



**New Malden
Methodist Church**
*At the **heart** of the High Street*

Lockdown Life

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Church Family News

Jenny Reid thanks you for all your kind words, cards, flowers and for your prayers.

Many congratulations to **Alan and Pam Vincent** who celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on May 13th and to **Donald Finnan** who is 90 on May 20th.

Isabel Elves is fundraising for Help Musicians

I have recently turned twelve years old and play three instruments: violin, piano and saxophone but I can also play the drums - I have played violin and piano at the church. My family is very musical (as you know from numerous concerts) and I want to do something to help other musicians during lockdown. I go to Coombe Girls School (I used to go to Burlington Juniors) and have most of my instrument lessons with Kingston Music Service. This is a great music service which I have been in since Year 1 (I am in year 7 now) and I also play in their Kingston Youth Orchestra on my violin.

Professional musicians have not been able to have the usual working year as concerts and much more were cancelled. Many have not been paid due to this and so Help Musicians provides support for them such as giving money to those with financial problems. Help Musicians is an independent UK charity for professional musicians of all genres, from starting out through to retirement. They offer support to emerging, professional and retired musicians – whatever the genre.

I will be raising money for this charity by playing all my instruments for 100 minutes (in total) on one day; it will take place on the 1st of June. During the time I will play lots of different pieces of music including some of the pieces from the ABRSM Grades for all the instruments. This is part of the Captain Sir Tom Moore 100 scheme which is in memory of Captain Sir Tom Moore walking laps around his garden till he was one hundred. His family set this up in time for what would be his 101st birthday. This is to get the country doing the same as he once did by doing something around the number 100 for a charity. That is what inspired me to do this for Help Musicians.

If you wish to donate here is the link to my donations website:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/100-minutes-practice>

Once all the donations are in, I will tell you how much I have raised.

Thank you, Isabel



Church Re-opening – May 23rd

As you may have seen in the pastoral letter, we are pleased to be resuming in-person services from Pentecost, which this year is May 23rd. If you would like to join us, please book by contacting Sarah by 5pm on the Saturday before the service. We will be operating under the Covid-19 restrictions for some time yet, so worship will continue to be in a different format and without singing.

Please see the pages at the end of this issue to remind yourself of the Covid rules.

Stan Brown will be preaching on Sunday 30th May.

We look forward to seeing you!!

Requests from Julie Haines

Be a Sunday Steward

When we're open for services we need to have stewards to set up and close down the building on the day and to meet and greet people as they arrive, checking on their health and signing them in (you need to be 16+). This is not difficult but is from 10am to approximately 20/30mins after the service has finished.

You would not be on your own, normally being with either Julia or myself at least. How often? Ideally once a month but if you are able to do more than that it would be a great help.

Reading in the service

This may be a prayer or a reading from your seat using the hand mike that would be given to you on arrival (currently not from the lectern at the front of the church). You would not be expected to write the prayer. There is no age restriction on this task so please consider if you would be able to volunteer and let me know.

Please contact me and I will add you to my list. Many thanks Julie

Please contact Julie by	email	juliehaines53@gmail.com
	text	07757 768656
	phone	020 8395 0202

New Addition to the High Street -

You may remember that we started fund raising for a defibrillator some time ago. This fund raising enabled us to buy the defib unit itself.

We were very grateful to receive donations from the family and friends of Reg Finch in memory of Reg and further donations from Councillor Ha and the Rotary Club of New Malden. This enabled us to buy the heated cabinet to house the defib outside the building and have the cabinet installed which included an electricity supply.

A huge thank you to all who donated. We are very grateful that this potentially lifesaving apparatus is now available to all in the High Street.



Update on the Development of the Tudor Williams site 53-59 High Street New Malden KT3 4BU

The group charged by the Church Council to submit comments on the planning application on behalf of NMMC did so well before the deadline on Tuesday 27th April.



