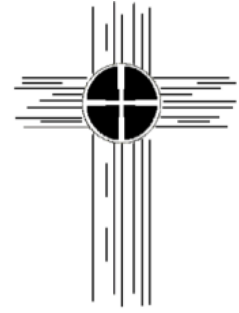


# The Newsletter of New Malden Methodist Church Summer 2018



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## Message from Karl

Have you ever found yourself in a new environment, one where you're not quite sure how everything works and what's expected? Having grown up on a council estate where there wasn't much call for airs and graces, navigating some of the situations that I encountered when I was studying in Durham (with its traditions of formal meals and matriculation, for example) was hard because I'd no real clue at first about how to behave, and was relying upon copying others for the most part. When a similar discomfort occurs because something familiar changes, it can be rather unsettling, and it may take longer for us to adjust than in the scenario I've just described.

Our changing patterns of worship are one possible instance of this latter kind of shift in expectations. The way we worship has evolved over time; the patterns of Methodist worship in 2018 are not exactly the same as earlier generations of Methodists, and they'll continue to shift and develop in response to how the world around us changes. For example, we now have use of audio-visual technology, as well as having a greater awareness of the liturgical year as a result of increased ecumenical working together in the latter half of the twentieth century. These things have changed how we do things not just at New Malden, but across the Methodist Connexion.

We can also learn from other professions and develop our approach to worship in response. Insights from teachers, for instance, remind us that not everyone learns in the same way; some people prefer to listen to someone at the front speaking, which is the format we're perhaps most used to, but other people find visual or kinaesthetic (hands-on) approaches far more helpful. Thus, that's why services often include ways of praying which involve getting up and 'doing something' (like lighting a candle), and audio-visual elements such as video versions of Bible passages find their way into worship.

It's also important to recognise the ways in which different generations react to what's offered in the Church. Today's young people have grown up in a world where interaction

with what they encounter in the media is perfectly normal, whereas being expected to sit and listen to someone speaking with no immediate right of reply is less usual. That doesn't mean there's no place for preaching, but what it does mean is that we need to recognise how counter-cultural a lot of what has shaped church life is for those coming into contact with it for the first time. In order for us to proclaim the Gospel afresh in each generation, worship needs to continue to evolve and develop.

A helpful image might be that of a bridge-builder, making connections between the familiar things of everyday life and the 'strange land' (Psalm 137:4) of the Gospel fully lived out. Christianity lived out with integrity is challenging and runs against the grain of many of the cultural assumptions of today's world, but that doesn't mean we cannot present that Gospel in ways which enable people for whom it represents new territory to navigate its landscape, and which engage younger age groups. Building bridges and making connections is part of the process of faithful living.

So, as we journey together into this new territory with its joys and challenges, may we find our safety and security not in clinging to the past, but in our God, who remains the same, yesterday, today and forever, whether or not we're always sure about which cutlery to use with which course!

## Liturgical Colours

Why do the colours used in sanctuary vary throughout the year? Well, the different colours symbolise the changing seasons of the Church's liturgical year, which takes us on a journey from Advent, which is the start of a new year in this calendar, through Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and then into a calm period before beginning the

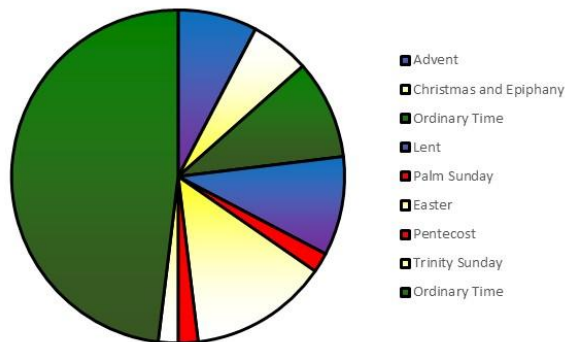
cycle all over again. Think of it a bit like a bicycle wheel. It turns around and moves forward at the same time. The Church's year works on the same principle, as we remember the key events in the life of Jesus each time around, and grow in faith as we go.

