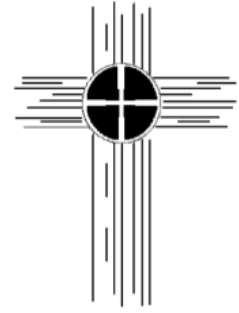


# The Newsletter of New Malden Methodist Church September 2017



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## Message from Reverend Rutlidge

Greetings!

My name is Karl Rutlidge, and I'm very much looking forward to meeting you all when I arrive, along with my wife (Sally) and stepdaughter (Immy), in New Malden. For my first contribution to the church newsletter, I thought it would be useful to share ten things with you that hopefully begin to give some idea about what your new minister is like, so here goes:

1. I'm originally from Preston, and my family still live in that neck of the woods. While I've since largely lost my Northern accent, I'm definitely a proud Lancashire lad.
2. Though I was baptised (by Steve Wild as it happens) as a baby, I didn't grow up in the Church. I became a Christian in my early twenties, after agreeing to go to an evening service primarily for the pizza afterwards, and unexpectedly meeting Jesus.
3. I got confirmed, and so made a public commitment to Christ, a week before graduating from Bath University and moving up to Durham to begin studying for my PhD in maths. The Bishop of Bath and Wells injured my knee during the service, but that's another story!
4. Joining the Methodist student society in Durham enabled me to deepen my faith, and it was also there that I met and fell in love with Sally. We got married in 2013.
5. After leaving university, I moved to Milton Keynes, home of concrete cows and roundabouts. I worked for a high street bank for five years in back-office roles, firstly in mortgage credit risk and then in a team validating mathematical models.
6. I'm passionate about social justice, because there's no such thing as a person who doesn't matter to God, and my proudest achievement in my working life was helping persuade those in the hierarchy that the bank should become an accredited Living Wage employer.
7. I completed my local preacher training while in MK, and eventually ran out of excuses not to candidate. Having hoped someone at some point would tell me I was being silly, no-one did, and so for the last two years I've been training at the Queen's Foundation in Birmingham.

8. Theological college has been an immensely enriching experience, but alas also a fattening one, so encouragement to go to the gym more and eat less cake would be appreciated!
9. I've been nurtured by worship at the more sacramental end of the scale, as well as the more contemporary-style stuff, which is reflected in my style of leading services. I'm also committed to both ecumenism and building relationships beyond the doors of the Church.
10. Most importantly, though, encountering God in Christ has transformed my life in a myriad of ways, and I know from personal experience that following Jesus is the most exciting and life-giving thing anyone can do. I'm looking forward to working with you as together we share this Gospel of love and hope, through our words and actions, with those we meet.

Karl



# Circuit Celebration to Welcome

**Rev. Dr. Karl Rutlidge**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September**  
**6.30pm**

# Kingston Methodist Church

## Christian Aid week – a thank you and an apology

First an apology from me (Caroline) as I had this update in time for the previous issue but it completely fell off my radar – so apologies to Jennifer. But here is her good news:

On the 23rd May I paid £1,472.36 into the Christian Aid bank account and the details are as follows:

House-to-House collection	377.96
New Malden Methodist Church	300.00
Bread and Cheese Lunch	315.00
Coffee Mornings (3)	370.40
Quiz	39.00
Other donations	70.00
Total.....wait for it.....	£ 1,472.36!

A big 'thank you' to all who helped to achieve this result, house-to-house collectors, bread and cheese lunchers, coffee morning cake makers (and buyers!), quizzers and, of course, the Methodist Church for their generous donation. On behalf of Christian Aid – Thank You.

Jennifer Townsend

## New Steward

September is the start of the Steward's year and we are now only 3 as we bid farewell and God Bless to Megan as she goes on her way to Warwick University. There should be 4 of us at least, preferably 5. Could you join the team? Please chat with us for more details.

We are still looking for Vestry Stewards. Jennifer Townsend has been a great help once a month and we hope to have more of you who might take on this role. Again chat to Jenny, Alison or myself or Jennifer about the role.

Julie Haines

## Power Point Presentations

Many members of the congregation seem to enjoy being able to sing out rather than into hymn books.

Would you be interested in learning how to simply move the slides on in the service, or how to set up the system on a Sunday or even how to prepare one of the presentations?

Julie Haines

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## Harvest weekend 30<sup>th</sup> Sept/1<sup>st</sup> October

Thanks to all who have provided Pam and I with produce over the past couple of months. The results will be on sale at the produce market on Saturday morning 30<sup>th</sup> September in the coffee bar.

The church will need decoration on the Saturday Morning and the back hall set up in the afternoon ready for supper. All and any help gratefully received.

**Harvest Supper 6.45 for 7pm Sat 30<sup>th</sup> September.** With musical entertainment.

Can you provide a casserole for 8 or a fruit pie for dessert?

