



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



Spotlight

September 2023

Message from Karl

At the time of writing, we are almost two-thirds of the way through 2023, and for me it feels like the time has flown by! The arrival of September heralds the beginning of a new Methodist year, and so this is a good time to take stock of things as we look ahead to the future. There is no doubt that the need to replace the church's boilers has cast a shadow over the past few months, not least as it looked like the project would cost a vast amount beyond our immediate capacity, so it is a great relief that we appear to be closing in on a far more achievable solution. With the immediate future of the building looking more secure, we can turn our eyes towards more positive matters.

Hopefully many of you have now met Lee Monczakowski, who is the newest member of our staff team. She is here to help us develop our mission and outreach, and in particular to lead us forward in making the most of being at the heart of the High Street and in enhancing the work of Wesley's. Lee is a great asset and brings lots of energy and experience, so please support her both through your prayers and in volunteering where you can. I am very grateful for the myriad ways in which so many of you already contribute to the life of this community, and I hope that we will continue to be joined by new volunteers over the course of this year, allowing us to do more.

Certainly, we find ourselves in a challenging context. It is good that we can offer schemes like the Bags of Hope, the Community Larder and free drinks in Wesley's for those who require them, but the need for such things gives us a glimpse into the hardships of the cost-of-living crisis and the relative poverty that can easily go unnoticed within a predominantly affluent borough such as Kingston. As the nights draw in once again and we need to call upon our new boilers to keep us warm(!), we will again join with other churches in New Malden in offering warm spaces for people in the community. Just being here matters and makes a real difference.

One of my priorities for this Methodist year is beginning to think about succession planning, and how to ensure our work is sustainable in the longer-term as I embark upon the final

third of my time with you, which assuming I do not get asked to move earlier by the President of Conference means three more years here. That may sound like a long time, but my experience of the past couple of years shows how fast things race along, and it is really important that the relationships I have built up do not fall apart when I move onto my next appointment. Hence, you will hear more from me in coming months about consolidating existing projects, and looking towards what you want to take forward as you ponder the gifts and graces you hope for in my eventual successor.

And so, as we step forward into the future with faith, please pray for wisdom, energy and discernment for me and for the church's Leadership Team. These are exciting but challenging days, and we all need God's guidance to know where best to use our energies and gifts. May God help us all to grow and to flourish together, so that more people in New Malden may glimpse God's love in and through the life of our church community. After all, everything we do comes down to that love which Jesus calls us to rejoice in and to share freely.

Blessings, Karl

Spotlight's Safeguarding Space

Our church is part of the Kingston-upon Thames Circuit which in turn is part of the London District of the Methodist Church. The District is responsible for safeguarding in all of its Methodist churches and therefore have requested information. In a letter I received it said,



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*We are not expecting all the standards to be 'fully met', by any means; however, it is a requirement within the Methodist Church Safeguarding policy that: **'A programme of audits or other means of assessment is instituted to establish compliance, good practice and issues that require attention.'** Therefore, we are looking at this review as a work in progress and a way of being able to create an overall picture of safeguarding practice across the District, that we can all work together to improve upon.*

I have recently completed the two online audits and would say that we are in a pretty strong position with regard to our safeguarding policies & procedures but as with any audit some areas for development have been identified! I will be liaising with Karl, Sarah & the Leadership Team over the next few months to further strengthen our position so that all who use the premises, spend time in Wesley's or worship here know they are in a safe space.

Liz Edwards, Safeguarding Officer

Annual Church Meeting Sunday 10th September 12.00pm

If anyone has any ideas for how we might continue to develop our mission and outreach then please let Karl and/or Lee know in advance of the meeting and if anyone has any good news stories to share, similarly please let us know.

Church Family News

Jean Bedford's family would like to thank everyone who attended her service in July and contributed to the £800 donated to The Stroke Association.

Message from Joy Clarke

Joy Clarke and family would like to thank all those who sent cards, letters and phone calls to them on the sudden death of Alan. It was such a shock. We greatly appreciated your expressions of sympathy and love.

We held a thanksgiving service on Monday 24th July at Rustington Methodist Church and we were pleased to see some familiar faces from New Malden. Thank you for coming and sharing the service with us. Our love, Joy.

We are sad to report that **Sue Bradley's** Dad died last week. Please remember Sue and all the family in your prayers.

Plans are coming together to hold a memorial service for **Kunashe Mwenye** in church on the afternoon of Saturday 9th September. Further details will appear in the Sunday Notices, when known.

Congratulations to **Isabel Elves** for passing her Grade 7 piano exam (ABRSM Performance) with a Merit.

Coming as it does, only a few months after her Distinction at Grade 6, this is a magnificent achievement. Some of you may have heard Isabel playing before a church service a few weeks ago, and we are all looking forward to hearing her play both piano and violin on Sunday (27th August) at the Marathon event. Well done Isabel; we are all very proud of you.

