



New Malden Methodist Church

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

The Newsletter of New Malden Methodist Church

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Message from Reverend Karl

Happy new Methodist year!

September is one of those particularly busy times of the year, as the activity of church life begins to kick in again, after a rest in the summer. This time around, we start our journey against the backdrop of joyful new beginnings – we welcome Hilary Warner to the staff team as the Development Worker for Wesley's Coffee Bar, and the new branding is now in place – and deep uncertainty for our nation, as we wait to see what unfolds in relation to Brexit. As we continue to reflect on what it means to be at the heart of the High Street, we're therefore faced with both opportunities and challenges.

In my own reflections at the moment, I find myself returning to a little-known but intriguing passage from the book of Joshua (3:1 – 18), in which the people are being prepared to enter Canaan following forty years (the number forty symbolises 'a long time' in Hebrew thought) of wilderness

wanderings. Joshua had taken over from Moses as Israel's leader, and he tells the people that the Levite priests would lead the way for them carrying the Ark of the Covenant. The priests were acting as guides for the others, as none of them had passed that way before. However, to make this happen, the priests would have to get their feet wet in the River Jordan.

This image of getting one's feet wet – which I take to be like getting one's hands dirty, as the Jordan was apparently far from pleasant for paddling! – reflects the costliness of the task given to the priests by Joshua. In our context, we might say that following Christ means being ready to get our feet wet, as we seek to show the way across troubled waters, and into lands where none have passed before. The Church's calling isn't to be timid, protecting ourselves from the messiness of the world with the spiritual equivalent of wellington boots, and nor is it to be dragged reluctantly along unfamiliar paths. Rather, our job is to lead others in following the way of love, and to do so with boldness.

What does that mean in practice? Well, it's important to say from the start that it doesn't mean either needing to have all the answers, or fooling ourselves into thinking we do. When Christians become convinced that we know exactly what God thinks, we seem to display an unfortunate tendency to be both generous with condemnation, and

stingy with grace! Rather, we journey forward as people who know we have a lot to learn about the ways of love, and who know our need of forgiveness, yet who aren't afraid to take the risks of love, even when that makes us unpopular.

In more positive terms, I think this leading onward means engaging in ways of being that reflect the value of all people in God's eyes. Whether that's throwing our energies into fundraising with Christian Aid – when the new defibrillator has been purchased, we have been invited to take up the challenge of raising £5,000 by the end of 2020, which will be match-funded and could become £20,000 to help refugees – or deepening our community connections with Hilary's help, being ready to swim against the tide of suspicion and fear awash in our nation will be incredibly important as we move into 2020.

So, let us pray for the courage to follow Jesus into new territory and to be ready to get our feet wet, so that we might truly be the heart of the High Street in these uncertain times.

Around the Circuit

Circuit Service: 5pm on 1 September at the Surbiton Hill MC Tennis Club

Please join us for the Circuit Service on *Sunday 1 September* at the Surbiton Hill Church Tennis Club. There will be tea, cake, conversation and music from 5pm, with children's outdoor play; followed by an outdoor service at 6pm (in the pavilion if it is raining).

SURBITON HILL: Quiet Days at the House of Prayer, East Molesey

The next Quiet Day takes place on Saturday *14th September 2019*.

We are delighted that Nancy Davis, former member and Prayer Coordinator for our church will be leading our next Quiet Day. Nancy and her husband Bob now live in Eastbourne where she is a Chaplain at Eastbourne General Hospital. On this day when we can draw aside from our other activities, Nancy will guide us through her chosen theme 'The Power of Prayer'. If you have never attended one of these days, you are warmly invited to join in this opportunity to take time out in quiet fellowship with others.

Many are familiar with the special atmosphere at the House of Prayer in East Molesey where we will gather at 10.00 for 10.30 on Saturday 15th September. We can use the house and grounds for our times of meditation and there is plenty of parking. Our day concludes with communion and we leave around 3.30. You are invited to bring a packed lunch but hot drinks and snacks are available throughout the day.