If you're ever in doubt as to the right colour, here's the handy guide to the seasons and their themes, in the Methodist variation (which inserts a period of ordinary time between Epiphany and Lent, rather than sticking with the season of Epiphany for five weeks before the Transfiguration is celebrated on the Sunday before Lent):

Season	Colour	Themes
Advent	Blue/Purple	Repentance, self-examination, waiting
Christmas and Epiphany	White/Gold	Light, joy, glory
Ordinary Time	Green	Breathing space between seasons
Lent	Blue/Purple	Repentance, self-examination, sinfulness
Palm Sunday	Red	Passion, blood, love
Easter	White/Gold	Light, joy, glory
Pentecost	Red	Tongues of fire, Holy Spirit
Trinity Sunday	White/Gold	Light, joy, glory
Ordinary Time	Green	Growth

So, this plays out in terms of an overview of the year as per this pie chart. We begin our journey with Advent, in which we prepare ourselves to remember the birth of Jesus at Christmas, moving through Lent as a time of self-examination before the journey through Holy Week and into Easter, where we celebrate the resurrection. The Easter season lasts for seven weeks, and is followed by the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, when we mark the birth of the

Church, and Trinity Sunday is the final stage before we move into a long period of green, growing Sundays for the rest of the liturgical year.



Also by Reverend Karl

## GDPR: what does it mean for NMMC?

GDPR – General Data Protection Regulation

Many of you will not fail to have noticed that the regulations on data protection changed on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. You may well have been inundated by emails and letters from many organisations requesting permission to retain your data.

The church holds your data for several reasons and myself, Jenny Reid and Karl have been unpicking the guidelines that have come down from the TMCP Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes. These have also been discussed (as I'm sure you can imagine) at District and Circuit level. We are currently carrying out a Data Mapping exercise which maps what data we use, why we hold it, how it is collected and who has access to it.

There is a useful video produced by TMCP for Managing Trustees (members of the Church Council) which is available online at <https://www.tmc.org.uk/about/data-protection/resources/videos> and it would be helpful if all members of the Church Council and anyone else who is interested watch this

video. It is 23 minutes long and is a useful and informative rundown on the new law.

The most immediate and pressing implications of GDPR for us are the records that are held in the Church Directory and Pastoral Roll. It has been deemed unnecessary to ask for individual consent for these records to be held as they are collected under 'Legitimate Interest', i.e., they are for genuine and legitimate use within the church membership and not for dissemination to anyone beyond that.

However, we will have to carry out some tweaks to our current processes and so far, these are they:

**Church Directory.** This will be reprinted in August in the usual way. I will ask everyone to let me know if they have any changes to their entry but individual consent will not be required. In order to comply with the new rules, the Directory will be numbered and when you collect your copy from me (however many you require – I always have 3!!), your signature will be required against the number/s of the Directory that you are given. In order to comply with GDPR, the Directory should not be readily available to a third party which means that we will not be able to keep a copy of the Directory in the Servedy or photocopying office (see next paragraph).

**Coffee Bar Rota.** Consent will be sought from everyone on the rota for their name and phone number to appear on a sheet in the file where the Master List lives (in the drawer in the Servedy) and on the copy of the rota that I send out, so that swaps can be made and people phoned if they don't appear for their duty. This consent will be in the form of an email or a small signature slip.

Also in the file in the drawer will be a list of church contacts, i.e., Karl, myself, Jenny Reid, Senior Steward, in case of queries.

**Pastoral Roll.** Consent is not required for the records of church members to be held on the Pastoral Roll as these are also covered by 'Legitimate Interest'. These records have always been kept in a secure and sensitive manner. Jenny keeps all the records on a password protected computer and paper records in a locked filing cabinet. If you wish to see what information Jenny holds on you, she will be happy to show you. Please contact her on [jennyreid@goodinreid.co.uk](mailto:jennyreid@goodinreid.co.uk) or 020 8949 5700.

