



# New Malden Methodist Church

*At the **heart** of the High Street*

## The Newsletter of New Malden Methodist Church

**October 2019**

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### Message from Reverend Karl

Greetings!

October brings with it the changing of the seasons, the beautiful autumn colours of the leaves upon the trees, and of course the harvest celebrations. In recent years, some have questioned whether it makes sense to continue to mark Harvest Festivals in urban churches, like ours, which are removed somewhat from the large-scale production and harvesting of food. It's true that, despite New Malden having a tame sheep for hire(!), the vast majority of us have little first-hand knowledge of agricultural and farming life. However, if anything, that gives us more reason, not less, to celebrate Harvest.

One of the consequences of living in urban environments can be that we rather 'lose touch' with the land, especially if we don't have the space or time to grow our own fruit or vegetables. Especially as we're used to having easy access to fresh food from across the world, we can forget the rhythms of the

seasons and the need to tend and care for the land. Harvest is important, therefore, as it provides us with a timely reminder of not just the productivity and potential of the earth, of which we are God's stewards, but its fragility and delicate balance.

For me, Greta Thunberg has been a real inspiration, not least because, in simply being herself as a young autistic woman, she blows apart many of the stereotypes of both effective leaders and climate activists. In highlighting the emergency facing our world, due to the well-documented and evidenced impact of human activity on global temperatures, she's reminded us of our obligation to take care of the planet – not simply for the benefit of future generations, important as that is, but because of the displacement, devastation and suffering already being experienced by some of the poorest nations.

Harvest is, therefore, much more than an opportunity to sing once-a-year hymns like 'We plough the fields and scatter'. It's a time to focus upon questions of environmental and social justice, which are bound together when we look at the impact of climate change and food insecurity. Turning closer to home, we'll be collecting for the Food Bank again this year, and that reminds us of how living within an affluent borough like Kingston upon Thames doesn't mean that everybody in our local community has enough food to eat, something that will only be made worse if supplies are disrupted at the end of this month, in the event of a 'no deal Brexit'.

All this may sound rather grim, but it's important that we both face the realities bound up with Harvest Festival services, and practice 'doing hope'. As Ann Morisy argues, it isn't enough for churches and others to simply talk about hope; instead, we need to show other folks (and perhaps ourselves) that hope in Christ is real, by putting hope into practice. Our God is a God of outrageous generosity, and overflowing love, who delights in abundance and in blessing. That's why so many of stories of Jesus feature over-the-top 'harvests' of bread, fish, crops, mustards seeds and so on.

So, may we use this harvest time to show that another way to be is possible, which holds at its core the infinite value God places on everything God has made, and which reflects the generosity of the One who became flesh in Jesus Christ, so that all might be blessed.

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### What's On At Wesley's?

May I start by thanking everyone for the warm welcome I've had since I started my new role as Wesley's Development Worker. I really appreciate the support both from NMMC members and our customers. I'm slowly getting to grips with all the files generously donated by Sarah and discovering how challenging it is to fill those empty slots in the rota!



Our highlight this month is of course the Preserves Market on the 19th of October. This is always a great success and there will be an impressive range of jams, marmalades and chutneys on sale along

with cakes for those who require more immediate gratification. You'll find flavours here that aren't in the shops, beautifully presented with their pretty hats so that they make great presents. (A spot of Christmas shopping anyone...?) A little birdie told me

that we can expect pear & vanilla jam, blackberry & star anise jam, apricot & apple chutney, apple & chilli jelly and lemon & gin marmalade to name just a few.

The "NMMC jam factory" has been producing jam just as fast as the empty jars have been coming in so please keep them coming – chutney season is upon us and we still need jars to put it in. Many thanks go to Julie Haines and Pam Bugeya who between them make it all possible and Paddington Bear, our inimitable Sales Manager.

Hilary Warner

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### Dancing Memories



'Still got that tingle in your fingers and your feet?! Dust off your dancing shoes and come and join me!

My name is Emily Hampton and I am a qualified dance teacher with the IDTA. You may have seen me around the Church. My teacher, Lynda, developed this gorgeous programme called Dancing Memories and we're bringing it to New Malden!

*Dancing Memories!* A chair based dance/exercise session especially suited to people with restricted movement or who do little exercise. A place where you can enjoy the beautiful, fun music from the years gone by, socialise and meet new people as well as mobilising the joints and toning muscles.

We'll be starting on Friday 4th October, 2:30-3:30pm in Wesley's. There will be no charge although we will have a donation pot which will go towards the Church should you wish to contribute.

