



**New Malden
Methodist Church**
*At the **heart** of the High Street*

Spotlight

November 2021

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Church Family News

We are very happy to report that Julie Haines was discharged from hospital on Friday 22nd October. She is thrilled to be allowed home to continue her rehabilitation there.

Summary of October Sunday Notices

Churches Together in New Malden

CTiM are planning to set up 'Prayer on the Street'. The plan is to gather with two or three other people just once a month for 2 hours on a Saturday morning outside Waitrose in the High Street. There would be a banner offering a chance to talk, be listened to and have prayer, if they should wish. Even if no one takes up the offer, it will not be time wasted as the volunteers will pray between them for blessings on the residents, families and businesses in New Malden. It would also be a chance to show the care and love of Jesus to those who might need Him most.

If you are interested in joining this initiative or just want to find out more please speak to Hilary Warner. The next planning meeting is on Tuesday 16th November at 8pm in Wesley's (TBC) and will include some training in this type of prayer.

Thank you

We have had a letter from the Fircroft Trust expressing their thanks for the £733 donation they have received in memory of Maurice Chattle. As we all know, the pandemic has been the cause of so many people struggling with their mental health and the Fircroft team have had to be very creative in finding ways to support people. They are very grateful for this donation which will go towards their mental health services.

Surbiton Methodist Ladies Badminton

We play on Wednesday afternoons at 1.30pm in the Upper Hall at SHMC. We currently have a few places available and would welcome some new members.

Please ring Margaret on 020 3754 9021 or email hines58@hotmail.co.uk if you are interested.

Operation Declutter

Over the next two to three weeks we are undertaking a decluttering of the Church, postponed from 2019 for obvious reasons. We are now in urgent need of storage space for current activities and

with many of our cupboards, rooms and communal spaces containing items which have not knowingly been used for a long time, it is an opportunity to rationalise.

If you "own" a cupboard, we are asking you to have a critical look at what is in there, decide what is going to be used within the next year and what should be disposed of. A member of the Property Committee will be contacting those "owners" we know about to have a conversation, but if you have an item in a communal space which you wish kept, it is important you contact us (NMMCPROPERTY@hotmail.com) to let us know by Sunday 5th December, otherwise it may not be there the next time you look!

Julia and Peter

Kingston Community Refugee Sponsorship

KCRS is sponsoring a Syrian family that will be arriving soon and living in Kingston. It is important that they improve their ability to converse in English. KCRS is looking for volunteers who would be willing to meet regularly with the mother and/or father to help them become familiar with the area in which they are living – shops, buses, parks, etc. – and to give them an opportunity to practice conversational English among other tasks. If you might be interested to volunteer some of your time then contact Enrique Marten, the Volunteer Coordinator, at kcrsvolunteers@gmail.com.

Lessons and Carols Sunday 19th December 2021 at 10:30am

This year we are taking a slightly different approach to the music at our annual service of Lessons and Carols. The service will be in the morning when we will still hear the Christmas story and there will be the opportunity for everyone to sing a good number of our favourite carols.

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

Rehearsals will take place, distanced, in Church on two Saturday mornings:

Saturday 11th December	10:15 – 11:45
Saturday 18th December	09:45 – 11:15

The earlier start on 18th is so we can have a break and a coffee before the Coffee and Carols (Community Carols) at 11:30.

Peter Bullett

Report on the development proposals for the former Tudor Williams site as they affect NMMC

The planning application by Rocco Homes for a Part 9-storey and Part 5-storey building (21/00880/FUL MAR21) is currently the subject of an appeal by the developer against RBKuT for failing to determine the application within the prescribed time limits, their having rejected an approach by RBKuT for a 4-week extension to "allow it to set out its reasoning as to why it would have refused the application."

