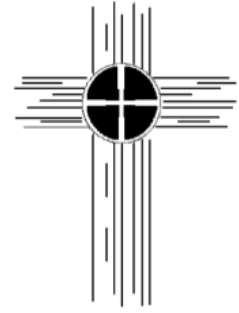


The Newsletter of New Malden Methodist Church June 2019



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Message from Reverend Karl

The end of this month marks the culmination of a five-year long journey for me, from filling out the first of many forms and undertaking my pre-candidating placement, to being ordained in Birmingham at the Church of St Martin's in the Bullring. Moving towards ordination after many years of wrestling with God still feels slightly unreal, even though it's now pretty soon. For me, the biggest change will be beginning to preside at the Eucharist, and taking on what I've heard beautifully described as being the community storyteller – the one who recalls the story of the Word made flesh opening wide his arms on the cross, and embracing our world in self-giving love

I reckon that to preside at Holy Communion is to follow in the footsteps of Jesus on the Emmaus road, as he set the hearts of the two disciples he met on fire by retelling their community's story, before they were later able to recognise him in the breaking of the bread. Any ministry that's centred on Word and Sacrament surely involves using our words to lay bare the power of a Love revealed in powerlessness and utter vulnerability, before articulating Christ's invitation to gather around a table, and meet with him in broken bread and wine outpoured. For me, to do this for the first time will be incredibly special.

However, none of that makes sense apart from the story of all God's people – we're collectively called to set hearts on fire by bringing the wider community's stories into contact with God's story of hope-full and life-giving love, so that others might recognise the risen Jesus. As such, we're all tasked with being community storytellers, who are open to imaginative possibilities for a world that's radically different to what's around us at the moment. A world where all people know their infinite value in God's eyes, and that's reflected in structures which promote justice and flourishing – a world where no-one goes hungry, or thirsty, or naked, or lonely, or unloved.

On a deeply practical level, to be at the heart of the High Street in the midst of changes and turbulence in our wider context means both steadfastly being there as a loving presence, and working with others to make a concrete difference. Key to that will be making the most of the rebranding of the Coffee Bar, as Wesley's, which is why we're recruiting for a Development Worker to help us identity and enact new

possibilities that deepen and broaden our connections within our local community, and put God's love into practice. However, it doesn't stop there.

When the dominant narrative in the wider culture is that everything would be fine, if only certain groups would simply go away – whether that's Muslims or Jews, EU nationals or LGBTQ people, politicians or civil servants – the stories we tell matter. Stories based upon the fundamental premise that there's just no such as a person who doesn't matter to God are those which break down barriers and the walls that so easily divide us, one from another. These are the stories that make a difference, that set the hearts of their hearers on fire, and enable them to recognise the risen Jesus in the face of the other.

So, friends, please pray for me that, with the help of the Spirit, I may speak words that set other's hearts on fire with the love of God, and free them to meet with the risen Jesus in the breaking of the bread. In turn, may all of our words bring hope and life to those we meet.

Every blessing, Karl

The Annual Church Meeting

Feedback from the Annual Church Meeting

During the Annual Church Meeting, we reviewed the existing Mission Action Plan, to be executed over the five years of Karl's appointment, and discussed whether it still reflected the priorities for mission in the context of a changing High Street and locality. Participants were also invited to share ideas for how the building might be maintained as fit-for-purpose, not just now, but given where the High Street might go in the next ten years, with the possibility of more residential developments.

The existing Mission Plan, which aims to help us truly be at the heart of the High Street, is as follows:

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| 1) Coffee Shop | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop a strong brand for the coffee shop/welcome area - Build links with office and retail workers - Attract new user groups and develop projects e.g. Bereavement Café |
| 2) Partnerships | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop partnerships to help us undertake more community work - Projects bringing church and non-church folks together with a common goal - Link in with work addressing child poverty in the neighbourhood |
| 3) Older People | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consult the community to explore the needs of older people - Activities for grandparents caring for their grandchildren - Enabling older people to explore and deepen their discipleship |
| 4) Discipleship | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore ways to develop our discipleship outside of Sunday mornings - Midweek groups for office and retail workers - Encourage those with leadership skills and potential to develop and use them |
| 5) Chaplaincy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore setting up a retail chaplaincy out of the church - Seek funding from the Council's High Street development strategy stuff - Build relationships with BAME groups, particularly on the High Street |

Feedback showed that these aims still reflect the congregation's sense of the priorities for the Church. Making the most of the rebranding of the Coffee Bar as Wesley's was the top priority for many. Looking to develop chaplaincy and engagement with BAME groups was another popular goal.

