

Chessington Methodist Church

Weekly News

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Services

Sunday 4 December

10.00am **Rev Andy Clark**
12.30pm **Worship Service in Korean**
6.30pm *No evening service*

Sunday 11 December

10.00am **Rev Andy Clark** Holy Communion
12.30pm **Worship Service in Korean**
6.30pm **Ms Rebecca Quaye**

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.

The coffee bar is open Mon, Tues, Wed and Friday from 10 till 12, all welcome to pop in.

Our weekly prayer:

Lord we rejoice in your birth.
How much you love us,
How humbly you were born!
No pride or pomp prepared
Your entrance to this world,
No assurance of comfort
Or wealth or privilege,
You came as one like us.

I don't have time to take it in.
I worry about the presents,
The cards I haven't sent,
The entertaining I have to do,
And the money I'm spending.

With all the Christmas rush
I don't get time to thank you,
For loving me and my family.
So I say it now : Thank you, Lord,
For sharing the wonder and joy
Of your presence with us. Amen

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 Andy, our minister, to contact you, or arrange a visit, his 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**
1.15pm **Toddler Group**
7.30pm **Badminton**

Wednesday

10.15am **Toddler Group**
7.00pm **Guides**

Friday

9.45am **Bible Study & Prayer**
10.15am **Toddler Group**
6.30pm **Brownies**
8.00pm **Korean fellowship**

Annual toddler Christmas Service on Wednesday 14th December 2016 at 10.30 am. We would be grateful of any help. Please see Sharon Heath or ring 02082874846. Thank you for your help.

The next Ladies' Home Group will be 14 December, 7:45 pm at 14 Hurst Close. This is our Christmas Social Gathering and it would be wonderful if everyone could bring

Carols by Candlelight Choir rehearsals will continue on Thursdays in the parlour at 8pm. All singers welcome. Celia and Esther.

If you have anything you would like included, please put it in the pigeon hole by Thursday lunchtime or speak to Mark Harvey on 01483 223543 or mpharvey2000@yahoo.co.uk

AROUND THE CIRCUIT: DECEMBER 2016

Kingston

Action for Children Carol Singing. Continuing a tradition going back over 50 years, members of Kingston Methodist Church will be carol singing round the streets of Kingston to raise money for Action for Children. The dates are:

15 December: Round the church area

20 December: Norbiton Village

24 December: Coombe Hill Road

We will start at 7.30pm each evening and finish around 9pm. Please contact Alan Clatworthy (020 8546 7812; alan.clatworthy@blueyonder.co.uk) if you would like to join us. We enjoy bringing the traditional Christmas message to our locality while fundraising at the same time!

New Malden

Christmas Tree Festival. The popular Christmas Tree Festival returns to New Malden Methodist Church starting on Saturday 10th December. Around 24 local organisations will be showing their artistic flair by decorating trees for their favourite charities. Last year saw entries from a host of local organisations including Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Tudor Williams, Rotary, Inner Wheel, Princess Alice Hospice, Groves Residential and various church groups. In excess of £1200 was raised for the charities so it would be great to top that this year.

Entry is free so you can save your money to put in the box of your favourite tree, or there is a general collection box if you can't decide. Please come and see this festive forest in both daylight and in the dark (on Saturdays 10, 17 and 24 December) when the twinkling lights will create a magical display. You could have a break from Christmas shopping, stop for a coffee and a biscuit and take a look at the trees.

Opening Times:

Saturday 10 December: 10am to 5pm; Weekdays from 12 December until Christmas Day: 10am to 2pm when the coffee shop is open; Saturday 17 December: 10am to 5pm; Saturday 24 December: 10am to 2pm. Also open at all services.

Sheep Trail Sheep lost in New Malden. Can ewe help find them? Around 40 sheep have gone astray in the High Street and we need young detectives to seek them out and record their whereabouts. The (knitted) sheep come in a variety of styles and sizes (they are ewe-nique) but all are believed to be hiding in premises in and around the High Street. They might be in the window or you may have to search further. Each sheep has a name tag around its neck so you have to enter their names on the entry form.

Please collect an entry form from the Methodist Church (next to Tudor Williams) from Friday 25th November at the church Christmas fair and after that on any weekday between 10am and 2pm and start noting down names of sheep. The sheep will return to the fold for the Christingle service on Christmas Eve at 5pm. Please return your finished form to the church at that service or on Saturday 19th December 10am-5pm during our Christmas Tree Festival. All completed forms will receive a small prize.

Thank ewe for helping find our sheep.

Surbiton Hill

Drop In Fellowship takes place on the second Wednesday of each month in the Lower Hall at Surbiton Hill (from 1.45pm for a 2pm start). Please note the following events:

- 14 December: Our Minister and Circuit Superintendent, Rev Dr Stan Brown

January Newsletters

If your church has 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 newsletter/magazine.

Please send your contributions by Tuesday 13 December to: circuitoffice@kingstoncircuit.org.uk