

The Newsletter of New Malden Methodist Church June 2018



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Message from Karl

It's hard to believe that the start of June represents the end of my first nine months in New Malden – it feels like the time's just flown by! It also feels like no time at all since the last football World Cup, but 2018 sees the return of the competition to our screens, and so the four-yearly agony of watching the England team battle through before losing on penalties begins again. Whether you love or loathe this whole business, there's something in the now clichéd statement that sport has a power to bring people together across boundaries. It enables people to make connections with others.

Thinking back to September and my welcome service, Micky Youngson (our District Chair) reminded us that churches that grow are

churches that are connected to the communities around them. At the Annual Church Meeting on 20th May, we explored some possibilities for making new connections as we discussed mission action planning. It was encouraging to see the energy in the room during our conversation, but now comes the time when we need to translate that energy into action, and begin both to start new initiatives, and look to strengthen and deepen our existing connections.

At the heart of mission is the hospitality of God. Trinity Sunday reminded us that in Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we're swept up into the dance at the heart of God between Father, Son and Spirit. This dance, which is more a fiery and passionate three-Person version of the Argentine Tango than a gentle shuffle on the spot, is a dance of love, the love that transforms lives and which will ultimately renew the face of the earth. That love overflows, and spills out into the world, meaning the Spirit's already at work before we know it, making connections and opening doors.

Our role in proceedings, as part of Christ's Body in this place, is to be alert for what the Holy Spirit's up to, then roll up our sleeves and join in. God's hospitality saw Jesus sit down and eat with people the religious authorities considered to be beyond the pale

– outcasts and sinners – and in doing so, affirming their humanity and ultimate value in God’s eyes. Hospitality isn’t always comfortable; what, Jesus said, is to be gained by only loving people who look and sound like you? (Matthew 5:46). The means we need to be ready to take holy risks, and not just stick to playing it safe.

In practical terms, then, this practice of Godly hospitality requires being both good hosts and good guests. We’re fortunate to have the location and facilities we do, and some of our mission initiatives will involve finding new and creative ways to utilise them. If we’re going to make connections through this, overcoming a natural reticence to invite people to come along to events, including services, will be important as relationships grow. However, some of our missional work will involve the far more difficult task of accepting invitations to enter the space of others, and making connections there, too.

So, as we move forward together, let’s pray that God will help us to be both good hosts and guests, for if we play it so safe that we never take holy risks, and never venture beyond our own doors, then we’ll scoring one great big own goal.

Every blessing,

Karl

Christian Aid Week - an update



This year we raised the sum of £1,677.17 for Christian Aid and the details are as follows:

House to House collection	£	78.19
Static collection	£	64.25
Good Friday Music (in Methodist Church)	£	467.61
Coffee Mornings (4)	£	465.85
Bread and Cheese Lunch	£	289.00
Quiz	£	87.00
Other donations	£	<u>225.27</u>
Total		<u>£1,677.17</u>

Our new approach to fundraising for Christian Aid has been very successful this year thanks to your help, continued support and some very generous individual giving. We were especially delighted (and overwhelmed!) to receive two unexpected amounts - £467.61 from the Good Friday Music and £100 from an extra coffee morning run by Julie and Sarah. On behalf of Christian Aid, thank you so much.

You may have noticed there is no mention of a church donation in the above breakdown. This is because the very substantial amount of £500 - increased this year to compensate for the loss of house to house collections - was given by the church and paid to Christian Aid earlier in the year to take advantage of the government's 'like for like' scheme. Again, thank you for such a thoughtful and generous consideration.

Jennifer Townsend

Singing in Care Homes – an update

In response to Alison's article in the last newsletter, I would just like to say how extremely grateful we are to Alison for the time and effort she puts in, in an already busy life, to make these occasions happen. As a regular singer, I can only say how inspiring, uplifting and satisfying it is to see the enjoyment of the residents in the White House as they join in as best they can and even the budgie excels itself!! It is a joy to sing the wide repertoire of songs to say nothing of the laughs we have. It is a different experience at Spiers House as a number of the residents are more able to participate and these occasions give them an opportunity to sing their choice of hymns, and ours, which they would otherwise not have. How they look forward to the next visit!! So come and experience it for yourself, even on an odd occasion, and I feel sure you will receive more than you give.