'Not just the tonic'

We would like to thank everyone who attended our "not just the tonic" summer evening - a whopping £220 was raised for the boiler fund. We very much enjoyed sharing our collection of ..er...gin....and were pleased that some people left the evening fully converted to the joys of a G and T. Thanks to those who supplied extra tonic and biscuits too. The only slight disappointment was that we still can't fit all our bottles in the drinks cupboard so we might have to repeat the format. Next time we'll pick an evening without the Biblical type deluge at the end.

Caroline & Robert

A huge thank you to Caroline and Robert for their excellent hosting and also to Isabel who was hosting but not drinking gin. Also to Ollie the dog for behaving himself and making a few friends for life. We look forward to the next one! Sarah Moore (the gin convert)



Make Lunch

We continued to provide Bags of Hope to a small but very grateful number of families during the summer break. Quote from one recipient "I'm often hungry".

Thanks to all those who have helped support this cause especially the Dons Trust.

Julia Morton



Calling all knitters

Can you please help make a knitted nativity for the **ONLY** raffle prize at the Christmas Fair at the end of November?

We have the pattern.

Please see Julia if you can help.



Harvest Lunch



Following the success last year, we will once again be having Fish Finger Rolls after the Harvest Service on Sunday 1st October.

Please look out for the sign-up sheet, and put your name down for catering purposes.

Malden Camera Club

If you thought you had missed the Malden Camera Club Annual Exhibition don't worry, you haven't, because we changed the date!

It will be held on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th September 10am – 5pm

Everyone welcome.



Come and join the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 29th September

Wesley's Coffee Bar 10-1pm

Please note we are opening early



Donations of cakes, savouries, jams and preserves required please.

Please support this cause and bring a friend.

Request from the Treasurer

I will cease to be Church Treasurer at the end of August and at present there is nobody to take over this role.

There is one part of the job which gives me cause for concern. As you will all be aware, there are no longer any banks in New Malden. We are able to pay in cheques at the Post Office, but cash has to be taken to Kingston to be paid in.

Over the past few weeks we have been raising funds for the new boilers and this has increased the amount of cash which needs to be paid in. If we pay in more than a certain amount in cash in a month, the bank actually charges us a fee!

I know that there are a number of people who make their offertory in cash on a Sunday. Some may well have previously used the envelope system which we stopped using because it had become uneconomical. It would be very helpful if those giving cash would switch to paying by standing order. It would also help the Finance Committee when preparing their budget.

Please consider this. If you were able to change to a standing order system the church's bank details are as follows:-

CAF Bank Sort Code: 40-52-40
 Account No: 00032530
 New Malden Methodist Church

Gloria Taviner

Walk with Blind Ramblers Club

As a member of Kingston Ramblers, I have done many beautiful walks with them in London and in all the home counties. I have also completed a number of trails on my own including the North Downs Way and the London Outer Orbital Path.

But 2-3 times a year our group organise and lead a walk for the London Blind Rambling Club. Earlier this year I was privileged to volunteer to escort a blind man named James. It was a walk of 10 miles from Beckenham to Nunhead and based on sections of the Green Chain Walk. Surprisingly quite tough for London! It started in pouring rain but cleared up after half an hour thankfully. In the park at Crystal Palace we encountered life sized models of different dinosaurs 🦖 - quite a sight if not expecting it !

The man I had responsibility for had only very recently lost his sight. He knew it would happen eventually as it is an inherited condition and other members of his family had succumbed much younger than he. Thanks to his employer arranging various adaptations for him at his work station he is still able to continue working at the moment.

I carefully manoeuvred James up and down steps, over tree roots and avoiding overhanging branches - I got clobbered several times but thankfully he didn't !

I asked what he got out of such a walk as he couldn't see. He told me it was to be outside to feel the wind, hear the rustle of leaves on the trees, the smell of flowers and hear birdsong. All the things I would have guessed I suppose.

At the end of the walk all we volunteers were thanked for a lovely day out. It was a very humbling experience. Such bravery and cheerfulness and laughter. Something I doubt I could ever hope to match in their situation. I hope to more of these walks in the future.

Unfortunately I seem to have lost my photos of the day but am including an unrelated photo from a walk I did on a recent Saturday as it's quite iconic.

Know where it is?

Clive Edwards



Exciting News from Wesley's Community Hub!

Wesley's Cafe has some exciting updates to share!
Starting from Monday October 2nd, we are extending our opening hours from 10 AM to 2 PM.



Our heartfelt thanks go out to our dedicated volunteers at the Café and the social groups.
As our community hub grows, we're dedicated to offering more wellness programs, fostering connections among neighbours/residents, and promoting both physical and mental health.

Introducing Our New Wellness Project 'Walking With Nature Group'

Our first walk on the 22nd August was a success with 15 participants enjoying the beauty of nature and each other's company.

Our next walk is on Tuesday, the 29th, before 10:30 AM at Wesley's. Bring your friends!



