photo too.

Caroline

Peak District Challenge - Go Nicky

On July 14th myself and a friend will be



walking 50km/31miles around the Peak District to raise money for Melanoma UK.

This is a small charity that raises awareness of melanoma and supports patients and their families dealing with the disease.

Melanoma is the most serious form of skin cancer; seven people die from it every day in the uk. It is the fifth most common cancer yet has little media coverage and public knowledge about the disease.

It is a charity close to my heart as just over two years ago I was diagnosed with melanoma. I underwent major surgery which has left me with some impressive scars, along with life long lymphoedema, which means that fluid builds very quickly in my leg when I am sitting or standing. You may have noticed that I have it raised on an extra chair during church services.

The cancer also spread to my brain and last March I started a course of immunotherapy,

a brand-new treatment, which only had a 60% chance of working, thankfully, I have been one of the lucky ones and currently have no evidence of disease. I have also avoided many of the more serious side effects, but struggle daily with fatigue, which has meant that I have had to give up work.

So, walking 50km around the Peak District is going to be tough, and painful, but it wouldn't be a challenge if it is was easy!

I do hope that you will be able to support me in my endeavours and help raise money for Melanoma UK.

You can make a donation via my just giving webpage at

<u>www.justgiving.com/peakdistrict1</u> or to myself when you see me at church.

Many skin cancers are preventable, and treatable if caught early.

Once a month check your skin for any changes in any moles that you may have, or new ones that have appeared (mine was a new one and didn't look like and dark misshaped ones that you expect skin cancer to look like)

Use a high factor sun cream and don't get burned, uv radiation is the main cause of skin cancer, and never use a sun bed, they can increase you risk of developing cancer by 75%.

Thank you, Nicky Horton

Around the Circuit

Kingston Hospital Charity Fund

A coffee and cake morning will be held at Surbiton Hill Methodist Tennis Club (11-13 Manor Drive) to support this fund on Wednesday 11 July from 10am till 12noon.

So many of us have received help from the hospital, and here is a chance for us to

support them. At present they are wanting money for riser recliner chairs to be used on the elderly care wards. We look forward to seeing you...do come and join us.

Terry and Kathryn Ingham

Next Newsletters

If you have any news or a forthcoming event you would like to share with the Circuit, please forward details to Michael Axton at the Circuit Office so that it can be included in each Church's next newsletter or magazine. Please send contributions by Monday 8 July to: circuitoffice@kingstoncircuit.org.uk

Summary of June Notices

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Rob and Liz Edwards would like to thank the church family for the loving support given on the occasion of Becky and Matthew's wedding.

Julia and all her family would like to thank everyone for their kindness and loving support last week (Betty Thorogood's memorial service was held on Tuesday 4th June).

THANK YOUs

Dave & Sarah Moore would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our coffee bar on Saturday 25th May. A magnificent £211.66 was raised for Complex Regional Pain Syndrome which Dave's niece suffers from so very many thanks.

Many thanks to all who helped in any way with the coffee morning for Rethink Mental Health last Saturday (8th June). We made an impressive total of £239.68

Hilary Warner & Vera Fields

A big thank you to everyone who helped in any way at our coffee morning on the 15th June. Bakers, jam makers, sellers and customers - you are all much appreciated and together we raised £185 for the Princess Alice Hospice. *Molly and Hilary*

FILMS WITH FRIENDS

Just to give you lots of notice, so you can keep the morning free – the next gathering of *Films with Friends* will be on **Thursday** 11th July, at our home, 9 Connaught Road. Refreshments from 10am (yummy cakes kindly provided by Molly!) with the film starting about 10.30am. This is a great opportunity to develop friendships over a shared film.

Please note. To avoid any copyright complications, we won't be naming each month's film in the church notice sheet – so just as Eleanor or Andy for details. Each month the film will be chosen by different people so your suggestions are welcome.

All welcome, please just us know if you'll be coming. Thanks

Eleanor & Andy Roberts

ADVANCE NOTICE – Change to the Plan in August

Lorraine Webb will be leading our worship on 18th August instead of 4th August. The service on 4th August will be a Local Arrangement

COFFEE BAR VACANCIES IN JULY

The following slots are free if you can help at all. Many thanks, Sarah

Thursday 4th July 10.00am Monday 8th July 12.00 Tuesday 9th July 12.00 Thursday 11th July 10.00 Both Slots vacant Friday 12th July 12.00 Wednesday 17th July 12.00 Friday 26th July 10.00am

SATURDAY COFFEE BAR VACANCIES

As you can see from various thank yous above, a Saturday morning coffee bar and cake sale can make some valuable funds for your chosen charity, as well as raising awareness. The following Saturday mornings are vacant so please see me if you would like to host one and boost your favourite charity. Sarah Moore

July 20 and 27 August 3 and 31 September 7 and 21

MALDEN FORTNIGHT SATURDAYS July 6th and 13th

Can you help?

We will be opening the coffee bar from 10am till 4pm on both days so will need cakes for both days.

On the 13th July we will also be running a Bric-a-Brac Stall and be offering a plated Lunch 12 till 2pm and a cream tea from 2pm to 4pm.

If you can help please sign-up on the sheet in the coffee bar.

Julie Haines

SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN

All Age Worship and Communion services in July and August.

