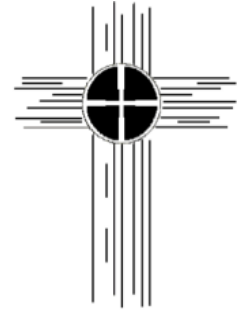


# The Newsletter of

## New Malden Methodist Church

### October 2018



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#### Message from Karl

Autumn has definitely arrived; looking round the manse garden at the leaves waiting to be raked up is testimony enough! This time of year always fills me with joy; I love the colours of autumn (even if the leaves responsible generate extra work!) and the fresher weather. In the Methodist calendar, it's often one of the busiest times of year, and at NMMC, there's lots of things happening. One of those things is the preparation for launching our Bereavement Café, in partnership with the Princess Alice Hospice, which I hope will begin in January.

For many in our society, talking about losses of various kinds can be difficult, not least because of the pressure placed on people to 'move on' far more quickly than is generally possible. Ever noticed how characters in soap operas can be devastated by the death of

a loved one for a few episodes, and then seem to carry on almost as if nothing of any significance happened? Real life is obviously not like this, and coupled with the taboos around speaking about death and loss, unrealistic expectations can make a painful enough situation even harder to cope with.

Bereavement cafes give people space to talk honestly about their experiences, without fear of being judged or pressured. They can help to normalise the grieving process (that itself varies from person to person), and enable people to share what they've found useful amid the challenges they've faced. So, we're going to need a team of people willing to listen well to those who come in, and who're able to facilitate that open, non-judgmental, supportive atmosphere which makes a Bereavement Café a place of healing and hope.

Events like the Bereavement and Memory Cafes represent a couple of concrete examples of what it means to be 'The Heart of the High Street', which I think encapsulates something of the vision for New Malden Methodist Church spelt out in greater detail in our mission statement. As the launchpad for much of our mission in this place, the Coffee Bar is an excellent facility. However, there's more we could and will do, and that's the key reason why at September's Church Council, we also began

to explore the possibility of expanding our staff team to enable its development to be taken further.

Together with the ongoing process of the Rebranding Project, which will see the choosing of a name for the Coffee Bar and the development of a clear brand, my prayer is that these steps will put us in a solid place to both broaden and deepen our engagement with the life of our local community, and establish new connections. Over a year ago, during my welcome service, the now President of the Methodist Conference, Micky Youngson, reminded us that churches that grow are churches which make connections with people, and are changed and transformed through new relationships.

Our most important connection, though, is with God. Whether in the beauty of creation as seasons come and go, or in the face of another, God invites into a deeper relationship grounded in life-giving love. If we don't give proper attention to this calling, nothing else will flourish. So, in the middle of all the activity and busyness of this season, with the adventure it brings, may we not lose our focus on the One who enables us to love, because (s)he first loved us (1 John 4:19).

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## Tea and chat



You may have noticed the colourful mouth-watering posters displayed at the Church last Sunday, depicting a plate of scones with

jam and cream. The posters were publicising a new venture: an afternoon service of Tea and Chat, to take over from Cafe Church where numbers had been dropping of late.

The hope was that by bringing the time forward to 3pm and emphasising the informality, more people might be encouraged to attend. The scones were obviously going to be a draw, but other advantages were seen as it all taking place within daylight hours, even in Winter, and the hope that people who would not normally consider coming to a church service in the morning might be tempted to come to this kind of activity.

Well, the early signs are that this was a success. Twenty three people showed up at 3pm last Sun; about double the normal cafe Church attendance. In fact, the scone reserves were a little stretched, but luckily we had some delicious cakes baked by Molly to supplement them.

Karl led us in discussion about Identity, encouraging us to talk in small groups about our 'roots' and our 'routes'... our origins and the subsequent pathways we have all taken to bring us to who and where we are today. There was time for quiet reflective prayer while listening to music, and the time seemed to fly by. It was 'different' in that there was no hymn singing or bible reading, but it was a time of real connection and fellowship, and an opportunity for spiritual growth.

The next Afternoon Tea and Chat will be on Oct 21 and then Nov 18 - the 3rd Sundays in the month. Please come and give it a go!

Alison

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## Freebies in hotels – we can use them!