If you would like any further information please contact me on 07712 152 801 or [emily@edadance.co.uk](mailto:emily@edadance.co.uk)

I look forward to seeing you there! Emily'

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## Safeguarding Training

This is an advanced notice about safeguarding training in November. The training is for you if:

- you have recently taken up a post that requires it
- you haven't yet managed to attend a previous training course when invited
- your previous training was four years or more ago and you now need refresher training

The sessions will be on *Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November*, in the morning, and *Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November*, in the evening. (You only need to attend one!) Venues to be announced later. Please talk to me if you have any questions.

Judith Jewell

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## Message from our Family and Youth Worker

Hello,

I wonder how good you are at getting from one place to another? Some of you will have changed classes or schools and so be finding your way around again from a different starting point. Some schools give out a map or plan to assist pupils at the start of a school year.

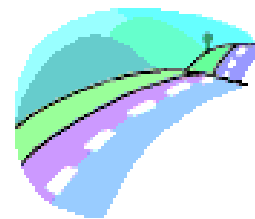
Imagine what it must have been like for the numerous travellers we read about in the bible. Abraham, Moses, Jonah and Paul, to name a few. They all went on long journeys without the aid of "sat nav" or an A to Z! They travelled because that was what God told them to do and with resistance here and there they reached the final destination. Some had company and others went alone. Neither made the journeys any easier. I'm sure when you have been on a long journey once "Are we nearly there yet?" has been asked more than once, that everyone is relieved to arrive safely.

Jesus leads the way we are to go in all we do everyday. He has shown us the right path. He is "The Way". We sometimes choose to

go in another direction thinking that we know better. God just waits patiently for us to meander about like the Israelites did with Moses ("recalculating") and return to the right way that he wants us to go. It's a bit like hearing that "sat nav" lady telling you to turn around as soon as possible. In the end we have to acknowledge that our father knows best.

Love through Jesus

Julia



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## Around the Circuit

### Circuit Staff – Developments

On September 10<sup>th</sup> the Circuit Meeting spent time prayerfully and carefully considering the future staffing of our Circuit. There were two main options – to carry on as we are with 2.5 ministers for our four churches or to change to 2 ministers plus additional lay staff.

There were four important outcomes from the meeting:

- 1) Rev. Stan Brown has been invited to serve as Superintendent for a further two years (from 2020 to 2022)
- 2) Rev. Andy Clark has given formal notice that he wishes to move on in 2020 – one year earlier than originally expected. There is strong support for Andy's ministry in the Circuit but also understanding that he and Liz need this opportunity to explore different kinds of ministry. We will therefore agree a "curtailment" with him. This is a mutual agreement between the minister and

Circuit allowing the minister to move on before the expected end of their appointment.

- 3) The Circuit Meeting voted by a small majority to continue with our current staffing of 2.5 ministers. We have prepared a “profile” which describes the work in the Circuit and at Chessington Methodist Church and have asked for a half-time minister to be stationed to the Circuit from 2020. We are unlikely to know the outcome of this until the New Year.
- 4) As it is uncertain whether a half-time minister will be available, we will continue to develop a “Plan B” to work with 2 ministers only from September 2020.

Methodist ministers normally come to a Circuit for an initial 5 year period which can then be extended by agreement. Rev Karl Rutledge of course continues with us – his current period of “invitation” is due to end in 2022. Conversations about whether Karl wishes to stay longer in the Circuit would take place in 2021. Not forgetting of course Michael Axton – our Circuit Co-ordinator/Administrator who works on a normal employment contract.

I’d like to thank the Circuit for its continued support and prayers towards me and for the care and understanding extended to Andy and Liz as they explore new paths in ministry together.

God bless, Stan

### **Remember Summer?**

Do you remember Summer? It already seems such a long time ago so here’s a little reminder. The sun shone for our Circuit Service at the Surbiton Hill Tennis Club on 1<sup>st</sup> September. Many thanks to the club for its hospitality – the children enjoyed the outdoor play equipment and games whilst one or two more athletic types even ventured onto the courts for an informal game. There were piano duets from Linda

Bridges and Maggie Turner, and worship with the KMC Worship Band.

### *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 7th October to:

[circuitoffice@kingstonsircuit.org.uk](mailto:circuitoffice@kingstonsircuit.org.uk)

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### **Summary of September Notices**

## **Harvest Supper**

**Saturday 5th October**

**6 45 pm for 7 pm**

**Followed by  
Entertainment and a  
sing-along**

**£5 Adult £3 Children  
Tickets from Wesley’s Café**



## **“LIGHT PARTY” FOR CHILDREN – HELP NEEDED PLEASE**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 5.00 – 6.30pm to celebrate the good things in our lives. Help needed with games, catering and activities. A sign-up sheet will appear this week or please see Julia if you can help with this indicating your area of expertise. More details and invitations to follow.