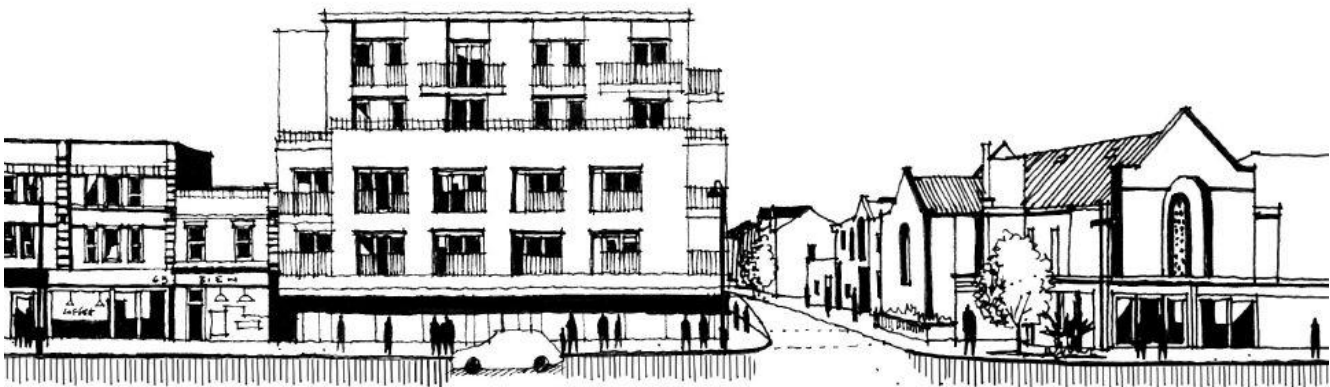
The appeal is due to be heard from 14DEC21 and the grounds cited by RBKuT are:

1. There will be a clear and substantial net loss of employment capacity, contrary to development plan policy, without justification.

2. The development plan, consistent with national policy and guidance, requires housing proposals deliver a certain level of affordable housing (and where viability tested “the maximum”), and seeks a certain rented: intermediate split. The Appellant’s offer is below that sought by policy and does not achieve the preferred split, without justification.
3. Similarly, the appeal scheme would fail to secure the delivery of at least 30% of the proposed residential units as 3 bedrooms or more, as expected by the development plan, without justification.
4. The proposed development would be an incongruous addition to the area that would fail to achieve a high quality of design to justify the change in character and would cause harm to local character and appearance in circumstances.
5. The proposed tall building would not make a positive contribution in immediate and mid-range views and would serve to undermine genuine landmark buildings and legibility within the wider urban context.
6. The proposal would result in the provision of some poor quality flats namely single aspect units with sealed windows without any evidence to demonstrate that they would not be at risk of overheating or achieve adequate ventilation and these units would have no access to useable private amenity space.
7. The applicant has not submitted a robust fire safety statement by a third party suitably qualified assessor detailing how the proposal will function in terms of paragraphs 1-6 of part B of Policy D12 of the London Plan.
8. The proposal would not provide sufficient play space on-site to meet the needs of the predicted children.
9. No legal agreement to secure early and late stage review mechanisms to ensure the maximum delivery of affordable housing has been submitted.
10. No mechanism to secure financial contributions for offsite delivery of the shortfall in short stay cycle parking has been submitted.
11. No mechanism to secure the required net-zero carbon offsetting payment has been submitted.

Our understanding is that should the grounds for the appeal be upheld, the appointed Planning Inspector could then adjudicate the application using all the submissions already made by interested parties.

In parallel, Rocco Homes has made four further applications to adapt the existing building to commercial use and flats **21/02865/PAMA, 21/0279/FUL, 21/02780/FUL & 21/02854/PAMA**. These cover change of use, the demolition of the recessed fourth storey, the addition of two storeys of flats and reconfiguring the exterior of the building (chiefly windows and balconies). A developer's sketch is shown below:



While lower than the previous scheme along about half our southern boundary, with the top two storeys slightly set back, it is some 6m taller than the existing parapet which would mean that any shadow falling on our walls would be up to 6m taller and shadows which at present do not reach the kerb on our side of the road, might well have an impact on our windows, particularly in the winter months. Their 3D model shows the building in relation to NMMC and the surrounding buildings in Cambridge Road and the High Street.

We have just made further submissions on these four applications on behalf of NMMC. As before we have indicated that we are not opposed to the development of the site in principle: indeed, we would support the following:

- ▶ **Redevelopment of the site**
- ▶ **The variety of possible complementary retail units**
- ▶ **The street-scaping to the High Street and Cambridge Road**
- ▶ **Sussex Place renewal**
- ▶ **Provision of affordable housing**
- ▶ **Community use element on the ground floor**



We still have concerns about the new proposal, the reduced height of which, compared with the original, does not significantly ameliorate them:

▶ **Reduction of sunlight and daylight**

Overshadowing of our worship space, nursery, flat, Wesley's (coffee area) and Memorial Garden would increase significantly – particularly in the hours around noon when Wesley's and the Memorial Garden get maximum use.