During the current exercise of looking at our compliance with GDPR other changes may be necessary which you will obviously be kept informed of.

Finally, a copy of our Privacy Policy is available from myself should you wish to read it. This policy covers every aspect of our collection, retention and usage of your data.

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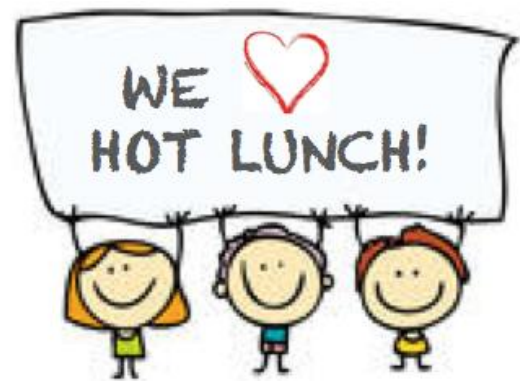
### Make Lunch Initiative

This is a new initiative that we are launching to provide a hot, nutritious lunch to children who in term time, have a free school meal. We are working initially with Burlington Junior School to target those children and their siblings to come along during the summer holidays on a Wednesday to participate in some activities and share a meal.

We have received a grant from the "Cinnamon Trust" to help with the set up costs for equipment etc and the "Brakes" foundation are sponsoring each session. So, by the inauguration date of Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July we will be well prepared with DBS checks in place and hygiene qualifications

obtained.

Please pray for the success of this venture, we aim to start small and if we feed one child then it will be worthwhile but let's hope for more so we partly fill the gap in their care. If you would like to know more or help please talk to me.



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### The Organ Project: progress continues apace



Nearly all the organ pipework (apart from the 16-footers) is now in Melton Mowbray and work is well under way in refurbishing the pipes and releathering many of the wind-supply components. The console (my flight-deck) is being collected this coming week so that work can begin on re-equipping that.

Unfortunately for us, the Methodist Church in Morecambe received an offer for their Grade 2 listed building from a firm of auctioneers who wished to retain the organ. They understandably felt obliged to accept, particularly as the organ would be preserved unchanged. One can only imagine potential bidders attending the viewings to the strains of Strauss waltzes etc.!

As has been announced elsewhere, the sum needed for the rebuilding has been achieved entirely from within the wider Church family. An astonishing and heartening result for which I am hugely grateful. We will now be approaching outside funds and charities to raise money for the community activities which this fine instrument will allow us to initiate.

I am very sorry to report that David Barker, who has been deputising regularly for me over the past few years, died recently after being seriously unwell. He has been a good friend to NMMC, me and the Music Group in particular, and we will miss his friendliness, good humour and his playing.

In case you have been wondering, I have been attempting to turn the absence of the organ to some advantage by working my way through Book 1 of Bach's *Well-tempered Klavier* before (and sometimes after) the service: I have reached Prelude and Fugue No.10 of 24 and should get on to Book 2 before the organ returns.

Peter Bullett

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### **Singing in Care Homes – an update**

Since my last piece on Singing in Care Homes we have been both to the White House, where we sing 'Old favourites' and to Speirs House where we sing hymns. Both activities are eagerly welcomed by the residents and sometimes their visitors join in too. It is well-documented how music can touch deep-

hidden areas of the brain long after other functions have ceased, so we know we are providing a valuable service to the residents, as well as maintaining a link with the world outside their immediate environment.

Things are changing slightly at the White House, as they hope to purchase a digital electronic piano. This will be a much neater and more satisfactory instrument than the old piano we have used up until now, which of course has been subject to very warm and dry conditions in the lounge - aided by the sun in the conservatory! – and is now really showing signs of age.

Do come and join us at either venue. We usually go on a Thursday, but see Alison for dates during the summer. You would not have to commit to anything on a regular basis, but it is very enjoyable, and it's nice for the residents to see new faces as well as the old familiar ones!

