

#### **Message from Karl**

Some things go in cycles, like the changing of the seasons we are beginning to see as the leaves turn yellow and reveal their autumnal splendour. One of the less attractive cycles I seem to find myself experiencing periodically is receiving spurts of e-mails attempting to defraud one of money and/or convince one to hand over bank details or other personal information. Usually, they take the form of either someone claiming to have a huge fortune about to go to waste when they die who has randomly chosen me as the beneficiary, or someone pretending to be somebody from my e-mail contacts who needs help. The day before writing this, an especially silly fraudster sent me a message claiming to be from me needing my help – that got deleted straightaway!

This got me thinking about a video I saw a few years ago of a TED talk, in which the presenter had decided to reply to one of these messages and lead the fraudster on, with the situation becoming progressively more ridiculous with each exchange! In the end, it transpired that what had driven the person to attempt to steal money was desperation, as they lived in a country without access to free healthcare and they had a relative who needed help. Now, obviously, cybercrime was not the way to go about solving this problem, but it does highlight how much one can take for granted in a context in which, for all the issues facing our public services, the individual's ability to pay is not generally what stops people accessing healthcare.

There's a beautiful picture in Isaiah 55:1 – 9 of the heavenly banquet, in which all the nations are invited to come to the holy mountain and eat and drink as much as they need without cost, an image echoed in the four New Testament accounts of Jesus feeding thousands of people in the wilderness and there still being twelve baskets of leftovers when everyone had eaten their fill. These passages and others are a reminder that the economics of the Kingdom of God are not the same as the so-called 'neoliberal consensus' which dominates much of current global thinking. We are used to being told there isn't enough of anything to go around – whether that's money to fund our public services or people to fill

the expected roles in churches – and hence to a model based on the politics of scarcity. However, God is a God of abundance and generosity.

Now, this piece is not a treatise on why one cannot actually make an accurate comparison between the finances of a household and a nation, and nor is it a lecture on Keynesian economics and the problems of Thatcherism, but it is an invitation to wonder. What would our church be like if we really believed and trusted in the abundance of God? How about our local community, our city or the nation as a whole? What would we see and hear and taste and smell? What would feel different, and how would we notice something had changed?

When we share together in Holy Communion, we catch a glimpse of this alternative economics: all are welcome at Christ's table without paying a penny, all receive from the same loaf of bread and bottle of wine so that there are no class distinctions or exclusive bonuses, and all equally receive God's blessing. There is no minimum level of service in the church required, no VIP lane where one receives less scrutiny than others, and no rewards or special treatment for being mates with the person presiding. All are welcome and worthy of nourishment, just as all are infinitely valuable to God. Next time you receive Communion, take a good look at the people around you; these are all so precious to God that Jesus of Nazareth lived and loved and died and rose again to bring them life, and God also did the same for you.

Perhaps, just perhaps, if our world paid more attention to the value of every single person in the eyes of God, without exception, and placed its trust in divine abundance rather than the hoarding and clinging onto resources that comes with the economics of scarcity, there would not need to be people desperately sending out crank e-mails trying to steal money, because more people would have enough. As someone once said, you may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one...

Every blessing, Karl

#### **Spotlight's Safeguarding Space**

I was chatting with a neighbour the other day who commented that she & her husband enjoyed popping into the Methodist Church for a drink as the people are always so friendly in the coffee bar. Wesley's is a popular place where everyone is welcomed.



The **Methodist** Church

It has come to my notice that recently those visiting have been asked to take part in a questionnaire by one of the customers which may lead to the giving of personal information. Should you be asked please politely decline & let me know.

Liz Edwards, Safeguarding Officer

#### **Church Family News**

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July Karl said goodbye on behalf of the church to **Ali Walsh** who has moved with her family, John Megan and Hannah, up to Nuneaton. They would welcome visitors! We all wish them all the very best in their new home. Please ask Sarah Moore if you would like their new address.

