



New Malden
Methodist Church

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

Spotlight



December 2023 & January 2024

Message from Karl

Whatever else one might say about 2023, nobody can accuse it of being uneventful!

As a church community, we have dealt with the many trials and tribulations of the boiler project, seen a change in the Staff Team as we thanked Hilary for her contribution and welcomed Lee on board, enjoyed a range of music, craft and other activities which have enriched our life together, and even hosted a royal visit. We have said goodbye to old and dear friends, and experienced the joy of welcoming new people into the church family – not least young Holly, whose infectious smile throughout her baptism service was one of my highlights of the year.

On the wider stage, we have seen the terrible ongoing conflict in Ukraine and the unspeakable suffering being played out in Israel and Palestine, the Covid-19 inquiry seeking to learn the urgent lessons of the pandemic, and a cost-of-living crisis impacting so many across the country. Less seriously but still noteworthy, the death of Shane MacGowan means hearing his famous Christmas duet with Kirsty MacColl this Christmas is now somewhat more poignant than Fairytale of New York usually feels. Much of this reminds us of the fragility and preciousness of human life.

With this mixture of events and emotions, I find myself thinking of a line from O Little Town of Bethlehem, in which we sing of the birth of Jesus taking place in what at the time was one of the least significant small towns in one of the poorest parts of Israel. Chiming with the importance that Matthew's Gospel attaches to Bethlehem as the home of King David (see Matthew 2:6, which modifies Micah 5:2 to big up the status of the town), the greatest monarch the people of Israel had, Phillips Brooks' lyrics proclaim that, 'the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight'.

What does it mean to see the birth of a child in very modest circumstances to ordinary parents, in a backwater of the Roman Empire, as meeting with all of our hopes and fears across time and place? Well, there is so much one could say that it would take up several

editions of Spotlight by itself, but in light of the events of 2023, one of the most important is that by becoming one of us and sharing our life, God takes the risks of profound vulnerability and defenceless love to show us just how much we are valued. In the very person of Jesus, whether as a crying baby in Mary's arms or a grown man healing, teaching, liberating and suffering, we can touch and see and hear the reality of how each and every person matters infinitely to God.

It is upon this firm foundation that we can stand with all of our hopes and fears, questions and doubts, visions and dreams, joys and wonders. Whatever life throws at us – whether that is the everyday stuff like errant boilers and filling coffee bar rotas, or the darkest episodes to which the last few years have borne witness in our world – God is with us. That does not mean, like Jesus of Nazareth himself, we will never face hard times and tough challenges as well as hope and joy and contentment, because real life is a mixed bag. However, it does mean that God's outrageous and extravagant love is never exhausted, and we are always loved and valued.

So, when the bells ring out for Christmas Day and we later embark upon the adventures of 2024, may we place out trust in God, to whom we can bring all our hopes and fears this and every night.

Every blessing, Karl

Church Family News

Happy 1st birthday to Holly on Wednesday 6th December. Where did that year go?

Spotlight's Safeguarding Space

During this holiday season please keep yourselves & loved ones safe. If you have concerns about anyone within our church community please contact myself or Karl as appropriate.

Liz Edwards, Safeguarding Officer



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The Visit of His Majesty King Charles III

The following is from the website of Kingston Council

His Majesty The King visited the Royal Borough of Kingston on Wednesday 8th November 2023 to spend time in New Malden and meet the area's Korean community.

Large crowds gathered along New Malden High Street to give King Charles III a warm reception, pavements packed with people waving flags and cheering.

After spending time greeting the delighted crowd, which included local school children and families in traditional Korean dress, he was welcomed to New Malden Methodist Church. There he was met by the Mayor of Kingston, Cllr Diane White, Leader of Kingston Council Andreas Kirsch, the Korean Ambassador to the UK Yeocheol Yoon, New Malden's Korean councillors and a number of other dignitaries.

During a tour around the church His Majesty met community, faith and cultural groups and signed the visitors book for a new exhibition marking the 140th anniversary of UK-Korea diplomatic relations organised by the Korean British Cultural Exchange. He was then treated to a short musical performance by the London Korean Hummingbird Choir accompanied by a dance performance by local Korean dancer and choreographer Su young Park. He also visited a stall showcasing a selection of Korean specialities prepared by Chef Hyungsoo Yim.

The King was accompanied by Justina Jang (KBCE) to local business Cake and Bing Soo Cafe where he was presented with an Earl Grey flavoured birthday cake with 'Happy Birthday' in Korean, by the owners, Mr Jongsoon Kim and Mrs Soyoun Jun. He met some young people from the local Korean community, before making his way across the road to the New Malden War Memorial to meet members of the local Royal British Legion branch and two Korean Veterans.

New Malden's Korean community is one of the largest in Europe, the area is sometimes described as London's 'Koreatown'. Earlier this year the Royal Borough of Kingston became the first place in Europe to declare 22 November as 'Kimchi Day' to celebrate this special connection. People across the borough are immensely proud of its rich diversity and multiculturalism and the King's visit was a wonderful way to enhance the celebrations of the central role Korean communities play in the cultural life of Kingston.

The atmosphere in the Church was very relaxed and Karl chatted to him for some minutes when he was presented as was part of the faith group.

There follows a selection of official photos from Kingston Council and some informal ones. Thanks to Sue Knowles, Tina Mensah, Sue Duckering and Sue Bradley for their photography.





The King unveiled a plaque commemorating his visit. We will be putting the plaque up very soon!

He also made a contribution to our Community Larder.









You may just be able to spot Julia and Sarah with the help of the green arrow!

And again below, Sarah over the King's shoulder (and the Lord Lieutenant) 😊



The King arrived in this beautiful Bentley which turned round whilst His Majesty was in the Church.





Sue Bradley took this excellent photo of Karl, Julia and Sarah through the windows of the car. We look happy and relieved that the visit all went well.

Karl proudly holding the plaque before the King arrived.



Stella's Excuse

Hi Sarah, I am sending you good wishes for tomorrow from the largest and deepest salt mine in France. It is Industrial-salt, mainly for the roads in France, Germany and Belgium. I cannot believe the King is coming to the church and I am not there to sweep outside!



Christmas Fair

The fair was held on Friday 24th November and was a huge success. We had a great many people through the doors, all of them pleased to be in a bright warm space on a cold dark night.

Huge thanks must go to all the people who helped raised just over £2,700 for the Boiler Fund – a magnificent effort. Here are a few photos to give you a flavour of the occasion.



Mick and Judith deputising for Santa and his fairy.



Pam and Joan on books



David and Clive

Ali on the Cuddly Toy Tombola next to Liz & Sue on jewellery & toiletries. Julie was in charge of the Raffle which meant she had to sit down all evening!! The magnificent price was a nativity scene knitted by Julia and Doreen.



Hilary in her happy place selling jams with Vera. Courtney, Glynis & Jenny on the Crafts Stall.



Jenny, Wendy & Veronica



Sue Knowles was making decorations ably assisted by Grace and Isabel whilst Hannah was on face painting duty.



Tina & Becky

Blessed are the cake sellers, among them Gloria, Caroline & Robert



Peter selling tickets for the Handbell Ringers' concert and behind him Alison striking a hard bargain with a 4 year old.



Glynis & Courtney



Tucking into Doreen's spuds



The Guides enjoying our 'create your own nativity' stall

Caption Competition

The Christmas Fair turned out to be a rich source of candidates for a Caption Competition. Captions have already been suggested for both photos, can you do any better?

Not all the helpers at the church fair have been good. Clive, for instance, had to sit on the naughty chair and watch the others having a good time!



We all felt that with our bodyguard, the mince pies were safe

The bells, the bells!

Advent got off to a very tuneful start in New Malden when St Lawrence Chobham Handbell Ringers regaled us with a fabulous concert in the evening of 27th November. Numbering around a dozen players and each with multiple bells making a range of 2 octaves give or take, the group took us through some festive favourites, the later numbers with some with some audience participation. Tim Willetts, the music director, correctly sussed out that knowledge of handbells did not run deep in the audience (though Mick and Gloria had seen some in St Louis) so many nuggets were forthcoming, some of which I fully expect to crop up on University Challenge shortly:

1. The bells were cast at the same foundry as Big Ben in Whitechapel.
2. Their design is largely unchanged over the years and incorporates a clever spring mechanism to stop the bell ringing whenever it's moved (clearly this is a good idea).
3. Some of the players also had chimes, which are the same pitch as bells but softer, more muted thus adding to the complexities of the timbre.
4. Some of the arrangements might have sounded familiar because they included tower peals aka what you might hear church bells do.
5. Handbell ringing is popular across the world thanks to the...er...British Empire, and the work of missionaries.

I don't know if it was the red shirts of the players combined with the sound of bells but I was transported back to my one and only winter trip to Switzerland so it seemed appropriate to end with a hot drink and something sweet to eat – Wesleyan punch and a mince pie it was. A very enjoyable evening was had by all, I think. Caroline Auty





Speaking of Gloria ...

Attending the Handbell Concert this week, I was reminded of being invited to join the ringers at the United Church of Christ in St Louis, Missouri in 1980 (that's 43 years ago!).

Gloria Tavinier



Bereavement Café Update

We have been running our Bereavement Café here at NMMC for over three years now and have welcomed and listened to many guests during that time. Some have needed our services for only one or two visits, others have come back again and again because they find it helpful to be with other bereaved people in the safe space that we offer every month. Some hear about us from Princess Alice Hospice in Esher or from Coop Funeralcare in the High Street, others see our flyers in Wesley's and a few just happen to be passing while the Bereavement Café is on and see the welcome poster in the window, guided to us by God in answer to our prayers and theirs.

Are you bereaved and struggling? You are not alone. I recall one afternoon when one of our guests said that his brother had died and another guest said, "So has mine." Of course no two bereavements are the same but this kind of connection can really help people. Do you know someone who might need us? Why not pass on one of our flyers letting them know when we meet and what we offer. We also have a new leaflet "Coping with



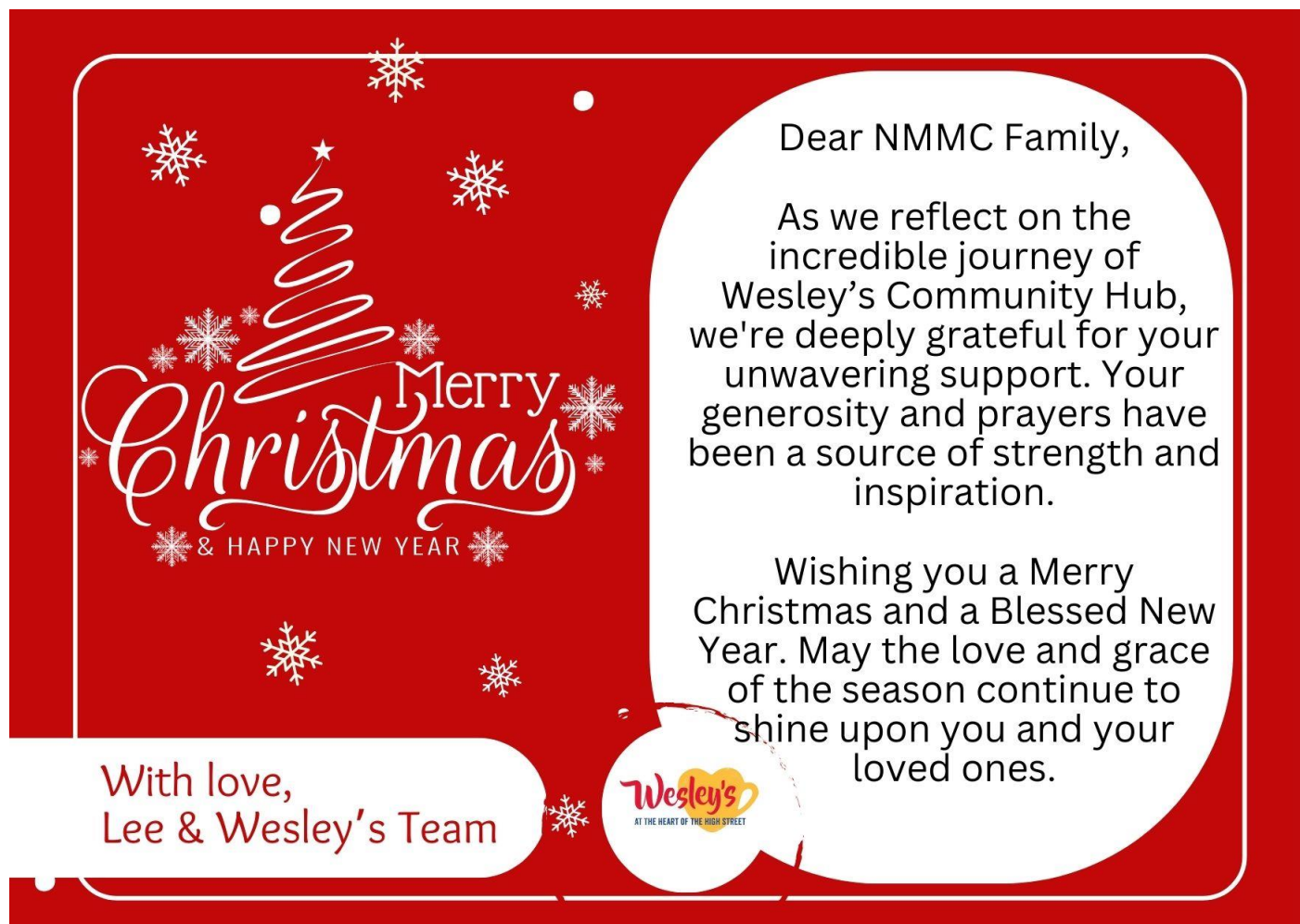
Christmas" which highlights many of the challenges bereaved people face at Christmas time when expectations are so high and merriment seems to be required. Both of these can be found under the Wesley's welcome board. This link also covers much of the same material:

<https://www.pah.org.uk/blog/coping-with-christmas-when-a-loved-one-has-died/>

Have you thought about joining our team? Being a volunteer listener is not a major commitment and requires no special skills but can be enormously rewarding. We meet on the second Friday of every month opening to guests from 2.30 to 4pm with time to set up and pray beforehand and to debrief afterwards. Princess Alice Hospice provides excellent free training and ongoing support. The next training course will be at the Hospice split over two Fridays, the 12th and 19th of January 2024, from 10am to 4pm each day. We would be delighted to welcome new members onto the team so that we can continue to offer this valuable service to the community for many years to come. If this is something you might consider, do please speak to me or one of our other listeners.

Hilary Warner

Please come along to our Remembering Service on Thursday 21st December at 4.30pm



For updates please follow us on Instagram/Facebook. If you can help, let us know. Your likes and follows on Wesley's Instagram and Facebook mean a lot to us.

For the latest updates and more information, follow Wesley's on Facebook and Instagram:

👉 Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/wesleysnewmalen/>

📷 Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/wesleysnewmalen/>

Stay tuned and be a part of our community's journey!

Every blessing, Lee

Crime Prevention Stalls

Officers from the New Malden Village policing team now have regular sessions in Wesley's offering advice on crime prevention and a friendly contact with the local Police.



The officers plan to be here every Wednesday from approximately 11.30, though manpower constraints and other activities can mean last minute changes.

NMMC Diary Dates – December

Saturday 2 nd	10.00am – 12.00pm	Wesley's – NMMC in aid of the Boiler Fund
Tuesday 5 th	10.30am – 11.30am	Tai Chi taster session with Lee
Wednesday 6 th	7.30pm	Graham Child Christmas Carols
Thursday 7 th	2.00pm	Creative Arts Group
Friday 8 th	10.00am – 2.00pm	Christmas tree decorating for the Festival
	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Board Games Afternoon
	6.00pm – 7.00pm	Christmas tree decorating for the Festival
	6.00pm	Wesley's Volunteer Party
Saturday 9 th	10.00am – 12.00pm	Wesley's – NMMC – Christmas Tree Festival
	10.00am – 4.00pm	Christmas Tree Festival
	10.15am – 11.45	Rehearsal for Lessons & Carols
Tuesday 12 th	2.30pm – 4.00pm	Bereavement Café
	7.30pm	Wives & Friends – Recollections from Forty School years – Liz Edwards
Wednesday 13 th	10.00am	Abacus Nativity
Saturday 16 th	10.00am – 4.00pm	Christmas Tree Festival
	10.15am – 11.45	Rehearsal for Lessons & Carols
Tuesday 19 th	7.30pm	Wives & Friends – Christmas carols & readings
Saturday 23 rd	10.00am – 12.00pm	Wesley's – NMMC – Christmas Tree Festival
	10.00am – 1.00pm	Christmas Tree Festival
Saturday 30 th		Wesley's CLOSED
Sunday 31 st	11.30am	Dismantling of Christmas Tree Festival

NMMC Diary Dates – January 2024

Saturday 6 th	10.00am – 12.00pm	Wesley's – NMMC in aid of the Boiler Fund
Tuesday 9 th	2.30pm – 4.00pm	Bereavement Cafe
	7.30pm	Wives & Friends More chair exercises – Doreen
Friday 12 th	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Board Games
Saturday 13 th	10.00am – 12.00pm	Wesley's – Our Woofs & Miaws
Tuesday 16 th	1.10pm – 1.50pm	Lunchtime concert
		– Stephen Westrop on the organ
Thursday 18 th	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Creative Arts Group
18 th 25 th January		Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Saturday 20 th	10.00am – 12.00pm	Wesley's – vacant.
		Please contact Sarah to book.
Tuesday 23 rd	7.30pm	Wives & Friends – Meal in
Saturday 27 th	10.00am – 12.00pm	Wesley's – New Malden Rotary Club
Sunday 28 th	12.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Thursday 1 st February	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Creative Arts

Graham Child Christmas Carols

Come and join us in the church on Wednesday 6th December at 7.30 pm. There will be some favourite carols to sing, as well as contributions from dancers, musicians and readers – many of them youngsters.

This year the funds raised will go to the charity Dignify which deals with the sexual exploitation of children due to the normalization of pornography. An Ofsted report states that young boys collect nude pictures and trade them like gaming cards, that most school children have been sent explicit images at some time and that sexual harassment is normalised in secondary schools. We need to realise the inevitable consequences of children believing that what they see is normal behaviour and then act it out themselves. The charity works with children, teachers and families in schools to promote healthy relationships.

This is always a good evening. Do please come and support this very worthwhile charity. Tickets are £8.50 and there are various ways of paying. You can pay on the door but it is helpful to know in advance who's coming so we can make sure we've got enough mince pies!

Please contact Bobby Child on 07946 532 846

Inner Wheel Club of Kingston

Carol Singing Opportunities

Lessons and Carols Sunday 17th December at 10:30 am

Community Carols Saturday 23rd December 11:00 am

There will be two opportunities for you to sing carols at NMMC this year: one in our Lessons and Carols morning service on 17th December and the other, outside the church on 23rd December when we sing carols and Christmas songs to the community of New Malden to raise money for charity.

There will be an enlarged singing group to lead the carols and to contribute some choral items on 17th and we are hoping this will be drawn very widely from the congregation and beyond, including some who have not joined us before. The items will be easy to pick up and all you'll need is enthusiasm and be able to sing more or less in tune! Please let Peter know if you would like to come along p.f.bullett@blueyonder.co.uk 020 8942 0666.

Rehearsals for the Lessons and Carols will take place on two Saturday mornings:

Saturday 9th December 10.15 – 11.45 in the Choir Vestry

Saturday 16th December 10.15 – 11.45 in church

There will be no rehearsal for 23rd, just turn up about 10:50 am (or earlier if you would like a sustaining cup of coffee etc.) and we will sing for about three quarters of an hour from 11 o'clock until we (or those walking by) have had enough! We also need collectors if you prefer not to sing.

Peter Bullett





Musical Notes for your 2024 Diary



Lunchtime Concerts on Tuesdays at 1.10 pm

16th January Stephen Westrop (organ)

Concerts on Sundays at 3 pm

VocalFest24

4th February *Harmonie Choir Purcell's Dido and Aeneas*

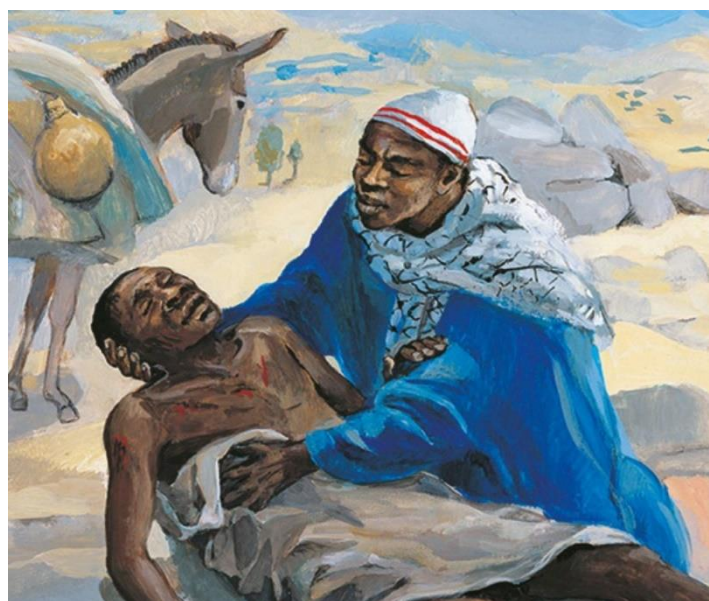
11th February Polly Smith & Liz Mucha *ArtSung*

18th February *Malden Voices & Youth Choir with Jane Wilkinson*

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 – Go and do likewise

Reflections on the story of the Good Samaritan have been prepared by an ecumenical team in Burkina Faso in Africa for use from 18 to 25 January.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) takes place each year from the 18 to 25 January. This special week provides an opportunity to focus our prayers on Christian unity, as well as speak about and experience Christian unity personally, in our village, town or county as well as engage with what happens at a national level.



This year the theme has come from an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso, facilitated by the local Chemin Neuf Community (CCN). They have reflected on the familiar story of the Good Samaritan, and all are encouraged to Go and do likewise. It is a story about crossing boundaries that calls our attention to the bonds that unite the whole human family. Brothers and sisters from the Catholic Archdiocese of Ouagadougou, Protestant Churches, ecumenical bodies and the CCN in Burkina Faso collaborated generously in drafting the prayers and reflections.

An ecumenical group of writers brought together by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, including Doral Hayes from CTE, have created additional resources to encourage reflection in the British and Irish context. The resources include daily reflections, a suggested service outline, an all-age service and customisable posters.

Circuit Plan

	CHESSINGTON 10.00 am	KINGSTON 10.30 am; 6pm	NEW MALDEN 10.30 am	SURBITON HILL 10.30 am
	<i>Korean Language Service at Chessington on Sundays at 12.30 led by Rev Paul Han</i>			
03 December	M Wakelin HC	Maraj-Ogden G	Rutledge G/HC	S Lloyd 4.30pm Coveney: PP
10 December	D & S Lloyd C	Rutledge AA/HC	Webb	Maraj-Ogden: G 5pm Maraj-Ogden CC
17 December	J&M Wakelin AA/G/P	Rutledge N 6pm Rutledge CL	CA (LA)	Maraj-Ogden 5pm Maraj-Ogden CL
18 December	8pm M Wakelin CL	No Service	No Service	No Service
21 December	No Service	No Service	7.30pm Rutledge BC	No Service
24 December	M Wakelin 11.15pm M Wakelin	CA (LA)	Rutledge 5pm Christingle 8pm Rutledge HC	Maraj-Ogden HC 4.30pm Maraj-Ogden CG 8pm Maraj-Ogden HC
25 December	M Wakelin	Rush: AA	Rutledge: AA	Maraj-Ogden
31 December	LA	Bridges	Stonehewer	LA
07 January	M Wakelin CV/M	Webb AA	Rutledge CV	Maraj-Ogden CV 4.30pm Coveney: PP
14 January	M Wakelin	Rutledge CV	Maraj-Ogden	Stonehewer
21 January	D&S Lloyd C	Rutledge 6pm Rutledge HC	Bridges AA	Maraj-Ogden
28 January	M Wakelin	Maraj-Ogden CF	Vernon	Rutledge
04 February	M Wakelin HC	J Wakelin	Rutledge AA	Fullbrook 4.30pm Coveney: PP
11 February	Cocking	Rutledge/S Lloyd AA/HC	Webb	Vernon
14 February	7.30pm M Wakelin W/E	No Service	7.30pm Rutledge W	No Service
18 February	S Lloyd & M Wakelin C	J Wakelin 6pm Rutledge	Rutledge HC	LA (Testimony)
25 February	Maraj-Ogden	Stonehewer	M Wakelin	Coveney
Abbreviations AA: All Age Worship BC: Blue Christmas C: Contemporary Service CA: Carol Service CC: Choir Café CF: Café Church CG: Christingle CL: Carols by Candlelight CV: Covenant Service E: Ecumenical Service G: Gift Service HC: Holy Communion LA: Local Arrangement N: Nativity P: Parade PP: Praise Party R: Remembrance Sunday SR: Service of Remembrance/Time to Remember WM: At War Memorial				

Next Spotlight Issue

Please send all submissions to Sarah Moore at nmmc@hotmail.co.uk (or in my church pigeonhole). Please send me anything you think might be of interest: memories, news of members, advice for life, poems, photos, recipes, Christmas highs and lows, etc. The deadline for the next issue is Wednesday 24th January.

Recipes from Barbara Cavalier

Anyone who has had the joy of eating any of Barbara's baking will be thrilled to have a couple of her recipes.

Last Minute Christmas Mincemeat Cake

Grease and line with grease proof/ baking parchment the sides and bottom of a 20cm (8inch) round cake tin. Heat oven to 170C/ 325F/Gas 3/ 150C fan

450g (1lb) good quality mincemeat
225g (8oz) wholemeal flour
3 level tsp baking powder
150g (5oz) dark brown sugar
150g (5oz) softened butter or soft margarine
175g (6oz) mixed dried fruit
50g (2oz) walnuts, chopped
grated zest of 1 small orange
grated zest of 1 small lemon
3 eggs (size 1 or 2)

If you don't want to ice the cake you could place 140g whole blanched almonds across the top before baking the cake.

Use the bowl of a large mixer, or a large mixing bowl to use an electric hand whisk or a wooden spoon.

Give the flour an airing through a sieve into the mixing bowl, then add the bran back into the bowl. Place the other ingredients in the bowl, just break the eggs in, no need to beat first.

Mix together thoroughly, it will take longer with a wooden spoon.

Spoon the mix evenly into the prepared tin, level the surface, if using almonds arrange them over the top.

Bake the cake for about 1hr 30mins or until the centre springs back when lightly touched. Let cool in the tin for 30mins before turning out on to a wire rack to finish cooling. Then wrap in grease proof and put in a tin.

NOTES

It is important to use a good quality mincemeat, as cheaper brands can be too wet.

The cooking time can vary between ovens some could take 2hrs. It is important to use the gentle press to the centre with your finger, if it is firm and springy and no impression is left, it is done.

If you have to leave in the oven for longer, cover loosely with a square of foil, to prevent the cake becoming too dark on the top.

If the cake is being kept, it can be fed with brandy weekly. Pierce the bottom with a fine skewer several times and then feed with 1 tablespoon of brandy. Re wrap.

Microwave Muffins

Serves 1

- 1 egg
- 2 tsp extra virgin olive oil or 1 knob of butter
- 50g ground almonds
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 apple or pear, grated

In a bowl whisk the egg, add the oil and mix together with a spoon

Add the other ingredients and stir well

Spoon into a mug

Microwave on full for 3 minutes

VARIATION

Add to the recipe:

1tsp cocoa powder, 1/2 tsp vanilla extract, and pieces of 90 per cent dark chocolate

SAVOURY

Instead of the apple and vanilla extract

1/2 grated courgette, pinch of dried oregano, 15g grated Parmesan, 1tbsp coriander

To serve, cut into slices and top with cream cheese, cherry tomatoes, torn basil leaves

Or slice and make small sandwiches

Also good sliced and toasted to have with scrambled eggs

Still Some available!



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Charity calendar in aid of the Boiler Fund, packed with Karl's photographs.

This perfect Christmas gift is on sale now priced at £10 each.

Don't miss out!

Quiz - Countries without Vowels

Some of these were more tricky than others! Did you get them all?



DNMRK	Denmark	STRL	Australia
GRMNY	Germany	GRNLND	Greenland
BLGM	Belgium	SPN	Spain
JPN	Japan	RGY	Uruguay
LXMBRG	Luxemburg	GRC	Greece
MXC	Mexico	PR	Peru
GHN	Ghana	VNZL	Venezuela
THP	Ethiopia	TLY	Italy
MRCC	Morocco	NGLND	England
ND	India	CHN	China
CND	Canada	CHL	Chile

Following our visit from the new King, you might like to turn your mind to ideas for the anniversary of the crowning of an old King!

KINGSTON

2025

CELEBRATING OUR PAST,
PRESENT AND FUTURE

SCAN ME

PHOTO: BUZZ - SMOKING APPLES

GET INVOLVED

In 2025 Kingston will mark the 1100th anniversary of the crowning of King Athelstan, the first King of England, with a borough-wide celebration. The six month programme of cultural events and activities will launch in Spring 2025 and will be created in collaboration with local communities.

We would like to hear your ideas to help us plan community events and activities during this special year. To find out more or to get involved please scan the qr code or visit kingstonheriatge.org.uk

Bible Puzzle

Thank you to Judy Caddy for this interesting puzzle. We don't actually have the solution so please send me your answers and we might find them all!

Bible Puzzle

BIBLE PUZZLE

There are about 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an aeroplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to some friends. One friend was from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing the banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving puzzles so involving; she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are real easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam; especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in the paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local paper The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Hummana humbly puts it, the books are right there in plain view hidden from sight. Those able to find them all will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know all the answers. Remember there's no need for a mad exodus, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.



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DECEMBER 2023

CHRISTMAS SERVICES & EVENTS

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER | 10:30AM

Gift Service



Please would you bring donations of luxury goods for the Food Bank.

SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER | 10:30AM

Lessons & Carols

A traditional Nine Lessons and Carols Service.



THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER | 4:30PM

A Service of Remembering

A quiet contemplative service for people to remember loved ones at what can be a difficult time of year.

SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER | 10:30AM

Morning Worship



SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER | 5:00PM

Christingle

A lively family service. Fun for all the family.

SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER | 8:00PM

Communion Service

MONDAY 25TH DECEMBER | 10:30AM

Christmas Morning Family Service

Bring your favourite/silliest present to show the congregation.





OTHER CHRISTMAS EVENTS



Sheep Trail

The knitted sheep will once again be 'lost' in the High Street and will all return to the fold for the Christingle service at 5.00pm on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Tree Festival

24 real Christmas trees, decorated by Church and local organisations, will be on display in the Church to raise money for each organisation's chosen charity.

Saturday 9th December	10:00am-4:00pm
Saturday 16th December	10:00am-4:00pm
Saturday 23rd December	10:00am-1:00pm
and every weekday	10:00am-2:00pm



Coffee & Carols

Saturday 23rd December

Carol singing in the High Street at about 11am.

Wesley's Opening Hours

Weekdays 10:00am-2:00pm

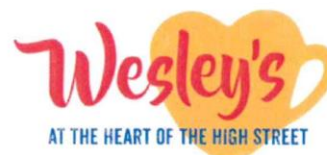
Saturdays 10:00am-12:00pm

except for the following dates:

Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th December

Saturday 30th December

Monday 1st January



DECEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 CHRISTMAS SERVICES  10:30am Gift Service Do bring donations of luxury goods for the Food Bank					1 10am - 2pm Wesley's Coffee bar	2 10am - 12pm Charity Sat
10 10:30am Sunday Service 	4 10am - 2pm Wesley's Coffee bar	5 10am - 2pm Wesley's Coffee bar	6 10am - 2pm Wesley's Coffee bar	7 10am - 2pm Wesley's Coffee bar	8 10am - 2pm Wesley's Coffee bar 6 - 9pm Wesley's Volunteer Night 	9 10am - 12pm Charity Sat 10am - 4pm Christmas Tree Festival 24 real Christmas trees, decorated by Church and organisations, on display in the Church to raise money for each organisation.
10 10:30am Sunday Service 	11 10am - 2pm Wesley's Coffee bar Christmas Tree Festival	12 10am - 2pm Wesley's Coffee bar Christmas Tree Festival	13 10am - 2pm Wesley's Coffee bar Christmas Tree Festival	14 10am - 2pm Wesley's Coffee bar Christmas Tree Festival	15 10am - 2pm Wesley's Coffee bar Christmas Tree Festival	16 10am - 12pm Charity Sat 10am - 4pm Christmas Tree Festival 
17 10:30am Lessons & Carols Service A traditional Nine Lessons & Carols service	18 10am - 2pm Wesley's Coffee bar Christmas Tree Festival	19 10am - 2pm Wesley's Coffee bar Christmas Tree Festival	20 10am - 2pm Wesley's Coffee bar Christmas Tree Festival	21 10am - 2pm Wesley's Coffee bar 4:30pm SERVICE OF REMEMBERING A quiet contemplative service for people to remember loved ones at what can be a difficult time of year.	22 10am - 2pm Wesley's Coffee bar Christmas Tree Festival	23 10am - 4pm Christmas Tree Festival 11am Coffee & Carols Carol singing in the High Street
24 10:30am Morning Worship A fun and lively family service. 8pm Communion Service	25 10:30am Sunday Service Merry Christmas 	26  CLOSED	27 10am - 2pm Wesley's Coffee bar	28 10am - 2pm Wesley's Coffee bar	29 10am - 2pm Wesley's Coffee bar	30  CLOSED 
31 10:30am Sunday Service 	Happy New Year!!	Happy New Year!!	Happy New Year!!	Happy New Year!!	With Love 	