

# Chessington Methodist Church

## Weekly News

15<sup>th</sup> May 2016

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### Services

*Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May*

10.00am **Rev Denis Vernon**  
12.30pm **Worship Service in Korean**  
6.30pm **Circuit service at Surbiton Hill**

*Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May*

10.00am **Rev Elizabeth Osei**  
12.30pm **Worship Service in Korean**  
6.30pm **Rev Donald Finnan** Holy Communion

**Large print versions of *Hymns and Psalms* and *Songs of Fellowship* are available from the door stewards if you require them.**

The church is equipped with an induction loop system for those who are hard of hearing. If you are using a hearing aid, please switch it to the 'T' position. All hymns and songs used in the church are covered by CCL Licence No. 58439.

### *Our weekly prayer*

There's no limit  
to the treasures God can give us,  
No limit to his loving care;

There's no limit  
to his gracious bounty,  
No limit to it anywhere.

There's no limit  
to the mercies God can show us,  
No limit to his forgiving ways;

There's no limit  
to his deep compassion,  
No limit in hours or days.

There's no limit  
to the joys God can send us,  
No limit to his endless grace;

There's no limit  
to his loving kindness  
No limit in time or space

A very warm welcome if you are new to us, or visiting. Do please join us for coffee after the service. If you would like Elizabeth, our minister, to contact you, or arrange a visit, her details are shown above.

### What's On This Week

*Monday*

10.15am *English Language Conversation Group*  
4.30pm *Rainbows*

*Tuesday*

10.30am *Friendship & Craft Group*  
1:30pm-3pm *Toddler Group*

*Wednesday*

10:15am-11:45am *Toddler Group*  
7pm *Guides*

*Thursday*

3.30pm *Messy Church*

*Friday*

9.30am – 10.30am *Bible Study & Prayer*  
including Holy Communion - all very welcome  
10:15am-11:45am *Toddler Group*  
6.30pm *Brownies*

After the morning service on Sunday 15 May there will be a meeting in the Parlour to discuss the Summer Fair. Please come along with offers of help and ideas. If you can't come to the meeting please contact a steward to volunteer.

The next Ladies ' Home Group will be 25 May at 7:45 pm, venue 14 Hurst Close. The subject under discussion will be 'Why don't my prayers get answered?' New members

Copies of the latest Christian Aid magazine are in the vestibule. Please take one and read it. Also please take a Christian Aid envelope and return it with your gift in the next 2 weeks. If you are a UK tax payer please complete the gift aid slip so that Christian Aid can claim an extra 25%

The Church needs one more Church Steward to help with Church duties. Please let Elizabeth or a Steward know if you can help as from September. Again we need three more full church members to join Church Council. Please let Elizabeth or a steward know if willing to join.

We also need someone to take over the writing of the Monthly News Letter as from September. We are very grateful to Pat who has done it for over 40 years and wants somebody to relieve her. Please let Elizabeth or a Steward know if you can help.

**All Saints Church, Market Place Kingston. Topical Lunch**

Thursday 19 May – Growing plants, growing people - Kingston's Stud Nursery. Hear project leader Jeremy Osborn talk about the Nursery's marvellous work at its Home Park base, teaching handicapped youngsters to grow plants and make wooden things for the garden. Jeremy will bring Nursery-grown house plants, bedding plants, bird boxes etc to sell – so bring a carrier bag. Have lunch at ASK's East End Café, or bring your own sandwiches. Presentation from 1:00 to 1:45pm.

**BOARD GAME FUN** to raise money for NSPCC: Fri May 27th 3.30-5 @ Chessington Methodist Church.

Come and play some traditional board games, Cluedo, Monopoly, Twister and maybe learn a new one. £2 to play and there will be small charge for refreshments but all money to the NSPCC.

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**AROUND THE CIRCUIT: MAY 2016**

**From the Superintendent**

Next time you pick up a copy of the Circuit Plan take a look at the list of ministers on the front. Officially we have 3 ministers stationed in our Circuit (falling to 2.5 next year), but we actually list 13 colleagues on our plan! There are retired ministers living in the Circuit, but there are also ministers who work in specialist posts, or who are engaged in study, or who are colleagues from partner churches. We have colleagues who hail from Africa, from Korea from China and from the UK. We are a mixed bunch in every way. The ministers are not the Circuit! But I draw your attention to that list because I think it says something very important – the Kingston on Thames Methodist Circuit is a very diverse community. We have ministers from different cultures and with very different ministries because our circuit is diverse and different, and because across London the Methodist Churches and Circuits which are growing are the ones which are welcoming diversity. As we explore the future to which God is calling us part of that future must surely be to see new and different things grow alongside the old and familiar ones. God bless, Rev Stan Brown

**Circuit Service: Pentecost Sunday 15th May 6.30pm Surbiton Hill**

This promises to be a great celebration – Jilly Bridges will be admitted as a fully accredited Local Preacher, we will thank Dennis Doe for 40years of service as a preacher, and our Easter Offering will be dedicated. All of this, and music from our new worship band at SHMC!

**Ordination Service at SHMC 4.30pm July 3rd**

SHMC have once again been asked to host one of the ordination services which take place as part of the Methodist Conference, which will be meeting at Central Hall Westminster. The ordination services are all ticket events. Please apply for a ticket on line at the Methodist Church website: <http://www.methodist.org.uk/conference/conference-2016/ordinations/book-tickets>

We have been given only 40 general tickets for the local church, and these services are generally over-subscribed.

**Farewell to Rev Elizabeth Osei**

Elizabeth formally finishes in our Circuit at the end of July, and a Farewell Service has been arranged for her on the evening of 31st July at Chessington. Please come along to celebrate Elizabeth's ministry with us and pray for her as she moves on to the Newham Circuit.

**And... Welcome to Rev Andrew Clark**

Andy Clark will be welcomed as our new minister working with Chessington Methodist Church in a service at CMC at 6.30pm on Sunday 4th September. Rev Micky Youngson, our Chair of District, will be joining us to share in our welcome to Andy.