Mary Garrett would like to thank everyone for the beautiful church flowers that she received on Sunday 28th July following her husband's sudden illness and surgery. We are happy to report that George is now home from hospital and making good progress with his recovery. Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers.

Please remember **Robert, Caroline and Isabel** in your prayers following the death of Robert's mum after a short illness. They have a big Margaret-shaped hole in their lives and in particular Isabel has lost a very special grandma.

#### **Summary of other August notices**

#### First Aid

Would you like to learn First Aid? We are hoping to organise a one-off training session here in the Autumn. Please let a steward know if you are interested.

#### **Speirs House**

We are restarting Hymn-Singing at Speirs House, Traps Lane, on the first Wednesday of each month, starting on 4th September at the new time of 2.30.

Everyone is welcome, regardless of vocal quality; it is a lovely chance to sing some of the older well- known hymns for about 40 minutes and to share a cup of tea with the residents afterwards.

Lifts available from the church at 2.15.

#### **Church Directory**

I am currently working on updating the Church Directory and will give you a form over the next couple of weeks to amend your entry if you wish, or confirm that it is correct. Please let me know if you would like your contact details to appear in the directory.

Sarah Moore

#### Church contact information – website <u>www.newmaldenmethodistchurch.com</u>

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#### **Demystifying ... Membership and Meetings**

Welcome to the first of a short series of pieces trying to demystify some of the things we do in the Methodist Church that might not immediately make sense. This month, we are looking at what it means to be a church member, and what it has to do with the various meetings that punctuate the church calendar.

#### **Stepping Back in Time**

The principal founders of Methodism, John and Charles Wesley, never intended to start a new church; they were both ordained Anglican clergymen, who hoped to renew the Church of England from within. The label 'Methodist' began as a derogatory term, mocking the methodical behaviour and attitudes of the 'Holy Club' in Oxford to which the brothers belonged, as students at the university there. In seeking to put their faith into practice, they helped the poor, visited prisoners, cared for sick and challenged those in power, but also liked their clear rules and ways of doing things, hence the nickname. Later on, after the famous incidents at Aldersgate Street in 1738, in which their faith really came alive and they felt their hearts 'strangely warmed', the Wesleys found themselves at the forefront of a movement for spiritual renewal and revitalisation which would come to known as the 18th century Evangelical Revival.

The early Methodist societies were meant to complement the worshipping life of parish churches. They consisted of small groups called class meetings, in which members gathered in homes to pray for one another and hold each other to account, before coming together on Sunday evenings or afternoons (so as not to clash with parish services on Sunday mornings) to worship together. In order to be permitted to receive Communion at these wider gatherings, everybody needed a ticket to signify that they belonged to a class and were a member in good standing. This is the origin of the annual membership tickets given out every year, and of the ministry of Class Leaders (now often called Pastoral Visitors or Pastoral Friends). Over time, however, these Methodist societies eased away from the structures and authority of the Church of England, and via a long period of splits and tensions that there isn't room to outline here, the Methodist Church in Britain was formed in 1932. The Deed of Union is the key legal document governing what had now become a church/denomination in its own right.

#### **Membership Today**

The legacy of Methodism being an 'opt-in' organisation (as opposed to the automatic assumption of membership that underpins the Anglican parish system) is this concept of church membership.

Membership as it stands today reflects a dual commitment: to the Methodist Church in Britain, as a family of disciples held together by a shared passion for God's love for all people, and to a particular local church as a community putting this passion into practice through worship, learning and caring, evangelism and service. For most people, a local church will be the main focus of their sense of belonging, but local churches are also part of a wider structure:

Circuits: groups of local churches in a particular area, who share in mission and ministry, and to whom presbyters and deacons (the two types of Methodist minister) are stationed; Districts: groups of circuits across a wider geographical area. The Kingston Methodist Circuit is part of the London District, and accesses resources, support and expertise from this regional setup.