Be a Part of Wesley's Mission

We're inviting you to dedicate just 2-4 hours per week to help in our cafe or activities.

Calling All Church Members - new members and those who supported us before the pandemic, we invite you to join us once again in fulfilling Wesley's mission. Your contribution can improve our services, sharing love and bringing joy to our community. Listen closely - His calling to make a difference.

“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” Hebrews 13:16

Every blessing, Lee Monczak (Development Officer)

Stay Connected with Wesley's!

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

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

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

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

Our bothersome boilers!



This month marks the anniversary of one of our boilers failing when called upon to supply our heating for another winter. If a week is a long time in politics, this past year has at times rather seemed to encroach on eternity! However, the good news is that last week Argonaut Heating, who currently maintain our central heating, were commissioned to replace both boilers, line our chimney for a new flue, clean the circulation pipe-work, separate it from the new boilers with heat-exchangers to prevent any contamination and test the timers and circuits which programme heating for our various spaces. This work will be completed in September, with any luck before the onset of cold weather in the Autumn. This will provide welcome

certainty for us and our hirers of a warm building for what we hope will be many years to come.

From 11th September, workmen will be on site based in the Boiler Room and the kitchen (Lounge), using the Minister's parking space for deliveries and the green doors from Cambridge Road for access to the building. Arrangements will be made for this to cause as little disruption as possible, but you may come cross them when at the back of the Church and I know everyone will be as helpful and welcoming as possible as they carry out this vital work for us.

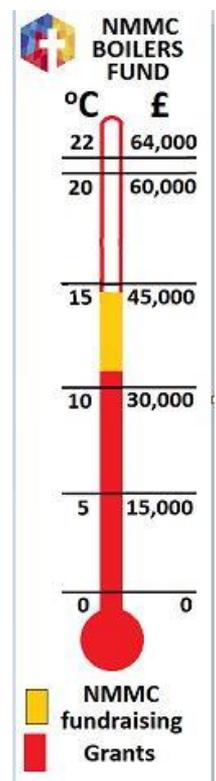
A project of this size inevitably comes at a cost and I am delighted to be able to report that we have already made excellent progress in raising and securing the funds needed. The apt thermometer of progress shows £34k of the £64k total has attracted grant funding from Circuit, District and the Benefact Trust (Methodist Insurance) and we ourselves have already raised nearly £9,000 from a wide variety of events and donations since March. The shortfall is underwritten by our reserves, which leaves us with just over £20,000 to raise over the next year. A number of our prime fund-raising activities have already been ear-marked for this purpose as without heating during some six months of the year our very varied services and activities could not continue. We have estimated our premises are used for some 2,500 person hours each week, I think making the description community hub entirely appropriate.

There are too many people to thank by name who have helped us reach this point, but the support of the Heating Committee and of the Church Council has been pivotal, as have the countless individuals who have got stuck in for coffee mornings and many other initiatives to ensure we are in the strong position we now find ourselves. I have every confidence we will raise the shortfall in short order!

Peter Bullett (Property Co-ordinator)

Music Marathon :The Big Push

Exactly 3 years ago, on the August Bank Holiday weekend in the Middle of Lockdown, we flung open our front windows and gave a 'distanced' concert from inside, relayed to friends



and neighbours who kindly came and listened in their deckchairs in our hastily-tidied front garden. Several performers and many different instruments were involved, and the audience gave generously to a charity benefiting musicians who were suffering financially from the complete lack of performance opportunities during Covid.

This year we are no longer restricted, thank goodness, and we are putting on a rather more ambitious and elaborate event, styled as a Music Marathon. The tenuous reference comes from the fact that it goes on a long time, takes a lot of effort and involves approximately 26 musicians, each of whom will perform for 15 mins in the Church. The idea is that people will drop in and out through the afternoon – although of course we would be delighted if you stayed for the duration – to enjoy music of all styles and genres in a relaxed and informal environment.

You will not be surprised to learn that this time the worthy cause is the replacement of our boilers! Sterling (!) efforts have been made for several months to this end, and you will see above the ‘thermometer of progress’ towards our target of £66k, (also displayed in Wesley’s). With grants, coffee mornings, gin evenings, quizzes and generous donations, we have made very significant progress toward this target, which already seems more manageable than it did even a few weeks ago.

The Music Marathon is one of the biggest Fund Raisers we shall be organising as a Church and as a community. Community is after all at the heart of our Mission on the High Street, and the replacement of our boilers is of course not just so that 45 people can be cosy on a Sunday morning, but so that all our many functions can continue to happen in comfort for many years to come, serving as many people as we can possibly reach out to in our various activities and events.

We do need your support, so please come along if you can possibly do so. There will be food and drink available throughout the 5 hours and the music is varied, with something for all tastes. Most instruments are represented (though, sadly, at the time of writing we do not have a guitar, recorder, double bass, trombone or sax) and the performers range in age from 13 to several times that. The Grand Finale will be provided by ‘our’ Ukrainian singers Dasha and Oleksii who promise to get us all singing in some surprise items.