Doreen Downey

Wives and Friends

Now that Meeting Point has found it necessary to close why not support another group that is still managing to survive! Please note that you do not have to be a wife or a female, two or three men have joined us on occasions already under the umbrella of 'friends'! We have a varied programme and are a very informal group who meet usually on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Welcome Area, although sometimes this changes but is shown on the printed programme. During July, August and September we have started meeting once a month on a Monday afternoon for a cream tea (very much enjoyed around a cost of £1.20!). The dates this year are July 16th, August 13th, and September 10th from 3pm, so if you wish to join us, please speak to me

just before the day. We will also be celebrating our 60th Anniversary from September when we will invite others to share in our annual meal in January, at a modest cost, with any profit going to McMillan Nurses our Charity for 2018/19 in memory of our friend Sheila Philpot, so keep watching and we will also hope to arrange different outings throughout the year to mark this occasion. So feel free to come along, see if you like it and help to keep THIS group 'alive' and safe from another closure.

Doreen Downey

Could you
be a Debt
Centre
Manager?



CHRISTIANS AGAINST
POVERTY

NEW MALDEN & KINGSTON
DEBT CENTRE

are looking for a DEBT
CENTRE MANAGER

Job Title: Debt Centre manager (16 hours per week; £8,480 per annum plus travel and other expenses)

Location: Mainly in clients' homes; administrative work can be done from home. St John the Divine Church, New Malden, acts as the hub church for the centre. Training for the job takes place in Bradford at CAP Head Office and post-holders are expected to attend occasional additional training and annual conferences.

Skills and attributes: Applicants must have a passion for the poor and for evangelism, plus administrative skills (including on a computer), ability to work alone and as part of a team, and good time and task management. Applicants need to have the use of a car (mileage paid). Candidates must be able to support CAP's Statement of Faith and core values and complete an application for an enhanced DBS disclosure.

Full details: can be obtained from Phil Hutchinson - philipcap48@yahoo.com

Closing date: Friday 22nd June at 4 p.m.

Annual Church Meeting

The annual church meeting took place on the 20th May after the service. The main item on the agenda was around mission planning. After an interesting presentation from Karl about the demographics of the area, Karl invited us to get into small groups and discuss priorities for the church for the next few years. We were invited to come up with other suggestions. Sarah Moore was thanked for putting together the annual report, and leaders of organisations were also thanked for their contributions. Jenny Reid thanks Julie Haines who has now served her time as church steward, including two years as senior steward. She announced that Alison Bullett would be the senior steward next year. As yet no-one has put themselves forward to join the stewards team. There is still time until September so everyone is asked to consider whether they could take on this role, even if it is just for one year. Ideally we would like two people to come forward. The two chosen charities to support from proceedings taken in the coffee bar next year will be Water Aid and a new sensory playgroup for families who have pre-school children with hearing or visual impairments based at Warren Park.

Robert Elves
Church council secretary

Around the Circuit

CIRCUIT NEWS

Kingston Community Refugee Sponsorship – Launch Event on 6 June

On 6th June, Kingston Community Refugee Sponsorship will be holding a launch event at All Saints' Church in Kingston, from 6pm to 7.30pm. It's a great chance to find out more about its work - sponsoring a refugee family and supporting them through their first two years in the borough - with talks, information and refreshments.

Moving Stories Conference: 20-22 July

The London District has arranged a conference under its "Moving Stories" initiative at which attendees will share stories, learn about migration, and be

equipped to make a difference in their community. The conference will take place from 20-22 July in Hoddesdon, and the cost will be £60 for adults, £40 for children (under 16) and students, and it is free for under 5's. The Circuit has agreed to meet these costs for anyone who wants to attend, and it would be helpful if anyone who plans to attend could let the Circuit Office know. You can register online at www.movingstorieslondon.com/conference. For more information call 020 7654 3850

Quarterly Plan - Amendment

The Quarterly Preaching Plan for June to August has now been printed and is available in local churches. There has been one change to the Plan since it was printed – please note that there will now be no service at Chessington on the evening of 22 July.

CHURCH EVENTS

CHESSINGTON

Chessington Methodist Church Summer Fair

The Summer Fair will take place on Saturday 9 June, from 11.30 am to 2 pm. There will be all the usual stalls, cakes, plants, books, Tombola, Bric a Brac, toys, cards, toiletries - plus a Korean BBQ and British refreshments.

Everybody is welcome – please come along and support this event.

SURBITON HILL

Quiet Days at the House of Prayer, East Molesey

A Quiet Day provides a valuable opportunity to develop an understanding of oneself and one's relationship with God and to find peace in his presence. Held at the House of Prayer in East Molesey twice a year, these days provide a valuable opportunity for anyone in the Church family or Circuit to experience a day apart in the unique atmosphere of this special place.