Conference: the Methodist Church's national decision-making body, made up of representatives elected by their Districts and those with other particular concerns and/or roles in the life of the Church nationally.

All of this means that, while our main concern will probably be with our particular local church, to be a member of the Methodist Church is to be connected to other Methodists throughout the country (and indeed the world, as there are Methodists in dozens of countries), which is why the term 'Connexionalism' is sometimes used. We are bound together as part of the Body of Christ, and called by God to love and serve others because God first loved us.

If you are not already a member and would like to find out more, speak to Karl. He will be happy to chat it through with you, and to answer any questions you have.

#### What is the Church Council?

One of the myths about membership is that becoming a church member means taking on legal responsibility for that local church, and in particular financial liability should something major go wrong. That is not true, because instead there is a governing body called the Church Council.

The Church Council consists of the Superintendent of the Circuit to which that church belongs, the Minister in Pastoral Charge and any other presbyters or deacons working in that church, particular officeholders such as the Secretary and the Treasurer, and those appointed by the local church. Anybody who is a member of the Methodist Church may offer to serve on the Church Council, and it is an important responsibility. The Leadership Team of the church, and its other committees, exercise the authority delegated to them by the Church Council, who act as what is called the Managing Trustees. Moreover, if the local church is also a charity (as is the case with Kingston and New Malden Methodist Churches, for example), Managing Trustees are also trustees of the charity and accountable to the Charity Commission.

The Church Council meets a minimum of twice a year (usually three or four times) for regular meetings, though urgent matters such as expensive building repairs may need addressing with extra (dramatically called 'extraordinary'!) gatherings as necessary. They make decisions, in consultation with the wider church community as appropriate, about the mission, ministry and governance of the local church and, as such, receive regular reports on practical matters such as mission planning, safeguarding, finance, pastoral issues and property matters. Anyone can come along to the meetings to observe and to contribute, but only Church Council members can vote. (Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September, after morning worship).

If you are up for being more involved in the life of the local church and are eligible to be a trustee of a charity (there are restrictions around bankruptcy, certain criminal convictions, etc.), then putting yourself forward to be on the Church Council is a great way to do that. Appointments are renewed every year, so while you can be on the Council for up to six years, you do not have to serve that full period of time. If you would like to find out more, do have a chat with Karl or anyone on the Council, or come along to observe a meeting and see what happens for yourself. (Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September, after morning worship).

#### What about the Annual Church Meeting?

In order that the congregation as a whole is connected to those representing them on the Church Council, it is the Annual Church Meeting (ACM) which appoints people to said Council, as well as hearing an overview of the past year and feeding into plans for the next. Do come along to the ACM, if you can, to make your voice heard and share your ideas for shaping our future mission (Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September, after morning worship).

Karl Rutlidge

#### Saturday in Wesley's

Julie Haines along with many NMMC helpers, bakers and of course customers have been raising money for several charities over the last few weeks. Around £200.00 has been made every week for each of the following charities: the hurricane in the Caribbean via Shelterbox; Action for Children; Raise the Roof; the Faircroft Trust and Tree Aid. The charity for Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August is Kingston Street Pastors

This is a fantastic achievement so a huge thank you to Julie and all the many supporters and contributors.

If you would like to raise a similar amount for a charity of your choice, please come and have a chat with Sarah Moore. There are several vacancies during the coming months.

#### Caroline's Jellies

I've been making lots of jellies but Julie says they don't sell with the marmalades so if anyone wants any, I can bring to church or deliver. Free obvs! 2 flavours this year - a very mild apple, chilli and ginger with just a touch of background heat. A spicier (but still only edging towards medium) apple, chilli, ginger and lemon grass.

Caroline Auty

#### **Next Spotlight Issue**

Please send all submissions to Sarah Moore at <a href="mmc@hotmail.co.uk">nmmc@hotmail.co.uk</a> (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, etc, by Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

#### Wesley's Community Hub

The Community Wellness & Cancer Awareness day on 22<sup>nd</sup> August was well attended and much appreciated by those who came. We have also hosted a children's craft morning which was great fun and much enjoyed by all the children (and grown-ups).