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### **Meeting Point**

After much careful thought, it has been decided to discontinue Meeting Point, although we hope there will still be occasional 'one off' events, such as the Church Quiz in September. Watch out for the date! Meeting Point has a long history, and Carol is going to explore this over the Summer and tell us about it in September. Meanwhile the present season is drawing to a close and in June we enjoyed an evening of Favourite poetry and music. Poets on offer ranged from Robert Sheriff to the unknown author of the poem on the last page, and our favourite music went as far back as Purcell and as far forward as Dr Hook. (See Judy Hopkins if you are a fan!) These evenings are always interesting as not only do we come away with a few new things to explore, but one learns a little more about the person who introduces the item, a bit like Desert Island discs. If you would still like



to widen your cultural horizons in this sort of way once a year or so, do have a word with Alison.

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## **Around the Circuit**

### **CIRCUIT NEWS**

#### **Summer Service**

Circuit Service at SHMC Tennis Club

Sun. 29th July

5pm Tea, Cake, Conversation and Music

6pm Outdoor Service

Shared worship for the Churches of Kingston Methodist Circuit. Come at 5pm to sit outside in the glorious sunshine under the parasols at the picnic tables! There will be tea, coffee, cakes and conversation.

Children's outdoor play equipment (Play House, Climbing Frame, Sand Pit) for the young at heart - and some live music.

Short outdoor Service from 6pm (in the pavilion if wet)

The club entrance is between Nos. 11 & 13 Manor Drive Surbiton KT5 8NE. (Please be aware there is another tennis club around the corner in Berrylands – don't get confused!)

#### **District Conference: 20-22 July**

The District will be running a number of workshops at the District Conference, and anyone with an interest is invited to register. There are 17 different options, and a full list is available on the website (see website address below).

There is a great line-up of people coming to lead these workshops, with different experiences, who will be approaching the topic of migration and the issues and questions surrounding it from many different angles. The District will continue taking registrations up until the end of June,

so please have a look at what is available. You can find all conference information, including how to register for just the Saturday, or for the whole weekend, online at:

[www.movingstorieslondon.com/conference](http://www.movingstorieslondon.com/conference)

### **CHURCH EVENTS**

#### **NEW MALDEN**



**Malden Fortnight** Runs from 7 to 21 July, and includes the following events:

7th July          Parade in High Street at 2pm, celebrating clubs in the area. Bring a fan and come and join us in the 'Jesus Fan Club.' Or just come for coffee/tea and cakes between 10 am and 4 pm

14th July:        Stalls in the High Street 9 30 till 4pm; Stall in the church garden, coffee & tea and cakes - all day, with lunches 12 till 2, and cream teas 2pm to 4pm

#### **SURBITON HILL**

##### **Quiet Days at the House of Prayer, East Molesey**

A Quiet Day provides a valuable opportunity to develop an understanding of oneself and one's relationship with God and to find peace in his presence. Held at the House of Prayer in East Molesey twice a year, these days provide a valuable opportunity for anyone in the Church family or Circuit to experience a day apart in the unique atmosphere of this special place.

The next Quiet Days are on 23 June, led by Rev Andrew Pakes; and 24 November, led by Rev Denis Vernon.

**Barn Dance** - Saturday 6 October: 7.00pm at Surbiton Hill Methodist Church

The evening will be led by Ouch!, the barn dance band from Ruxley Church, Ewell, which our minister, Stan, played in until he got too busy being a superintendent! He might be allowed to join them for this occasion! Supper will be provided during the evening.

Everyone is invited to come to what promises to be a fantastic evening, so put the date in your diary now. Information about tickets will follow shortly.

#### **Surbiton Hill Tennis Club**



Surbiton Hill Methodist Church's Tennis Club is situated in lovely grounds off Manor Drive in Surbiton and is a fantastic facility for the Methodist Church and the community. Tennis is available all-year round on our 6 all-weather courts.