The next Quiet Days are on 23 June, led by Rev Andrew Pakes; and 24 November, led by Rev Denis Vernon

Please send contributions for the next Circuit newsletter by Tuesday 5 June to:
circuitoffice@kingstoncircuit.org.uk

Summary of May Notices

A message from Jane Bennett

It was so uplifting to worship once again with you all last Sunday – I have been missing you! All our prayers are being answered – I am well on the way to full recovery now, with physical help from friends and neighbours, and a few adaptations at home.

Walking unaided for any distance is not possible yet, but I will get about more when my car comes home from Bracknell.

Meanwhile, friends' wheels are much appreciated as are visits and phone calls.

Thank you. Jane B



Congratulations and many happy returns to **Stella Chattle** who was 80 years young on Sunday 27th May, with love from us all.

Doug Bryan will be celebrating "95 not out" on Friday 8th June. He would be delighted if any of his friends from New Malden Methodist would like to join him for a cuppa and a piece of birthday cake anytime on that day. Please just pop in to Speirs House at the top of Traps Lane. He has recently moved rooms and is now in room 1 (Margaret Ecclehall's old room).

Advance notice of two Meeting Point evenings:

June 12th **With Great Pleasure** ... everyone is invited to bring a poem or piece of music to share with the group.



July 10 David **Knowles** will speak about his **work within the NHS**. We will finish with drinks and nibbles. Both meetings start with tea and coffee in the Welcome Area at 7.30 and the Main Event starts at 8pm. All are welcome.

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There will be no meeting in June. The next one will be on Friday 13th July at the home of Andrew and Angie Turner.

SATURDAY COFFEE BARS

There are several vacancies throughout the Summer to man the coffee bar on a Saturday. Please would you seriously consider taking this opportunity to raise money for a charity of your choice and to maintain our key position in the regular Saturday morning schedule of many members of the community. If you do not feel you can run your own coffee bar, perhaps you could help someone else? Please see Sarah to find out more or book a slot! The full list of the next few months is in the Welcome Area.

WANTED



For use in the activities corner for the children during All Age Worship.
Beads, - broken necklaces or bracelets.
SEQUINS - anything that sparkles. Fabric or paper flowers. Dairy Lea cheese boxes and lids. Sheets of card, or card board. Coloured threads or wool. Small cardboard boxes with lids. Mini Bites Tubs with or without lids.

Please hand to Julie Haines
Thank you.

Diary Dates for June 2018

Saturday 2nd 10.00am
Coffee Bar – Alzheimer's Society – Glynis Fox

Tuesday 5th 7.00pm
Junior Badminton

Saturday 9th 10.00am
Coffee Bar – Women's Institute

Sunday 10th 3.00pm
Music in New Malden – piano recital by Min Young Bae

Monday 11th 7.30pm
Wives & Friends – Meal Out

Tuesday 12th 7.00pm
Senior Badminton
7.30pm

Meeting Point –With Great Pleasure ...
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of music to share with the group

Wednesday 13th 2.00pm
Home Instead Memory Café in the Welcome
Area

Saturday 16th 10.00am
Coffee Bar – Hearing Dogs

Monday 18th 7.30pm Kingston
District Chamber Music Society Concert

Tuesday 19th 7.00pm
Junior Badminton

Thursday 21st 2.00pm
Arts Group

Saturday 23rd 10.00am
Coffee Bar – Wives & Friends

Tuesday 26th 7.00pm
Senior Badminton

Saturday 30th 10.00am
Coffee Bar – Amnesty

I just wanted to say a bit more about
Hearing Dogs and to make a plea for cakes
and eaters of cakes on Saturday 16th.
This is Hanson:



He belongs to my cousin Rose and has been
her Hearing Dog for many years, in fact he's
semi-retired now and waiting to hang up his
lead and become a full-time pet. Rose is
waiting for a new Hearing Dog and hopes to
get placed soon.

Hanson has many talents including listening
out for the doorbell, cooker timer and
smoke alarm. He's also good at breaking
down social barriers as lots of people want
to talk to him that might otherwise not know
how to approach a deaf person.

So, please come and support our coffee
morning on 16th June – we'll all be baking so
that more people can benefit from dogs like
Hanson.

Caroline, Robert and Isabel.



Children's Page

Hi

I am aware that some of you are facing major exams soon and I'm praying for you all and your families! They only want the best for you so be caring towards them too. It is a time of stress but as with most things, this time will pass. The most important thing is that you know that you did your best at the time, then whatever the outcome you can be pleased. Remember we can't all be grade A students no matter how we try. There are more important things to achieve in life - like being polite, thoughtful and kind.