There will be opportunities to donate or sponsor particular items on the day – including a special Debut appearance by Karl. If you cannot attend, please send a friend instead, and consider making a donation so that the total justly reflects the efforts and generosity of all our talented friends. We are aiming to make £1000 and I am very confident we can get there with a bit of help from everyone. Let the music flow, and let’s all ride this wave of Excitement and Optimism!

My thanks to all the people ‘behind the scenes’ too - the cooks, administrators, servers and general dogsbodies, without whom this idea would have died where it began; in my head.

Alison Bullett

And if you still need convincing!! Here is the running order.

Composers include Beethoven, Chopin, Elgar, Mozart, Gershwin, Lloyd Webber plus some jazz standards, light classics and popular songs.

Time	Forename	Surname	Instrument
11:40 am	Alan	Worth	Piano
11:50 am	Alison, Peter & Karl		Piano
12:00 pm	Stefan	Bown	Violin
12:15 pm	Linda and Maggie	Bridges	Piano Duet
12:30 pm	Kingsley	Norton	Trumpet
12:45 pm	Linda	Bridges	Piano
1:00 pm	Caroline	Auty	Horn
1:15 pm	Isabel	Elves	Piano and Violin
1:30 pm	Clare	McEvoy	Clarinet
1:45 pm	Stephen	Westrop	Organ
2:00 pm	Norman	Starritt	Cello
2:15 pm	Joashua and Louis	Ferro	Viola and Flute
2:45 pm	Judith	Flint	Piano
3:00 pm	Rory and Jamie	Zweimueller	Violin, Flute, Piano
3:30 pm	John	Irving	Piano
3:45 pm	Peter	Anning	Flute
4:00 pm	Cynthia	Betts	Oboe
4:15 pm	Maddy	Stonehewer	Bassoon
4:30 pm	Hazel	Crossley	Violin
4:40 pm	Dasha	Moskalyuk	Soprano
4:40 pm	Oleksii	Zasiadko	Bass

NMMC Diary Dates – September

Friday 1 st	7.30pm	Welcome service for Revd Hannah Chun at Wimpole Road Methodist Church, Colchester, Essex CO1 2DL
Saturday 2 nd	10.00am – 12.00pm	Wesley's – NMMC in aid of the Boiler fund
Tuesday 5 th	2.30pm – 4.30pm	Wives Cream Tea (Wesley's)
Thursday 7 th	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Creative Arts Group
Friday 8 th	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Board Games Afternoon
Saturday 9 th	10.00am – 12.00pm	Wesley's – Pam Bugeya for Evalina's Children's Hospital
	Afternoon (time TBC)	Memorial service for Kunashe Mwenye
Sunday 10 th	12.00pm	Annual Church Meeting (after the service)
Tuesday 12 th	2.30pm – 4.00pm	Bereavement Café
Friday 15 th	10.00am – 5.00pm	Malden Camera Club Exhibition
Saturday 16 th	10.00am – 5.00pm	Malden Camera Club Exhibition
Saturday 16 th	10.00am – 12.00pm	Wesley's – Malden & Coombe Flower Club
Sunday 17 th	5.00pm for 6.30pm	Welcome service for Vindra Maraj-Ogden Refreshments from 5.00pm, service at 6.30pm
Tuesday 19 th	1.10pm – 2.00pm	Lunchtime concert An organ recital by Peter Bullett
Thursday 21 st	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Creative Arts Group
Saturday 23 rd	10.00am – 12.00pm	Wesley's – Inner Wheel for MacMillan
Sunday 24 th	12.00pm	Church Council Meeting (after the service)
Friday 29 th	11.00 – 1.00pm	Wesley's – Julia's Macmillan coffee morning
Saturday 30 th	10.00am – 12.00pm	Wesley's – our Woofs & Miaows UK
Sunday 1 st	10.30am	Harvest Festival service followed by Fish finger rolls
Monday 2 nd October	10.00am – 2.00pm	Return to four hourly opening hours for Wesley's (see Lee's article) Please sign up to help!

Music in New Malden

Plans are almost complete for next season, with the first concert – a recital by Julian Hellaby (piano) – scheduled for Sunday 8th October at 3pm.



Next Spotlight Issue

Please send all submissions to Sarah Moore at nmmc@hotmail.co.uk (or in my church pigeonhole). As you can see from this month's eclectic mix, I am happy to receive anything you think might be of interest: memories, news of members, advice for life, poems, photos, recipes etc.

The deadline for the September issue is be Wednesday 20th September.



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 exact dates for the September sessions were not known at time of printing but they will be published in the Weekly Notices.

October Church Social: Photography and Afternoon Tea

When the autumn colours are on full display, Karl is planning to run an afternoon of photography in Richmond Park and would love you to join him.