There are open sessions for men on Wednesdays from 9.30am, Thursdays for ladies from 9.30am and mixed tennis on Saturdays from 1.30pm. Also during the summer months there is free coaching for improvers on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm. Friday evening is Junior Club, which is very popular. Members can play at any other times, apart from Sunday mornings. All this, as well as provision of new balls every week, is included in the subs, which

are very reasonable compared to other tennis clubs.

We welcome those who can already play tennis and those who have played in the past and want to brush up their skills. If you are a beginner and want to learn to play, we can recommend two coaches who work at the club. Membership is open to anyone who wants to play tennis, you don't need to be a member of the church.

You are welcome to come along for a look at the club, either on a Wednesday morning or Saturday afternoon, or contact the church office at Surbiton Hill Methodist for more information (Telephone: 020 8390 4598; email: [shmc.office@kingstoncircuit.org.uk](mailto:shmc.office@kingstoncircuit.org.uk))

#### **Next Newsletters**

If you have any news or a forthcoming event you would like to share with the Circuit, please forward details to Michael Axton at the Circuit Office so that it can be included in each Church's next newsletter or magazine.

Please send contributions by Tuesday 10 July to: [circuitoffice@kingstoncircuit.org.uk](mailto:circuitoffice@kingstoncircuit.org.uk)

#### **Summary of June Notices**

**Doug Bryan** celebrated "95 not out" on Friday 8th June.



If you are able to visit **Harry and Betty Thorogood**, this would be much appreciated. Please could you co-ordinate your visit with Julia so that she can plan it around the carers. This would be especially appreciated during Julia's holiday from 8<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July.

The following message has been received from Janet Dason.

I write to inform you of the death of a long-standing member of NM Methodist Church. There may possibly be a few elderly people with you who remember him or my mother, Doris (who is still alive). **David Baker** worshipped at NMMC from the late 1950s to about 1990. For much of that time he was a steward.

**Farewell to Meeting Point but not before...**

...Tuesday July 10 when David Knowles will speak to us about his work within the NHS, followed by party snacks! Let's have a good turnout for these the final farewell. All are welcome, 7.30 for 8pm.



**Coffee Bar: Vacant Slots**

The following are the vacant slots during July. Please let me know if you think you can help, Sarah.

Monday 9th July 12.00  
Tuesday 10th July 10.00am – BOTH slots  
Thursday 12th July 12.00 – BOTH slots  
Friday 13th July 10.00am  
Friday 13th July 12.00  
Monday 16th July 10.00 – BOTH slots  
Thursday 26th July 12.00

There are also still vacancies on Saturday 11th and 25th of August and several in September.

**Malden Fortnight – see above. As well as the events we also need help and cakes!**

Saturday 7th July – Malden Fortnight Parade  
Saturday 14th July – Craft stalls in the High Street

Please could we have help on the coffee bar and selling cakes 10am – 4pm on both Saturdays and on 14th July to help man the stall on the patio, also 10am – 4pm. Please

complete the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Area.

Wanted please,  
for 7th and 14th – cakes  
for 14th – bric-a-brac and books for the stall  
also - old mugs or containers of similar size to use for flower arrangements to sell.

**Parking Warning**

Just a reminder to all that when using the church parking spaces please ensure the car is completely within the line which divides the forecourt from the pavement. If not, you may be ticketed and charged a hefty fine for parking on the pavement.

**Advance Warning**



This year's Prudential Ride London Bike Ride will take place on Sunday 29th July. Road closures will apply so be aware you may not be able to get to church that day (or anywhere else!).

**Thank you says Hanson**



A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our cake sale in aid of Hearing Dogs. Particular thanks to Judith and Stella for their cakes and sausage rolls and to Hilary for helping on the day by selling preserves. We raised an amazing £140 which is a wonderful amount.

Caroline, Robert and Isabel.





## Diary Dates for the Summer

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.00pm  
Junior Badminton

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 10.30am  
Worship Consultation Meeting – back kitchen

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 10.30am  
Friday Fellowship

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 10.00am  
Coffee Bar – NMMC – volunteers please!

