



# NEWSLETTER

## CHESSINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday Services 10.00am and 6.30pm  
Family Service – 10.00am 10 April  
Contemporary Service – 10.00am 17 April

Dear Friends,

### **GOD IS SO GOOD TO ALL**

A couple of weeks ago, I went out on pastoral visits to the Kingston Hospital. On my way back I boarded one of the waiting buses to take off at its scheduled time.

As I sat patiently minding my own business, I caught sight of two species of bird, a pigeon and some black birds. Not sure where a bread roll was tossed from, the pigeon landed on it first and started to eat heartily. From nowhere, I saw five black birds hovering around. They also came along, pounced on the bread and drove the pigeon away. Two of them started to dominate and drove the rest to a distance. That attitude of domination reminded me of some human behaviour. After having their fill, they flew away creating a chance for the pigeon who was still hovering around peacefully at some distance. It returned to the rest of the bread and also had a feast out of it.

As I got absorbed in the actions of the birds from the window of the bus, I recalled the Bible verse where our Lord and Saviour tells us in Matthew 6: 25-29 “This is why I tell you not to be worried about the food and drink you need in order to stay alive, or about the clothes for your body....vs.33: Instead be concerned about everything else within the Kingdom of God and with what He requires of you, and He will provide you with all these other things. So do not worry about tomorrow; it will have enough worries of its own”.

I believe that the birds were not idle, standing or sitting at one place; they kept busy flying to and fro to where nature instructed them. Along the way their food was provided by God their Creator.

In the same way, if we concern ourselves with things that God in Christ delights, e.g. love – having a genuine good relationship with Him and one another, God in His own wisdom and abundance will provide our needs.

When we love God, we want to walk in His ways as Scripture instructs us, not because we fear the consequences of our actions, but because it is our joy to please the One we love. He is so good to all He has created to the point of sacrificing His only begotten Son to save us from all human cruelties and failings. Our Saviour Jesus Christ is risen and lives for ever to give us life.

O taste and see that the Lord is good and He loves us not because of who we are, but because of who He is.

Blessings to you all.

Elizabeth

### **BEWEEN FRIENDS**

We were pleased to welcome Kate Chaerin Lee, Joo Eun Chun, Mi Haeng Kim, Young He Chun and Gusandra Justin into membership on 31 January.

Our congratulations go to Aaron Gardner and Catherine who will marry on 9 April in Hurstpierpoint College Chapel. Aaron is Head of RE at Great Walstead College, and Catherine teaches at Ardingly College. Best wishes to Alan and Gloria and all the family.

We are glad to report that Kathy Pike is home after her operation, as is Bernice Thompson. Jim Evans is in Tolworth Hospital/Surbiton Star and Garter for a couple of weeks. We remember these friends and others who are not well or able to be with us at this time, and assure them of our thoughts and prayers.

A big Thank you to Anne and Mark Gale who provided our Easter Breakfast, and to all who brought Easter eggs for the children at the Royal Marsden Hospital.

A huge THANK YOU to Mike Penfold, John Botterill and Bernard China for all their time and hard work putting in new ring-mains in the Parlour, Kitchen, Small Hall, YPF room and corridor.

Saturday 16 April – 4.30pm to 7.00pm – STAGE CARPET FUND BIG QUIZ – Bring your own food Home made cakes, tea, coffee and soft drinks provided, and free strip of raffle tickets. Tickets £5.00 each from Bernard.

ASCENSION DAY – 5 May at 7.45pm – Ecumenical Holy Communion Service at Chessington Methodist Church. Everybody welcome.

“SONGS OF LOVE” – Jennifer Coleman, Soprano, Album Launch Concert  
Saturday 7 May at 7.00pm Chessington Methodist Church.  
Tickets £12 (Students and under 16s £6) from John Harvey

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND – 11/12 June

Saturday 11 June – SUMMER FAIR – 11.00 to 2.30pm All the usual stalls, food and fun.

Sunday 12 June – Anniversary Service 10.00am with Rev. Stan Brown, followed by a Bring and Share lunch.

COFFEE BAR BIBLE STUDY on Fridays at 9.45am – Holy Communion on every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday. All are welcome to join this meeting. Details on notice boards.

Tuesday mornings 10.30am to 12 noon in the Coffee Bar – FRIENDSHIP GROUP – do come and join us for coffee and a chat.

We have started collecting shoeboxes for Love in a Box. These can be left on top of the pigeon-holes – we need lots, so please keep them coming. Thank you. Ann and Geneen

LADIES OPEN GROUP – 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 8.00pm  
April 12 Rev Elizabeth Osei; 26 Musical Evening

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP – Monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 2.00pm  
April 13 1.00pm Bring and Share lunch - AGM

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DIARY DATES

April 16 4.30pm Stage Carpet Fund Big Quiz

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Ascension Day - 5 May 7.45pm – Ecumenical Service at Chessington Methodist Church  
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Annual Church Meeting – May 16 at 8.00pm Summer Fair 11 June – Church Anniversary 12 June

The next Newsletter is the May one. Copy date - 19 April. Material to the Editor, Pat Watson, by this date please, to ensure publication on 28 April. Please forward Diary Dates for 2016 as soon as possible to ensure maximum publicity.