



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

Spotlight

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Spotlight

You will see that our newsletter has a new name. In the words of Katrina and the Waves 'Let our love shine a light'! The next stage is to design a logo so please send your designs to Sarah. There may be a prize!!

Church Family News

Julie Haines is in Teddington Memorial Hospital for physio and rehabilitation.

Millie Bradley

You may remember the article that Millie wrote for our July edition about her experience as an ITU nurse during the pandemic with its accompanying photo of Millie in her protective clothing.

We are delighted to announce that Millie has recently become engaged to her boyfriend Mark and we can print this happy picture of them.

Many congratulations from all of us!



Ministry Extension - Karl Rutledge

Back in July, Julie Haines and I put a notice in the weekly newsletter indicating that during the summer there would be a consultation exercise within the church to consider Karl's application for a four-year extension of his ministry in our circuit.

We noted that we would be following the procedure laid down by the Methodist Church, which required us to seek written feedback on aspects of Karl's ministry and the future direction of the church from a representative sample of people. As Karl is also minister to the Kingston Methodist Church the same consultation process was initiated in that church community. The outcome of the formal consultation process was reported to the Circuit Invitation Committee, which then made a recommendation to the Circuit Meeting.

I reported orally at the end of the Sunday service on September 12th, that Karl's request had been approved, and we prayed for God's blessing on Karl and his ministry in this circuit and in outreach to our local communities.

The Methodist Church procedures, in relation to extensions of ministry and stationing, are relatively complex. If anyone would like to discuss any aspect of this process, please give me a ring, or catch me on a Sunday at church.

David Knowles, Circuit Steward

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Annual Church Meeting

There was a very good turnout for the meeting which took place after the service (and coffee!) on 12th September. Minutes will be published in due course and available in Wesley's but in the meantime here is a summary.

We plan to undertake a "community audit." Many things have changed during the coronavirus pandemic. A different party is now running the local authority, shops on our High Street are closing and the area is becoming more residential. We need to understand what local needs are. Our numbers have dropped so we need to be realistic about the resources we now have and consider what four or five things we as a church can do really well. Inevitably there's been a "disconnecting" within the church community so we need to listen to people both within and beyond the church. We can't do everything we'd like with just our own resources so we need to link up with other organisations including the council, building relationships so we can work together. The local churches are looking at offering listening and prayer once a month in front of Waitrose. Offering free samples of cake to passers-by on Saturdays might be a way to start a conversation. Prayer walking could help make us visible. A number of other ideas were mentioned.

In January a document will be written up for distribution.

The meeting then split into small groups to consider these questions:

1. What changes have you noticed in New Malden in the past 18 months?
2. What needs/issues are you aware of?
3. What are you passionate about and want to see change/develop/grow?

Many ideas and comments emerged including excitement about concerts restarting, the importance of getting back the people who used to come to church, the provision of activities for children, the possibility of putting tables outside Wesley's, offering a lift to church to those with limited mobility, everybody ringing two people to say "Please come back, we miss you" and offering computer help for elderly people in Wesley's.

Julia Morton has taken over from Alison Bullett as a steward although Alison will continue while Julie Haines is recuperating. Jenny Reid has had to retire as Pastoral Secretary and Sue Abell has taken

over. Judith Jewell has done a great job as safeguarding officer and this is now the most urgent role to fill. Do please consider if you or someone you know could do take this on. Mick Tavinier has retired as property chair with Peter Bullett taking over. Doreen and Alan Downey now stepping down after seven years as Church Council members. Sue Knowles has been nominated and accepted onto the Council. Sue as Pastoral Secretary and Hilary Warner as staff are both co-opted onto the Council. David Knowles is circuit steward until end of this year. There is no new Christian Aid rep.

