

Chessington Methodist Church

Weekly News

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Services

Sunday 25 March (Palm Sunday)

10.00am **Rev Dr Stan Brown**

12.30pm **Worship Service in Korean**

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

Thursday 29 March (Maundy Thursday)

7.45pm **CHAT Service**

Friday 30 March (Good Friday)

9.30am **"Telling the Story" at St Mary's**
followed by **Walk of Witness**

Stopping at particular places to pray for and with
the community.

Closing Prayers at St Paul's Church at
(approximately) 11am.

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

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.

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

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**

Tuesday

10.30am **Friendship & Craft Group**

7.30pm **Badminton**

8.00pm **Ladies Open Group**

Wednesday

10.15-11.45 **Toddler Group**

5.30pm **Youth Group**

7.00pm **Guides**

8.00pm **Lent Studies**

Friday

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.

CHAT (all our churches)
are performing the
Messiah Part 2, at St
Paul's Church Hook at
7pm on Good Friday.
The organist is Richard
Thompson, conductor
Stephen Kendall. There
will be two or three
hymns within the
programme for the
congregation to join in
with.

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 29th 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 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