## **THE BIG SHAVE**

Gary Curry (Greta’s grandson) is having his 6 year old beard shaved off for 2 charities close to his heart. ‘Look Good Feel Better’ that helps ladies recovering from cancer to be pampered and us, New Malden Methodist Church! This will happen in 6 weeks’ time and THE BIG SHAVE will be filmed live and shared on Facebook.

To donate via the crowdfunding link is [justgiving.com/crowdfunding/garycurrysbigshave?utm\\_term=rXd99Yvy](https://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/garycurrysbigshave?utm_term=rXd99Yvy) and/or there are raffle tickets available in the office and a list of prizes.

Thank you

## **CATHEDRALS IN ENGLAND**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 12.30pm Jenny Reid will give a repeat of her talk, Part 1, on all the C of E Cathedrals in England. All are welcome to come to this meeting in the church. Voluntary donations to the Christian Aid project.



## **CHRISTIAN AID FUNDRAISING**

It was good to welcome Justice Onwuka from Christian Aid last Sunday (15<sup>th</sup> Sept.) and to learn more about Community Partnerships. Karl is kicking off our effort to raise £5K by the end of 2020 by doing a

sponsored 8 mile walk on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Please sponsor him if you can.

## **HARVEST WEEKEND - Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th October**

### **Saturday**

Help, greenery and flowers are required to decorate the church from 10.30am.

Supper will be at 6.45 for 7pm in the Lower Hall. There will be a 2-course meal, plus entertainment and a sing-along. Tickets £5.

Help needed in setting up tables 4pm

If you can provide a casserole for 8 to 10 people or a dessert please sign up on the sheet.

### **Sunday**

Contributions to the food bank will be collected in the service.

## **SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEA & CHAT**

There will be no Afternoon Tea and Chat in October. A survey on afternoon/evening worship on Sundays is available in the Welcome Area. Please complete one and put your responses in the box. Thank you.

## **HARVEST BREAD MAKING**

We are hoping to have newly made bread for the harvest service on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October and for that we need your help please. Could you provide a bread maker with a bread mix ready to be switched on overnight after the harvest supper so we can be greeted the following morning with the fragrance of newly baked bread? Any flavour will do.

The bread will then cool during the service and be available to eat with coffee after the service.

If you can please sign the bread sheet in the welcome area or drop a note into the office pigeonhole.

Thank you



## QUIZ FOR KCRS

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 6.30 for 7.00pm.  
Please come and joint me at a quiz organised by Kingston Community Refugee Sponsorship. The venue is All Saints' Church in Kingston and tickets are £10, pay on the night. This includes supper and a soft drink and there will also be a bar. If anyone would like to join me on a team, please make yourself known.

*Karl*

## JAM JARS STILL NEEDED

Still, a desperate need for jam jars with the lids until end of November. Also marrows, courgettes, apples, pears, tomatoes and cucumbers for jams and chutney. Many thanks *Julie and Pam*

## MUSIC IN NEW MALDEN Sunday 6th October

Original Blend (baroque orchestra)

Director Susie Carpenter-Jacobs with John Irving (fortepiano).

Mozart Piano Concertos Nos. 6 & 8.

Come along for an hour of music followed by tea and cake.

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## Services in October

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| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Harvest Festival all age Worship<br>Revd Dr Karl Rutlidge           |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Ms Sally Rush   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Revd Dr Karl Rutlidge   |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | Holy Communion &<br>Junior Mission for All<br>Revd Dr Karl Rutlidge |
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The deadline for the next (November) issue is Friday 25th October. Please leave contributions in the editor's pigeon hole or email them to [john.cronin@unix.net](mailto:john.cronin@unix.net)

Thanks,  
John C

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## Diary Dates for October 2019

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> 7.00pm *Badminton*

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> 12.30pm *Jenny Reid's Cathedral Talk Part 1*

Thur 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30pm *Pastoral Committee Meeting*

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> 10.00am *Friday Fellowship*  
2.30pm *Dancing Memories with Emily Hampton*

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> 10.00am *Coffee Bar –Kingston Vale Theatre Group*  
10.30am *Harvest decoration in Sanctuary*  
4.00pm *Set up for Harvest Supper*  
6.45pm for 7.00pm *Harvest Supper*

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm *Music in New Malden - Original Blend (baroque orchestra) Director Susie Carpenter-Jacobs with John Irving (fortepiano) Mozart Piano Concertos Nos. 6 & 8.*

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> 1.10pm *Lunchtime Concert – John Paul Ekins, piano Music by Mozart and Liszt*  
2.30pm *Bereavement Café*  
7.00pm *Badminton*

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm *Memory Café*

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> 10.00am *Coffee Bar – NMMC – Christian Aid*