It is so easy to feel envious of those who do better than ourselves, how I would have loved to have the talent to be an athlete! (I know looking at me it is hard to imagine but please try) I can admire those who are however and rejoice in their success. Fans of any sport reflect in the great achievements of their favourite team, (thousands celebrated for days after the cup final for example) not needing any talent other than being loyal and supporting through the less successful moments too.

Looking at the positive things in life makes us happy. It is so easy to only notice the bad and sad aspects, newspapers are full of such stories. This does mean however that there is more good going on in the world than bad or the good stuff would dominate the news. So rejoice that this is true! Try to find one thing to be pleased about every day this month and the world will be happier and thank God for it.

Love through Jesus

Julia



Services in June

3rd June – Miss L Webb

10th June – Mr D Fulbrook – All Age Worship

17th June – Rev Rutledge and again at Café Church in the evening.

24th June – Revs Brown and Rutledge Holy Communion

Deadline for the next issue is 22nd June.
Please leave contributions in the editor's pigeon hole or email
carolineauty@hotmail.com by 9am.

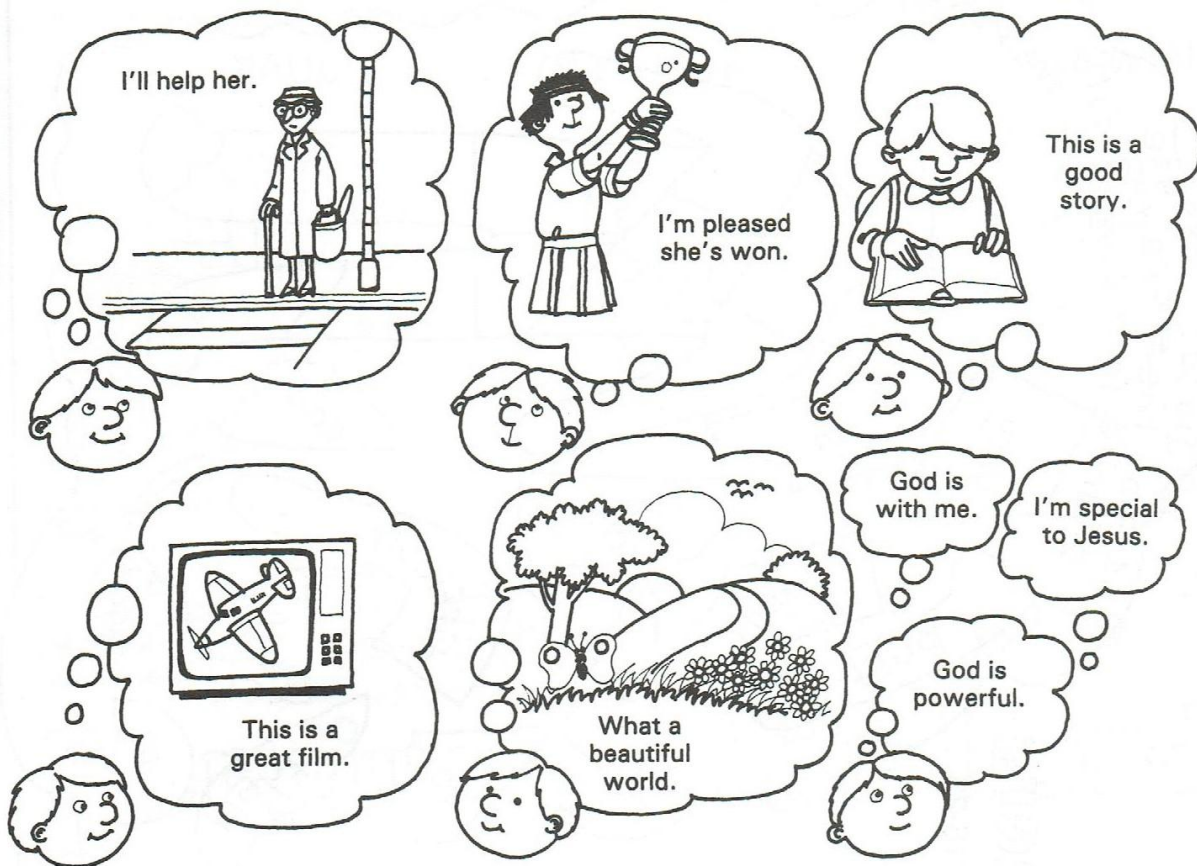


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Think about good things.

Philippians 4:8