It's very easy on holiday to accumulate a new mini bottle of

shampoo/conditioner/body wash or even a bar of soap every day. If you have any such items cluttering up your home then fear not, we can use them! A few bottles tastefully gathered together and tied up with ribbon will make a fantastic raffle prize at the Christmas Fair so please, pass any unwanted cosmetics etc to me and I'll make sure they are put to good use.

Julie Haines

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## **Around the Circuit**

### **CIRCUIT NEWS**

#### **Quarterly Plan of Church Services**

We can now circulate copies of the Quarterly Plan by email. If you would like to be added to the email circulation list to receive future copies of the Plan please contact the Circuit Coordinator, Michael Axton by sending an email to:  
*circuitoffice@kingstonsircuit.org.uk*

### **CHURCH EVENTS**

#### **CHESSINGTON**

##### **History of Chessington Methodist Church**

To celebrate the 70th anniversary of Chessington Methodist Church, a small (36 page) twenty-year update to the church's history publication has been prepared. The first half uses the same format as Peter Roe's 1998 history of the church ("The Faith House"), covering the first 50 years from 1948 to 1998, in the form of a diary. The second half has all our regular church events, then our church groups, and then other groups that use our premises. Finally, there is a list of many of the members who are no longer with us.

There are over 100 photos, so nearly everyone appears at least somewhere. You can purchase a copy for £2.50 – if you would like one please contact John Botterill.

There are a further 120 photos covering the last 20 years which are being added to the church's archive, which Sue and Ian Wells maintained.

#### **SURBITON HILL**

##### **Harvest Barn Dance – 6 October**

Surbiton Hill church invites you to a Harvest Barn Dance on Saturday 6 October (7 till 9.30pm). A hot supper is included in the ticket price, which is £12 per person, under 16s free. Bring your own drinks. This is an all-age event and children are very welcome. We will be having LIVE MUSIC provided by the OUCH! band, which many of you might recognise as the band which our minister, Stan, used to play in! We are hoping they'll let him have a go! We would love to have a mix of people from all our circuit churches, and anyone else, so do join us.

##### **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 Day is on 24 November, led by Rev Denis Vernon.

### **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 15 October to:  
circuitoffice@kingstonsircuit.org.uk

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## Summary of Notices

### THANK YOUs

- to everyone who supported the Coffee Bar on Saturday 1st September. We raised £123 for Action for Children! Best wishes, Lucy Turner
- And also to everyone who supported the Coffee Bar on Saturday 15th September. We raised £118.70 for the New Malden Passion Play. Hilary Warner



HARVEST  
WEEKEND  
OCT 6/7

Tickets for the  
Harvest  
Supper and

Quiz will be on sale from the stewards after the Service today and following weeks. This is always a fun event, starting at 7pm on Sat 6th. Please speak to Alison if you can offer a casserole or dessert. We will also need manpower of either sex to move tables and chairs beforehand, lay up and also help with decorating the church. This working party will convene from 3pm, in order to give people time to attend the Hymn Fest at the Kingston URC that morning. (See notice in the Welcome Area – everyone welcome for a jolly hymn sing of old and new hymns, with organ or band accompaniment, led by Peter.)

MUSIC IN NEW MALDEN invites you to join them for their 11th Series



Following the success of our landmark 10th series, we are returning to New Malden Methodist Church with another fantastic line up of concerts!

Next month we are delighted to welcome Sacred Bones to New Malden for our first concert of the series, with an exciting programme of renaissance music from the Anne Boleyn Songbook (c.1520). Winners of the Guildhall School's Brian Nisbet Early Music Prize, the group combine cornets, sackbuts and voices to create a lush and inviting sound.

The concert will take place on Sunday 14th October at 3pm, and as always, will be followed by tea and cake.

More cake...