Various studies and data were missing from the Applicant's supporting documents and incorrect assumptions had been made about the internal layout of our premises. Our contention that this made independent verification or challenging some deductions difficult, if not impossible, is being put to the Applicant for comment by RBK Planning.

The next significant date in the planning process is the determination deadline of 21st June 2021. We will keep you informed about developments, such as the recommendation to councillors and the date of the determination planning meeting.

If you would like an electronic copy of our comments, please do let me know.

Peter Bullett April 2021

A Message from the Wirral

I wanted to write to thank all involved with contributing to and producing the Lockdown Life newsletters which have been such a bonus during the difficult period that we have been going through. The colourful photographs and the interesting articles have been great to read, and I have printed off copies to share with Paul and Susan in Oxford too.

Here on the Wirral, we are about two weeks behind you in Springtime colour, but these last few days have been warmer and so the hedges around the allotments that I can see from my window have come on at a rate. I was able to go to Oxford over the Easter weekend staying with Paul and met up with the rest of the family in the garden or walking around Stonesfield. I was privileged to meet my new great-niece Esther, the first baby for Ruth and Adrian. Her cousins have been interested to see her and on a recent walk in Florence Park – cousin Audrey, now three, was keen for Helen to put Esther's pram on to the roundabout so they could share the ride!

Paul sent an email to the Chief Rabbi who, on the morning of Esther's birth, happened to speak about the story of Esther on "Thought for the Day." Ruth and Adrian were surprised and delighted to receive an email back from Chief Rabbi Mirvis with a blessing for them all.

Alison wrote about hymns and poetry last month and I know how important it is to be able to sing our faith and it is one pleasurable thing that if we are watching services on Zoom or Facebook, we can sing out loud but it is nothing quite like being together is it?

Amongst my Mum's papers I found a hymn which I thought you might like to read as we look back on the year we have had and pray for a safe return to normality. It is old in its style but I hope there may be message in it that will cheer you.

With happy memories and my thanks for your care for us as a family.

Anne Bedford

Lord God, from whom all life
And all true gladness springs,
Whose love and care shine everywhere
Among earth's common things;
Be present while we lift
Our song to Thee, and pay
Heart gratitude for all things good
About our path today.

We praise Thee for the light
That floats on sea and hill,
The unstinted wealth of joy and health
With which our pulses thrill:
O may the light of heaven
In us enkindled by,
Heaven's glory roll from soul to soul
And make us strong for Thee.

We thank Thee for the grace
In friend and brother found;
For human love that points above
To where all love is crowned.
O may such friendship here
Be to thy children given,
As shall endure, deep fair and pure
Till all be one in heaven.

So when the lives today
Within one circle brought
Are sundered wide along the tide
Of human work and thought,
One song shall yet be ours,
One life, one family,
One pathway still by vale or hill,
Shall lead us home to Thee.

Words by E. A Burroughs

An Update from the Wings of Hope Nursery

Following our report last month from Stella Chattle that she had sent nine bags of teddies, hats, scarves and bags to South Africa, she has had news from her nephew that two of the nine bags have arrived, hopefully the other seven will arrive soon! Paul Horn, the Executive Director of the nursery has recently completed a year end report for 2020 from which the following extracts are taken.

“Giving children wings of hope

The Kgosi Neighbourhood foundation (KNF) Wings of Hope School offered 120 children pre-school education in 2020 at the cost of R100 a month. (Only 60% of parents could pay.) The children in our care receive a hot breakfast, fruit snack, and hot lunch each day. To be selected for our school, families in the community must demonstrate that they are residents of the community and earn less than R3500 a month. Home visits are conducted annually to ensure that these criteria are met.