1.30pm  
meet in coffee bar to walk down the High Street in the Parade!

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm  
Music in New Malden - Mozart's Gran Partita for 13 Wind Instruments – The Albion Players. Look out for the 4<sup>th</sup> horn player, it might be someone you recognise 😊

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm  
Senior Badminton

7.30pm  
Meeting Point – David Knowles speaking about this work within the NHS, followed by party snacks to commemorate the final meeting.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm  
Home Instead Memory Café in the Welcome Area

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 10.00am  
Camera Club Exhibition (2.00pm finish)

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm  
3 Fs at the home of the Turners

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 10.00am  
Coffee Bar – NMMC – volunteers please!

10.00am  
Camera Club Exhibition (4.00pm finish)

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm  
Wives & Friends' Cream Tea

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm

Kingston District Chamber Music Society  
Concert

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm  
Junior Badminton

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 10.00am Coffee Bar –  
The Samaritans – Jill Midson

7.30pm  
Charity Big Band concert in memory of Dave Marrior

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm  
Senior Badminton

8.00pm  
Circuit Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 11.30am  
Make Lunch

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 10.00am  
Coffee Bar – Make Lunch

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>  
Ride London Bike Ride

## August

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 11.30am  
Make Lunch

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 10.00am  
Coffee Bar – Guides Jamboree Camp – Kelly Jackson

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 11.30am  
Make Lunch

2.00pm  
Home Instead Memory Café in the Welcome Area

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 10.00am  
Coffee bar - VACANT – please see Sarah Moore

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm  
Wives & Friends' Cream Tea

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 11.30am  
Make Lunch

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 10.00am  
Alzheimer's Society – Glynis Fox

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 11.30am  
Make Lunch

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm  
Circuit Leadership Team Meeting

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 10.00am  
Coffee bar - VACANT – please see Sarah Moore

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 11.30am  
Make Lunch

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## Gardener's Hymn

Thanks to the Dadds for this gem that they  
found in the church archive of all places.

All things bright and beautiful all creatures  
great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful the Lord God  
made them all.

But what we never mention, though  
gardeners know it's true,  
Is when He made the goodies, He made the  
baddies too.

All things spray and swatable, disasters  
great and small,  
All things paraquatable the Lord God made  
them all.

The greenfly on the roses, the maggots in  
the peas,  
Manure that fills our noses, He also gave us  
these.

The fungus on the goose-gogs, the club foot  
on the greens,  
The slugs that eat the lettuce and chew the  
aubergines.  
The drought that kills the fuchsias, the frost  
that nips the buds,

The rain that drowns the seedlings, the  
blight that hits the spuds.

The midges and mosquitoes, the nettles and  
the weeds,  
The pigeons in the greenstuff, the sparrows  
on the seeds.

The fly that gets the carrots, the wasp that  
eats the plums,  
How black the gardener's outlook, though  
green may be his thumbs.

But still we gardeners labour, midst  
vegetables and flowers,  
And pray what hits our neighbour, will  
somehow bypass ours.

All things bright and beautiful...

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## Children's Page

Hi

Some of you may be aware that we are  
going to start a new venture during the  
summer holidays to make a hot lunch for  
children who would not get one otherwise.  
It may even be someone you know from  
school. We don't really think of children who  
live in New Malden as needing help like this  
but some do.

When we think of children in need of food,  
we tend to picture children from far away  
where crops have failed or there is war and  
this is very true, they do indeed need help to  
be fed. Excellent charities spend millions of  
pounds between them feeding children all  
over the world.

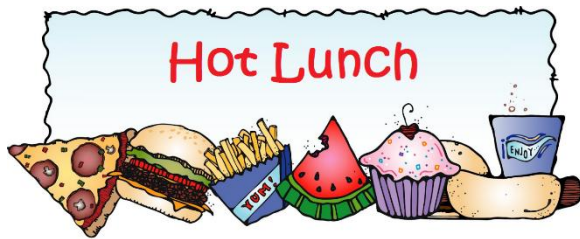
The children we will be offering a hot meal  
to those who usually have a hot meal at  
school during term time, but when the  
holidays come they can often go without.  
Imagine not having a hot meal on a cold,

rainy day, it would not be much fun would it?