Please sign up on the list in September and let Jeanette Barwick know if you would like transport. For more information please contact Jeannette on 020 8941 8551; or ibarwick313@btinternet.com

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

Summary of July & August Notices

Church Family News

Congratulations to Rebecca and Isaac Addai on the birth of Grace, a sister for Elvis, Albert and Kevin.

Please pray for Chris Beasant who is currently in hospital (August 18). Fred is with her all the time.

We are very happy to announce that **Hilary Warner** will be joining the NMMC staff team as Wesley's Development Worker. Hilary starts on Tuesday 3rd September and we wish her every success in her new post.

Thank You



Many thanks to everyone for their support for my Peak District challenge on 14th July. We had a great day and managed to complete the 48km (30miles) in 12

hours and 10 minutes. The weather was kind, cloudy and not too hot, and the views across Derbyshire were stunning.

So far we have raised £1,250 for Melanoma UK which is fantastic. If you would still like to make a contribution then you can via our fundraising website

www.justgiving.com/peakdistrictchallenge1

(not the address in a previous newsletter) or you are welcome to hand me a donation when you see me.

Thanks again, Nicky Horton

A big thank you to anyone who sponsored Hannah Walsh for running 26 miles over the month of

SAMARITANS

July. Hannah has raised £251 and the all-important 78p for the Samaritans.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way during Malden Fortnight, whether serving on the coffee bar or bric-a-brac stall,

making and serving lunches, making cakes, providing stuff to sell or supporting in any other way. Across the two Saturdays of Malden Fortnight a magnificent £811.61 has been raised towards a defibrillator which will be mounted on the wall outside.



Following other fund raising, the 'Defib' total is now up to around £1400

JAM-JARS & PRODUCE NEEDED

Jam jars only please. No curry jars or chutney or cook-in-sauce jars.

Also, in order to fill the jars, we would welcome any spare fruit or veg for jams and chutneys. Maybe a neighbour has some overhanging fruit trees or excess from an allotment? Thank you, *Julie and Pam*

JOIN KARL ON A WALK FOR CHRISTIAN AID

Saturday 28th September. Karl will be joining a walk to raise funds



for and awareness of the 40 million internally displaced people around the world.

The walk begins at St Matthias Church, Church Road, Richmond, TW10 6LL at 10.30am with registration starting at 09:30am, and ends at 3:00pm. Register in advance at rrw19.eventbrite.co.uk Contact: Justice at rpw@christian-aid.org or 0207 5232 044

See the poster in the Welcome Area.

3 Fs

Following the summer break, we have 3 dates in our diaries for meetings during the rest of 2019

- *Friday 6th September* at the Knowles's home
- *Friday 1st November* at the Edwards' home
- *Friday 6th December* at the Knowles's home

For those of you who come regularly or just occasionally, please put these dates in your diary. If you have not been to one of these meetings and would like to know more, please speak to one of us.

3 Fs (Faith, Food and Fellowship) is an informal meeting for members of our church community. We meet at 7.30pm, have a meal together and then a period of conversation, which is led by one of our members and usually focuses on a current issue which is likely to have been subject of media interest, and the challenges we face as a Christian community.

Susan and David, Liz and Rob

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 2nd November*, in the morning, and *Monday 4th 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

St Raphael's Hospice

From autumn 2019, St Raphael's Hospice will be run as a sustainable and independent local charity. The Hospice opened its doors in April 1987, originally formed as part of St Anthony's Hospital and one of the works of

the Daughters of the Cross of Liege. The Hospice provides end of life care for 1,000 patients per year in the boroughs of Sutton and Merton though in-home care, wellbeing support and care at the Hospice.

The Daughters of the Cross have agreed an endowment with the new trustees to the Hospice to fund the management plan put forward by the Hospice to take it towards a self-sustaining future. The Hospice will continue to provide the excellent care and support to patients and their families, it always has.

