



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

Lockdown Life

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Church Family News

Thank you

.... for the many messages of congratulation and good wishes on our diamond wedding anniversary. Our celebration was inevitably more muted than we would have hoped 60 years ago (even if we had thought of it then!) but we had a pleasant morning with our daughter and then returned to look forward to the easing of some restrictions.



Pam and Alan

More celebrating

A small tea party was held for Donald Finnan's 90th birthday on Thursday 20th May. The guests were mainly the Wednesday Fellowship group with a few extras. We were able to give the Wesley's processes a road test before opening, as well as having a very happy morning eating cake! A good time was had by all as I hope you can see from the photos.

We took a socially distant photo of everyone in the Sanctuary. Congratulations to Donald.



Thank you to Eleanor Roberts for the photos

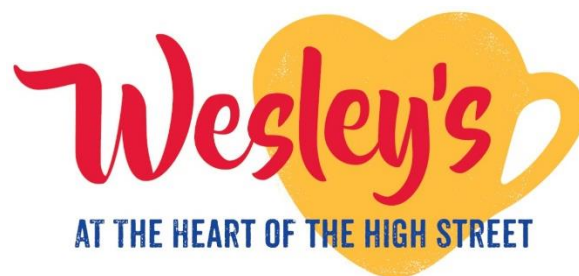


Memorial Garden



This plaque will soon be permanently situated on the side of the church under the sundial.

Wesley's is Back in Business!



We are delighted to announce that Wesley's Coffee Bar is open again following the latest relaxing of lockdown restrictions. In our first week we have welcomed back familiar customers, met some new ones and found each day busier than the one before.

Our opening hours have changed and for the time being we shall be open Monday to Friday from 11am until 1pm. This allows us to operate with just two volunteers each day instead of four and to do all the extra tasks required to keep everyone safe. So what will be different? To keep everyone at a suitable distance, we have only four chairs per table. We ask you to keep your face covering on until you are seated (unless you are exempt). The regulations require us to come to your table to take your order and payment. We are still happy to take cash but we will also be taking card payments shortly. Oh, and alas we cannot offer biscuits...!

I shall be contacting our existing volunteers but I am also keen to recruit new ones, so if you can spare some time once a month (or more if you like) and would like to find out more, please get in touch with me on 07796 157490 or at nmmc.wesleys@hotmail.com. We look forward to bringing our special brand of hospitality to the local community once more.

Hilary Warner

Preserves Stall

There will be a stall outside the church on Saturday 5th June and subsequently on the first Saturday of every month, to coincide with the Farmers' Market in the High Street. We will be selling a large range of jams, chutneys and marmalades as well as a selection of knitwear. We will also be selling books, puzzles and DVDs and would be happy to receive donations of these things **ONLY**. Please bring any donations to church during Wesley's currently shortened open hours (11.00am – 1.00pm) or on Sunday mornings.

Requests from Julie Haines

Be a Sunday Steward

On a Sunday morning, 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

Bread and Cheese Lunch in a Box – Sunday 16th May 2021

I am absolutely delighted to say we raised £375.65 from the above event – much, much more than I had dared to anticipate! This was entirely due to the generosity of all of you who braved the rain on foot, bike and car to come to pick up your lunch boxes. It was lovely to see so many people again and despite the wind, showers and having to be outside under umbrellas we were able to enjoy some time together. Thanks are also due to Vera who kindly donated some beautiful calendars from the Medici Gallery and although we are already half way through the year they created much interest. Thank you all so much.



As I am stepping down as the church Christian Aid Organiser I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who has ever collected door-to-door, supported the coffee mornings and bread and cheese lunches, bought a quiz or stood with a collecting box outside the church. I have really appreciated your support over the years and it is your willingness to give both of your time and financially that we have been able to send an average of £1,500 each year to Christian Aid. A small amount in the great scheme of things but essential in the fight against

hunger, deprivation and poverty worldwide. Well done everyone!

Jennifer Townsend

The lunches as well as the initiative were hugely appreciated, as this piece from Alan Vincent shows

Christian Aid bread and cheese lunch

Jenny and Tony Townsend arranged this year's bread and cheese lunch in a rather different Covid-safe format. The participants were each given a time slot to arrive at Fritham Close to collect a take-away lunch. We duly made our way through the rain to be greeted by Tony wearing his sunglasses in case the sun came out (it didn't!). Jennifer's pre-packed boxes of bread and cheese lunch were served under umbrellas and included fruit and tomatoes with additional supplies provided on a side table. Numbers were limited in order to comply with Coronavirus regulations but it was a pleasant occasion when we could make our donations to Christian Aid and have a brief word with others allocated to our time slot. Thank you, Jenny and Tony, for keeping the occasion going for this year; we hope you managed to raise a reasonable total for Christian Aid.