Church Council meetings take place in October, January and May. Only members of the Council can vote but all are welcome to attend. A leadership team is being put together comprising Karl, both stewards, Sarah Moore, Hilary Warner plus others with particular skills including Caroline Auty, Peter Bullett and more still to be approached. More people are encouraged to help out on Sunday mornings whether church members or not. Stella raised the question of flowers. Many thanks to Pam Wardley for organising the flower rota for so long. We had our first real flowers since lockdown at Harvest Festival. People may not be aware that each week's flowers can be sponsored. *(A list is now on the noticeboard.)*

We want to recruit more Pastoral Visitors with Sue's help, to relieve the burden on existing PVs and reinvigorate that ministry. We are looking to become a mental health hub so that people can come and be supported and talk about mental health. We are also looking to restart the Bereavement Café from October. It would be good to use Wesley's more creatively, e.g. a Scrabble club.

Gloria Tavinier reported that we have a deficit of £23,000. There has been a drop in envelope giving and cash giving in particular and we have lost some older members who gave generously. We spent less on utilities during lockdown. We are fortunate to have reserves but even if regular lettings carry on as now they will still not bring in enough. A gift day was suggested.

Peter Bullett reported on property matters. There are ongoing problems with heating. The building fabric is in very good order. As we have fewer people of an age to do work, we have outsourced this. A decluttering exercise will take place between now and the end of October with all users being invited to review their storage. A skip will be hired in half term. It was noted that Mick Tavinier did an enormous amount of work in his role as Property Chair.

Richard Bland reported on other Council matters. It had been 18 months of interesting events and challenges. He encouraged people to be involved in the Church Council and help shape the future work of the church. The big three tasks were risk assessment, how to respond to tiers and opening up safely. The decision had made to register when possible for same-sex marriage. Projects in the coming year include redoing the website, reviewing online worship and investing in new technology. Windows on Worship gets 15-18 hits each week. Some people might not feel confident to come back into the building but might join a Zoom service. Karl thanked Sarah and Hilary for their ongoing support and declared them both "fab". He also thanked those who stepped up to make us Covid-safe.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everybody who supported the Macmillan coffee morning by making a cake or coming along and buying one. Also to those who made generous donations. Sterling work was done by Andrea, Teresa, Judith and Molly. The atmosphere was buzzing in Wesley's with happy people full of coffee and cake. What more could you want?

The magnificent total made on the morning was £570.36, plus a further £45.00 via Justgiving so well over £600.00 in all.

Thank you to Julia for organising!



Church Transportation

We would like to reinstate the Car Rota on Sunday mornings whereby members driving to church are able to give a lift to someone who may not be able to get here otherwise.

Please could you let me know if you are able to offer a space in your car at all. Also please contact me if you would like to take advantage of this service and be picked up for church. Depending on the numbers of car drivers, it may be that we cannot provide a lift every Sunday but I will keep you posted!

Sarah Moore

Wesley's Coffee Bar News

It is now four months since we reopened and at last business seems to be picking up. Julia's Macmillan coffee morning and the Inner Wheel coffee morning on the following day seem to have brought a lot of new customers through our doors. The return of the Saturday ballet school has also brought new customers as the parents are no longer allowed to wait for their mini ballerinas inside due to coronavirus restrictions. A group of Iraqi ladies who used to visit every week have also just returned bearing gifts of banana cake and little savoury sesame buns. They always bring something to eat and love to share it with the volunteers.

Rosie the Rota Rabbit has recruited four new volunteers over the past month which means the rota is looking healthier. I also hope to welcome back some more of our previous volunteers but I haven't wanted to "pounce" on them Tigger-style as I'm conscious so many people are still feeling cautious about the lifting of restrictions. If you would like to return do please get in touch with me.

Many thanks go to everyone who baked cakes and sausage rolls, to those who manned the counters and of course everyone who came in and spent their money. We are hiring Wesley's out to other organisations again every Saturday but so far none of the October Saturdays have been booked. Do you have friends with a favourite charity? Please let them know that for just £15 they can run their own coffee morning. Check the noticeboard to see which Saturdays are available and book with Sarah.

