

MOTTINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH MESSENGER

OCTOBER 2016



Exodus 23:16

‘Celebrate the Festival of Harvest with the first fruits of the crops you sow in your field. "Celebrate the Festival of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field.’

In the UK the harvest festival, also known as the harvest home, is traditionally celebrated on the Sunday nearest the harvest moon. This is the full Moon that occurs closest to the autumn equinox (22 or 23 September). Normally falling towards the end of September, or early October, the harvest festival is the closest thing we have to a day of thanksgiving. Although today we can plan a fixed day for this celebration, in the past the harvest festival differed, based on when all the crops had been brought in. The whole community, including children, needed to help right up until the end, as lives depended on the success of the harvest. While in Mottingham we don't celebrate the actual harvest as most of us don't harvest any food, we do celebrate and thank God for all He provides.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving is in the form of our Messy Church on 2nd October at 10.30 am with the theme BIG BARNs AND HARVEST

**A collection of food will be taken for the food bank
(No baked beans, soup or Pasta please!)**

*Diary of Church Service Preachers
October 2016*

Sunday 2nd at 10.30am – Messy Church: *Alex Terrett*
Messy Church is preceded by breakfast

Sunday 9th at 10.30am – *Joan Mayes*

Sunday 16th at 10.30am – Holy Communion: *Alex Terrett*

Sunday 23rd at 10.30am – *Ralph Brandhorst*

Sunday 30th at 10.30am – *John Sennett*



*Many congratulations, Alex,
on your engagement to
Kevin*

News from the Circuit meeting – 8th September 2016

- ⊕ The meeting agreed to invite Revd David Gillman to continue as the Orpington and Chislehurst Circuit Superintendent for a further year to August 2018.
- ⊕ Rudado Ushwokunze has completed her Local Preacher's studies. The meeting agreed for her to go onto full plan.
- ⊕ Joan Mayes is to receive a certificate in recognition of 40 years service.
- ⊕ It was agreed to apply for a Deacon to take up post in August 2017 to work in the circuit rather than applying for a new presbyter.



Methodist Talents Festival

4th March 2017

Don't Forget: Application Entries

By Sunday 27th November

Why not enter a photograph into next year's Talents Festival? When you are out and about in the coming months remember to take your camera, and take your perfect snap with the Festival subject in mind. Your photo must not be larger than 7x5inches (17.5x 12.5cm)

Class Subjects

11 years and under **A favourite toy/game**

12-14 years **Cooking**

15-18 years **Something black**

19-59 years **The High Street**

60 years and over **My Church**

Any age **Portfolio of 4 photographs—Families**

Prayer Requests

There is a note book at the rear of the Church for your use if you or someone you know would like to be remembered in prayer by the Church whether anonymously or by name.

If it's easier to leave a note please do leave it in an envelope in the Church or in the hall.

We Pray for

Alex Terrett, our minister

Jackie

Maureen's Daughter, Tina

James and Annie

Eddie

The Community Lunch

The Children's Clubs

Good Companions



Some of the strangest faces ever were created at the September Messy Church when the theme was **Roads in the Bible**. Crossing the road safely was illustrated by making lollipops for lollipop ladies.



Monthly Activities in the Church

**1ST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10.30AM
MESSY CHURCH**

This is preceded by breakfast



**1ST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7.30PM
PRAYER MEETING AT EDDIE AND DALLAS'S HOME**



**2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10.30AM
GOOD COMPANIONS**



**EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 12.30PM
COMMUNITY LUNCH**



**EVERY SATURDAY FROM 7 - 10PM
SATURDAY YOUTH CLUB
FOR 9 - 14 YEAR OLDS**

**EVERY SECOND AND THIRD SUNDAY FROM 10.15 AM TO
13.00 SUNDAY CLUB FOR CHILDREN FROM 10YEARS OF
AGE**

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Please note: Alex's day off is normally on a Friday