Many new people have been introduced to the delights of Wesley's through these initiatives which Lee has worked hard to set up so it is great that her hard work has been rewarded and that Wesley's is becoming ever popular with the local community.

New people also continue to join in with Tai Chi, the Walking Group, Knit & Natter and Short Tennis.

We plan to return to 4-hour opening (10am until 2pm) starting on Monday 30th September. Please sign up on the rota if you are able help.

Lee will be having some well earnt leave during September so help during that period would also be appreciated. If there are any key holders willing to come along and open up for volunteers please talk to Sarah (or Lee before she goes nmmc.wesleys@hotmail.com).

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

Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/wesleysnewmalden/">https://www.facebook.com/wesleysnewmalden/</a>

instagram: <a href="https://www.instagram.com/wesleysnewmalden/">https://www.instagram.com/wesleysnewmalden/</a>



Come and pit your short tennis skills with this formidable bunch on Thursday afternoons!

#### **Circuit Plan**

	CHESSINGTO	N	KINGSTON	NEW	MALDEN	SURBITON HILL
	10.00 am		10.30 am; 6pm	10.30 am		10.30 am
	Korean Language Service at Chessington on Sundays at 12.30 led by Rev Paul Han					
01 September	Maraj-Ogden: HC		D Lloyd	Rutlic	ge: AA	Bridges
08 September Vernon		Rutlidge: HC		Stonehewer		LA
						4.30: Coveney: PP
15 September Fullbrook: C		LA		Rutlidge: ACM/HC		Maraj-Ogden:
			Rutlidge			F/HC
22 September	Cocking		Rutlidge: AA/ACM	LA		S Lloyd
29 September Webb		Rutlidge: AA/H		Bridges		Maraj-Ogden: H
06 October	Maraj-Ogden: HK		S Lloyd	Rutlidge: AA/H		D Lloyd
						4.30: Coveney: PP
13 October	Rutlidge: HC		Vernon	LA		Maraj-Ogden: HC/P
20 October	S Lloyd: C		Rutlidge: AA/HC	Maraj-Ogden: HC		Vernon
	6pm: Circuit .	Service	: Maddy Stonehewer's Accreditation at New Malden			
27 October	Stonehewer		Bridges	Cocking		Maraj-Ogden: HC
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17 November	S Lloyd: C		LA: AA	Rutlidge: HC		LA
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Abbreviations	IL.			<u> </u>		
AA: All Age Worship		CF: Café Church		LA: Local Arrangement		
AC: Action for Children		F: Blessing: Children & Family Workers		PP: Praise Party		
ACM: Annual Church Meeting CF: Café Church		HC: Holy Communion H: Harvest			P: Pastoral Dedication RS: Remembrance Sunday Service	
C: Contemporary Service		HK: Joint Harvest Service with KCF		RSV: Remembering Service		

#### September event at Surbiton Hill

#### **Supporting Palliative Care in Sierra Leone**

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2.45pm – 4.45pm. Afternoon tea event with musical entertainment at Surbiton Hill Methodist church tennis club 11- 13 Manor Drive KT5 8NE. This event can be held indoors or outdoors at this venue so don't be put off by inclement weather!

We look forward to you joining us for some delicious food accompanied by music provided by Linda Bridges and Margaret Turner (our organists). This year they hope to include some community singing which should be fun. Donations of £10 would be appreciated as we continue to support the work of the palliative care team in Sierra Leone.

We do hope some of our friends from the circuit will join us and look forward to seeing you there.

