

Chessington Methodist Church

Weekly News

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Services

Sunday 2 December

10.00am **Miss Lorraine Webb**

Family/Toy/Parade

12.30pm **Worship Service in Korean**

No evening service

Sunday 9 December

10.00am **Rev Dr Karl Rutledge**

12.30pm **Worship Service in Korean**

6.30pm **Rev Andy Clark**

1st Corinthians 13 (A Christmas version)

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata, but do not focus on those I love the most, I have missed the point.

In other words,

Love stops the cooking to hug a child.

Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the spouse.

Love is kind, though harried and tired.

Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

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**

Wednesday

10.15-11.45 **Toddler Group**

7.00pm **Guides**

8.00pm **Bible Course**

Thursday

8.00pm **Choir practice**

Friday

9.45am **Informal Bible Study & Prayer**

10.15-11.45 **Toddler Group**

6.30pm **Brownies**

8.00pm **Korean fellowship**

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.

Large print versions of *Hymns and Psalms* and *Songs of Fellowship* are available from the door stewards if you require them.

The coffee bar is open Mon, Tues, Wed and Friday from 10 until 12, all welcome to pop in.

AROUND THE CIRCUIT

NEW MALDEN

Sheep Trail

Collect your entry form from New Malden Methodist Church from Friday 30th November at our Christmas Fair (4.30-7pm)

There will be a knitted sheep in approximately 40 premises on and around the High Street, either inside the premises or in the window. The sheep will be in the High Street until Thursday 20th December.

Each sheep will have a tag around its neck with its name on. Find the sheep and write its name in the space provided on the entry form. Return the finished form to the church on Saturday 22nd December (between 10am and 2pm) or at the Christingle Service at 5pm on Christmas Eve.

All completed entries will receive a small prize.

Christmas Tree Festival

The ever-popular Christmas Tree Festival returns to New Malden Methodist Church starting on Saturday 15th 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 £1500 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 15th December) when the twinkling lights will create a magical display.

Opening Times: Saturday 15th December (10am-5pm); Weekdays from 17th December until Christmas Day (10am-2pm, when the coffee shop is open); Saturday 22nd December (10am-2pm - including Community Carols at 11.30).

Next Newsletters

If you have any news or a forthcoming event you would like to share with the Circuit, please forward details to Michael A at the Circuit Office so that it can be included in each Church's next newsletter or magazine.

Please send contributions by Monday 10 December to: circuitoffice@kingstoncircuit.org.uk

All Saints Kingston – Kingston University
'Finding ideas in surprising places' Book Group discusses *Monsignor Quixote* by Graham Greene. Monday 3 December – 7:00 to 8:30 pm, drinks from 6:30 pm. Two elderly villagers - priest and Communist ex-mayor - explore their beliefs on a road trip through Franco's Spain, surprising each other and themselves. Venue - Kingston University Main Building, Penrhyn Road, Room 0031. Information from Leslie Packer, 020 8549 1960, or lgpacker123@gmail.com.

Choir Practices for Carols by Candlelight will be every Thursday until 13 December. Anybody interested in joining the Choir please speak to Esther and 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 mpharvey2000@yahoo.co.uk