Pam Vincent (seated) and Doreen and Alan Downey, collecting their lunches.

Casting Call

Jannine Battis, a researcher for Greatcoat Films is currently working on a documentary on supplementary schooling. She is trying to find people who attended supplementary school back in the 60's-90's and has approached the central Methodist Church who have asked that we publicise the request.

As part of a documentary we are creating for Guardian Docs, we are looking to speak to people who have attended a BLACK supplementary school or 'saturday school' between the 1960s and 1990s **preferably with children/grandchildren** though this is not absolute necessary. If this is you or you know someone who did, please do get in touch by emailing@ janninebattis@gmail.com. Thanks!

Music in New Malden Sunday 31 May at 3.00pm

We have our first live, distanced concert for a long time on the afternoon of Bank Holiday Monday, 31st May at 3pm

Cellist **Charlotte Walker** and pianist **Craig White**, will be playing

Barber Sonata for Cello & Piano in C minor, Op.6

Allegro Non Troppo

Adagio

Allegro Appassionato

Grainger - Scandinavian Suite

Air et danse Suédoise

Polska Norvégien

Mélodie Danoise

Air et Finale sur des danses Norvégiennes

Sollima – Lamentatio

Free registration tickets can be obtained from: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/minm/t-jaklgv>

In case of difficulty, E-mail or phone Peter Bullett p.f.bullett@blueyonder.co.uk 020 8942 0666

There will also be an organ recital with live audience at 1.10pm on Tuesday 15th June. Details shortly.

Peter Bullett



Volunteers Needed for URC Covid Vaccination Clinics

The URC church by the Fountain roundabout is getting short of volunteers as people are gradually returning to work. Volunteers are needed for wayfinding, outside, reception and admin at the Covid Clinics. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Volunteering Kingston at www.volunteeringkingston.org.uk then click on Covid19 or phone 0300 365 9980.

Next Issue and Title Suggestions

We hope very much hope that the title 'Lockdown Life', though it has served us well, will be out of date very soon. We would love to receive suggestions for a new title going forward. We could go back to 'Newsletter' but I reckon we can be a bit more inventive than that. Please submit any suggestions and watch this space!

Please end all submissions to Sarah Moore at nmmc@hotmail.co.uk (or in longhand through my door or the church door 😊), no later than **Friday 2nd July**. **This issue will appear slightly later than usual, during the week commencing 5th July.**

I am happy to receive anything you think might be of interest: memories, lockdown experiences, news of members, advice for life, poems, photos, etc.

Dear Friends,

We are back in Church, but we remain online with our new streaming services and pre-recorded services. No one knows just what the balance of online and face to face services is going to be, but clearly we are now in the age of blended or perhaps hybrid church. Has the pandemic and the lockdown made us in some way more fit to serve the present age? I hope it has and am certainly glad of all that I have learned during the last year.

God bless, Rev Stan Brown

		KINGSTON 10.30am	SURBITON HILL 10.30am	NEW MALDEN 10.30am	CHESSINGTON* 10am
30 May	am	Rev Dr Karl Rutlidge	Mrs Jill Bridges	Rev Dr Stan Brown	Mrs Linda Davis
06 June	am	Bridges	Brown	Rutlidge	Rev Dr Mark Wakelin: HC
13 June	am	Rutlidge	Mrs Judith Wakelin	Brown	Davis
20 June	am	Revd Denis Vernon	Brown	Rutlidge	Mr Duncan Lloyd: C
27 June	am	Brown	Miss Lorraine Webb	Davis	M Wakelin
04 July	am	Rutlidge	Lloyd	Bridges	M Wakelin: HC
11 July	am	M Wakelin	Brown	Rutlidge	J Wakelin
18 July	am	Bridges	Brown	Webb	M Wakelin
25 July	am	Davis	LA	Lloyd	Brown
01 August	am	Rutlidge	Brown	LA	LA
08 August	am	Brown	J Wakelin	Rutlidge	M Wakelin
15 August	am	Rutlidge	LA	Webb	M Wakelin
22 August	am	LA	Lloyd	Rutlidge	LA
29 August	am	J Wakelin	Brown	M Wakelin	Bridges

Chessington: 10am Sunday: chessingtonmc.online.church; YouTube: Chessington Methodist Church

Kingston: Sundays & YouTube: [Windows on Worship](#)

New Malden: Sundays & YouTube: [Windows on Worship](#)

Surbiton Hill: 10.30 Sundays: shmc.online.church; YouTube: [Surbiton Hill Methodist Church](#)

Weather Quiz

Questions set by Vera Fields based on *Campbell's Weather Compendium* by Henry Campbell.