Kathryn Ingham (inghamkathryn@hotmail.com)

#### **NMMC Diary Dates – September**

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Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 – 11.30am	Walking group			
	2.15 – 4.00pm	Wives & Friends Cream Tea			
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	1.00 – 3.00pm	Short tennis in the Upper Hall			
	2.00 – 4.00pm	Creative Arts			
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am – 12.00pm	Wesley's – Inner Wheel			
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Tai Chi			
	2.30 – 4.00pm	Bereavement Café			
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am - 12.30pm	Knit & Natter in Wesley's			
	1.00 – 3.00pm	Short tennis in the Upper Hall			
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 – 4.00pm	Board Games			
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am – 12.00pm	Our Woofs & Miaows UK-KR			
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	12.00pm	Annual Church Meeting (after morning worship)			
	2.30pm	Music in New Malden General Meeting			
	3.00pm	Music in New Malden concert (see page 10)			
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 – 11.30am	Walking group			
	1.10pm	Lunchtime concert (see page 10 for details)			
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	1.00 – 3.00pm	Short tennis in the Upper Hall			
	2.00 – 4.00pm	Creative Arts			
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am – 5.00pm	Malden Camera Club Exhibition			
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am – 12.00pm	Wesley's – VACANT			
		please see Sarah Moore to book			
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Tuesday 24th	THERE WILL BE NO Tai	THERE WILL BE NO Tai Chi class			
Wednesday 25	5 <sup>th</sup> 5.00pm	Copy deadline for next Spotlight issue			
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am - 12.30pm	Knit & Natter in Wesley's			
	1.00 – 3.00pm	Short tennis in the Upper Hall			
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am – 12.00pm	Wesley's – VACANT			
		please see Sarah Moore to book			
	6.00pm (or thereabout	s) Pre-Harvest Festival Quiz run by Caroline,			
		Robert & Isabel.			
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	12.00pm	Church Council Meeting (after morning worship)			

#### **October Dates for your Diary**

Our Harvest Festival service will be on **Sunday 6th October** followed by a lunch of jacket potatoes.



#### 20<sup>th</sup> October 6.00pm (5.00pm for refreshments)

The Accreditation service for **Maddy Stonehewer** will be held at New Malden Methodist Church. Please come along to support Maddy in her journey.

#### Music in New Malden

Music in New Malden's new season starts on 15th September with a programme of horn trios featuring our very own Samuel Middleton playing a rarely-heard work by Joseph Holbrooke. The following month, we are hosting a concert to raise humanitarian funds for Ukraine given by the internationally acclaimed pianist Margaret Fingerhut who has devised an attractive sequence of Ukrainian compositions. Tickets for this concert are unusually £15



to try to raise a substantial sum for this good cause – please encourage friends to come along. See the flyer for booking details and our other concerts till Christmas.

NMMC Lunchtime concerts kick off with an organ recital by Philip Berg, Master of the Music at The King's Chapel of the Savoy, at 1.10 pm on Tuesday 17th September with a programme of European composers from 19th to 21st centuries. An exciting and virtuoso organist, not to be missed.

Please see the poster on page 15 for more details of the Autumn concerts.

#### **All Saints Kingston Faith Talks**

The next in this series is on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm (bar open from 6.15pm). This free ticketed event is titled "The Economy, How do we build an economy that works for us all? It is a town hall style event with questions invited (and encouraged!) from audience members, as always, the talk will be recorded and available to watch on our youtube channel after the event. They are keen to have a broad "voice" in the audience (as in previous talks) with an open and honest debate about the Christian response to this issue our aim is to promote faith in the public square on the big issues of today. The main Speaker is Bishop Peter Selby.