Come along with your camera – doesn't need to be anything fancy, and a mobile phone is perfectly ok – and take photos in beautiful surroundings.

It will be on Wednesday October 18th from 2.30pm, and we will meet outside the Pembroke Lodge café for an hour of taking pictures, followed by afternoon tea. Each person will be invited to submit their best photo to go in the November edition of Spotlight.

If anyone can help providing lifts, please let Karl know.



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 September	M. Wakelin: HC	Rutlidge	Bridges & S. Lloyd: AAW	Maraj-Ogden: HC
10 September	J. Wakelin	Maraj-Ogden: AAW/HC	Rutlidge: ACM/HC	M. Wakelin Coveney: PP 4.30pm
17 September	M. Wakelin: C	Rutlidge: ACM	Stonehewer	Maraj-Ogden
<i>6.30pm Welcome Service for Rev Vindra Maraj-Ogden at SHMC</i>				
24 September	LA	Rutlidge: AAW/HF	LA	Maraj-Ogden HF/PD
01 October	M. Wakelin: 11am HF/Joint FPS	Bridges & S. Lloyd	Rutlidge: AAW/HF	Maraj-Ogden
	No Service	No Service	No Service	Coveney: PP 4.30pm
08 October	M. Wakelin: HC	Rutlidge: AAW/HC	Maraj-Ogden	D. Lloyd
15 October	J. Wakelin: C	Fullbrook	Rutlidge: HC	Maraj-Ogden: HC
	No Service	M. Wakelin: HC	No Service	No Service
22 October	Rutlidge	Stonehewer	Rush	LA
29 October	Bridges	LA	D. Lloyd	Maraj-Ogden
	No Service	No Service	No Service	Maraj-Ogden: SR 5pm
05 November	M. Wakelin: HC	Maraj-Ogden: AAW	Webb: AAW	Vernon
	J. & M. Wakelin 4pm SR	No Service	No Service	Coveney: PP 4.30pm
12 November	M. Wakelin: R	Rutlidge: R/HC	J. Wakelin: R	10.45: Maraj-Ogden: R (WM)
19 November	S. & D. Lloyd: C	M. Wakelin	Rutlidge: HC	Maraj-Ogden: HC
	No Service	Rutlidge	No Service	No Service
26 November	Maraj-Ogden	Rutlidge	Fullbrook	Stonehewer
Abbreviations				
AAW: All Age Worship		HF: Harvest Festival	PP: Praise Party	
ACM: Annual Church Meeting		HC: Holy Communion	R: Remembrance Sunday	
C: Contemporary Service		LA: Local Arrangement	SR: Service of Remembrance/Time to Remember	
FPS: Family Parade Service		PD: Pastoral Visitors Dedication	WM: At War Memorial	

Circuit News

Sunday 17th September – a busy day for the Circuit and Surbiton Hill

On September 17th at 2.30- 4pm an Afternoon Tea with musical entertainment will be held at the Surbiton Hill MC tennis club (between 11-13 Manor Drive KT5 8NE). This event has taken place over the years and has always been a great success.

The SHMC church pianists - Linda Bridges and Margaret Turner along with a violinist, Desmond Cecil, will lead the musical entertainment. Delicious food, great music and plenty of chat make the afternoon a great way to raise money for Palliative Care in Sierra Leone. Do pop in at any time during the afternoon.

Donations of £10 , paid either in cash or by card would be gratefully accepted.

Also on Sunday 17th September is the Circuit service to welcome our new Superintendent Vindra Maraj Ogden which will be at 6.30pm at Surbiton Hill. Refreshments will be available BEFORE the service at 5.00pm, not afterwards as previously advertised, as some people are coming a long way.

What the Elves family did on their holidays

A couple of quirky religious elements to our holiday.



This year we visited Washington DC and New York and noticed a couple of quirky facts about some of the churches we saw. Just next to our hotel in DC stands the church of St Stephen the Martyr and as we were so close we felt obliged to pop in. I was very glad did...as well as being a charming church there was a memorial plaque to President John F Kennedy on one of the pews as he was a regular worshipper during his presidency. There were also photos in the church lobby of JFK leaving the church.

We also visited the National Cathedral in DC, scene of VERY IMPORTANT episode of the West Wing, end of season 2 if you really want to know. It's neo gothic and really beautiful with some lovely stained glass. Including a space window which celebrates the US role in space travel and has a piece of lunar rock in the middle. Fabulously, it has a Darth Vader gargoyle. Apparently there was a competition in a children's magazine to design some replacement gargoyles, and guess what...