Tickets for the supper will be available from Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September. £5 Adult, £3 Children Profit to Water Aid.

A basket will be out from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September for packets and tins donations. We will take to the food bank during the week after the Harvest Service. Julie Haines



# Brownies

*The 2<sup>nd</sup> New Malden Brownie Pack went to Heyswood for the weekend in August. Here is a report on the holiday from one of the Brownies, Rose Rogers.*

At Brownie Camp we found out which Hogwarts group we were in. I was in Hufflepuff with my friends Flo, Kaitlin and Anna. First we unpacked our bags. I got my teddy and my sleeping bag and pillow and my brownie blanket out.

After that we went to find objects that Brown Owl told us to find. I found beautiful things like nice rocks and nice leaves. At bedtime we had a story about a little girl and a little boy who get lost in the woods and a witch comes and puts them in a sack! Then we got hot chocolate with a biscuit. Soon we all got snuggled up in bed and went to sleep.

The next morning we woke up and we went to the main hall to play card games and to read books. Soon after that we made breakfast. We gobbled it all up. Yum yum! Then we all got our boots and shoes on and went outside to do some air ball!

Air ball is where you jump and throw the ball and try to get it through a hoop. While some of the people were doing air ball some of us wanted to go and pick blackberries. Me and Anna got lots and lots! We went back and ate our lunch. We had sandwiches. And crisps too!



On my bag I had a witch, a unicorn, the witches broom and a butterfly. Then I made my wand. We found a stick and covered it with glitter. Mine snapped in the glitter but I fixed it with Brown Owl. Hooray! We were going to have a camp fire with the Guides soon!



*wand drying*

Suddenly a man with lots of cases came in. Then he opened one of the cases and a bird was inside! It was so cute! He had other birds too. There was a really big one which kept flapping it's wings. Then he flew some of the birds and showed us how they eat. They eat baby chickens that are dead!



*Rose with a little owl*

After that we had our dinner. Jacket potatoes! I had my jacket potato with backed beans and it was delicious. Then we had some pudding. Ice cream! Then we went to the camp fire were we sang camp fire songs and cooked marshmallows on the fire. I set my marshmallow on fire! I got another one and it was delicious. Then we had to go to bed. Night night!

In the morning we had breakfast. I had bacon, beans and sausages. Then we went up a hill to do grass sledging! My partner was my friend called Amelie. We zoomed down a steep hill. Wee!

After grass sledging we made pine cone owls. And finally we had to pack our bags and get everything. We got our cakes and owls and unicorns and Harry Potter bags. Finally we collected our badges that we got! We went to get our bags and got a chocolate frog! Then we said goodbye.



*Using our wands to break 'spells'*

Rose Rogers

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## Message from our Family Worker

Hi

Most of you will be returning to school in the next couple of weeks where you will meet old and make new friends which is lovely. Some of you will have a new teacher which is exciting and perhaps a bit scary, but as the days pass you will feel more at home and confident.

In the bible we are told that Jesus went missing from his parents when he was 12. Imagine how anxious they were when they missed him! When they found him, he was in the temple asking questions of the teachers there. They in turn were doing their best to answer them.

If you have a question do you ask a friend, a parent, a teacher?

They will need to be fully attentive to you in order to reply or explain which is good.

Sometimes grownups don't have the answer, they try to and with the internet and google some sort of solution can usually be found but some questions are really tricky and usually begin with the word why?

Like "Why is the sky blue? Why do birds fly? Why do bees hum?

( because they don't know the words!)

If you have any questions about God or Jesus ask one of your teachers at Sunday School, or if it's a really tricky why question ask Karl the new minister!

God bless

Julia

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## Summary of July & August Notices

### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Andrea Mooton has now left Galsworthy House after a period of convalescence following her heart surgery. She is improving well and will be home soon after

a stay with her son. Shirley Stewart is passing on our love and prayers.

Choi and Sarah send us greetings and best wishes from Croydon!

Their new address is 38 Barnfield Avenue, Croydon, CR0 8SE, phone 020 8654 5481.

Some of you may remember John (Telford) Whittaker, a former organist here. The following is from his daughter, Rae Couch. "After a long and protracted deterioration Telford Whittaker passed away on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July. His funeral is to take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm with a service at NMMC followed by a committal at Mortlake Crematorium.

The retiring collection on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July for victims of the Grenfell Tower fire raised 550.00.

Rachel Ridley who runs the regular yoga classes in our halls offered an extra yoga class to raise funds for the families who have lost everything in this dreadful fire. The church waived her fee for the class and she raised an incredible £1035.