Tickets can be obtained online (the talks are ticketed so a tally of numbers can be kept but totally free of charge) from.

https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/all-saints-church-kingston/t-gaeeqya

#### **Paris Olympics Quiz - answers**

- 1. Sport climbing (or bolted climbing)
- 2. Football and rugby
- 3. Three times (1900, 1924, 2024)
- 4. Rugby, or Rugby Sevens
- 5. Surfing

- 6. Canoeing
- 7. Johnny Weissmuller
- 8. Jean Rene Lacoste
- 9. Champ de Mars
- 10. 400 metres (330 metres in height)

- 11. Breaking, or breakdancing
- 12. Albertville
- 13. A cap (the Phrygian cap)
- 14. Stoke Mandeville (birthplace of the Paralympic movement)
- 15. Biathlon
- 16. Saint-Denis
- 17. Nike (the goddess of victory)

- 18. Marianne
- 19. She became the first ever individual female Olympic champion
- 20. Marseilles
- 21. Swimming
- 22. Olympic Village

#### A link with Noah's Ark

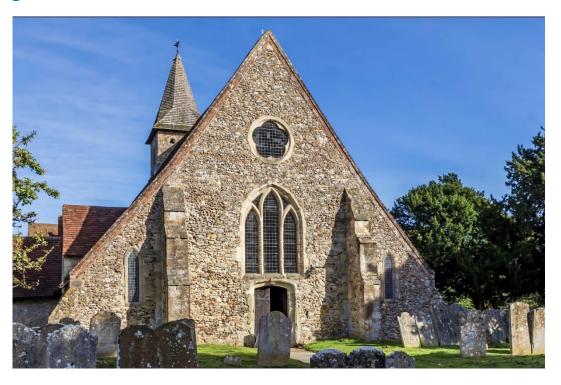
The secrets of success – everything one needs to know can be learned from Noah's Ark.

- 1. Don't miss the boat.
- 2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- 3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah build his Ark.
- 4. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old someone may ask you to do something really big.
- 5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- 6. Build your future on high ground.
- 7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- 8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- 9. When you are stressed, float a while.
- 10.Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- 11. No matter what the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.



#### **Welcome to Warblington Church**

Sue Abell came across the very picturesque Warblington Church in Emsworth and particularly enjoyed its welcome message which reads:



We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, questioning, well-healed or down at heal. We especially welcome wailing babies and excited toddlers.

You're welcome here if you're just browsing, just woken up or just out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury, or haven't been to Church since Christmas ten years ago.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit mums, football dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who were in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like organised religion. (We're not that keen either!)

We offer a welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because granny is visiting and wanted to look around.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throats as kids, or got lost on the ring road and wound up here by mistake.

We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters, and especially YOU...



#### How not to be a grumpy old man (or woman)

Valerie Groves found this in "The Lychgate" Aug/Sept 2024 issue from St. Mary's Church, Long Ditton.



### How not to be a grumpy old man (or woman)



**Marvel.** Marvel every time you see a child learning to walk and speak at the same time. Share in their delight. Wonder at the dawn of each new season: sunshine and shadows, falling leaves, frost, sudden new growth. You are still alive to take it all in. That's an unexpected bonus.

Appreciate. Have a look around your living room and concentrate on items designed for your comfort and entertainment, which your forbears never had. Think of someone you don't like; now ponder a couple of their good points. Try to desire their welfare more than their downfall.

**Forgive**. (That's a condition for being forgiven). You may have to do it over and over again for the same person. Unearth grudges which have been lying under the surface. Are they worth preserving that much? Think of the damage they are doing you.

Married or Single? Don't envy. The grass on the other side of the street isn't greener, it's just different. Count your blessings – some will be uniquely yours. Be concerned for the welfare of someone whose circumstances are unlike yours.

Deal with disappointment. If you have become grumpy it's probably caused by a deep-down dissatisfaction with yourself. Stop raking over past failures. Each morning when you wake up, say with the Psalmist, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Change. No, it isn't too late. It will only be too late to change when you are in a coffin. In the meantime, there's still room for manoeuvre. Remember John Henry Newman's words, "To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often."

#### **Photos**



Obviously the firm to do your carpet cleaning in Derbyshire.