Our own three Saturday coffee mornings in September raised a combined total of £483 for the church. In addition to cakes we've sold jams, jigsaws and books, outside the church when weather has allowed.



Harvest Festival & Lunch

The church looked lovely for Harvest Festival complete with harvest loaf made by Julia Morton and Hannah Moore. The service was followed by a ploughman's lunch in Wesley's which Eleanor Roberts has written about below.



Last weekend after months of build-up, Andy and I finally dropped off our twins at university, to begin an exciting new chapter of their lives. But our house suddenly felt really sad and empty, and speaking for myself, so did I. So it was an unexpected joy this Sunday to join 22 others for the Harvest Lunch, and experience a very tangible touch of God's love through the church family He's provided for us all there.

The lunch itself was delicious – a generous cheese ploughman's, followed by delicious apple pie or – what's not to love! – fruit crumble with cream (mmmm, my ultimate "comfort food," which I would choose as my luxury item if I was ever on Desert Island Discs!) But more than that, as EunJung expressed so well, we enjoyed companionship and togetherness which we couldn't have for a while and missed so much.

During coffee straight after the service, Andy and I sat with a family we've known well by sight for ages but never really sat and chatted to before. You can probably guess who it was, when I say that their two girls talked enthusiastically about their current passions – books, dancing and hamsters! And to hear that one of the girls' future plans didn't include university or indeed getting a job, but were to "stay at home, sit down on the floor and sleep" – unless that got a bit boring, when she would "wake up and watch tv". An excellent life plan, I thought. How wonderfully refreshing!

There are still some folk who haven't yet returned to church since lockdown, and we really miss you. It's like some much-loved pieces of the jigsaw are still missing. It was great to welcome back lovely Monica, whom I'd not seen for months. Over lunch, I learnt that she used to be a botanical illustrator, and also has a PhD, something clever to do with investigating the structure of the coating of seeds. She is one of those people I could happily sit and listen to for hours. A different passion from dancing or hamsters, but equally enthralling.

Later, I sat with a friend of Eunjung's who is a talented photographer. Being from Sheffield, I was fascinated to learn that Ben is the person responsible for the big posters around the city advertising the Crucible snooker, with pictures of individual players posing with their cues. Another passion, a different story.

At its best, the church seems to be one of those rare places which can draw together people of all ages and backgrounds, where friendships can be formed across barriers – where you can be watching

a video of a determined hamster climbing up its bars one moment, see someone's eyes light up as they remember illustrating intricate ferns at Kew Gardens the next, and imagine eye-catching marketing posters advertising snooker the next. It's amazing really.

Everyone is unique. Each person, from the youngest to the oldest, has such diverse talents, gifts and passions. Each person is so valuable to and loved by God. And as I sat there, still missing our twins deeply, the folk at the Harvest Lunch seemed to wrap me up in love and hold me there. I'm sure they had no idea they were doing this, but I guess real fellowship just tends to have that effect on others. And for this I was deeply grateful.

Eleanor Roberts

Bereavement Café Restarting 12th October

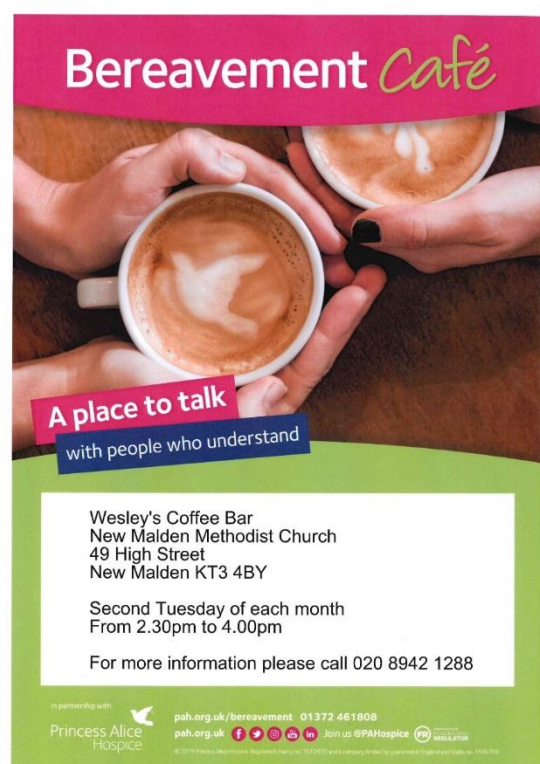
After a break of 18 months we are delighted to report that our Bereavement Café will be restarting from Tuesday 12th October. As before it will take place on the second Tuesday of each month from 2.30 until 4pm. This is an opportunity for anyone who has been bereaved to come into Wesley's and find a warm welcome and, more importantly, a safe place to share experiences with other bereaved people and trained volunteer listeners. We welcome anyone in the community who has been bereaved regardless of when their loved one died. There is no need to book.

