

# Chessington Methodist Church

## Weekly News

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### Services

*Sunday 26 November*

10.00am **Mrs Linda Davis**  
12.30pm **Worship Service in Korean**  
6.30pm **Rev Dr Karl Rutledge**

*Sunday 3 December*

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

**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:*

Send forth your wisdom, O Lord, to live in our hearts, to work in our lives and to speak to our consciences; that all our thoughts, words and actions may conform to your will and reveal your glory; through Christ our Lord. 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.

Latest copies of Christian Aid magazine are in the vestibule. Please take one and read it.

Calling All Knitters. We are starting to knit hats, scarves and mittens for Love in a Box 2018. If you are interested in helping to make these sets please contact Madeline or Ann Botterill. All wool will be supplied.

### 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**  
7.30pm **Ladies Open Group**  
Nonsuch Bellringers

*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.

NEEDED: To enable the messy church families to make their own nativity Sharon is collecting shoeboxes and toilet rolls. 20 shoeboxes needed, lots and lots of toilet rolls! If you can leave them in the ypf room or pass to Sharon by beginning of December she would be very grateful :-)

Late Entries

Some groups are locking the entrance doors during meetings in view of Safeguarding concerns. Latecomers can now gain entry using the doorbell which has been installed at both the parlour and coffee bar entrances, these sounding in the small hall and large hall respectively.

## **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 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> December) when the twinkling lights create a magical display. Opening times are: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December: 10am-5pm, weekdays 18<sup>th</sup> December until Christmas Day: 10am-2pm, when the coffee shop is open Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:circuitoffice@kingstoncircuit.org.uk)*