Spotted on Paxos

– bold name for a boat





### **New Malden** Music in

17<sup>th</sup> Season

# **Autumn Concerts**

New Malden Methodist Church KT3 4BY Sundays at 3 o'clock

15th September 2024

Horn trios by Holbrooke & Brahms

Samuel Middleton (horn), Xiaowen Shang (piano) Madison Marshall (violin),

Preceded by MiNM's AGM at 2.40 pm

13th October 2024

Ukraine Fund-raiser - Ukrainian composers Margaret Fingerhut (piano) – tickets £15

10th November 2024

Vox Duo Singers

Julia Martins Solomon (mezzo-soprano) Karla Anne Grant (soprano)

8th December 2024

The Harmonie Choir and Orchestra Handel's Messiah (Part 1)

## Tickets on the door £10

Wesley's, NMMC 10am – 1pm M – F (cash) www.ticketsource.co.uk/musicinnm

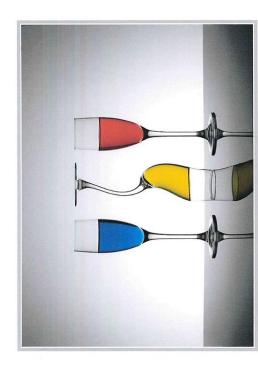




## MALDEN CAMERA CLUB 2024 ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Friday 20th September 10am to 5pm

Saturday 21st September 10am to 4pm



'The Odd Glass' by Karen Mousley LRPS

# FREE ADMISSION

49 HIGH STREET, NEW MALDEN, KT3 4BY NEW MALDEN METHODIST CHURCH



#### **Wesley's Calendar - SEPTEMBER 2024**

Date	Day	Time	Wellness Activities &	Social Connection
2/9/24	Monday	10-1 Coffee Bar		
3/9/24	Tuesday	10-1 Coffee Bar	10:30 Walking Group	
4/9/24	Wednesday	10-1 Coffee Bar		
5/9/24	Thursday	10-1 Coffee Bar	1-3 SHORT TENNIS	2-4 Creative Arts Group
6/9/24	Friday	10-1 Coffee Bar	11:30 Writers Workshop	
7/9/24	Saturday	10-12 Charity Bake Sale	Inner Wheel	
8/9/24	Sunday	10:30-11:30am Sunday		
9/9/24	Monday	10-1 Coffee Bar		
10/9/24	Tuesday	10-1 Coffee Bar	10:30 Tai Chi Qigong	2:30 Bereavement Cafe
11/9/24	Wednesday	10-1 Coffee Bar		
12/9/24	Thursday	10-1 Coffee Bar	10:30 Knit & Natter	1-3 SHORT TENNIS
13/9/24	Friday	10-1 Coffee Bar	11:30 Writers Workshop	2-4 Board Games
14/9/24	Saturday	10-12 Charity Bake Sale	Ow Woofs & miaows	
15/9/24	Sunday	10:30-11:30am Sunday	Y .	
16/9/24	Monday	10-1 Coffee Bar		
17/9/24	Tuesday	10-1 Coffee Bar	10:30 Walking Group	
18/9/24	Wednesday	10-1 Coffee Bar		
19/9/24	Thursday	10-1 Coffee Bar	1-3 SHORT TENNIS	2-4 Creative Arts Group
20/9/24	Friday	10-1 Coffee Bar	11:30 Writers Workshop	
21/9/24	Saturday	10-12 Charity Bake Sale		
22/9/24	Sunday	10:30-11:30am Sunday		
23/9/24	Monday	10-1 Coffee Bar		
24/9/24	Tuesday	10-1 Coffee Bar	Tai Chi CANCELLED	
25/9/24	Wednesday	10-1 Coffee Bar		
26/9/24	Thursday	10-1 Coffee Bar	10:30 Knit & Natter	1-3pm SHORT TENNIS
27/9/24	Friday	10-1 Coffee Bar		
28/9/24	Saturday	10-12 Charity Bake Sale		
29/9/24	Sunday	10:30-11:30am Sunday		
30/9/24	Monday	10-1 Coffee Bar		

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"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people,..."

Galatians 6:9-10 (NIV)

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