I provide the children's craft activity in the corner opposite the choir for these services. I really need the help of 1 or 2 people on the following dates:

30th June 7th 21st and 28th July 4th 11th 18th and 25th August Please sign up on the sheet in coffee bar Many thanks

Julie Haines

Diary Dates for July

Saturday 6th July 10.00am Coffee Bar – NMMC to raise funds for a defibrillator for the Welcome Area

2.00pm Malden Fortnight Parade

7.30pm OrganFest19 *Keith Hearnshaw* (Concert Organist) opens our Organ Festival to celebrate the refurbishment of our three manual pipe organ with a programme of favourite, spectacular works including Bach's Great Prelude and Fugue in A minor and Mozart's Fantasia K608

Tuesday 9th
2.30pm Bereavement Café

7.00pm Badminton Wednesday 10th 2.00pm Memory Café Thursday 11th
10.00amFilms with Friends (at the home of Eleanor and Andy Roberts)

Friday 12th 10.00 – 2.00pmMalden Camera Club Exhibition

Saturday 13th
10.00amCoffee Bar – NMMC to raise funds
for a defibrillator for the Welcome Area

10.00am – 4.00pmMalden Fortnight Craft Fair

10.00am – 4.00pmMalden Camera Club Exhibition

12.00Light Lunches served in the Welcome Area

7.30pm OrganFest19 **Donald MacKenzie** (The Odeon Leicester Square) continues our Organ Festival to celebrate the refurbishment of our three manual pipe organ with music by Eric Coates, Cole Porter, Percy Grainger and will accompany the film *Call of the Cuckoo* (1927) starring Laurel & Hardy

Monday 15th 3.00pmWives & Friends Cream Tea – Welcome Area

7.30pmKingston District Chamber Music Society concert

Tuesday 16th
7.00pm Badminton

Saturday 20th
10.00amCoffee Bar – VACANT (please contact Sarah Moore if you wish to book)

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Sunday 21st

3.00pm OrganFest19 **David Goode** (Eton College) closes our Organ Festival to celebrate the refurbishment of our three manual pipe organ with a programme including Bach's Toccata, Adagio and Fugue and his virtuosic *Concert Fantasy on themes by Gershwin*.

Wednesday 24th 11.30am – 1.15pmMake Lunch

Saturday 27th
10.00amCoffee Bar – VACANT (please contact Sarah Moore if you wish to book)

Wednesday 31st 11.30am – 1.15pmMake Lunch

Diary Dates for August 2019

Saturday 3rd
10.00amCoffee Bar – VACANT (please contact Sarah Moore if you wish to book)

Wednesday 7th 11.30am – 1.15pmMake Lunch

Saturday 10th 10.00amCoffee Bar – Barbara Cavalier

Tuesday 13th
2.30pm Bereavement Café

Wednesday 14th 11.30am – 1.15pmMake Lunch

2.00pm Memory Café

Saturday 17th
10.00amCoffee Bar – Alzheimer's Memory
Walk – Glynis Fox

Monday 19th 3.00pmWives & Friends Cream Tea – Welcome Area

Wednesday 21st 11.30am – 1.15pmMake Lunch

Saturday 24th 10.00amCoffee Bar – Eleanor Roberts & Molly Simmonds

Monday 26th BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

Wednesday 28th 11.30am – 1.15pmMake Lunch

Saturday 31st
10.00amCoffee Bar – VACANT (please contact Sarah Moore if you wish to book)

Saturday 7th September Coffee Bar – VACANT (please contact Sarah Moore if you wish to book)

Message from our Family and Youth Worker

Hi

Watching the news over the past couple of days has been quite depressing. Floods have devastated far parts of Britain with farmland and houses covered with water in a matter



of hours due to the torrential downpours. What it must be like in reality can only be imagined, the lack of clean, running water, the destruction of favourite things. You may feel hopeless and

wonder what you can do to help. How can the little you might give to a charity appeal make a difference?

Well, it's a bit like a tap dripping into a glass. Each drop gradually fills the glass until at last one more drip makes the water start to flow over the top and fill the space below. Then the small drop really can be seen to be making the change.

We can also apply this to our prayers for ourselves and others, each one we make to God is heard. We just need to trust that he will react to it at the right time. This reaction may seem very slow, we want results NOW, but remember, God knows what is best for us and when it's best too. (I wish I had more patience to deal with this!) So, don't give up! A prayer of any kind is never a wasted one.

Living the way God wants us to, is more than doing the right thing. It involves the way we do it. He wants us to be happy too! Isn't

that just great news! He wants us to live our lives to the max and we can do that, do the right thing and be happy by being a drip!

Love through Jesus

Julia

Services in July

7th July – Reverend Karl All Age Worship

14th July – Reverend Rutlidge Community Celebration Service

21st July – Reverend Bedford All Age Worship

28th July Reverend Rutlidge and Holy Communion. Café church at 3pm.

This is my last newsletter of editor – I pass the mantle to John who I wish every success. Thanks to all those who have contributed words and photos over the last 5 years.

Signing off now, Caroline



big thank you to Caroline for her editing skills over the last 5 years.

Deadline for the next issue is Friday 23rd August. Please leave contributions in the editor's pigeon hole or email john.cronin@unix.net



OrganFest19

organ concerts to celebrate the rebuilding of our three manual pipe organ

Saturday 6th July at 7.30 pm **Keith Hearnshaw** (Concert Organist)

Saturday 13th July at 7.30 pm

Donald MacKenzie (Odeon Leicester Square) to include the Laurel & Hardy silent film Call of the Cuckoos

Sunday 21st July at 3.00 pm **David Goode** (Eton College)

varied and attractive programmes introduced by the players relayed on a large screen

Tickets £8 (single concert) or £20 (subscription) from The Methodist Church weekdays 10 am - 2 pm or on-line from www.ticketsource.co.uk/organfest19

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Holidays
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