We would appreciate your help in spreading the word to those likely to benefit so please take a moment to think about who you personally know that may find this service helpful. Do please let them know about us, and perhaps pass on one of the flyers available in Wesley's. We shall be contacting local GP surgeries, funeral directors and other relevant organisations but a personal invitation is by far the best approach.

The Bereavement Café is run in partnership with Princess Alice Hospice who provide training for the volunteer listeners. If you think you might like to be involved please let me or Karl know and feel free to come along to a session to see what it's like. We can then arrange for you to attend the next training session if you decide to become a listener. Two people have had to give up so we are looking for new people to help us.

More information is available at [Community bereavement support - Princess Alice Hospice](#) including a list of another 15 Bereavement Cafés with the location and time that they operate. If you look closely you may spot some familiar faces!

Hilary Warner



The flyer features a pink header with the text 'Bereavement Café' in white and gold. Below the header is a photograph of three hands holding coffee cups. A pink banner with white text reads 'A place to talk with people who understand'. The bottom section is white with black text providing details about the location, timing, and contact information. At the very bottom, there is a green footer with logos for Princess Alice Hospice and social media links.

Bereavement Café

A place to talk
with people who understand

Wesley's Coffee Bar
New Malden Methodist Church
49 High Street
New Malden KT3 4BY

Second Tuesday of each month
From 2.30pm to 4.00pm

For more information please call 020 8942 1288

In partnership with
Princess Alice Hospice

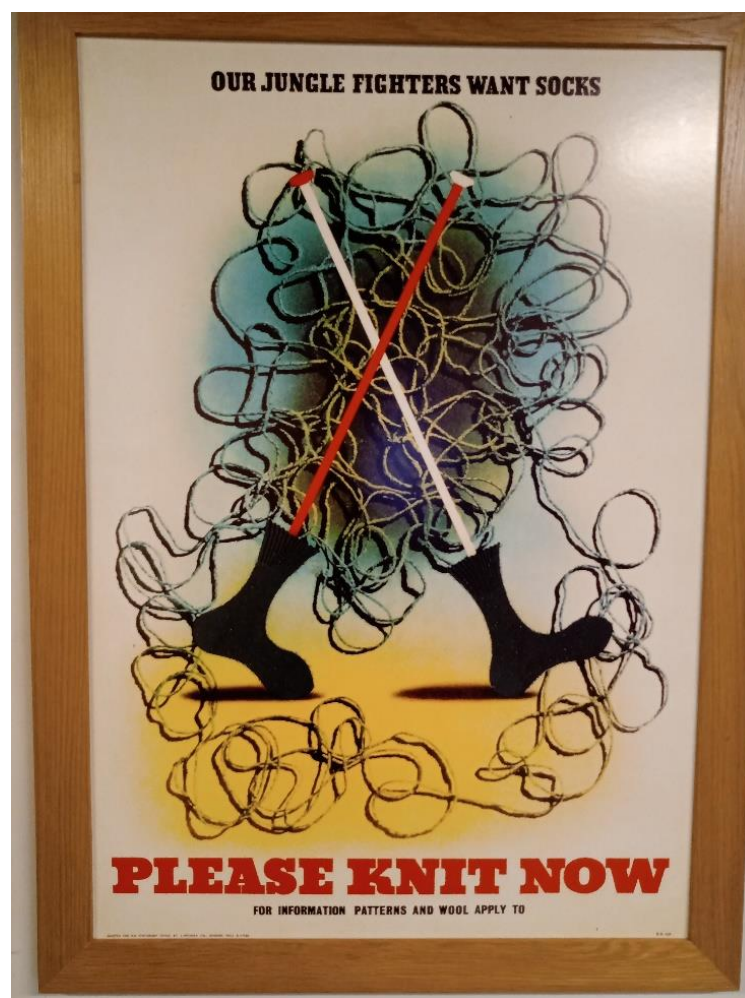
pah.org.uk/bereavement 01372 461808
pah.org.uk Join us @PAHospice