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> 10.00am *Films with Friends (at the home of Eleanor and Andy Roberts)*  
7.30pm *Wives & Friends Snack & Chat*

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm *Badminton*

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm *Malden Fortnight Meeting*

Thur 17<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm *Art Group*

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> 10.00am *Coffee Bar – Preserves Market*

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm *Kingston District Chamber Music Society concert*

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> 10.00am *Coffee Bar – Women's Institute*

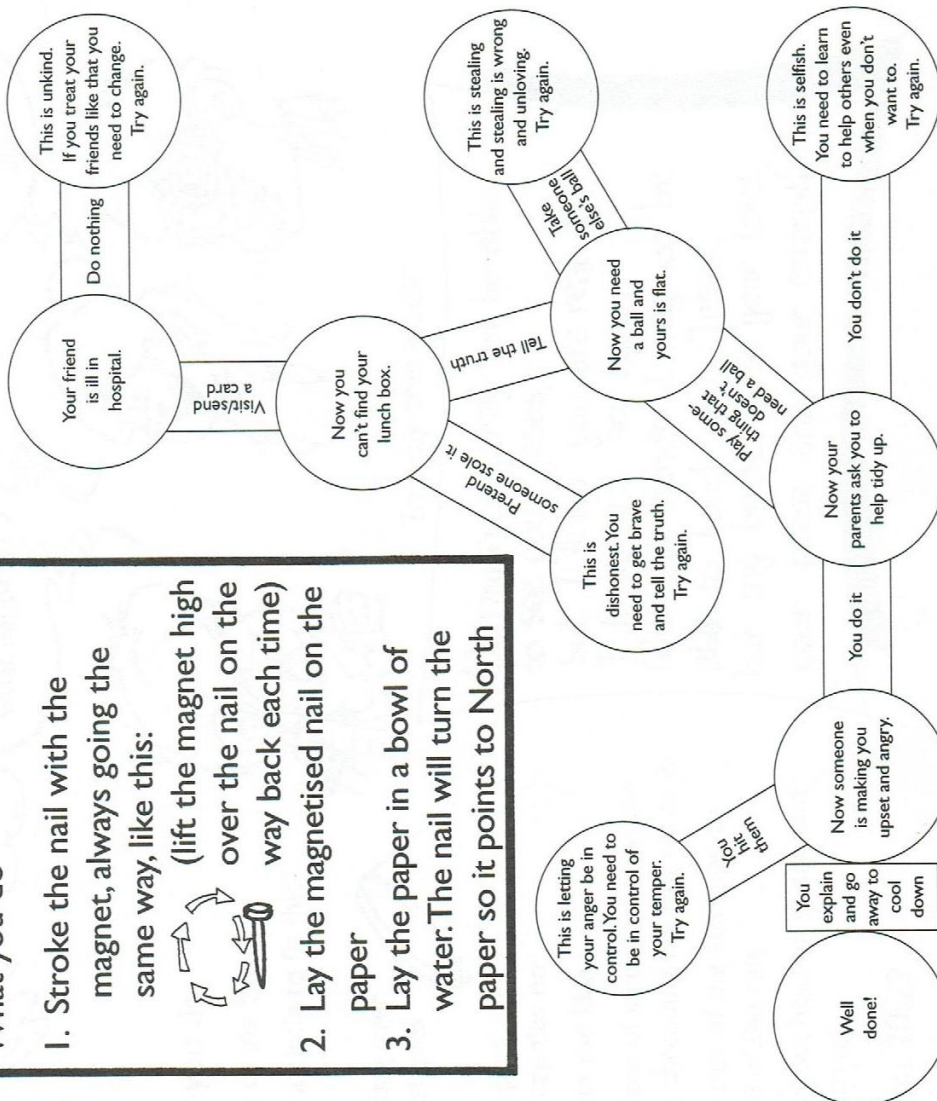
Mon 28<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm *Wives & Friends – Andy Gould, MacMillan Nurses*

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 5.00pm *Light Party*  
7.30pm *3 Fs at the home of Liz & Rob Edwards*

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.00am *Coffee Bar – Vacant*  
(please see Sarah if you would like to book)

# WHICH WAY?

## START



## How to make a compass

You will need  
an iron nail  
a magnet

### What you do

1. Stroke the nail with the magnet, always going the same way, like this:  
(lift the magnet high over the nail on the way back each time)
2. Lay the magnetised nail on the paper
3. Lay the paper in a bowl of water. The nail will turn the paper so it points to North



Colour and cut out

See John 14:1-6

To pray this week

Jesus, I know that you are the Way,  
the Truth and the Life.  
Let me walk safely each day  
through all the troubles  
and temptations  
by walking your Way  
which leads me to heaven.  
— Amen —