

Chessington Methodist Church

Weekly News

10 March 2019

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Services

Sunday 10 March

10.00am **Mrs Linda Davis**

12.30pm **Worship Service in Korean**

6.30pm **Rev Dr Stan Brown** Holy Communion

Sunday 17 March

10.00am **Rev Dr Stan Brown** Contemporary

12.30pm **Worship Service in Korean**

6.30pm **Rev Dr Karl Rutledge**

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

God of all goodness, help us to respect the wonders of nature
and to protect them with all our power.
Help us to respect human life, to accept it in its uniqueness
and to mutually support one another
on the path of freedom, justice and peace
as equal members of your family.
May we be blessed in this endeavour by God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
World Day of Prayer

Toddler Easter Service is on Wednesday 10th April. We need help during the service and after with refreshments. Please speak to Sharon Heath or Anne Gale if you can help. Thanking you in advance. The Toddler

A very warm welcome if you are new to us or visiting. Do please join us for coffee after the service. Our minister Andy is currently on sabbatical. If you would like a minister to contact you, or arrange a visit, please talk to the church stewards or telephone the Office number shown above.

What's On This Week

Monday

10.15am **English Language
Conversation Group**

Tuesday

10.30am **Friendship & Craft Group**
7.30pm **Badminton**
8.00pm **Ladies Open Group**

Wednesday

10.15-11.45 **Toddler Group**
2.00pm **Women's Fellowship**
Rogues and Heroes
7.00pm **Guides**

Thursday

8.00pm **Choir practice (male parts)**

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 Marys and Martha's group meeting will be on 13 March. The Bible Study starts at 8pm promptly so please make sure you are there between 7:45 and 8. The venue is, as usual, at Hurst Close. We will carry on studying 1st Thessalonians.

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

The New Malden Community Passion Play will be performed twice on Saturday, 13 April 2019, at 1pm and 3pm, in Blagdon Park, New Malden. It will begin with a procession in New Malden High Street and move to Blagdon Park.

Written by Susie Pottinger of the Lantern Arts Centre in Raynes Park, it will re-enact the main Biblical events leading up to, and during, the first Easter, in a fresh, modern way. It would be great to have your support, and prayer for all aspects of the passion play would be much appreciated.

Many thanks, Andrew P

As Andy is away on sabbatical there will not be a Lent Course here this year. However at St. Mary's Church they are holding a Bible Study called the Pilgrim Course which will start on Tuesday 5 March and run for 6 weeks until Tuesday 9 April to which anybody from Chessington Methodist is very welcome. They will be held at St. Mary's Vicarage at 7.30pm.

The All Saints – Kingston University 'Finding ideas in surprising places' Book Group looks at *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman, as it uncovers the layers of why Eleanor is more than just lonely – with a twist in the tail. **Monday 18 March – 7:00 to 8:30 pm, drinks from 6:30 pm.** Kingston University Penrhyn Rd Building Rm 0031. Information from Leslie Packer, lgpacker123@gmail.com.

At the Easter Sunday service this year (21st April), the choir are planning to sing 'Hallelujah' from Handel's Messiah. If anyone is interested in taking part, please come along to the rehearsals at 8pm (everyone is welcome!)

Practise dates: April 4, 11, 18 (All parts)
March 21 (Female parts ONLY)
March 14, 28 (Male parts ONLY)

Rev Dr Karl Rutledge's Testimony service and Ordination

Karl will be taking part in the **Testimony service** at Wesley's Chapel, London, on Sunday 19th May at 6.30 as part of the process before his ordination. You are invited to attend. It has been confirmed that **Karl will be ordained** in Darlington Street, Methodist Church, Wolverhampton on 30 June at 4pm. If you would like to go, apply for a ticket from www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-conference/conference-2019/ordinations. There is a limit of 4 tickets per personal application. Applications can be made on-line from 1 April. The circuit cannot get a bundle of tickets. Please let the circuit office know if you would like to get there by coach organised by the Circuit. More information about this will be advised in due course.

AROUND THE CIRCUIT: INFORMATION FOR CHURCH NEWSLETTERS

CIRCUIT NEWS

Circuit Safeguarding Officer Vacancy

We are currently looking for a volunteer to fill the vacant role of Circuit Safeguarding Officer. The key responsibilities will be to:

- Act as the point of contact for the District Safeguarding Officer
- Liaise with and provide support to the Circuit's Church Safeguarding Officers
- Ensure relevant officers receive the appropriate training and obtain DBS checks
- Oversee the local churches' safeguarding training and procedures
- Ensure appropriate records are maintained.

If you think you might be interested, or would like to know more about what the role entails, please contact Michael Axton at the Circuit Office

(email: circuitoffice@kingstoncircuit.org.uk; phone: 020 8390 4598)

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 March to: circuitoffice@kingstoncircuit.org.uk