## Diary Dates for October

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.00pm  
Senior Badminton
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 10.30am  
Friday Fellowship
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 10.00am  
Coffee Bar – Kingston Vale Theatre Group  
10.00am  
Decorating Church for Harvest  
7.00pm  
Harvest Supper & Quiz
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm  
Wives Snack & Chat
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm  
Junior Badminton
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm  
NMMC Memory Café (Welcome Area)
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 10.00am  
Coffee Bar – Arthritis Care
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm  
Music in New Malden – Sacred Bones (see Notices)
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm  
Kingston District Chamber Music Society Concert
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm  
Senior Badminton
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm  
Malden Fortnight Committee Meeting – Welcome Area (anyone welcome to attend)
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm  
Arts Group (Welcome Area)
- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 10.00am  
Coffee Bar – Kingston Community Refugee Support – Turners
- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>  
Decoration of Upper Hall during Half Term
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm

Wives & Friends

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 10.00am  
Coffee Bar – Marmalade Market

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## Did you see something??

There was intrigue in the church over the summer...I won't go as far as to say a bear-napping crime was committed but a welcome addition to the marmalade stall did go missing for a time before he was mysteriously returned with assurances that "no ransom had been paid". It seems unlikely that he wandered off on his own so can you shed any light on what happened to Paddington? At the moment no one is helping me with my inquiries and the bear himself is keeping shtum so I've been forced to speculate wildly.

Here is an artist's impression of Paddington that might help jog your memory. He's the one with the duffel coat and furry ears...

Any info gratefully received – no questions asked, no reward offered!

Caroline





## Children's Page

Hi

During the summer we all experienced hot, hot weather. Day after day of clear blue skies and we were grateful for a cool drink of water. So, we either went to the tap and poured out a glass or drank from an already filled bottle.

Imagine what it must be like, to not have that facility, to be miles away from any source of water, never mind cool running, clean water. As you are probably aware in some parts of the world, this is the reality for many children.



We are so lucky to live in a country that has a good water system. Admittedly people complain if there is a water main that bursts and this results in a few hours or days without running water but overall that is an inconvenience rather than a life challenging position.

So we should be thankful for our position and use the water we have with care and savour every clear, bright mouthful.

God bless, Julia

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## Services in October

7<sup>th</sup> October – Reverend Rutledge – Harvest!

14<sup>th</sup> October – Mrs Bridges

21<sup>st</sup> October – Reverend Rutledge at 10.30am and again for new style café church (tea and chat) in the afternoon

28<sup>th</sup> October – Reverend Brown – Holy Communion plus circuit service at Kington at 6.30pm

Deadline for the next issue is 26<sup>th</sup> October. Please leave contributions in the editor's pigeon hole or email [carolineauty@hotmail.com](mailto:carolineauty@hotmail.com) by 9am.

## Remembrance Sunday

Could you knit, crochet or sew a poppy? We would like to attach as many handmade poppies as possible to a prayer net for Remembrance Sunday and display outside the church (weather dependent). There is a knitting pattern and two crochet patterns printed overleaf but feel free to be creative. A display of many different types would be really impressive and it would be great to have hundreds!! Please give your poppies to Julia or leave in the Lay Worker's pigeonhole. Thank you.



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## POPPY



A simple poppy modelled on the paper poppies sold by the British Legion for Remembrance every year. A scrap of red yarn, a leftover button and you are done!

### HOOK AND EXTRAS

4.00m hook and a black button. To fix attach a safety pin or brooch back.

### YARN

Anything you like – here I used some DK weight red acrylic.

### Abbreviations (American)

Ch	chain
SC	single crochet
DC	double crochet
TR	treble crochet
Slst	slip stitch

### British equivalent

chain
double crochet
treble crochet
double treble crochet
slip stitch

### PATTERN – work in the round.

1. Ch5 and slst to first ch to make a loop, ch1.
  - a. Alternatively you can use a magic loop here if you prefer.
2. 10sc into ring
3. 2sc into each stitch
4. ch3, (2tr next stitch, 1 tr next st) three times, 2tr into next st, 3ch, slst into next st.
5. ch2, dc same st, (1tr next st, 2tr next st) five times, dc next st, ch2, slst same st.
6. Fasten off and weave in ends.
7. Stitch on black button in the centre.



With black wool, cast on 6 stitches, join to first chain with a slip stitch to form a loop.

Chain 3 (counts as first treble), work 11 trebles into the centre loop.  
(12 stitches in total).

Change to Red Wool

Work 2 doubles into each stitch (24 stitches).

Join to first stitch with a slip stitch.

Work 1 double into first stitch. Work 2 trebles into next 4 stitches.

Work 1 double into next stitch.