Churches Together in New Malden

CTiM are planning to set up 'Prayer on the Street'. The plan is for two or three people to gather just once a month for 2-3 hours on a Saturday morning outside Waitrose in the High Street. There would be a banner offering a chance to talk, be listened to and have prayer, if they should wish. Even if no one takes up the offer, it will not be time wasted as the volunteers will pray between them for blessings on the residents, families and businesses in New Malden. It would also be a chance to show the care and love of Jesus to those who might need Him most.

If you are interested in joining this initiative on behalf of the Methodist church, please contact Gill on 07956 513 695.

Knitters / Crocheters Needed!



Thankfully not for socks for jungle fighters, but please read on

As you will be aware I sometimes come up with different ideas as to how we can engage with the wider community during advent (Sheep trail, angels etc). I know it is a long way off but this way we have plenty of time to achieve this one.....

It's to knit/crochet a pillar box top similar to the one pictured below but we have a **knitted nativity** on ours! We can pop it onto the one by Tudor Williams and then note the delight of those passing whilst having a coffee!

So, if you would like to participate in this venture please let me or the office know – we have patterns for the figures and we will assign your character!

We would also like to repeat last year's 'Give a Christmas Angel' and the full instructions for this are at the end of this edition.

Julia Morton



Vera's Literary Quiz: Answers

How did you do with the first lines of popular novels? There will be another quiz from Vera next month.

1. The Hobbit - J R R Tolkien
 2. The House at Pooh Corner - A A Milne
 3. Pride and Prejudice - Jane Austen
 4. A Tale of Two Cities - Charles Dickens
 5. The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe - C S Lewis
 6. The Wind in the Willows - Kenneth Grahame
 7. The Canterbury Tales - Geoffrey Chaucer
 8. 1984 - George Orwell
 9. The Mill on the Floss - George Eliot
 10. Rebecca - Daphne du Maurier
 11. Wild Swans - Jung Chang
 12. Little Women - Louisa May Alcott
 13. Captain Corelli's Mandolin - Louis de Bernières
 14. Emma - Jane Austen
 15. Fever Pitch - Nick Hornby
 16. Wuthering Heights - Emily Brontë
 17. The Exorcist - William Peter Blatty
 18. The Time Machine - H G Wells
 19. Lord of the Flies - William Golding
 20. 2001: A Space Odyssey - Arthur C Clarke
 21. The Da Vinci Code - Dan Brown
 22. The Maltese Falcon - Dashiell Hammett
 23. Tess of the D'Urbervilles - Thomas Hardy
 24. White Teeth - Zadie Smith
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Circuit Plan

