#### THIS WEEK, beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022

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Monday	7.30 – 9.00pm	Table tennis
Monday to Friday 11am – 1pm		Christmas Tree Festival
Tuesday	7.30pm	WIVES – Christmas Carols & readings (in the Choir Vestry)
Wednesday	7.30pm	Blue Christmas service led by
Saturday	10.00am – 12.00	Rev Karl Rutlidge & Rev Stan Brown Wesley's – NMMC for Christmas Tree Festival
	11.00am	Community Carol Singing in the High Street
	10.00am – 1.00pm	Christmas Tree Festival
	5.00pm	Christingle Service
		led by Julia Morton
	8.00pm	Christmas Eve communion
		led by Rev Karl Rutlidge
Sunday	10.30am	Christmas Morning service
		led by Ms Sally Rush
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Ms Sally Rush

There will be no printed Notices on 25<sup>th</sup> December or 1<sup>st</sup> January. Please contact the stewards if you wish to have anything announced. Sarah

## Prayer of the Week

Loving and compassionate God, we pray for everyone sleeping on the streets of our borough, and for the work of Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness. In these cold days, help us to offer warmth and to care for others. Amen

# Community Carol Singing on Christmas Eve 11.00am

Please come along on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December to join in with the carol singing in the High Street outside the church. This usually goes down well with the shoppers and certainly the singers have a lovely time. Collecting will be for the 24 charities represented by the Christmas Tree Festival. Festive apparel should be worn.

There are lots of cards in the pigeonholes – please check yours.

The loose collection for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December was £63.15.

## **Church Family News**

We are delighted to announce that **Shanise Chabuka** has graduated from Nottingham University with a degree in American Studies and History. We send her our warm congratulations.

#### Wesley's Rota

Thanks to a herculean effort, the Wesley's slots are full until Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January. There are of course vacancies to be filled after that but in the meantime, Hilary and I wanted to say a huge thank you to all our volunteers.

#### Wesley's Vacancy Saturdays January onwards

Please come and see me if you would like to book Wesley's on a Saturday morning to hold a coffee morning and cake sale to raise funds for your favourite charity. There are plenty of vacancies for 2023! Sarah Moore

## **Christmas Tree Festival - dismantling**

The tree festival will be dismantled on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January after the service. Keith Hampton will be here to direct operations but any help with undecorating trees, hoovering pine needles and general clearing up will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

## **Next Spotlight Issue**

The deadline for the January issue is Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Please send all submissions to nmmc@hotmail.co.uk (or in my church pigeonhole).

I am happy to receive anything you think might be of interest: memories, news of members, advice for life, poems, photos, recipes etc, and for this issue, thoughts and memories of Christmas. Thank you, Sarah Moore

## Lantern Arts Centre Raynes Park

The opening film in the Silver Screen 2023 Spring Film Programme is 'Like Dandelion Dust' on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January. Doors open at 1.30pm, film starts at 2.00pm. Admission is free (donations only). Advance booking is NOT required. Phone Lantern Arts Centre Office for further details 020 3761 7070.

# Wesley's 7<sup>th</sup> January

On 7<sup>th</sup> January we will be doing a coffee morning raising money for the Wildlife Aid Foundation. This is a charity based in Leatherhead providing an emergency service for all British wildlife. They care for and rehabilitate sick, orphaned or injured animals. Currently they are building a new centre with more space for the animals and a nature reserve.



During lockdown, we had a family of hedgehogs living in our garden. We noticed that one was ill and took it to the centre and they looked after him. Sadly, he passed away but we were really impressed with what they do. We will be happy for any help: bringing in cakes or eating the cakes. Thanks Isabel, Caroline and Robert



With all good wishes for peace and happiness this Christmas

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Notices sheet entries to nmmc@hotmail.co.uk or call 020 8942 1288 by 2pm Thursday

New Malden Methodist Church At the heart of the High Street



# Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Lessons & Carols Service led by Revd Karl Rutlidge

# WELCOME

It is good to have you with us today, sharing in our Worship. If you are a visitor, new to the area, or just beginning to attend this Church, we hope you will feel at home, and that you will come again.

Tea or coffee is served in the Welcome Area (Wesley's) after Morning Worship. Please stay so that we can get to know one another.

So that we may keep in touch, please fill in your details on the Welcome card in the church chairs.

Large print hymn books and Korean-English Bibles are available:

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