### FLOWER ROTA

The new flower rota is in the display case in the welcome area. We have lost a few arrangers so if anyone enjoys working with flowers and would like to be part of our team please let me know. I am very willing to give help and advice for learners or those who want a little more confidence in arranging the church flowers. *Pam Wardley*

### MAKE LUNCH – TRAINING POSTPONED

The training for this initiative (to provide lunches during the holidays to children who receive free meals at school, and therefore may not have access to a hot meal during the holidays) was booked for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September but has had to be postponed due to circumstances beyond our control. We will let you know the new date as soon as possible. The training will still take place here at NMMC. *Julia Morton*

## CHURCH QUIZ / MEETING POINT

Our season reopens, with the now traditional quiz, on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. We will start at 7.30pm in the Lower Hall, with a break for refreshments. Everyone is welcome – you do not have to be part of a team.

## JAM JARS WANTED; ALSO VEG & FRUIT – IT'S CHUTNEY TIME

Jam Jars with lids but not coffee jars are needed please. If you have surplus fruit or vegetables please let Julie Haines know by 'phone 07757 768656 and she will arrange to call and collect.

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

**HARVEST FESTIVAL** Please put the weekend of Sept 30/Oct 1<sup>st</sup> in your diaries now, and watch for further announcements about the Harvest Supper and exciting all-inclusive Musical Entertainment....

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## Around the Circuit

### Circuit Service & Welcome to Rev Dr Karl Rutlidge

We will come together at a Circuit Service at 6.30pm on 10 September at New Malden to welcome our new Minister, Karl Rutlidge, to the Circuit. All are welcome, and we hope you will be able to come along.

### Farewell to Rev Soonchol Choi

Many of you attended the Circuit Service at New Malden on 30 July, when we said goodbye to Choi, and gave thanks for his service in the Circuit. Choi has asked us to pass on his new contact details, and if you would like to keep in touch he would be pleased to hear from you at: 38 Barnfield Avenue, Croydon, CR0 8SE (phone 020 86545481).

## CHURCH EVENTS

### Surbiton Hill

Drop In Fellowship takes place on the second Wednesday of each month in the Lower Hall at Surbiton Hill (from 1.45pm for a 2pm start).

Please send contributions for the October edition of 'Around the Circuit' by Tuesday 12 September to:

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

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## Check your piggy banks!!



The old pound coin ceases to be legal tender on October 15<sup>th</sup> so check your pockets and get them into the collection before it's too late!

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## Services in September

3<sup>rd</sup> September

10.30am – Rev Rutlidge

10<sup>th</sup> September

10.30am – Rev Vernon – family service

6.30pm Circuit service at Kingston –

Welcome service for Karl and Sally Rutlidge

17<sup>th</sup> September

10.30am – Rev Clark

6.30pm

Rev Rutlidge Café Church

24<sup>th</sup> September

10.30am – Revs Brown and Rutlidge – Holy Communion

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The deadline for the next issue is 9am 22<sup>nd</sup> September or to [carolineauty@hotmail.com](mailto:carolineauty@hotmail.com) or in the pigeon hole. Thanks very much.

## Diary Dates for September

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.00am**  
Coffee Bar – Air Ambulance – Rita LeVine

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 5.00pm**  
Property Committee Meeting  
**7.00pm** Junior Badminton

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 10.00am**  
Coffee Bar – RSPCA – Emily Hampton  
**10.00 – 4.00pm** 'Make Lunch' Training Day

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm**  
Music in New Malden  
The Dorus Trio: Elizabeth Walker (Fl),  
Sebastian Comberti (Vc), Richard Shaw (Pn)  
Trio sonatas by Louise Farrenc and Felix  
Mendelssohn  
*(look out for the rack cards in the Welcome  
Area detailing the 2017/18 programme)*

**6.30pm** Welcome service for Revd Karl  
Rutledge at Kingston MC

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm**  
Senior Badminton

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm**  
Funeral for John Whittaker  
**7.00pm** Finance Committee Meeting  
**7.30pm** Meeting Point Quiz in the Lower  
Hall

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm**  
Home Instead Memory Café in the Welcome  
Area

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 10.00am**  
Coffee Bar – Inner Wheel

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm**  
Wives & Friends Tea & Chat in the Welcome  
Area

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm**  
Kingston District Chamber Music Society  
Concert

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 2.15pm**  
Trinity Homecare Memory Café in the  
Welcome Area

**7.00pm** Junior Badminton  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm**  
Church Council

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 2.00pm**  
Arts Group

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.00am**  
Coffee Bar – Glynis Fox & Home Instead  
- Alzheimer's Society Cup Cake Day

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm**  
Senior Badminton

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 10.00am**  
Coffee Bar, Jams & Preserves – Julie Haines  
& Pam Bugeya  
**10.30am** Decoration of church for Harvest  
Festival  
**6.45pm** Harvest Supper & music  
entertainment

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 10.30am**  
Harvest Festival

**Early Notice Christmas Fair**  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**



An early date for your diary. More details  
next month



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