		KINGSTON 10.30am	SURBITON HILL 10.30am	NEW MALDEN 10.30am	CHESSINGTON* 10am
03 October	am	Karl Rutlidge: HF	Stan Brown: HF	Jilly Bridges	Mark Wakelin: HC
	pm		4.30pm Stan Brown: PP		
10 October	am	Jilly Bridges	Karl Rutlidge	Stan Brown	Mark Wakelin
17 October	am	Linda Davis	Stan Brown JC	Karl Rutlidge	Sally Rush
	pm		5pm Stan Brown zoom		
24 October	am	Karl Rutlidge	Stan Brown: HC	Graham Cocking	Jilly Bridges
31 October	am	Mark Wakelin	Lorraine Webb	Karl Rutlidge	Stan Brown
	pm		4.30pm Stan Brown PP		Mark Wakelin: AS
07 November	am	Stan Brown	Hannah Chun	Judith Wakelin	Mark Wakelin: HC
	pm		5pm Stan Brown: SR		
14 November	am	Karl Rutlidge: R	Stan Brown: R 1 0.45am at war memorial	Linda Davis: R	Mark Wakelin: R
21 November	am	Mark Wakelin	Stan Brown: HC	Karl Rutlidge	Judith Wakelin: C
	pm		5pm Stan Brown zoom		
28 November	am	Sally Rush	Denis Vernon	Karl Rutlidge	Stan Brown
* Korean Language Service at Chessington on Sundays at 12.00 noon led by Rev Paul Han					
Online services (follow links) Chessington: 10am Sunday: chessingtonmc.online.church ; YouTube: Chessington Methodist Church Kingston: Sundays & You Tube: Windows on Worship New Malden: Sundays & You Tube: Windows on Worship Surbiton Hill: 10.30 Sundays YouTube: Surbiton Hill Methodist Church					
Worship Books	Methodist Worship Book (Holy Communion only)	Methodist Worship Book (complete)	Methodist Worship Book (complete)	Methodist Worship Book (complete)	Methodist Worship Book (Holy Communion only)
Bibles	GNB	NIV	NIV	NRSV	NIV
Music (Projection by arrangement)	Singing the Faith Songs of Fellowship 1-3	Singing the Faith Hymns & Psalms Let's Praise 1-2	Singing the Faith	Singing the Faith	Hymns & Psalms Songs of Fellowship 1-3
Notes & Abbreviations ACM: Annual Church Meeting; AS: All Souls Service; C: Contemporary Service; HC: Holy Communion; HF Harvest Festival; JC Junior Church re-launch; LA: Local Arrangement; PLC: Pastoral Leaders Dedication; PP Praise Party; R: Remembrance; SR Service of Remembering Holy Communion: to be arranged locally at the discretion of each church and minister					
Ministers' Day Off: Stan: Saturday; Karl: Monday. Mark works part-time and can usually be contacted Sunday, Monday and Tuesday					

Diary Dates

Saturday 2 nd October	10.00am – 12 noon: Women's Institute Coffee Morning
Saturday 9 th October	10.00am – 12 noon: NMMC Coffee Morning – can be booked
Sunday 10 th October	3.00pm: Music in New Malden Katriona Taylor and her musicians Katriona Taylor – vocals; Peter Hammond – piano; Simon Little – bass. A wonderful afternoon of songs, a selection of jazz standards from Katriona's favourite composers – Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, Gershwin and more, including songs from her new album <i>Blind Passion</i> . Tickets on sale from Wesley's at £8 for a single concert, £20.00 for the three Autumn concerts (October 10 th , November 14 th , December 12 th).
Tuesday 12 th October	1.10 – 1.50pm - Lunchtime Concert Diana Hoy (mezzo soprano) and Wendy Watts (piano) 2.00 – 4.30pm: Bereavement Café 7.30pm: Wives & Friends (in Wesley's) 8.00pm: Circuit meeting
Saturday 16 th October	10.00am – 12 noon: NMMC Coffee Morning – can be booked
Monday 18 th October	7.00pm: Kingston District Chamber Music Society concert
Saturday 23 rd October	10.00am – 12 noon: NMMC Coffee Morning – can be booked
Tuesday 26 th October	7.30pm: Wives & Friends (in Wesley's)
Saturday 30 th October	10.00am – 12 noon: NMMC Coffee Morning – can be booked
Saturday 6 th November	10.00am – 12 noon: Women's Institute Coffee Morning

Next Issue

Please send all submissions to Sarah Moore at nmmc@hotmail.co.uk (or in longhand through my door or the church door 😊), no later than Wednesday 27th October.