The following suggestions were made for new initiatives and further developments (these will form the basis of Church Council's discussions about mission priorities for the 2019-20 Connexional year):

New Initiatives and Ideas	Developing the Building
Offering space for musicians to practice	Forward planning about use of upstairs rooms
Maximise the benefits of the refurbished organ	Refresh the back kitchen
Developing externally-focused chaplaincy	Install a lift
Developing chaplaincy to users of the building	Regular programme of redecoration
New events e.g. streamed cinema, quizzes	Publicity about available lettings space
New choir e.g. youth choir or gospel choir	
Events for children, and linking with Abacus	
Publicise the charitable benefits of Wesley's	
Linking with Waitrose's coffee customers	

Here the outgoing Secretary's account of the meeting as a whole:

The congregation came together after morning worship on the 12th May for the annual church meeting. There was much praise for the annual report which all agreed was a great advert for the church. Groups of 4-5 discussed what they felt should be the priorities of the church for the year ahead based on the five-point plan agreed at the ACM in 2018.

The meeting also welcomed Julie Haines back to the role of steward joined by Caroline Auty, Judith Jewell and Pam Wardley as number two stewards once a month. Richard Bland will be the new church council secretary. There were no volunteers to become an additional representative to church council but anyone interested is encouraged to mention this to one of the stewards.

Jenny Reid was thanked for her service as a steward, Carol Dadds as a church council rep and Robert Elves as church council secretary.

The projects to be supported from profits of the coffee bar from August will be Refugee Action Kingston and an overseas charity which alleviates period poverty in developing countries.

Robert

Christian Aid Week



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12TH MAY - 18TH MAY

I am very pleased to report we were able to send £1,686.32 to Christian Aid this year and this amount was made up as follows:

House-to-house collection

£ 55.73

Methodist Church donation

£ 500.00

Coffee mornings x 3

£ 523.56

Bread and Cheese Lunch

£ 304.00

Easter Breakfast donation

£ 75.00

Christian Aid Service

£ 116.78

Quiz £ 94.00

Other donations

£ 17.25

Total £1,686.32

My thanks to Alan Downey who still stalwartly collected house-to-house, to the church for their generous donation, the Easter Breakfast organisers for their very welcome cheque and to all who contributed by baking cakes, buying quizzes or supporting the various events. THANK YOU!

Jennifer Townsend

The 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 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 www.justgiving.com/peakdistrict1 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 increased your risk of developing cancer by 75%.



Thank you,

Nicky Horton

Would you like to edit a newsletter? This one...?

I realise my resignation news may have been usurped by that of Mrs May's whilst I sit and type, but this summer it will be 5 years since



I took over editing the newsletter. It's had its highs (the 150th anniversary issue) and lows (not really) but I would like to spend more time with my family

[insert other resignation clichés] so the time has almost come to pass the mantle to someone else. I'm happy to step down after the next issue, or to do another few. Sooner would suit me and the timing would fit nicely with Karl's rebranding process, but equally I don't want to leave the church in the lurch. So have a think and come and have a chat if you are tempted. I'll buy the coffee!

Caroline

Around the Circuit

CIRCUIT NEWS

Travel to Rev Karl Rutledge's Ordination on 30 June

Karl Rutledge will be ordained at St Martin's church in the Bull Ring, Birmingham on 30 June at 4pm. Tickets for the Ordination Service are now sold out, but for those who have tickets, the Circuit is booking a coach for the trip to Birmingham.

If you would like to travel on the coach, you need to reserve a place. To do so please contact Michael Axton at the Circuit Office by email: circuitoffice@kingstonsccircuit.org.uk; or phone: 020 8390 4598.

3Generate

This year 3Generate is from 22 - 24 November at Pontins, Southport and registration is now open.

Ticket prices for children and young people (8-23 years old) will be £120 per person but, as usual, the Circuit will be offering to part-fund the cost. For more information please visit the "Our Work" section of the Methodist church website, or you can contact Nigel Spalding on 07814 190560. We also need people to attend the event as a Volunteer Leader – if you would like more information about this please contact Nigel.

Note that group registrations are only open until 7 June, so any church interested in a group booking needs to move quickly. It doesn't cost anything to register, and it doesn't commit a group to buying tickets.

Quarterly Preaching Plan

Please note the following changes to the published June to August Quarterly Plan:

Chessington 10am, 16th June: David Fullbrook in place of Tim Yu.

Surbiton Hill: 10am, 30th June: Tim Yu in place of David Fullbrook.

CHURCH EVENTS

Chessington

Chessington Methodist Church Summer Fair: Saturday 8 June

The fair will run from 11.30am to 2pm. There will be a Korean BBQ, British Refreshments, Plants, Books, Bric a Brac, Good as New, Toiletries, Toys, Cakes, Children's Activities. Please come along and support our Fair. Everybody is welcome.

OTHER NEWS

Have you thought about playing tennis?