1. Who said, "You don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows"?
2. Dusty Springfield, Ella Fitzgerald and Mahalia Jackson (among many others) have all sung songs with which word in the title?
3. Who said, "When two Englishmen meet, their first talk is of the weather"?
4. In which century was the Beaufort Wind Force Scale devised?
5. What is the highest number on the (original) Beaufort Scale?
6. What do the following weather instruments measure:
(a) barometer, (b) anemometer, (c) Campbell-Stokes recorder?
7. Complete the titles of the following films with a suitable "weather word":
Gone with the (1939) Endless (1966) The Big
(1983)
..... Man (1988) (1996) with a Chance of Meatballs
(2009)
8. In Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, who discussed what animals clouds looked like with Hamlet?
9. Despite its name, what is Mount Rainier in Washington State, USA renowned for?
10. In Genesis 9, what did God say would be a reminder of the everlasting covenant between Him and all living creatures?
11. According to folklore, if it rains on 15th July, it will rain for 40 days afterwards. Which saint's day falls on this date?
12. What do bora, cierzo, Dummerfoehn, gregale and bentu de soli have in common?
13. Which poet wrote these lines: "The winter it is past, and the summer comes at last / And the small birds they sing on every tree"?
14. Although Tullius Stratocumulus sounds like a type of cloud, to what (or to whom) does the name actually belong?
15. From which book of the Bible is this saying taken: "Red sky at night, shepherd's delight / Red sky in the morning, shepherd's warning"?
16. In the shipping forecast, what was FitzRoy formerly known as?
17. In which year did the Great Smog occur in London?
18. Who wrote the song *White Christmas*?

19. Which weatherman famously denied there was a hurricane on the way in 1987? (NB He was apparently referring to a hurricane elsewhere rather than the Great Storm of 1987.)
20. Which weather phenomenon is responsible for causing many potholes?
21. If you have astraphobia, what are you afraid of?
22. In which part of the world have temperatures as low as -68°C and as high as -37°C been recorded? (Name the region and the country if you can.)
23. Name one Beatles song with a weather-related title.
24. Who originally remarked that “one swallow does not make a summer”?
25. Which desert region is known as the sunniest area in the world?
26. Who wrote the book *The Sun Also Rises*?
27. In Shakespeare’s *Twelfth Night*, who sang that “the rain it raineth every day”?
28. Which Cornish village was hit by a terrible flood in 2004?
29. Gavin Pretor-Pinney founded a society for the appreciation of which natural phenomenon?
30. What is a fulgurite?
31. Name three consequences of global warming. (Various answers are possible.)
32. Which bird with a weather-related name may have been named in reference to Jesus’ disciple, Peter, trying to walk on water?
33. Who said that “Conversation about the weather is the last refuge of the unimaginative”?

Royal Marsden Knitting Project

I have been a volunteer at the Royal Marsden (Sutton) for some time - wheeling the shopping trolley round the wards with a colleague and taking time to chat with patients- and their friends and families too. (Currently, I am on furlough.)

One of the many ways the hospital supports families during very difficult times is in the making of bereavement boxes for children; each of these boxes contains a knitted teddy. More are needed; please read the information provided by the hospital and see if you might be able to help.

Thank you very much, Jenny (Titterton)

We have recently been asked by the Play Specialists from the Oak Centre for Children and Young People whether we could assist them with a knitting project, by **creating teddy bears** for the bereavement boxes that the hospital sends out to families of young patients who have sadly passed away.



- The teddy bears should be no larger than 30cm long and no smaller than 10cm long so that they will fit in the boxes - ideally something around 15cm would be perfect.

- The teddy bears should include a small heart knitted onto the front of their chest, as in the attached example photo.
- The teddy bear's faces should be neutral rather than smiling or sad.
- Ideally, we would like the teddies to be posted to us by the **23rd of June**, but if you manage to complete them sooner, that would be great.
- Address for posting is as follows:
FAO Ellie Seagrave
The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity
Downs Road
Sutton
Surrey
SM2 5PT

Please see the attached images for guidance on what we are hoping for. There is a an example knitting pattern at the end of this issue, which may be of use to you if you don't already have one yourself.

Please let Jenny Titterton or Sarah Moore know if you are able to make a teddy. Thank you.

