

Chessington Methodist Church

Weekly News

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Services

Sunday 18 February

10.00am **Rev Dr Stan Brown** Contemporary

12.30pm **Worship Service in Korean**

6.30pm **Rev Andy Clark**

Sunday 25 February

10.00am **Rev Denis Vernon**

12.30pm **Worship Service in Korean**

6.30pm **Mr Dennis & Mrs Carolyn Doe**

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.

We still need people to come onto the Coffee Bar rota on Sunday mornings. If you are interested on coming onto the rota please speak to Rachel.

Songs of Praise 18th Feb.

Today at 4.25 p.m. on BBC2, Songs of Praise is coming from Wesley's Chapel and is about Charles Wesley. It also features Graham Kendrick.

What's On This Week

Monday

10.15am **English Language
Conversation Group**

4.30pm **Rainbows**

Tuesday

10.30am **Friendship & Craft 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**

Our weekly prayer

In prayer, may we come to know ourselves and to meet our maker; to rejoice in God's goodness, to share in God's life, and to be enfolded in God's love. Amen.
Julian of Norwich (1342-1420)

Lent Studies will start on Wednesday 21 February at 7.45pm for 8.00pm in the Parlour and will run every Wednesday evening for 6 weeks until 28 March. Everybody welcome.

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 mparvey2000@yahoo.co.uk

Food for thought

A girl named Fatima went to school in a neighbouring village, where she wasn't known well. For three weeks she came to school late, and every time the teacher punished her. On the fourth week, Fatima didn't attend school at all and many thought she had given up on school, due to the everyday punishment. However, Fatima reported again on the fifth week, and this time she came earlier than everybody. When the teacher came to class, Fatima was punished for attending school the previous week but the teacher was also kind enough to commend her for coming earlier that day, stating that the punishment had finally yielded some results. Just then, Fatima asked if she could say something, and the teacher gave her permission.

She stated: I've been raised up by a single mother, without a brother or a sister. Five week ago, my mother fell ill and was hospitalised. The three weeks I came late, I had to prepare something for her every morning and pass by the hospital to deliver the same. Unfortunately, mother passed away last week, and that's the reason I didn't come to school. We buried her last Friday. Today I came early, since I didn't have to prepare anything, or even pass by the hospital. Now that she is gone, I will always be here early. As she sat down, no one in the whole class, was able to hold back the tears, including the teacher.

LESSON

How many time do we judge others for things we know not? We ask questions like, "when will you get married? When will you have children? When will you find a job? When will you buy a car? When will you buy your own home?" Etc. Do we attempt to understand their situation, or we just judge from the **case scenarios?** Some situations are not relative, and what we think could be very far from the truth. Don't assume you know what others go through, or that people move in the same pace or direction as you.

Life is far from that. Just be kind enough to love one another, as God has commanded. Take time and kindly find out why your friend has not been in touch. Why your messages are not being replied promptly. Why they haven't visited. Why they are not coming to worship. Why someone is missing in our midst as a colleague, friend, brother or sister. Why someone is always late etc. **Be kind always. Be nice to others, and have a blessed week.**