If you are interested in finding out more about St Raphael's and its upcoming independence please visit

www.straphaels.org.uk

COFFEE BAR VACANCIES IN SEPTEMBER

The following slots are free if you can help at all. Many thanks, Sarah

Monday 2 nd	12.00
Tuesday 3 rd	10.00 (both slots) and 12.00
Thursday 5 th	10.00
Friday 6 th	12.00
Thursday 12 th	10.00 and 12.00
Monday 16 th	12.00
Tuesday 17 th	10.00 (both slots)
Thursday 26 th	12.00
Friday 27 th	10.00
Monday 30 th	12.00 (both slots)
Tuesday 1 st October	10.00 (both slots)

There are also some vacancies to run the Saturday coffee bar and cake sale in October and November. This is an opportunity to raise funds for your chosen charity, as well as raising awareness. Please see me if you would like to book one of these dates.

Sarah Moore

Diary Dates for September

Tues 3 rd	10.00am	<i>Hilary Warner starts as Wesley's Development Worker</i>
	7.00pm	<i>Badminton</i>

Fri 6 th	7.30pm	<i>3Fs at the home of Sue & David Knowles</i>
Sat 7 th	10.00am	<i>Coffee Bar – Save the Children – Molly Simmonds & Eleanor Roberts</i>
Sun 8 th	3.00pm	<i>Music in New Malden</i>
Mon 9 th	10.00am	<i>Films with Friends (at the home of Eleanor and Andy Roberts)</i>
Tues 10 th	2.30pm	<i>Bereavement Café</i>
	7.00pm	<i>Badminton</i>
Wed 11 th	2.00pm	<i>Memory Café</i>
Sat 14 th	10.00am	<i>Coffee Bar – Women’s Institute</i>
Mon 16 th	3.00pm	<i>Wives & Friends Cream Tea – Welcome Area</i>
	7.30pm	<i>Kingston District Chamber Music Society concert</i>
Tues 17 th	1.00pm	<i>Lunchtime Concert</i>
	7.00pm	<i>Badminton</i>
Wed 18 th	7.00pm	<i>Malden Fortnight Meeting</i>
Thur 19 th	8.00pm	<i>Church Council Meeting</i>
Sat 21 st	10.00am	<i>Coffee Bar – NMMC to raise funds for a defibrillator</i>
Sat 28 th	10.00am	<i>Coffee Bar – Inner Wheel</i>

Message from our Family and Youth Worker

Hi,

I do hope you all had a wonderful break during the summer holidays wherever and whatever you did. I look forward to hearing about some of your adventures. It is so good to have a break from the regular routine. It refreshes your batteries and makes life exciting.

When God was creating the world of course he had no need for a break at the start, every day he used his imagination and at the end of each we are told that “he saw that it was good”. He must have had some fun

designing and re-designing some of the flowers and creatures when you think of how many different species there are although I do wonder about some he was satisfied with, like slugs. They are not very attractive and eat my marigolds! Which creature would you miss out I wonder?

He made man to look after his world and we can still do this by treating the earth fairly. You can’t do much about the big issues like pollution on your own but you can help by looking after your immediate environment by putting litter in the bin, mopping up spills, turning off lights when they are not being used and even keeping your room tidy. Then your mum can see that it is good too!

Yours through Jesus

Julia



Services in September

1 st	All Age Worship Revd Dr Karl Rutlidge 5.00pm Circuit Service at Surbiton Hill Tennis club
8 th	Miss Lorraine Webb
15 th	Revd Dr Karl Rutlidge 3.00pm Afternoon Tea & Chat
22 nd	Holy Communion Revd Dr Karl Rutlidge
29 th	Revd Stan Brown

The deadline for the next (October) issue is Friday 20th September. Please leave contributions in the editor’s pigeon hole or email them to john.cronin@unix.net

Thanks
John C

God is the one who made

20,8,5 19,11,25

5,18,20,8

20,8,5

1,14,4 1,12,12 20,8,1,20






9,19 9,14, 20,8,5,13

20,8,5

19,5,1

Genesis 1

Colour these creatures and draw some of your own:



ABCDEF GHI J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26