CHALLENGING TIMES Covid-19 had a devastating impact in our children’s homes in Jeppestown. The average household income of the families we serve was already less than R1000 a month before lockdown. After lockdown, the little informal work our parents did dried up and our children experienced greater insecurity than ever before. In response to these challenges, the Kgosi Neighbourhood Foundation took on the task of providing a monthly grocery parcel to each family. We also sent specially formulated homework to parents via text message, taking into consideration that most households did not have pens, paper, scissors, or other educational supplies that many of us can take for granted. Despite these efforts, we know that nothing is a substitute for in-person schooling, and we are so grateful to see our children back at school”.

Stella Chattle



Christian Aid Week 10th – 16th May 2021

Although our usual events for Christian Aid Week have had to be cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions, we should still celebrate the week if only in a very limited way. My original idea of a coffee morning in our garden - 6 people at a time – was soon ruled out as being too complicated and a logistical nightmare so we are going to try another venture. . . Bread and Cheese Lunch in a Box!



This is how (hopefully) it will work. . . A box containing cheese rolls, tomatoes, fruit and a biscuit will be 'on sale' in the garden of 5, Fritham Close, New Malden from 12 noon to 2pm on Sunday 16th May. We would ask you to ring us (020 8942 6867) on SATURDAY 15th if you wish to



participate so we can prepare the boxes and have an idea what time you would be arriving. Also, would you mind bringing face masks just in case there is a rush of clientele! More than 6 people in a garden are not legally permitted until the 17th! As much as we would love to ask you to stay and sit in our garden so we could eat together, I'm afraid this won't be possible (unless only 6 people turn up, of course!).

If you cannot or don't want to take part in this experiment but wish to make a donation to Christian Aid, we do have a supply of CA envelopes and will be very happy to deliver one to you during the week – just let us know.

Over the past year charities in general have been affected by a lack of funding because of the pandemic but the need for help worldwide continues. So please, please support this small but, we hope, fun fundraising effort. . . especially as this will be our only Christian Aid event of the week.

Thank you so much, Jennifer and Tony Townsend

Music in New Malden

Series 13 2020-21

The next concert in the series will be a stream available from Sunday 9th May at 3pm recorded in the Church on the smaller Blüthner grand piano.

John Irving will be playing a selection of Bach's 48 Preludes and Fugues.

Visit our channel by going to YouTube and searching under *Music in New Malden*.

Peter Bullett



Anyone for Tennis?

Surbiton Hill Methodist Church Tennis Club

At the end of March we were delighted to be able to resume playing tennis at our club in Manor Drive, Surbiton.

This club is probably quite unique as it is owned by the church and run by the members of the club who come from the church and the local area. It is a wonderful facility which is well used for tennis and for community also.



The club has six courts, a play area for children, a patio area well laid out with picnic tables and benches, a clubhouse and gardens.

Saturday afternoons are club afternoons where organised social tennis takes place. Standards vary of course but that is to be expected. Play takes part at other times in the week with the men playing on Wednesday mornings and the ladies on Thursday mornings. Informal coaching is held on Wednesday evenings in the Summer. We also have resident coaches so it is possible to easily get coaching. There is also a thriving junior club which meets during the Summer on a Friday evening.

Fees are very reasonable, £150 for a year's subscription or £350 for a family.

This is a self-help club so the maintenance of the grounds and club house are done on a rota basis by the members and delicious Saturday afternoon teas also are provided by members.

The club is available to be of use to the community too and is well used. Children's parties are held there, also many charity events to raise money, also class meetings and wellbeing groups meet there, as does the regular Greek dancing group. Our Oasis mums and toddlers group meet here in the Summer and the Guides and Brownies have meetings there too.

Church services are held here run by our church, as well as informal Carol services and Easter breakfasts etc. The circuit and other local churches enjoy use of the premises.

Further details of the club are on the church website or ring our club captain

Terry Ingham (0208 399 8294) for further details or just to come and have a look round.

The club was set up by members of the church in the 1930s and the ethos that existed then is still apparent today, the Christian care and welfare of the members being of paramount importance.

We welcome new members to play tennis or groups that are looking for somewhere to use for church activities or community use.