You now have first petal. Repeat 3 times, ie, 1 double, (2 trebles) x 4, 1 double.

When you have 4 petals, (should be 40 stitches or thereabouts!), work 2 doubles into next stitch.

Repeat 2 doubles into each stitch (20 stitches per petal), then slip stitch into dip between last and first petal.

(Repeat all the way round.) Finish with a slip stitch and cast off.  
*Makes it extra  
frilly.*



## Centenary Textiles: Curtain of Poppies



### Knitted Poppy Pattern 1

Materials: red or white and grey or black DK yarn, needles UK size 9 (3.75mm)

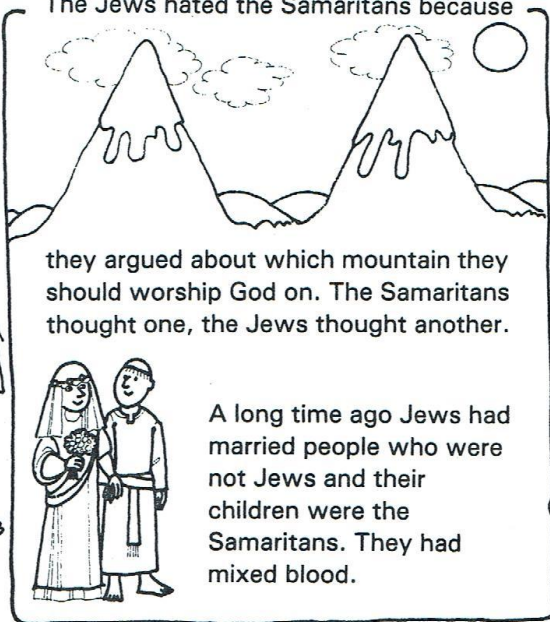
1. Using red or white yarn, cast on 60 stitches
2. 1st row (right side) knit. 2nd row knit.
3. Knit 3 together. Repeat to end of row (20 stitches).
4. Knit 2 rows
5. Knit 2 together. Repeat to end of row (10 stitches).
6. Repeat step 4 and 5 above (5 stitches)
7. Cut the yarn and thread the tail through a darning needle and through remaining stitches and pull tight. Seam the edge to complete your petals.
8. Using grey or black yarn, cast on 12 stitches. 1st row (right side) knit. 2nd row knit 2 together to end of row (6 stitches). Cut the yarn and thread the tail through a darning needle and through remaining stitches and pull tight. Sew into centre of poppy. Tie off ends invisibly.



Find this story in John 4



The Jews hated the Samaritans because



they argued about which mountain they should worship God on. The Samaritans thought one, the Jews thought another.



A long time ago Jews had married people who were not Jews and their children were the Samaritans. They had mixed blood.

# Life-giving water.

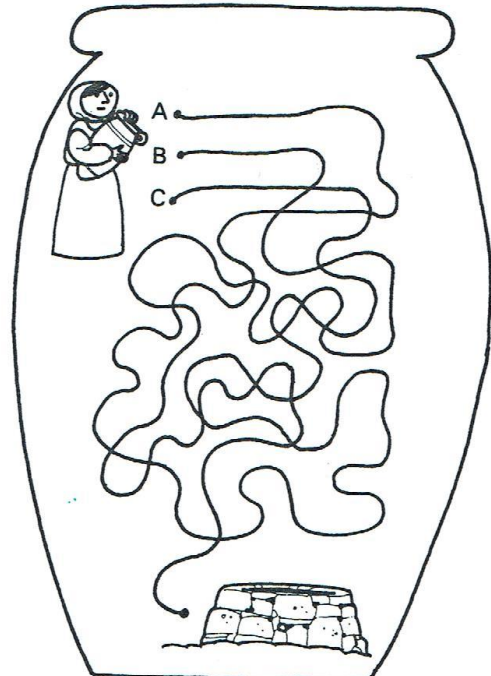
John 4:10

## Wordsearch

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- BUCKET THIRSTY
- DEEP WATER
- DRINK WELL
- ETERNAL WOMAN
- HUSBAND WORSHIP
- JERUSALEM
- JESUS
- MARRIED
- MESSIAH
- MOUNTAIN
- SAMARITAN

## Which way to the well?



Put the first letter of the picture in each box:

