



Spotlight

November 2022

Message from Karl

Back in the mists of time, the National Lottery programme on Saturday nights featured the character of Mystic Meg, who claimed to be able to predict the future. She clearly wasn't very good at it, despite all the theatricals accompanying her slot; she famously predicted that Nottingham Forest would win the league, in the year they were relegated! However, while it's easy to see through the spuriousness of somebody claiming to tell the future while waving their hands over a crystal ball, it is nonetheless tempting to wish one did have such powers at the moment.



At the time of writing, it simply isn't clear how things will 'pan out' in terms of the political situation at present, which has an impact in terms of questions like the support available to the church as we begin the Warm Spaces work with Churches Together. In the midst of uncertain and anxious times, the risk is that we end up reacting to events as opposed to responding calmly and with a clear head, especially in the political arena. Evidence from numerous such occurrences in many different contexts shows that anxiety all too readily leads to scapegoating and hostility, and in that kind of environment, it's vulnerable minorities that suffer the most.

Thus, while I have no desire to do my own impression of Mystic Meg, it seems not unreasonable to assume that the weeks leading up to Christmas will be tough for many. As Christians, we have a responsibility not to lose sight of the fundamental truth of all people mattering in the eyes of God regardless of any way in which they may differ from us, which in turn means we have a responsibility to model what it means to love our neighbours as ourselves and to challenge those things which lead to hardship and distress.

Perhaps most importantly of all, however, is the need to offer hope. Now, I appreciate that this might sound like a hand-waving exercise of its own, and to be clear, I'm not advocating sticking our fingers in our ears whilst whistling 'every little thing's gonna be alright'. Rather, hope is something concrete; it starts when we put God's love into practice by standing up for marginalised people and those who are suffering, when we hold those in power to account, and when we show that basic kindness and civility are still possible even in such an angry and polarised nation.

So, whatever November brings, may we be people of hope. God knows, our world needs it.

Every blessing, Karl

Spotlight's Safeguarding Space

Liz Edwards is the Safeguarding Officer for New Malden Methodist Church.



The **Methodist** Church 

Church Family News

Jane Bennett is now in Rosclare Residential Home, 335 Ewell Road, Surbiton KT6 7BZ. She would welcome visitors.

We are sad to report that **Murray Bridges** died on 6th September of prostate cancer. He died peacefully and out of pain, surrounded by family.

Update on **Andrew Warner**

Hilary is delighted to report that her father's mental state has greatly improved recently. He's getting to grips with his computer - and his beloved finances - again after having forgotten how to even turn it on and off. After all manner of tests and medication the latest GP advice resulted in him going completely "decaff" with remarkable results. He's been cooking meals, tidying rooms and reclaiming the tasks that always used to be "his". This week they went out for a pub lunch - his first non-medical outing for three months. Last Sunday he celebrated holy communion along with the live stream from Winchester Cathedral. Hilary and her parents are very grateful for the support and prayers they've received from her friends at NMMC and the Prayer on the Streets team.

Unfortunately now Dell, Hilary's mother is now having some health issues so please continue to remember the family in your prayers.

We all wish to send very many congratulations and much love to **Robert Elves and Caroline Auty** who got married in a quiet family ceremony on 1st October.

Caroline writes: As you can see it was a small family affair but we'd like to thank everyone from church who passed on their good wishes once the news was out! We'd also like to thank Isabel for playing her violin so beautifully while we signed the registers. It was her first wedding gig though we haven't actually paid her as yet. Shout-out too to the team at Noura, the Lebanese restaurant at the Triangle. They couldn't have been more relaxed and helpful, the food was plentiful and magnificent and they let us use their private room at no extra cost....unlike some other places we could mention. Married life is treating us well though we do wonder what elderly relatives will talk about at Christmas now we've finally tied the knot.

Neither Caroline nor Robert will be changing their names so no need to update address books!



October News

Fundraising

An impressive amount of money was raised for three charities:

Friday 30th September Macmillan coffee morning raised £370.07;

Saturday 1st October Pakistan Flood Appeal coffee morning raised £371.60; and

Sunday 2nd October donations after the Harvest of the Sea fish finger sandwich lunch raised £170.00 for Water Aid.

Many thanks to all who were involved in organising and supporting these three events and raising such a magnificent amount.

Harvest of the Sea

Thank you to those who decorated the church for our sea-themed harvest, and to Hannah Moore and Jennifer Morton for their baking skills to make the harvest loaf.



What a day!

Ellie and Tom's married life could not have got off to a better start than the beautiful wedding that NMMC gave them on Saturday 8th October.

The service was the perfect balance of solemnity and fun, with good readings, sermon and prayers, and wonderful music. All rounded off with tea and coffee and an impressive table of cakes. Everyone who came felt welcomed and included, many saying it was the best wedding they'd ever been to!

The whole occasion was one of joy and love and we are hugely grateful to all who helped to make the day so special, whatever the contribution, from arranging flowers and preparing the church, participating in the service, making tea and cake, and clearing up. Thank you so very much, one and all.

With love from Sarah, Dave, Hannah, Ellie & Tom



The bride and her proud Dad arriving with the bridesmaids – Ellie's sister Hannah, Tom's sister Charlotte and Ellie's friend Ruby (and maybe the mother of the bride peeking through the window!)



Mother of the bride & Karl (sporting his new stole)



Photo by Lynsey Grace Photography



The magnificent spread



The Perkins and the Moores



Groomsmen and Bridesmaids



Photo by Lynsey
Grace Photography

A stop on the walk down to the reception at the Royal Oak.



Circuit News

New Children and Families Worker for Surbiton Hill Methodist Church

We are very pleased to share the good news that we have appointed a new Children and Families Worker for SHMC to follow on from the excellent work done by Sharon Lloyd. Bronwyn Coveney (known as Bron) has been a Lay Worker in the neighbouring Teddington Circuit for the past 8 years. Before that she worked as a Teaching Assistant and an Animator.

Bron comes to us with a great deal of experience working with volunteers to run activities for children and families. She brings many creative skills to the role – expect to see a little magic (she is also a children's entertainer). Bron is experienced in leading worship with all ages and a Methodist Local Preacher. She will begin working with SHMC from mid November.

Appointment of New Superintendent Minister

With Stan due to retire next summer we are looking for a new minister and superintendent to join us in Sept. 2023. The "stationing process" which matches ministers and churches is quite complex and is run as a series of rounds. The first round of matching is in early November, the second early December and the third in January. If we are not matched with a minister in the first round we move on to the second and so on.

Please pray for :

Circuit Stewards – they have overall responsibility for the process

Circuit Invitation Committee: a group representing all four of our churches who make the final decision on whether or not to invite a minister

Station Matching Group - a committee for the wider church which looks at all the ministers on the move and all the vacant appointments and make initial matches between them.

Did you pass 'O' Level? Do you know the French word for 'rusty'?



If you have any interest in starting informal French conversation sessions, please have a word with Molly or Alison. Possibly to take place on the afternoon of the 2nd Friday of each month, alongside the Board Games.

Lunchtime Concert – Tuesday 18th October

The second lunchtime concert of October featured two young Ukranian vocalists, Dariella Moskalyuk (soprano) and Oleksii Zasyadko (bass). Accompanied by two of our favourite pianists, Alison and Peter Bullett, they entertained us with operatic areas and some Ukranian folk songs. Projected translations on the screen showed us that folk songs can have similar themes the world over. The performances drew warm appreciation from the audience during which the singers always turned to express their thanks to the accompanying pianists; a delightful and courteous touch. The programme also included piano duets from Alison and Peter either on one or two pianos with excerpts by Puccini, Mascagni, Rossini and the Russian composer Modest Mussorgsky.

Projected captions were used again to guide our promenade around the Pictures at an Exhibition and the mixture of many talents combined to make a very enjoyable event. I left with a feeling of pleasure after hearing something of both Russian and Ukranian talent working harmoniously together to provide an enjoyable concert. Sadly it also emphasised the tragedy and futility of the current illegal conflict between those two nations.

Aubrey Allen

Community Larder

As part of our response to the cost of living crisis we have started a 'Community Larder' in Wesley's to help local people who are finding it hard to feed themselves and their families. The idea is that donations are made by those who are able so that members of our community can take what they need.



Warm Spaces

We are joining with some other churches in New Malden to advertise ourselves as a 'warm space' for people to come and enjoy over the winter months as per the flyer overleaf.

A Warm New Malden Welcome!



Churches Together
in Malden

**Looking for somewhere warm and friendly to spend time
in New Malden? You are very welcome at:**

Mondays:

New Malden Methodist Church, 49 High Street, 11am to 1pm

Tuesdays:

New Malden Baptist Church, 1A Westbury Road, 3pm to 8pm (from 1st Nov)

New Malden Methodist Church, 49 High Street, 11am to 1pm

Wednesdays:

St James Parish Church, Bodley Road, 11.30am to 1.30pm

New Malden Methodist Church, 49 High Street, 11am to 1pm

Thursdays:

New Malden Methodist Church, 49 High Street, 11am to 1pm

New Malden United Reformed Church, Malden Road, 11am to 2pm

Fridays:

St Joseph's Catholic Church, 1 Montem Road, 11am to 3pm (from 4th Nov)

New Malden Methodist Church, 49 High Street, 11am to 1pm

Some Useful Numbers

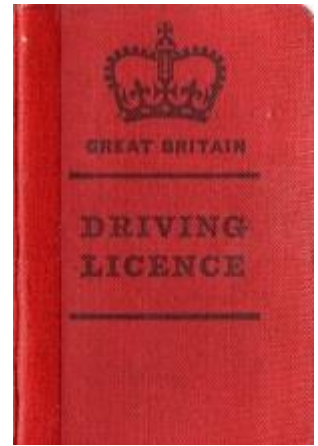
Christians Against Poverty (Debt Advice)	0800 328 0006
Kingston Churches' Action on Homelessness	020 8255 7400
Kingston Citizens Advice	020 3166 0953
Kingston Domestic Violence Hub	020 8547 6046
Kingston Food Bank	020 8391 1100



Information correct as of 11th October

Family History from a Driving Licence

Before I left to get married, my parents and I had many homes, all in the general area of the Home Counties. I could remember many of these but not the dates we were there or the details of the addresses. I have now spent some time studying my mother's old driving licence languishing among a lot of family 'stuff'. The licence dates back to 1934. In those days driving tests were not required; licences were issued by the local council on an annual basis and cost 5 shillings (25p) per year. Details were written in by a council officer and my mother was 'hereby licenced to drive a Motor Vehicle of any class or description'. Yes – motorcycle, car, trolley bus, 3-ton truck, JCB, tank – anything! between the dates on the licence. A renewal simply required a visit to the local licencing office and the payment of the annual fee. I can recall my mother being authorised to drive anything well into her 70s before the regulations were tightened.



The addresses on the licence have given me a chronological list of all our family homes from 1934 to 1972 excluding some war years when cars and petrol were not available and the licence was allowed to lapse. I now have the addresses and reasonably accurate dates of when we lived in Barmouth Road, Wandsworth; Pentland Street, Wandsworth; Seaforth Gardens, Stoneleigh; Atbara Road, Teddington; Station Road, Hampton; Guy's Corner, Hillingdon; Gainsborough Road, New Malden; Brigstock Road, Thornton Heath; Van Dyke Avenue, New Malden and Purley Way, Waddon.

Pam and I were married when my family home was in Waddon and we have now had four homes of our own, three in New Malden.

I can now add my own boyhood recollections to each of these old addresses and the family history makes more sense when the chronology and dates are correct – all obtained from a driving licence dating back nearly 90 years.

Alan Vincent

Ukrainian Concert Sunday 27th November 3.00pm

Oleksii Zasiadko (Bass) was born in 1994 in the city of Kamianka. He studied guitar at school and at the end of the 10th grade he entered the Oleksandriysky College of Culture. In 2015 he received a diploma as an organizer of mass theatrical festivals and ceremonies. He is now studying opera at the Odessa National Academy of Music where he has taken part in all-Ukrainian and International vocal competitions. In 2019 he won the 10th All-Ukrainian vocal competition named after Oksana Petrusenko, Kherson.





Dariella Moskaliuk (Soprano) was born in 1997 in Donetsk. After finishing her initial education, she entered the Donetsk College to further her vocal studies, but at the start of the Russian aggression in the region in 2014 she transferred to another college in Chernivtsi. Since 2017 she has been a student at the Odessa National Music Academy where she has taken part in Ukrainian and International competitions and also met Oleksii. They have been together for 5 years.

Early this year, deciding to take a break from their operatic studies and in order to gain valuable practical experience, Oleksii and Dariella joined an opera company touring many cities in the UK such as Bournemouth, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Dublin, giving 78 performances of Carmen, Tosca and Madame Butterfly over the course of 105 days. This was a wonderful experience for them, but with the outbreak of the war in Ukraine, they have effectively been stranded in the UK since May. Fortunately these charming and talented young singers have found a friendly and supportive host family; neighbours of Liz Edwards. They have found part-time jobs to help support themselves and have taken part in a variety of musical events from impromptu appearances at the Fire and Iron Gallery in Leatherhead to taking part in Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral.

Since being introduced to Alison and Peter they have made many friends at the church, and on October 18th they delighted an audience here by their lively and dramatic singing of operatic arias and folksongs in a lunchtime concert (see review.) They are now preparing for a larger event on November 27th, also in this church, which will feature all-Ukrainian music and musicians and is being organised specifically to raise funds to help and support Ukrainians who are prevented from returning home, and to support the work of the Babysya Galyna Fund (<https://www.facebook.com/people/Babusya-Galyna-UK-Fund/>)



Tickets, price £10, will be available very shortly on-line and in Wesley's. Watch out for the publicity and please tell your friends about it.

(Please note: although this concert will take place on a Sunday afternoon from 3 - 4pm and will be followed by tea and cake, it is a special event and not part of the Music in New Malden series.)

Alison Bullett

Lunchtime Concert Tuesday 15th November 1.10 pm

Alan Maries (clarinet) and Peter Bullett (piano) will play Brahms's Clarinet Sonata in F minor Op.120 No.1 and pieces by two English composer's – Ralph Vaughan Williams, whose 150th anniversary falls this year, and Gerald Finzi.

Music in New Malden – Autumn Concerts

20th November 2022

John Payne (clarinet), Mary Mundy (cello) and David Syrus (piano) formerly associated with the Royal Opera House – will play clarinet trios by Beethoven and Brahms.



11th December 2022

The Harmonie choir directed by Peter Bullett, Music for Autumn and Christmas including Fantasy on Christmas Carols by Vaughan Williams, Blest pair of Sirens by Parry and Autumn Sketches by Bond.

Christmas Fair

This will be on Friday 25th November 4.30pm -7.00pm

The usual stalls and fun will be in evidence with favourites like books, puzzles, jewellery, crafts and decorations.

Plus the ever popular soft toy tombola, chocolate tombola and so much more.

To make this a tremendous success we need YOU to help and donate.

There will be the basket in Wesley's to collect any of the above (PLEASE NO Bric-a-Brac or videos), so look out your books, toys, puzzles, DVDs, soft toys, jewellery, or knit and sew for the craft stall. Donations for the lucky dip are needed in advance so they can be wrapped the Friday before.



Help on the day is essential so please sign up so we know who is available and can allocate a specific space. Please do not presume we know because you always come! If you cannot

man a stall, could you help with the clearing away after 7.00 or help set up during the morning? It all takes longer than you think so the more the merrier!

Knitted Angel

Here is an easy (even I can do it!) pattern for an angel which we can sell at the Christmas Fair and then hide around New Malden for people to find as a token of joy for our community. Julia Morton

Head and Body

Cast on 36 stitches using double knitting yarn and size 3mm needles. Knit 3 rows.



(K2 tog, knit 7) repeat 3 times, 32 sts. Knit 1 row. Purl 1 row.
(k2 tog, knit 6), repeat 3 times, 28 sts. Knit 2 rows. Purl 1 row.
(Knit 2 tog, knit 5), repeat 3 times, 24 sts. Purl 1 row. Knit 2 rows.
(K2 tog k4), repeat 3 times, 20 sts. Purl 1 row. Knit 2 rows.
(K2 tog, knit 3), repeat 3 times, 16 sts. Purl 1 row.
(K2 tog), repeat across row, 8 sts. Purl 1 row.
Kfb in each st, 16 sts.

Starting with a purl row stocking stitch 7 rows.

K2 tog across row, 8 sts. P2 tog across row, 4 sts.

Thread yarn through these 4 stitches and from the wrong side sew up the back seam. Put a little stuffing into the head of the angel and then sew a row of running stitches around the neck and pull tight.

WINGS:

Cast on 21 stitches on size 3mm needles. K 1 row from RS.

Then work short rows as follows:

* K 7, turn and K back, K 1 row over all sts *, repeat from *-* 6 times in total.

* K 2 tog, K 6, turn and K back, K 1 row over all sts *,
repeat from *-* until there are 15 sts on needle.

*K 2 tog, K the rest of row *, repeat from *-* until 9 sts remain, cast off.

Sew wings to the back of the body with a line of stitches down the middle of the angel.



Saturday 19 November

**Hundreds of churches.
Thousands of people.
One big quiz.**

Get together with your friends, family and community
for an epic evening of poverty-beating fun.

Up and down the UK, people will be gathering for the ultimate quiz
extravaganza – all in the name of ending poverty for good.
And you can be part of it!

St John the Divine, Kingston Road, New Malden, KT3 3RX
Please arrive at 7.45 for 8.00pm.

Snacks will be provided but please BYOB.

Teams of 5/6 are welcome or just come and find a seat !
Entry is free but donations (your choice) are welcome.

Every pound raised at the Big Quiz Night will help
transform the lives of people living in poverty.

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Diary Dates – November

Wednesday 2 nd	3.00pm	Hymn Singing at Speirs House
Thursday 3 rd	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Creative Arts Group
Saturday 5 th	10.00am – 12	Wesley's – UK & Korean animal welfare charity – Sung Young Park
Tuesday 8 th	2.30pm – 4.00pm	Bereavement Café
	7.30pm	Wives & Friends – Knitting & Sewing for Kingston – Dr Kate
Friday 11 th	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Board Games Afternoon
Saturday 12 th	10.00am – 12	Wesley's – Toilet Twinning – Pam Bugeya
Tuesday 15 th	1.10pm – 1.50pm	Lunchtime Concert
Thursday 17 th	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Creative Arts Group
Saturday 19 th	10.00am – 12	Wesley's – NMMC – Alison Bullett
	7.45 for 8.00pm	Big Quiz Night (see flyer)
Sunday 20 th	3.00pm	Music in New Malden
Tuesday 22 nd	7.30pm	Wives & Friends – Crafts for Christmas
Friday 25 th	4.30pm	Christmas Fair
Saturday 26 th	10.00am – 12	Wesley's – Inner Wheel
Sunday 27 th	10.30am	Gift Service
	3.00pm	Ukrainian Concert

Christmas Services

Sunday 27th November 10.30am Gift Service



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

Sunday 11th December 10.30am Pop-up Nativity

A 'scratch' service telling the familiar story in a fun and informal way.



Sunday 18th December

10.30am

Lessons & Carols



The traditional Nine Lessons & Carols service, but as the Sunday morning service.

Wednesday 21st December

7.30pm

Blue Christmas

A quiet contemplative service for people finding Christmas difficult due to disappointment and bereavement.



Saturday 24th December

5.00pm

Christingle



A lively family service. Fun for all the family.

Saturday 24th December

8.00pm

Communion Service

Sunday 25th December

10.30am

Christmas Morning Family Service

Other Events

Sheep Trail

The knitted sheep will once again be 'lost' in the High Street and will all return to the fold for Christingle.



Christmas Fair



Friday 25th November 4.30pm – 7.00pm

Cakes and other baked goods

Hot Sausage Rolls

Knitwear & Crafts

Books & Puzzles

And much more!

Jams/Preserves

Cuddly Toy Tombola

Raffle

Toiletries & Jewellery

Christmas Tree Festival

Saturdays 10th, 17th & 24th December: 10.00am - TBA

Weekdays: 11am – 1pm when Wesley's is open



Coffee & Carols



Saturday 24th December

11.00 Coffee & Carols

Carol singing in the High Street.

Circuit Plan

		CHESSINGTON 10 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>					
06 November	am	M Wakelin: HC	Webb	J Wakelin	Brown 4.30pm Fullbrook PP
13 November	am	M Wakelin: R	Davis R	Rutledge R	10.45 Brown at war memorial
20 November	am	M Wakelin: C	Rutledge HC 6pm M Wakelin	Chun	Brown HC
27 November	am	Webb	Brown Gift Service	Rutledge Gift/HC	Bridges
Abbreviations ACM: Annual Church Meeting B: Baptism C: Contemporary Service		HF: Harvest HC: Holy Communion JP: Joint Parade PP: Praise Party SRL Service of Remembering		R: Remembrance T: Time to Remember Service	
Worship Books		Methodist Worship Book (Holy Communion only)	Methodist Worship Book (Holy Communion only)	Methodist Worship Book (complete)	Methodist Worship Book (complete)
Bibles		NIV	GNB	NRSV	NIV
Music (Projection by arrangement)		Hymns & Psalms Songs of Fellowship 1-3	Singing the Faith Songs of Fellowship 1-3	Singing the Faith	Singing the Faith Hymns & Psalms Let's Praise 1-2
Online services (follow links) Chessington: 10am Sunday: YouTube: Chessington Methodist Church Kingston: Sundays & YouTube: Windows on Worship New Malden: Sundays & YouTube: Windows on Worship Surbiton Hill: 10.30 Sundays. YouTube: Surbiton Hill Methodist Church					
Ministers' Day Off: Stan: Saturday; Karl: Monday. Mark works part-time and can usually be contacted Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.					
Preachers Meeting: <i>To be arranged;</i> Circuit Meeting: 8pm on 8 September; 8pm on 17 January					

Next Spotlight Issue

Please send all submissions to Sarah Moore at nmmc@hotmail.co.uk (or in my church pigeonhole).

I am happy to receive anything you think might be of interest: memories, news of members, advice for life, poems, photos, recipes etc.

The new A5 printed layout seems to have been popular so it's here to stay!

The deadline for the November issue will be Wednesday 30th November.