▶ **Overlooking – the windows and gardens of properties within a large radius**

We raised previously with the developer possible child-protection issues as regards our nursery playground. They have not responded with a revised section, our having supplied accurate location plans, for the original application nor have they produced one for the recent application.

▶ **Impact on parking and traffic congestion**

Although the number of residential units is reduced to 33 compared with the 49 of the part 9 and part 5 proposal, all our concerns expressed in response to 21/00880/FUL are still relevant and valid. Cambridge Road has parking on both sides. Following GLA policy, no on-site parking is to be provided despite census data showing 53% of flatted properties in the local area have cars, equivalent to 17 of the 33 proposed flats.

We summarised our general and specific objections as follows:

We object to this planning application in its current form because of the mass and height of the building and the adverse impact this will have on ourselves and on our neighbours for the reasons given above and the incompatibilities with London-wide and Borough planning policy documents and the Kingston Review Panel Report we have cited in our submission on 21/00880/FUL 26APR21.

We have dealt in some detail with the particular impact of the present proposal on NMMC in terms of **Reduction of Sunlight and Daylight** above. We have not commissioned an internal light survey of our buildings to subject the Applicant's predictions of light levels within our rooms to professional scrutiny. In our view, this makes any adjudication of the planning application assuming Sunlight and Daylight would meet minimum recommendations unsafe.

It remains to be seen what the reaction of Planning Officers will be to the latest proposals, whether Rocco Homes withdraws its appeal before December, whether it withdraws its original application, and what consultation by the developers will be offered on the latest proposals. We keep you apprised of developments!

Peter Bullett 24OCT21

Christmas Services



Sunday 28th November

10.30am

Festival of Lights

Sunday 5th December

10.30am

Gift Service

Donations of luxury goods for Food Bank (as in previous years)

Sunday 12th December

10.30am

Nativity

'A Lad in a Manger'. A simple and straightforward radio play/panto type nativity.



Sunday 19th December

10.30am

Lessons & Carols

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

Tuesday 21st December

7.30pm

Blue Christmas

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



Friday 24th December

5.00pm

Christingle

Led by Julia. Entrance by ticket only so that we can monitor the numbers.

Friday 24th December

8.00pm

Communion Service

To replace 11.45pm service.

Saturday 25th December

10.30am

Christmas Morning Service

Sunday 26th December

NO SERVICE

Sheep Trail

This will happen as normal!!



Christmas Fair 'Lite'



Saturday 4th December

10am – 1pm

Christmas Fair 'Lite'

We are not able to hold our fair in the same way as we usually do due to the continuing presence of Covid and our need to keep ourselves and our neighbours safe. For this reason, there will not be a parade in the High Street this year to switch on the Christmas lights.

However, we felt that it would be good to do something and have decided to have a reduced Fair on Saturday morning, 4th December to coincide with the Farmers' Market in the High Street.

Stalls will be quite far apart in the Sanctuary. Sanitiser will be readily available and staff and stall holders will wear visors. Customers will be asked to wear masks and a one-way system will be operated.

The one thing that remains the same is our appeal for helpers to set up on the Friday evening before, man stalls on the Saturday and clear up afterwards on the Saturday.

The stalls we hope to be able to have are listed below. If you have any donations to any of these stalls, please bring them to the church office.

Cakes and other baked goods

Hot Sausage Rolls

Raffle

Christmas Stall

Jams/Preserves outside weather permitting

Cuddly Toy Tombola

Books & Puzzles

Knitwear & Crafts

Toiletries & Jewellery

Christmas Tree Festival

Saturdays 11th & 18th December: 10.00am - TBA

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

We are very much hoping that this will go ahead this year.



Coffee & Carols



Saturday 18th December 11.30 – 12.00

Coffee & Carols

Carol singing in the High Street.