The Surbiton Hill Methodist Church Tennis Club in Manor Drive, Surbiton, offers 6 hard courts, coaching sessions, mixed tennis on Saturday afternoons, men's tennis on Wednesday mornings, ladies' tennis on Thursday mornings, and a Junior Club which meets from May to September on Friday nights.

As well as this we offer friendship, social events, and delicious cakes and teas on Saturdays during the Summer.

If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact Club Captain Terry Ingham (phone: 020 8294; email terry@hotmail.co.uk).

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 10 June to: circuitoffice@kingstonsircuit.org.uk

Summary of May Notices

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

We would like to send congratulations to Becky Edwards & Matthew Harris on their marriage here on Saturday 25th May and send them all the very best as they start this new chapter in their lives together.

Julia Morton would like to thank you for all the cards, messages, prayers and hugs over the last 2 weeks in memory of her mum, Betty Thorogood who died peacefully at home on Saturday 11th May.

"She loved having the visits from the congregation too, you know who you are, to whom we have a debt of gratitude. God bless you all, Julia and family"

The family would like to invite anyone who wishes to attend, to the memorial service here at 3.00pm on Tuesday 4th June followed by refreshments. This will be after a family committal earlier in the day.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

It's essential that everyone whose role in the church involves working with 0 – 18 year olds, or vulnerable adults, undertakes appropriate training. The Methodist Church

has produced material which helps us to understand safeguarding and our collective responsibility for it.

Since we last offered Safeguarding training in the Circuit, some church roles have been taken on by different people, and we have been blessed to welcome new folk into our congregation. So we are putting on two new sessions in June. These will be a combination of Foundation, Refresher and new material.

The sessions are:

Thursday 13 June New Malden 2.00pm
– 4.30pm

Saturday 15 June Surbiton Hill 10am
– 12.30pm

Refreshments are available before each session to allow a prompt start.

For more information, and to book your place, please contact

Linda Bridges 020 8399 5402
lmbridges@btopenworld.com

Judith Jewell 020 8942 8576
judithjewell@hotmail.co.uk

FILMS WITH FRIENDS

A new daytime monthly gathering, to share friendship and enjoy watching a film. Meeting at Eleanor & Andy Roberts' home, 9 Connaught Road. Date – Tuesday 4th June. Come from 10am onwards. Film to begin at 10.30am. ALL welcome. Please see Eleanor or Andy if you'd like more information, and also to confirm if you can come.

Diary Dates for June

Saturday 1st June 10.00am **Coffee Bar – Amnesty**

Tuesday 4th June 10.00am **Films with Friends at Eleanor and Andy Roberts' house (9 Connaught Road)**

3.00pm **Memorial service for Betty Thorogood**

7.00pm **Badminton**

8.00pm **Circuit Finance Committee Meeting**

Saturday 8th 10.00am **Coffee Bar – Rethink (Mental Health Charity) - Vera Fields**

Sunday 9th 3.00pm **Music in New Malden – Original Blend (baroque orchestra) Susie Carpenter-Jacobs (Director) Virtuoso concertos for diverse instruments**

Tuesday 11th 2.30pm **Bereavement Café**

7.00pm **Badminton**

Wednesday 12th 2.00pm **Memory Café**

Thursday 13th 2.00pm **Safeguarding Training (Sanctuary)**

Saturday 15th 10.00am **Coffee Bar – Princess Alice Hospice – Molly Simmonds**

10.00am **Safeguarding Training at Surbiton Hill**

Monday 17th 3.00pm **Wives & Friends Cream Tea – Welcome Area**

Tuesday 18th 7.00pm **Badminton**

Wednesday 19th 7.00pm **Malden Fortnight Meeting**

Saturday 22nd 10.00am **Coffee Bar – Wives & Friends**

Monday 24th 7.30pm **Wives & Friends – Meal out**

Tuesday 25th 7.00pm **Badminton**

Saturday 29th 10.00am **Coffee Bar – Barnardo's – Glynis Fox**

Sunday 30th **Karl's Ordination in Birmingham**

Services in June

2nd June – All Age Worship with Miss Lorraine Webb

9th June – Revd Stan Brown

16th June – Organ Rededication Service with Revd Karl Rutlidge

23rd June – Family service and Holy Communion with Revd Andy Clark
Afternoon Tea & Chat with Revd Karl Rutlidge at 3.00pm

30th June- Mr Dennis & Mrs Carolyn Doe - note **10am** start time!

Deadline for the next issue is Friday 21st June. Please leave contributions in the editor's pigeon hole or email carolineauty@hotmail.com by 9am.

