

# Chessington Methodist Church

## Weekly News

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### Services

*Sunday 1 April (Easter Sunday)*

8.00am **Rev Andy Clark** Holy Communion  
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12.30pm **Worship Service in Korean**  
*No evening service*

*Sunday 8 April*

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.

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.

### *Our weekly prayer*

We go on our way  
and Jesus goes ahead of us.  
We do not need to be afraid  
for Jesus is risen.

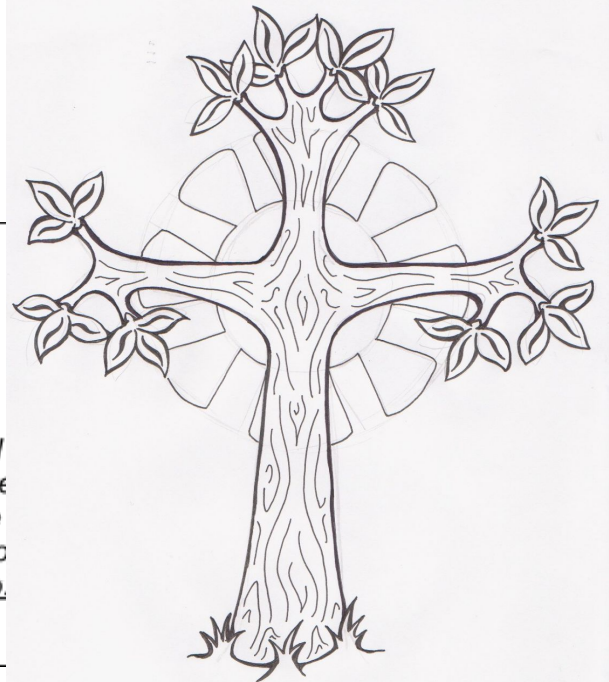
God is love -

And love is more powerful  
than fear or death or evil  
and we are greatly loved  
and we are grateful.

Thanks be to God for redeeming the world in  
love

Ruth Burgess Eggs and Ashes

From Easter Journey (in the church)



### What's On This Week

*Tuesday*

10.30am **Friendship & Craft Group**

*Wednesday*

10.15-11.45 **Toddler Group**

*Friday*

9.45am **Informal Bible Study & Prayer**

8.00pm **Korean fellowship**

The Marys' and Marthas' Group will start a new series on 'How the Holy Spirit can reshape our lives' on 4 April 2018. As usual we will meet at 14 Hurst Close at 7:45pm.

The next meeting of the Worship Consultation will be on Monday 9th April in the Parlour at 8 pm. All welcome to attend.

The funeral of Barbara Finnan (wife of Rev Donald Finnan, and a good friend to our church) will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 11am at Kingston Crematorium followed by a service at 12noon at New Malden United Reformed Church.

All Saints Kingston Topical Lunch – Thursday 12 April.  
**Mark Sturge**, Christian Aid's Head of London Office will talk about **'Why you can support Christian Aid with confidence'**. Following the problems at Oxfam and Save the Children, Mark will talk about how Christian Aid ensures the highest standards of integrity and effective results, with your questions and comments. Lunch at the East End Cafe from 12:00 pm, or bring your own sandwiches. Presentation 1:00 pm; finishes 1:45 pm prompt.

Calling all musicians and singers and anyone interested in being involved with the band for the contemporary services. We practice once a month, usually the third Thursday of the month for about hour and a half. The services are the third Sunday of the month. If you are interested please get in touch with Sharon Lloyd 07870972760.

## Anyone for Tennis

At Manor Drive, Surbiton (between nos 11 & 13) the church has six all weather tennis courts and a pavilion. Membership of the club is particularly welcomed to members of the Methodist Church, and its congregation, it is a family club with play equipment for children, and we have players of all standards. The club meets on Saturday afternoons, when doubles sets are arranged (so no need to have a partner), and teas are served, and on some evenings. Sets solely for men and ladies are arranged on Wednesday mornings and Thursday mornings respectively.

The club runs on a "self help" basis, such that we all chip in. Please do not hesitate to speak to John Botterill, or have a chat with our captain Terry Ingham on 0208 399 8294 [HYPERLINK "mailto:inghamkathryn@hotmail.com"](mailto:inghamkathryn@hotmail.com) - or just come along.

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

## Circuit Service: 6.30pm 29<sup>th</sup> April - Surbiton Hill Methodist Church

Root around in cupboards, drawers and piano stools at any older Methodist Church and you are sure to find a copy of Ira D. Sankey's "Sacred Songs & Solos". You may not know the book or the name of its compiler but you do know some of the hymns which it made popular: Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine - What a Friend we Have in Jesus - O for a Closer Walk with God - Tell me the Old, Old Story

Our circuit service celebrates this gospel music and tells the remarkable story of the first American Evangelists to become household names in Britain.

Dwight Moody was the Billy Graham of his day – indeed without the pioneering work of Moody and his friend the musician Ira Sankey, there may never have been any Billy Graham Crusades in the UK, or *Mission Praise* and its many successors. Moody and Sankey toured Britain many times, preaching and singing in packed venues. Moody's inspired preaching and Sankey's inspirational singing touched the hearts of a whole generation, and left a legacy of popular Christian song books which supplemented the official hymn books of the day. Many of the songs grew out of real life stories and testimonies. As well as singing some old time favourites we will learn where the expression "Hold the Fort" comes from, and what it means to "Pull for the Shore". Above all the songs tell us something about the gospel, mission, the call of Jesus and its impact on our lives.

Some of these hymns fairly rattle along – if you like a good sing you will enjoy the tunes. Sankey's arrangements are very easy for choirs with simple 4 part harmonies. If you'd like to join the choir and help lead our music please get in touch with Linda Bridges [HYPERLINK "mailto:lmbridges@btopenworld.com"](mailto:lmbridges@btopenworld.com) [lmbridges@btopenworld.com](mailto:lmbridges@btopenworld.com) there will be a short rehearsal at 4.30pm with a refreshments break before the service. If you've still no idea what this is all about go to **youtube** and search for "David Willets – Medley of Moody and Sankey Hymns"!

See you there. God bless: Stan