To prove that Julie has not lost her sense of humour, she has sent these 😊

Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Compiled by Max Bowen

Vera's Linked Miscellany Quiz

NB. What is the connection between the answers to this quiz?

1. What name is given to the rocky island off the south coast of Cornwall, home to a Benedictine priory and connected to the mainland by a tidal causeway?
2. How was the Young Pretender more commonly known to his Jacobite supporters?
3. Which character was played by Richard Wilson in 'One Foot in the Grave'?
4. During which month does St Andrew's day fall?
5. What name, meaning 'snowy range', is given to the mountains found in the Andalusia region of Spain?
6. Which Asian country is the seventh largest in the world by area?
7. With which song did Martha and the Muffins have their only UK hit?
8. Which word describes both a radioactive particle consisting of two protons and two neutrons and a dominant male?
9. In which battle were French forces defeated by General James Wolfe in 1759?
10. What was discovered by William Röntgen in 1895?

Diary Dates - November

Friday 5 th	10.30am – 12 noon	Friday Fellowship
Saturday 6 th	10.00am – 12 noon	Wesley's – Women's Institute
Tuesday 9 th	2.30pm – 4.00pm 7.30pm	Bereavement Café Wives & Friends – Introduction to Flower Arranging & Art
Saturday 13 th	10.00am – 12 noon	Wesley's - Friends of Kingston Music Society - Caroline Auty
Sunday 14 th	3.00pm	Music in New Malden – Guildhall School of Music & Drama Historical Performance Students
Monday 15 th	7.00pm	Kingston District Chamber Music Society concert
Tuesday 16 th	1.10pm	Lunchtime Concert – Norman Starritt (cello) and Peter Bullett (piano)
Saturday 20 th	10.00am – 12 noon	Wesley's - Korean British Cultural Exchange
Tuesday 23 rd	7.30pm	Wives & Friends – Our Collections
Saturday 27 th	10.00am – 12 noon	Wesley's - Inner Wheel

Next Issue

Please send all submissions to Sarah Moore at nmmc@hotmail.co.uk (or in longhand through my door or the church door 😊), no later than Wednesday 24th November.

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

Circuit Plan

		KINGSTON 10.30am	SURBITON HILL 10.30am	NEW MALDEN 10.30am	CHESSINGTON* 10am
31 October	am	Mark Wakelin	Lorraine Webb	Karl Rutledge: HC	Stan Brown
	pm		4.30pm Stan Brown: PP		Mark Wakelin: AS
07 November	am	Stan Brown	Hannah Chun	Judith Wakelin	Mark Wakelin: HC
	pm		5pm Stan Brown: SR		
14 November	am	Karl Rutledge: R	Stan Brown R 10.45am at war memorial	Linda Davis: R	Mark Wakelin: R
21 November	am	Mark Wakelin	Stan Brown: HC	Karl Rutledge	Judith Wakelin: C
	pm		5pm Stan Brown zoom		
28 November	am	Sally Rush	Denis Vernon	Karl Rutledge: FoL	Stan Brown
* Korean Language Service at Chessington on Sundays at 12.00 noon led by Rev Paul Han					
Online services (follow links) Chessington: 10am Sunday: chessingtonmc.online.church ; YouTube: Chessington Methodist Church Kingston: Sundays & You Tube: Windows on Worship New Malden: Sundays & You Tube: Windows on Worship Surbiton Hill: 10.30 Sundays YouTube: Surbiton Hill Methodist Church					
Worship Books		Methodist Worship Book (Holy Communion only)	Methodist Worship Book (complete)	Methodist Worship Book (complete)	Methodist Worship Book (Holy Communion only)
Bibles		GNB	NIV	NRSV	NIV
Music (Projection by arrangement)		Singing the Faith Songs of Fellowship 1-3	Singing the Faith Hymns & Psalms Let's Praise 1-2	Singing the Faith	Hymns & Psalms Songs of Fellowship 1-3
Notes & Abbreviations AS: All Souls Service; C: Contemporary Service; HC: Holy Communion; FoL: Festival of Lights; PP Praise Party; R: Remembrance; SR Service of Remembering Holy Communion: to be arranged locally at the discretion of each church and minister					
Ministers' Day Off: Stan: Saturday; Karl: Monday. Mark works part-time and can usually be contacted Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.					