

# Chessington Methodist Church

## Weekly News

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### Services

*Sunday 17 December*

10.00am **Rev Andy Clark**  
Contemporary with Holy Communion  
12.30pm **Worship Service in Korean**  
6.30pm **Rev Andy Clark**

*Monday 18 December*

8.00pm **Carols by Candlelight**

*Sunday 24 December (Christmas Eve)*

10.00am **Rev Andy Clark** Family service  
12.30pm **Worship Service in Korean**  
6.30pm *No evening service*  
11.15pm **Rev Andy Clark** Holy Communion

*Monday 25 December (Christmas Day)*

10.00am **Mr John Lee**

**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.

### *Our weekly prayer*

O Almighty God, gracious provider and giver of life, we anxiously await the celebration of your birth. Like the people of long ago, our ancestors in faith, we, too, are in need of light, in need of direction, in need of your Word, to show us the way. Our busy lives and the consumerism that surrounds us make it difficult to recognize your kingdom and to hear your voice. Help us Lord, to focus on you. We pray that you hear our prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

~ from *The Essential Advent and Christmas Handbook*

### What's On This Week

*Monday*

10.15am **English Language  
Conversation Group**

*Tuesday*

10.30am **Friendship & Craft Group**  
7.30pm **Badminton**

*Wednesday*

5.30pm **Youth Group**  
7.00pm **Guides**

*Thursday*

3.30pm **Messy Church**

*Friday*

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

The next Ladies' Home Group will be on 20 Dec 2017, venue 14 Hurst Close, time **7:45pm**. This will be our 'Christmas Social' evening. Please bring a **small** item of food, a Christmas poem or reading you can share, but chiefly **YOURSELVES!**

*If you would like to include anything in the Weekly News, please put it in the pigeon hole or speak to Mark Harvey on 01483 223543 or [mpharvey2000@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mpharvey2000@yahoo.co.uk)*



## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

It's essential that everyone whose role in the church involves working with 0 – 18 year olds, or vulnerable adults, undertakes appropriate training. The Methodist Church has produced material which serves as a basic starter to understand safeguarding and our collective responsibility for it. For people who come to this with prior learning and experience, it gives a clear marker for where the Church stands, and how our safeguarding commitments are made real across the Church's work.

It's now about five years since there was any safeguarding training in our Circuit, so we will be running it again in the New Year. If you've done the Circuit safeguarding training before, you will need to attend a Refresher course. If you have taken on a new role in the last few years you will need to attend the Foundation course.

### The sessions are:

8 January	Refresher Session	Surbiton Hill	7.30pm – 9.30pm
9 January	Refresher Session	New Malden	2.30pm – 4.30pm
16 January	Refresher Session	Chessington	10am – 12noon
20 January	Foundation Course	Kingston	9.30am – 12.30pm

Refreshments will be available before each session, so that we can make a prompt start.

### The following people are required to attend, and will receive a specific invitation:

Lay employees and volunteer workers with pastoral responsibility	Pastoral visitors	Anyone working with 0 – 18 year olds in the name of the church
Anyone working in activities targeted at vulnerable adults	Circuit and church stewards	Local preachers and worship leaders (and those in training)

If you are not in one of these roles, you are still warmly invited to attend.

### If you need any more information, please contact

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