

Chessington Methodist Church

Weekly News

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Services

Sunday 15 April

10.00am **Rev Andy Clark** Contemporary

12.30pm **Worship Service in Korean**

6.30pm **Rev Dr Stan Brown**

Sunday 22 April

10.00am **Rev Andy Clark** Family & Parade

12.30pm **Worship Service in Korean**

6.30pm **Mrs Jilly Bridges**

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

O Christ of the dove, grant us the purity of the Spirit. O Christ of the sparrow, grant us the Father's protection. O Christ of the mother-hen, grant us shelter beneath your wing. Amen. Bonaventure of Bagnoregio (1217-1274)

The Marys' and Marthas' Group will meet for their next Bible Study on 18 April at 7:45pm, venue 14 Hurst Close. Subject: Joy! Do come along as we continue to explore the results of the Holy Spirit filling our lives.

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

A very warm welcome if you are new to us, or visiting. Do please join us for coffee after the service. If you would like Andy, our minister, to contact you, or arrange a visit, his details are shown above.

What's On This Week

Monday

10.15am **English Language Conversation Group**

4.30pm **Rainbows**

8.00pm **Church Council**

Tuesday

10.30am **Friendship & Craft Group**

7.30pm **Badminton**

Wednesday

10.15-11.45 **Toddler Group**

5.30pm **Youth Group**

7.00pm **Guides**

Thursday

3.30pm **Messy Church**

Friday

9.45am **Informal Bible Study & Prayer**

10.15-11.45 **Toddler Group**

6.30pm **Brownies**

8.00pm **Korean fellowship**

Saturday

2pm-5pm **Prayer drop-in**

Kingston Council Election Hustings 2018 – All Saints Church, Market Place. Thursday 26 April, 1:00 to 2:00 pm. Political control in Kingston is on a knife edge this year. Take this opportunity to hear and put your questions to Conservative Leader **Kevin Davis**, Lib Dem Leader **Liz Green** and representatives of the other parties with Council candidates – **Labour, the Greens, Kingston Independent Residents' Party and UKIP.** Log your question with Leslie Packer on 020 8549 1960, or email it to lgpacker123@gmail.com, giving a contact 'phone number.

AROUND THE CIRCUIT: INFORMATION FOR CHURCH NEWSLETTERS

CIRCUIT NEWS

Moving Stories Conference: 20-22 July

The London District has arranged a conference under its "Moving Stories" initiative at which attendees will share stories, learn about migration, and be equipped to make a difference in their community. The conference will take place from 20-22 July in Hoddesdon, and the cost will be £60 for adults, £40 for children (under 16) and students, and it is free for under 5's. The Circuit has agreed to meet these costs for anyone who wants to attend, and it would be helpful if anyone who plans to attend could let the Circuit Office know.

People can register online at www.movingstorieslondon.com/conference. For more information call 020 7654 3850

Volunteer Opportunity: Circuit Safeguarding Officer

The Circuit is seeking a new Safeguarding Officer from summer 2018. We are very grateful to Mike Bibby who has filled this role for several years and helped lead us through the transition to new and much stronger safeguarding arrangements. The Circuit Safeguarding Officer supports the Circuit in developing and implementing its safeguarding policy. The officer keeps records of appointments, DBS checks and safeguarding training for Circuit posts helps to co-ordinate our Circuit safeguarding training (we already have two qualified trainers within the Circuit), and ensures that we stay up to date with policy and procedures.

Training is available to support the role and there are regular District safeguarding conferences. The Methodist London District also has an employed part time Safeguarding Officer who supports the work of our Circuit and local safeguarding officers. Virtually all our safeguarding administration is now "on line" and the safeguarding officer will need normal internet and email access.

This is a really vital role in the life of our Circuit and the support of all our local churches. We are absolutely committed to building safe spaces for everyone in all our churches. If you would like to know more or to explore volunteering please get in touch with Stan: superintendent@kingstoncircuit.org.uk

Keeping Your Information Safe

We live in a society where data is easy to store and easy to share - this helps us to communicate quickly and efficiently but it also brings an obligation for organisations to keep information safe. From the end of May new legislation about "Data Protection" comes into force and this affects all organisations and businesses - including our Circuit and Churches. Each local church is already working to make sure that the information we have is held properly and securely. The Circuit also holds data and must do the same. The change which affects most people is that we will need your explicit consent to include any names and contact details in the Circuit Directory (and your local Church directories). As we prepare the next Circuit Directory this summer those whose details are normally included will receive an email or a letter asking them to agree to their contact details being stored and included in the directory. Behind the scenes there is quite a lot of other work going on to make sure we are ready for the new legislation - our thanks to everyone in the Circuit and local churches who is helping with this.

CHURCH EVENTS

CHESSINGTON

Flower Festival: As part of our 70 years anniversary celebration at Chessington Methodist Church we will be holding a Flower Festival on Saturday and Sunday 12 and 13 May from 1.00 to 6.00pm. Everybody is welcome. Entry is free but there will be a voluntary collection for Chessington & Hook Voluntary Care Scheme. Refreshments will be available. We look forward to welcoming visitors from the rest of the Circuit.

KINGSTON

Annual Plant and Produce Sale This takes place at Kingston Methodist Church on Saturday 12 May, 10.30-12.30 - hundreds of indoor and outdoor plants for sale, as well as home-made cakes and preserves, books, toys and games, gifts, handicrafts, jewellery and refreshments.

SURBITON HILL

Quiet Days for 2018 at the House of Prayer, East Molesey.

The next Quiet Days are:

June 23rd led by Rev Andrew Pakes

November 24th led by Rev Denis Vernon

Anyone for Tennis?

At Manor Drive, Surbiton (between numbers 11 13) the church has six all weather tennis courts and a pavilion. Members of the Methodist Church and its congregation are particularly welcome to join this family club. We have 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 have a chat with our captain Terry Ingham on 0208 399 8294 (email inghamkathryn@hotmail.com). Or just come along.

Next 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 next newsletter or magazine.

Please send contributions by Tuesday 7 May to: circuitoffice@kingstoncircuit.org.uk