Terry Ingham

Next Issue

Please send all submissions to Sarah Moore at mmmc@hotmail.co.uk (or in longhand through my door or the church door 😊), no later than Wednesday 26th May. I am happy to receive anything you think might be of interest: memories, lockdown experiences, news of members, advice for life, poems, photos, etc.

What will coming to church look like under the Covid-19 security measures?

Well, with a bit of help from Mikey the Bear and friends, Karl has put together this picture guide:

- 1) Please queue up outside the church, using the 2m markers. Doors will open at 10.20am.



- 2) When you are invited in (one household or support bubble at a time), you'll need to sign in at one of the two Registration Desks.

While there, please do the following:

- 1) Sanitise your hands
- 2) Scan the QR code for NHS Test and Trace if you have a compatible smartphone.

If you can't do this, and are not in the church directory, then we will need to take contact details. Any data we record will be held for 21 days, as per government instructions.

- 3) Put on a face covering, unless you are exempt



- 3) Please queue up by the central doors, and wait for a steward to invite you into the Sanctuary.

Note that the side aisle doors are out of use.





4) If you need to use the toilets, please follow the arrows and use the hand sanitiser (which will be at a more human-friendly height!).

Until we've all had time to get used to the system, and because social distancing isn't possible in the corridor outside the cubicles, this area will be stewarded.



5) We're operating a 'clean as you use' system in the toilets. Please use the wipes provided to clean:

- the toilet lid and seat
- the wash basin and soap dispenser
- the sanitary bin (if used)

Please don't flush wipes down the toilet, as this may block it. If you have any problems with cleaning, just ask the stewards.



6) Wash your hands for 20 seconds, following the instructions.

When you're all done, please leave the door open for the next person



7) When leaving the toilets, follow the arrows and enter the Sanctuary using the central doors.



8) The Sanctuary looks a little different to how you might remember it...

The preacher will stay in the pulpit behind the screen.

One side of the Sanctuary has been turned into family 'boxes', with two tables and seats for four or five people (more children could be accommodated, if we know who's coming in advance).

The other side has rows of seats with spaces for groups of one, two or three people.



9) A steward will show you to your seat.

Seats with pink ribbons can be used, but those with a red cross on them are out of bounds and must be left unoccupied.

Keeping gaps of four chairs between households/bubbles enables 2m distancing to be observed.



10) We hope to put together activity packs for children using the family boxes.

We understand that not being able to go out for Junior Church or enjoy the Craft Corner is hard for children and young people, but we hope they will enjoy what can do in worship.

Please can parents/carers do their best to ensure that children stay in the boxes, to keep them and others safe 😊



11) While we can't sing during services (the law is clear that this includes when wearing face coverings), we can enjoy organ and piano music, as well as pre-recorded music.

Please resist the temptation to sing along, even when Roberta the Bear plays a catchy tune!



12) Wesley's Coffee Bar remains closed, and so we won't be serving refreshments after the service.

Please leave by the fire doors in the Sanctuary.

The stewards will ask you to leave in order, starting with those nearest the fire door.

Please also move away from the doors, so that social distancing can be observed as we head on our way.

