

Chessington Methodist Church

Weekly News

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Services

Sunday 3 December

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

Sunday 10 December

10.00am **Mr Daniel Masillamani**
12.30pm **Worship Service in Korean**
6.30pm **Rev Andy Clark** 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. 4904.

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

Our weekly prayer:

Loving Lord Thank you for being the God of comfort, strength and compassion, there for us in our times of trouble. I pray for those that are hurting or suffering loss at this time. Help them to find their joy in you and through that joy, their strength to face the trials ahead. Thank you for always being there and for hearing and answering our cries of help. Help us to share your compassion and strength with those around us. All these things we pray in your name. Amen

There will be a Thanksgiving Service for the life of Maria Beazley-Long in church on Monday 4 December at 1.15pm. This will be followed by refreshments in the Large Hall. Everybody is welcome.

Chessington Scouts will be selling some fantastic Christmas trees again this year from 11am to 3pm on Saturday 9th December from the car park of Chessington Methodist Church. Please come and support us!

What's On This Week

Monday

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

Tuesday

10.30am **Friendship & Craft Group**
1.30-3pm **Toddler Group**
7.30pm **Badminton**

Wednesday

10.15-11.45 **Toddler Group**
5.30pm **Youth Group**
7.00pm **Guides**

Friday

9.45am **Informal Bible Study & Prayer**
10.15-11.45 **Toddler Group**
6.30pm **Brownies**
8.00pm **Korean fellowship**

The next Ladies' Home Group will be on 6 Dec at **7:45 pm** - venue 14 Hurst Close. We continue to study the life of Mary, the mother of Jesus. As we have only just started this series, and it will continue into the new year it is a good time to join the group if you have been thinking about doing so.

Annual Toddler Service takes place on 13th December 2017. Can you help us on the morning? Speak to Sharon Heath, Anne Gale or Pat Watson if you can. Thanking you in advance.

Marisa Johnson is a classical crossover soprano from California, now living in The Netherlands. She will be coming to Chessington on Saturday January 13th 2018 for a concert starting at 7pm. She will be accompanied by the talented pianist Adam Parrish, and the Chessington concert will also feature guest soprano Victoria Patterson. Tickets are £10, available soon from John Harvey, or from Marisa's website <http://marisa-johnson.com/>.

AROUND THE CIRCUIT: INFORMATION FOR DECEMBER NEWSLETTERS

The Bible Course

Hopefully you will have seen information about this course, which began on 24 November, on the poster in your church. Whether you are just looking or a long way into the Christian faith, this course provides the tools and skills that will help you to read the Bible for yourself. An interactive journey through the whole Bible, with DVD teaching, small group discussion and a Course Manual packed with notes, quotes and visuals.

The course is running on Fridays at 12 noon in the Parlour at Surbiton Hill and started on 24 November, with further sessions scheduled for 1st, 8th & 15th December. There will be four further sessions in the New Year.

Drinks will be provided, but please bring your own lunch. *For more information contact Rev Stan Brown on 07341 846601*

Circuit Directory: In the recently updated Directory, Linda Davis was omitted from the list of Local Preachers on page 2 (although her contact details are included at the back). If you have a copy please note it accordingly.

NEW MALDEN

Blue Christmas

At New Malden on 21st December at 8pm, we'll be holding a Blue Christmas service. Blue Christmas, or Longest Night, is a service for those who find Christmas difficult, perhaps because of bereavement, being separated from family, losing a job and so on, and those who wish to be alongside people in these situations. In the midst of a season where the pressure to appear to be 'happy' can be overwhelming, it offers time for reflection and space to breathe, in which these things can be held before God. All are welcome.

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 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 New Malden Church from Friday 24th 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 be in the shops until Monday 18th December, and then 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 23rd December 10am-2pm during our Christmas Tree Festival.* All completed forms will receive a small prize.

The Popular Christmas Tree Festival returns to New Malden Methodist Church starting on Saturday 16th 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, Princess Alice Hospice, Groves Residential, Corpus Christi School and various church groups. In excess of one thousand pounds was made 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 the Saturday afternoon 16th December) when the twinkling lights create a magical display. Opening times are: Saturday 16th December: 10am-5pm, weekdays 18th December until Christmas Day: 10am-2pm, when the coffee shop is open Saturday 23rd December: 10am-2pm (including Community Carols at 11.30)

January Newsletters

If you have 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 January newsletter or magazine.

Please send contributions by Tuesday 12 December to: circuitoffice@kingstoncircuit.org.uk