

Chessington Methodist Church

Weekly News

3 February 2019

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Services

Sunday 3 February

10.00am **Rev Andy Clark** Holy Communion

12.30pm **Worship Service in Korean**

6.30pm **Rev Andy Clark**

Sunday 10 February

10.00am **Rev Dr Stan Brown**

12.30pm **Worship Service in Korean**

6.30pm **Rev Andy Clark** Holy Communion

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.

Our weekly prayer

Loving Lord

Grant us peace in these turbulent times and the strength of character to remain firm in our beliefs when the world would have us stray. Help us to keep you in the forefront of our minds and to teach your love, your grace and your peace to the world through our actions.

"You, Lord give perfect peace to those who keep their purpose firm and put their trust in you. Trust in the Lord forever, he will always protect us" Isaiah 26 v 3-4

Amen

Church Envelopes are now available in the vestibule for the new church year. If you would like to give to help the church in this way see Linda Davis.

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**

8.00pm **Pastoral Committee**

Tuesday

10.30am **Friendship & Craft Group**

7.30pm **Badminton**

Wednesday

10.15-11.45 **Toddler Group**

7.00pm **Guides**

Friday

9.45am **Informal Bible Study & Prayer**

10.15-11.45 **Toddler Group**

4.30pm **Rainbows**

6.30pm **Brownies**

8.00pm **Korean fellowship**

The next Mary and Martha's Group is on 13 Feb at 7: 45 at 14 Hurst Close. All Welcome.

Some of you know I recently visited the Holy Land. The tour group I went with are planning a similar trip for 2020 and want to get a party of about 25 pilgrims together. It will either be in May or perhaps September. This is when the weather is really pleasant. I went for 9 days and the cost was £1600 which covered all flights transfers trips out and entry to museums and sites of interest. The hotels were excellent with on suite rooms. One was within 100 meters of lake Galilee shore and the other in Jerusalem. The only extra cost would be for a snack lunch and for any gifts. The tour takes in Jerusalem, Bethlehem Nazareth, Galilee, the Jordan, Jericho and many other famous sites. If you are interested in going contact me. Linda Davis.

Rev Andy Clark has been directed to take a long over-due sabbatical by the 'Stationing Advisory Committee'. He and his wife Liz, want to explore their future and possible ministry together, so this is an opportunity for Andy to reflect and find out what is God's will for his future. It is possible that Andy could leave the Kingston Circuit a year early, in 2020.

Following discussion within the Circuit leadership team and the staff, the sabbatical will begin towards the end of February and last for three months. This is short notice but is the best option within the Circuit and gives Andy and Liz the maximum time to consider their future. The Circuit will be exploring future options.

Arrangements are being put into place for a 'Sabbatical support group'. The preaching plan will be a challenge, but Stan is asking for ministers and preachers (possibly from outside the Circuit) to be supportive during this time.

For the 3 months, Rev Dr Karl Rutledge will have pastoral care of New Malden and Kingston churches, with Rev Dr Stan Brown pastoral care for Surbiton and Chessington. You are asked to pray for all elements mentioned here and especially Andy, as he discovers God's purpose for his future.

Margaret Turner Circuit Steward. 16 January 2019

Surbiton Hill Methodist Church are seeking:

- Part-time Caretaker for basic maintenance of extensive Church premises. 12½ hours per week at £13 per hour.
- Part-time Caretaker (Night Security) to secure the Church premises 5 nights a week. 2½ hours per week at £13 per hour.

These roles could be combined by someone working 15 hours per week on a split-shift basis. Full details are available from the Church Administrator by Email on SHMC.office@kingstoncircuit.org.uk or by phoning 020 8390 4598. Applications deadline: Thursday 7 February.

The Penrhyn Faith and Spirituality Book Group: Finding ideas in surprising places

In Spring 2019 we will read these two books and then meet to discuss each:

Monday 4 February Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn: One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich

Monday 18 March Gail Honeyman: Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine

All meetings: 7:00-8:30pm. Wine, coffee, tea from 6:30pm Kingston University, The Quiet Room (PRMB0031), Faith and Spirituality Centre, Penrhyn Road, KT1 2EE.

AROUND THE CIRCUIT

Quiet Days at the House of Prayer, East Molesey

A reminder that the next Quiet Day takes place on **Saturday 9th February 2019**, at the House of Prayer, Seymour Rd, East Molesey, KT8 0PB, led by Rev Canon David Overington.

The day is open to everyone around the Circuit. It will run from 10.00 to 3.30pm and you are asked to bring a packed lunch. Hot drinks and light snacks will be available throughout the day. There is plenty of parking on site. Please sign on the attendance lists on the church noticeboards and indicate if transport is required. For more information contact Jeannette Barwick jbarwick313@btinternet.com; 020 8941 8551

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 Monday 11 February to: circuitoffice@kingstoncircuit.org.uk