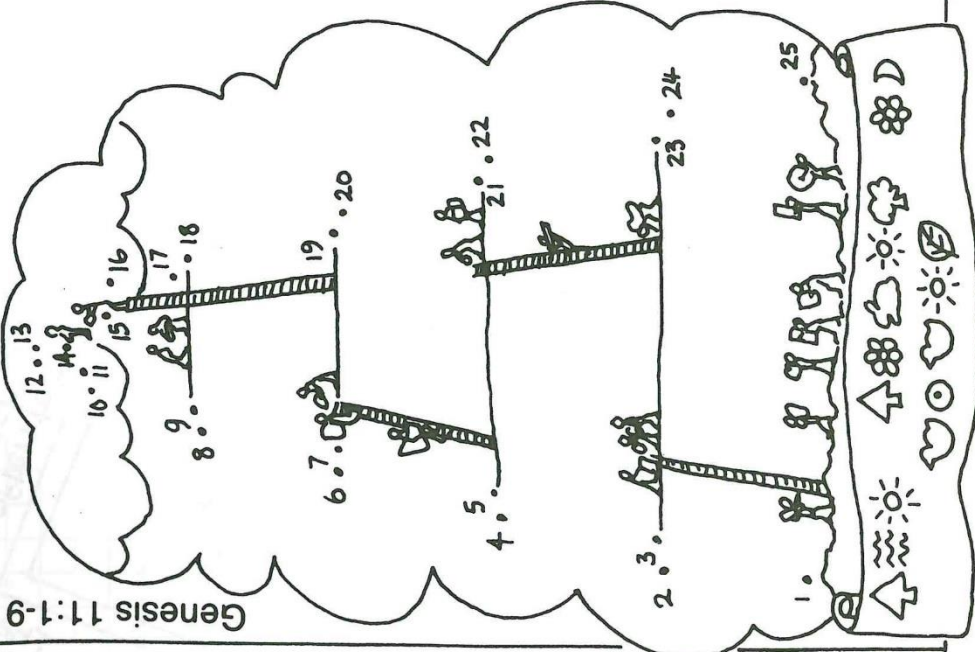


13) Some other things to note:

- The hymn books and worship books have been put away. All the words needed for the service will be on the screen.
- Unless you need the toilet, once you've been shown to your seat, please stay there and do not walk over to others to greet them.
- Services will last at most 45 minutes.

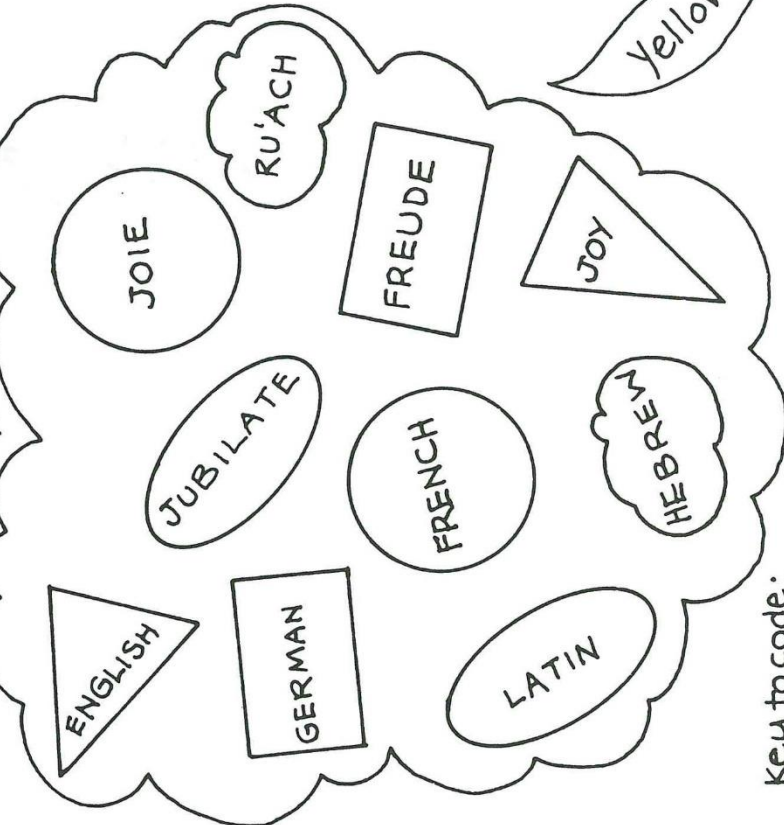
THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 2:1-4



Genesis 11:1-9

The Holy Spirit fills us with this:



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COLOUR THE FLAMES