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

Give a Christmas Angel

If you would like to join in with spreading some Christmas joy why not knit or crochet or sew a Christmas Angel? (Two options for knitting patterns below).

Pop it into a small food bag with a label, something like this



This Angel comes free to wish you and those you love a Happy Christmas from New Malden Methodist Church



and leave it somewhere in New Malden to be found and cherished.

Distribution by you from Dec 10th onwards. Let's spread greetings throughout the community!

(If you would like me to print you off some labels, just let me know how many. Alternatively, I can email you a sheet of them to print off yourself, Sarah).

ANGEL 1

Head and Body - Cast on 36 stitches using double knitting yarn and size 3mm needles.

Knit 3 rows.

(K2 tog, knit 7) repeat 3 times, 32 sts.

Knit 1 row.

Purl 1 row.

(k2 tog, knit 6), repeat 3 times, 28 sts.

Knit 2 rows.

Purl 1 row.

(Knit 2 tog, knit 5), repeat 3 times, 24 sts. Purl 1 row.

Knit 2 rows.

(K2 tog k4), repeat 3 times, 20 sts.

Purl 1 row.

Knit 2 rows.

(K2 tog, knit 3), repeat 3 times, 16 sts.

Purl 1 row. (K2 tog), repeat across row, 8 sts. Purl 1 row.

Kfb in each st, 16 sts.

Starting with a purl row stocking stitch 7 rows. K2 tog across row, 8 sts.

P2 tog across row, 4 sts.



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

Wings - Cast on 21 sts on needle size 3 mm. K 1 row from RS.

Then work short rows as follows: * K 7, turn and K back, K 1 row over all sts *, repeat from *-* 6 times in total.

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

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

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

ANGEL 2

Cast on 48 sts

1. Knit row
2. Purl row
3. K2TOG, K10*, repeat until end
4. Purl row
5. Knit row
6. P2TOG, P9*, repeat until end
7. Knit row
8. Purl row
9. K2TOG, K8*, repeat until end
10. Purl row
11. Knit row
12. P2TOG, P7*, repeat until end
13. Knit Row
14. Purl Row
15. K2TOG, K6*, repeat until end
16. Purl row
17. Knit row
18. P2TOG, P5*, repeat until end
19. Knit row

20. Purl row

21. K2TOG, K4*, repeat until end - 20 sts

22. Purl row

23. Knit row

24. Purl row

25. Knit row

26. Purl row

27. Knit row

At this point, you can change your colour to create the face if you want.

28. Purl row

29. knit row

30. Purl row

31. Knit row

32. Purl row

33. Knit row

34. Purl row

35. K2TOG - repeat until end

36. Purl row

37. Knit row

38. P2TOG - repeat until end

Using a darning needle, thread the end of the yarn through the stitches and tighten to create the top of the head. Turn the angel inside out and sew up the head and the body.

Around the neck, take a small amount of stuffing and place at the top of the head, then thread some yarn between stitches and pull loosely together.

Angel 2- Wings

Option 1

Cast on 27 sts

1. Knit row
2. Knit row
3. Decrease at each end (Knit)
4. Knit
5. Knit 12 rows, decrease at each end cast off. Sew wings to the body.

Option 2 (more advanced)

The wings are knitted in short rows, with the yarn wrapped around the last stitch in the middle of each ridge. To complete this you need to bring your yarn forward, slip the stitch over purl-wise, take the yarn back again, replace the slipped stitch, bring the yarn forward again and turn the work.

w&t = wrap & turn

Cast on 9 sts

1. K8, w&t, K8
2. K6, w&t, K6
3. K4, w&t, K4
4. K2, w&t, K2
5. K4, w&t, K4
6. K6, w&t, K6

Repeat these 6 rows, 4-5 times as necessary. Sew wings to the body.