So when you are next given a hot meal which may not be your favourite, just give a thought for children who are happy to eat. Then maybe you will try something new or eat a sprout just to please your mum!

God bless

Julia



Deadline for the next issue is 24<sup>th</sup> August. Please leave contributions in the editor's pigeon hole or email [carolineauty@hotmail.com](mailto:carolineauty@hotmail.com) by 9am.



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## Services in July and August

1<sup>st</sup> July – Mr Duncan Lloyd

8<sup>th</sup> July – Rev Karl Rutlidge and All Age Worship

15<sup>th</sup> July – the Doe's plus Café Church with Rev Karl Rutlidge in the evening

22<sup>nd</sup> July – Rev Stan Brown and Holy Communion

29<sup>th</sup> July – Rev Karl Rutlidge plus circuit service at Surbiton Hill Tennis Club. See Notices.

5<sup>th</sup> August – Ms Sally Rush and All Age Worship

12<sup>th</sup> August – All Age Worship

19<sup>th</sup> August – Mr Daniel Massillamani and All Age Worship plus Rev Karl Rutlidge and Café Church in the evening.

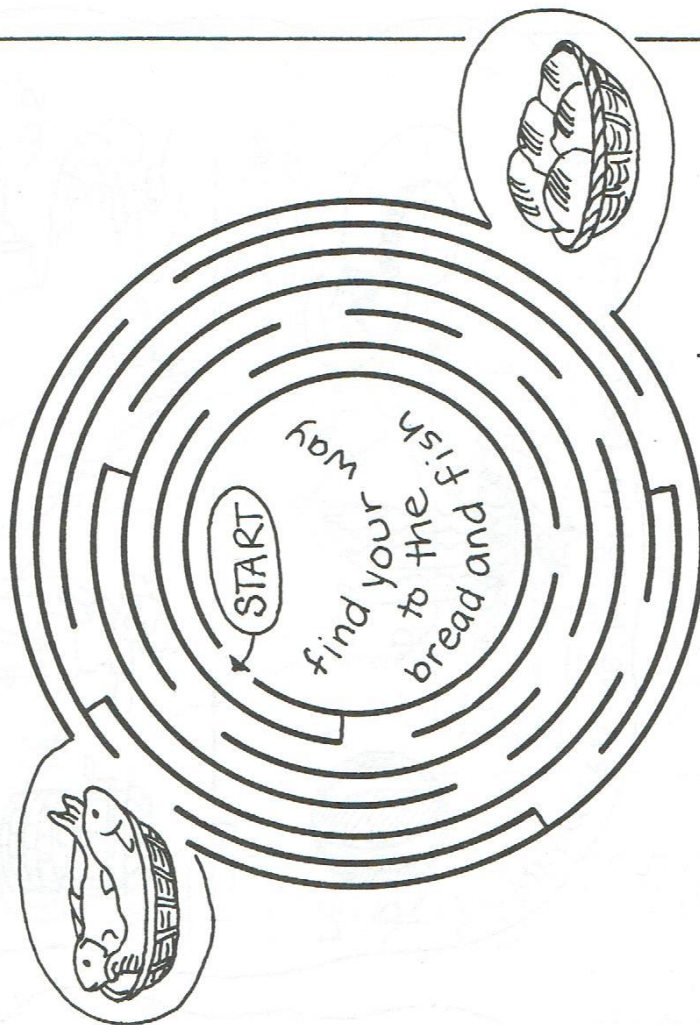
26<sup>th</sup> August – Rev Stan Brown and Holy Communion

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# JESUS FEEDS 5000 PEOPLE.

John 6:1-14

Draw in the faces, then colour the picture.



Jesus showed his glory by this

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colour the dotted letters.

