

# Chessington Methodist Church

## Weekly News

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### Services

*Sunday 11 December*

10.00am **Rev Andy Clark** Holy Communion

12.30pm **Worship Service in Korean**

6.30pm **Rev Andy Clark**

*Sunday 18 December*

10.00am **Rev Dr Stan Brown** Contemporary

12.30pm **Worship Service in Korean**

6.30pm **Rev Andy Clark** Holy Communion

*Monday 19 December*

8.00pm **Carols By Candlelight**

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.

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

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

*Our weekly prayer:*

God of Life and Joy, on this third Sunday in Advent we joyfully celebrate your certain promise of the new world to come. Help us prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, our Lord, the light of the world. Illuminate our waiting and watching, our praying, thinking and our acting with the light of the gospel. We need the spirit of patience in our lives, the spiritual source of all joyful hope. May the whole world recognize the healing and saving ministry of Christ through us as we reach out to a world filled with dark shadows. Amen.

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A PRAYER BOARD AT THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR YOUR USE, YOU MAY WISH FOR OTHERS TO PRAY FOR SITUATIONS IN YOUR LIFE OR USE IT AS AN EXPRESSION TO GOD.

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*

9.55am **English Language  
Conversation Group**  
Garden Centre visit

*Tuesday*

10.30am **Friendship & Craft Group**  
1.15pm **Toddler Group**  
7.30pm **Badminton**  
8.00pm **Ladies Open Group**

*Wednesday*

10.30am **Toddler Christmas Service**  
7.00pm **Guides**

*Thursday*

3.30pm **Messy Church**

*Friday*

9.45am **Bible Study & Prayer**  
8.00pm **Korean fellowship**

The Ladies' Home Group will meet 14 December at 14 Hurst Close (7:45pm). Please bring a CHRISTMAS READING, POEM, ANECDOTE or CHRISTMAS CD. Snacks provided!

**Carols by Candlelight** Final Choir Practice for Carols by Candlelight on Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Church. All members please attend.

*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](mailto:mpharvey2000@yahoo.co.uk)*

The church will be open on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December from 10 to 11 am, for a time of shared prayer led by Andre Justin. All are welcome. This is an opportunity for us to pray for those we have concerns for, and to rest together in God's healing presence in an informal relaxed way. This is an open meeting, so if you can't make the full hour, you are welcome to drop in any time to join us.

## **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](mailto: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**

**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](mailto:circuitoffice@kingstoncircuit.org.uk)