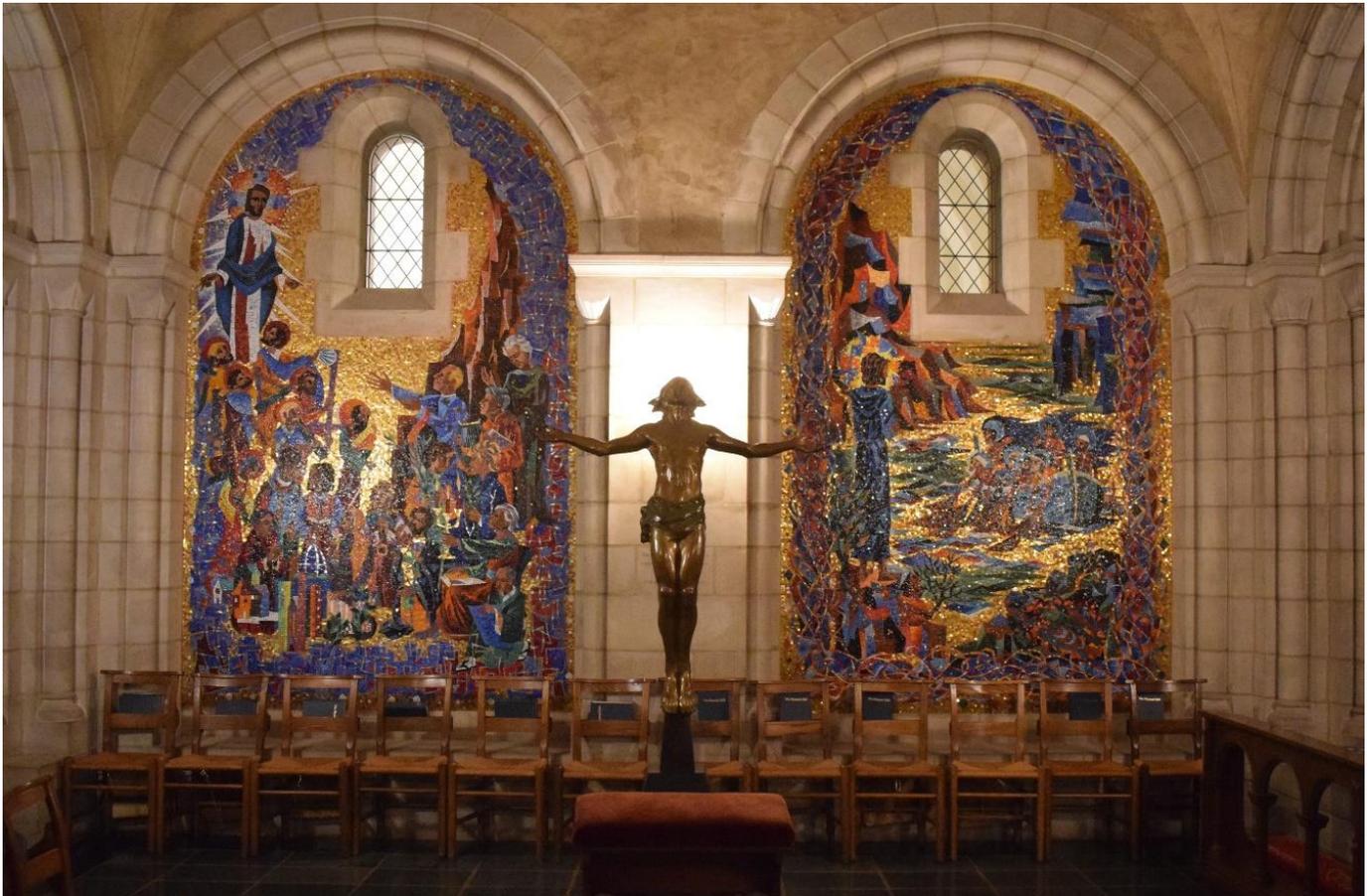
The photo is taken from the cathedral website as it's currently obscured by scaffolding!



A stained glass window in the National Cathedral.

The building looks as old as the nation but the stained glass is unashamedly modern.

The photo below is from the resurrection chapels in the crypt of the National Cathedral.



We also visited St Patrick's cathedral in New York, scene of many film shot, including one of the Godfather movies. Best of all, the Knowles's put us onto St Bart's on Park Avenue (pictured right).