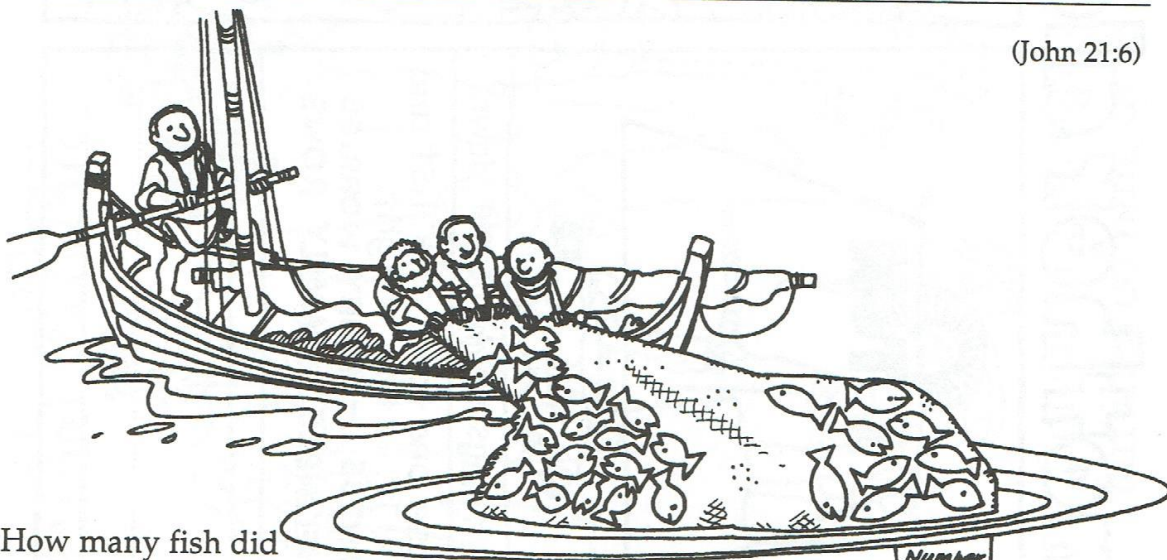
Read John 21:1-14

Some of Jesus' disciples spent all night fishing on the sea of Galilee, but by the morning they hadn't caught a thing.

Who did they see on the shore? _____ (John 21:4)

What did he say to them? _____

(John 21:6)



How many fish did they catch after they had done what Jesus said?

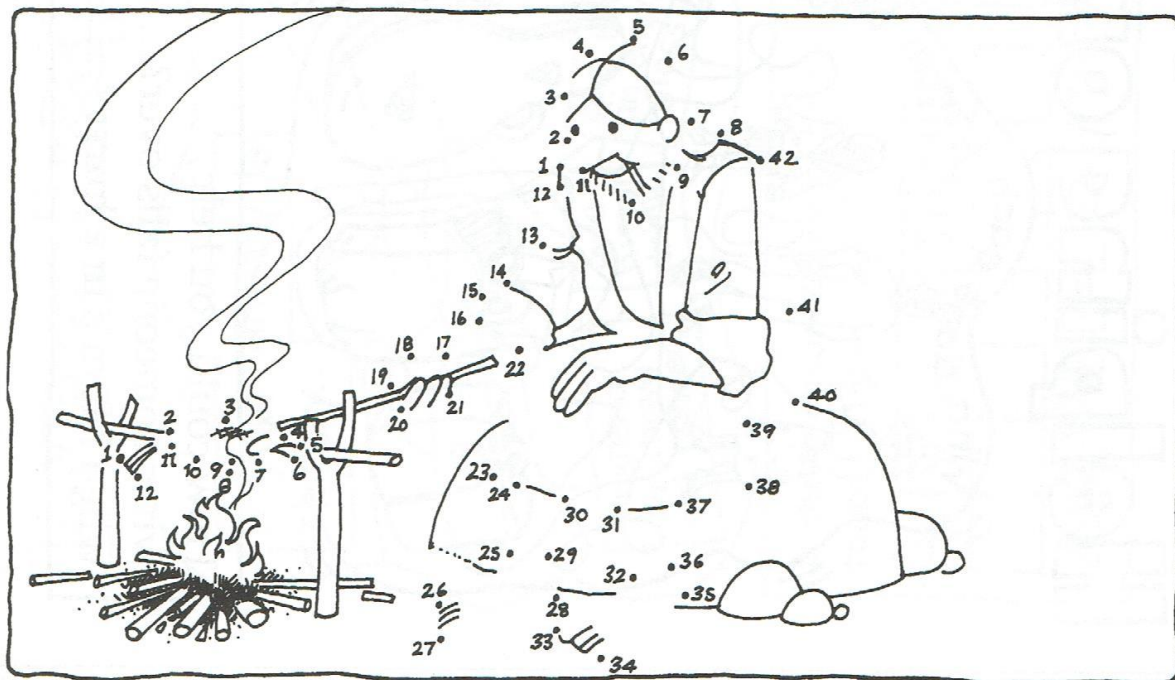
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(John 21:11)

Join the dots to find out what Jesus was doing on the beach



Congratulations to Becky and Matt Harris 25th May 2019