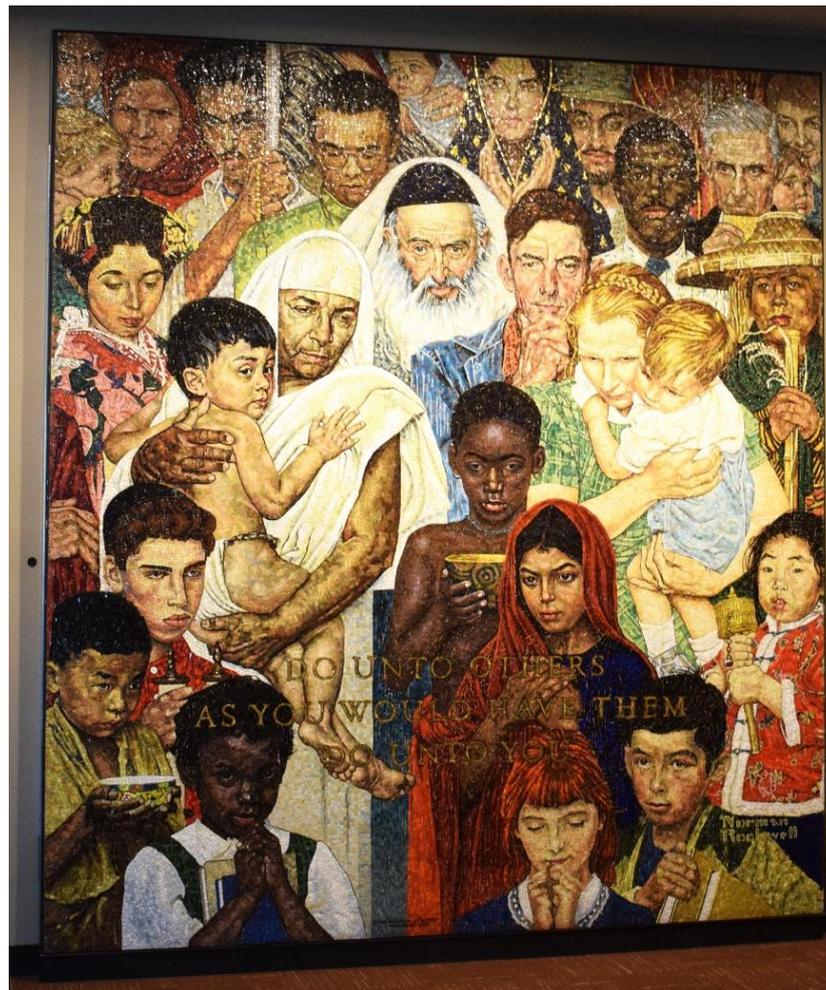
This had all sorts going on as it was Summer Saturday and Park Av was closed to traffic. But we got the impression it was a very happening church with a nice terrace for coffee after the services.



A couple of more secular highlights were



From the Library of Congress



This is from the United Nations. The wording reads 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you'.

The Glory of the Garden by Rudyard Kipling

Our England is a garden that is full of stately views,
Of borders, beds and shrubberies and lawns and avenues,
With statues on the terraces and peacocks strutting by;
But the Glory of the Garden lies in more than meets the eye.

For where the old thick laurels grow, along the thin red wall,
You'll find the tool- and potting-sheds which are the heart of all
The cold-frames and the hot-houses, the dung-pits and the tanks,
The rollers, carts, and drain-pipes, with the barrows and the planks.

And there you'll see the gardeners, the men and 'prentice boys
Told off to do as they are bid and do it without noise;
For, except when seeds are planted and we shout to scare the birds,
The Glory of the Garden it abideth not in words.

And some can pot begonias and some can bud a rose,
And some are hardly fit to trust with anything that grows;
But they can roll and trim the lawns and sift the sand and loam,
For the Glory of the Garden occupieth all who come.

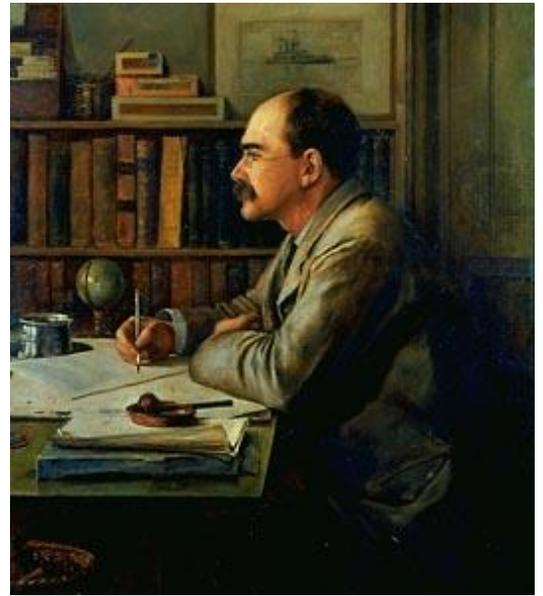
Our England is a garden, and such gardens are not made
By singing:-'Oh, how beautiful,' and sitting in the shade
While better men than we go out and start their working lives
At grubbing weeds from gravel-paths with broken dinner-knives.

There's not a pair of legs so thin, there's not a head so thick,
There's not a hand so weak and white, nor yet a heart so sick
But it can find some needful job that's crying to be done,
For the Glory of the Garden glorifieth every one.

Then seek your job with thankfulness and work till further orders,
If it's only netting strawberries or killing slugs on borders;
And when your back stops aching and your hands begin to harden,
You will find yourself a partner in the Glory of the Garden.

Oh, Adam was a gardener, and God who made him sees
That half a proper gardener's work is done upon his knees,
So when your work is finished, you can wash your hands and pray
For the Glory of the Garden that it may not pass away!
And the Glory of the Garden it shall never pass away!

Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936) was a writer who could entertain children and adults alike with such books as *The Jungle Book*, *Plain Tales from the Hills*, *The Just So Stories*, *Puck of Pook's Hill*, and countless others. He was also a hugely popular poet and won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1907. His now dated colonial stance and political views have led to a drop in his popularity in modern times, but the well-known poem **IF** was voted the UK's favourite of all time in a poll in 1995, and several phrases have passed into our national heritage... One is 'Lest we forget' from his poem **Recessional**, and the one that springs to my mind, from *The Elephant's Child*, is the wonderfully alliterative 'Great grey green greasy Limpopo river (all set about with fever trees)'.



So let's not cancel him completely.

If

If you can keep your head when all about you,
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too ...

This poem was first published in Kipling's volume of short stories and poems, *Rewards and Fairies*, in 1910. Stoicism looms large in Kipling's poem – that is, the acknowledgment that, whilst you cannot always prevent bad things from happening to you, you *can* try and deal with them in a good way.

The Female of the Species

When the Himalayan peasant meets the he-bear in his pride,
He shouts to scare the monster, who will often turn aside.
But the she-bear thus accosted rends the peasant tooth and nail.
For the female of the species is more deadly than the male ...

This 1911 poem's last line is often quoted. Focusing, as we might expect from a Kipling poem, on animals as well as humans – the Himalayan bear and the cobra are both mentioned – Kipling concludes that women are deadlier than men in many cases. Misogynistic fear, or feminist affirmation of women's power?

Additional Interesting Facts about Kipling

1. He used the word Grinch long before Dr Seuss and also introduced the word 'cushy' into the English language. Born in Bombay in 1865, Kipling spent much of his childhood in India, and knowledge of Indian culture and the country's various languages can be found in his work. The earliest known use of 'cushy' in a work written in English appears – as *khushi* – in a piece published by a young Kipling in 1887. He used it to mean 'relaxed', but it later

came to mean 'comfortable and undemanding'. In original Urdu, the word means 'pleasant' or 'good'. 'Squidgy' also makes its debut in Kipling's work, in 1891, as does 'stinky' (from *Plain Tales of the Hills*, 1888).

2. His first name wasn't Rudyard; it was Joseph. His middle name, Rudyard – literally, 'red yard' – was taken from Rudyard Lake in Staffordshire, and was the name by which he was known and under which he chose to be published from the 1880s when his first volume of short stories appeared (while Kipling was still only in his early twenties).

3. He used the idea of the 'daemon' over half a century before Philip Pullman. Kipling claimed that a 'Daemon' [helped him to write](#) *The Jungle Book*, which is probably his most famous work. In his final book, the autobiography [Something of Myself](#), he wrote: 'When your Daemon is in charge, do not try to think consciously. Drift, wait, and obey.' This 'Daemon' is a part of the author's personality which seems to take over and 'dictate' the story to the writer. (collated by Alison Bullett, with acknowledgment to Dr Oliver Tearle)

Continuing the literary theme (it's not just thrown together you know!) please find overleaf a literary quiz. Sadly no authors with the initials RK.

Coming Soon:



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

This perfect Christmas gift will be available soon – don't miss out!

Literary Quiz

For all those who love a quiz, including Kathleen Linehan and her mother.



The first initials relate to a title of a novel & the second initials relate to the author.

CCF/SG		
MD/VW		
M/GE		
UTGT/TH		
AK/LT		
PAP/JA		
TOMANTS/EH		
BNW/AH		
WH/EB		
TLTWATW/CSL		
MFM/WS		
TI/VH		
TGOW/JS		
SC/AC		
TKAM/HL		
TKR/KH		
LD/CD		
B/FS		
BB/AS		

Fun British Shop Names

Following the selection sent in by Sue Knowles for the June Spotlight, we have had a few more sent in.



The Moore family passed this fish & chip shop in Kidlington Oxfordshire and Beer Hive is a craft beer shop we spotted at Merton Abbey Mills.



Hannah Moore spotted this gift shop in Edinburgh



And on a recent weekend in York, Hannah had dinner at 'ATE O'CLOCK', although disappointingly there was not a table available at 8 o'clock.



For anyone wishing to combine their love for listening to Donna Summer and eating kebabs, Doner Summer is the place for you!



Nearer to home, Amazing Glaze have been fitting new windows in the Extension at church.

And Finally, the return of the caption competition

Please send in your suggestions





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12, 1hr 31m, 2019, Comedy drama
- Oct 17th** **'Keeping Mum'** - in Sanctuary
15, 1hr 43m, 2005, Comedy
- Oct 31st** **'Saving Grace'** - in Studio Theatre
15, 1hr 34m, 2000, Comedy crime
- Nov 14th** **'That Goodnight'** - in Studio Theatre
12, 1hr 32m, 2017, Drama
- Nov 28th** **'Golden Years'** - in Sanctuary
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- Dec 12th** **'Off The Rails'** - in Studio Theatre
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