

KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH MAGAZINE

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*For God so loved the world that he
gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not
perish but have eternal life.*

John 3: 16

Easter 2015

KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH



SUNDAY SERVICES

10am - Morning Worship (includes Junior and Youth Church)

Our services are warm and cordial. We include traditional and contemporary hymns and songs, led by our worship group. The first 15 minutes of the service includes children and young people before going to their own groups.

The sermons are Bible based and are often themed over several weeks.

Holy Communion is generally on the second Sunday of every month.

After the service everyone is welcome to join us for refreshments, a time for a chat and to get to know any visitors.

6.30pm - Monthly Evening Holy Communion

This is usually the fourth Sunday of the month. This is a small intimate service of Communion with about 15 or so people, many from other churches in the village. You will be made most welcome.

If you would like to worship on a Sunday evening when we do not have a service, you will be able to at these churches:

2nd Sunday of the month - Holy Trinity church at 6.30pm.

3rd Sunday of the month - St Saviour's church, Brookwood at 6.00pm.

For further information see the notice board outside the church or call Rev. Dave Faulkner:

01483 472524 or see www.knaphill-methodist-church.com



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Message from Dave:

Dear Friends

The herald arrived in the town marketplace, and loudly announced his royal proclamation:

“Citizens, I bring good news to you! There is a new king, who is lord of all the earth. He has won a great victory in battle, and now everything will be different, for the better! He now requires that we give him our whole-hearted allegiance!”



Does that sound familiar?

It was how a Roman herald announced the enthronement of a new emperor.

But of course, the language sounds familiar to those who know the New Testament. The early Christian evangelists were called heralds. They proclaimed the good news of a new king, who was Lord. Indeed, that had begun at the Incarnation and with Jesus’ preaching of the Kingdom of God. Now, said the evangelists, Jesus had won a great victory in the conquest of death through the Cross and Resurrection, and now everything was different, even if rebel forces, spiritual and human, still opposed him. The only proper response to that was to give Jesus allegiance as Lord.

Yes, this Easter, the Christian message is that everything is different now, because Jesus has died and has been raised.

And that – as Tom Wright points out in his new book *Simply Good News* – is good news, not good advice. Too often, he says, we reduce Christianity to good advice. We advise people how to have a personal relationship with God. We advise people how to live a moral life. We advise society on what good ethics would be.

But even if these things are important – a relationship with God, good morals, and an ethical society – they



are not the good news in themselves. They are part of the consequences. Let's remember this Easter that what we are celebrating cannot be reduced to fluffy bunnies and chocolate eggs. We are marking the event that changed world history more than the horrors of 9/11 or the end of world wars. The events of Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Day changed all creation.

But actually, let's not just remember. Because we are the heralds today of that good news. And few people will come to church to hear our bulletin, so we have to go into today's marketplaces with the announcement.

Your friend and minister

Dave Faulino



Congratulations to:

Alan and Jane Ing, who have become grandparents to a beautiful little girl, named Erin.

Also Sally and Jim Barber, on the birth of Mae, a sister to Archer.



Architect Update

Derek Kemp, the architect the Church Council has engaged to conduct an 'Options Study' into the future use of KMC's premises, would like to meet with anyone from the church or local community who would like to discuss this topic with him. Derek will be at KMC on the last two Wednesdays in April – the 22nd and 29th. Meetings are by 30-minute appointment, with the earliest at 10:30 am and the latest at 7:30 pm. If you wish to have an appointment, please make it via Yvette.

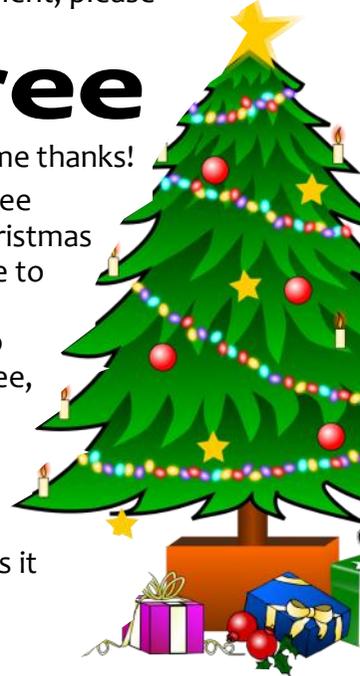
Christmas Tree

It's OK I have not gone mad! I just wanted to give some thanks!

Thanks to Rob & Ann Gill for funding the Christmas tree again. Thanks to my husband Phil for going to the Christmas tree farm, negotiating a good deal and delivering tree to church. Thanks to the young people who dressed the Christmas tree so beautifully. A very big thank you to Jonathan and Christopher Gurd for undressing the tree, chopping it up and packing it all in my car, then cleaning up all the needles and mess in the church.

I am sure we all love to see a real Christmas tree in the church for the month of December and it is thanks to the above for all their hard work that makes it possible.

Shirley Chase



This meeting is held twice a month on the first and third Wednesdays in Room 3 on our church premises, from 1.30pm. All are welcome – women & men, members & friends of our church family and of other churches and none. The programme is varied and hopefully there is something for everyone. We always finish our time together with a prayer and a hymn/song. Do come along if you are free, you will be warmly welcomed.

Enquiries, **Ella Allen 01483 830154**

Calling all Garden Gnomes!



*The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of birds for mirth
You are nearer God's Heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth.*

So very true – now that spring has finally arrived, although still a bit chilly – our thoughts turn to gardening and what shall we grow this year?

Just a reminder that we shall be holding our KMC Garden Bonanza on Saturday May 30th, 9am – midday, hopefully outside on the front steps – weather permitting, with plenty of teas and cakes inside.

Any donations of plants, produce, seeds or anything garden related – pots, gloves, baskets or even the odd hammock so you can rest from your labours, would be gratefully received. Thanks in advance.

This event has been very successful the last few years, enabling us to engage with the public and provide a good service to the village. At the same time enjoying good fellowship whilst making some money for our church funds. So do come along and join us, we will be pleased to see you!

Love & God Bless, **Christine Woodley**

Christian Aid



In December, I received a letter from Christian Aid, headed with the words, Count Your Blessings. It highlighted that many people in African Countries don't have anything to celebrate at Christmas. I sent a small donation and just carried on with my everyday tasks. When I returned from my month's holiday, I found a letter from Christian Aid, thanking me for my donation. It went on to say that with mine and many other donations, the charity had been able to support a young girl of thirteen years of age, whose family was forcing her to be married to her 60 year old brother-in-law, as he was widowed. Her ambition is to continue her studies and train as a doctor.

After reading this letter, I certainly did count my blessings, and felt very humbled at how much my donation had helped one young girl from a very bad experience.

Helen Brice

KMC copyright

For the last fifteen years I have been looking after the Copyright licensing of our church since I took over from Cathy Milne. I thought now would be a good time for you to see where some of our money goes, so that we can sing our hearts out on a Sunday morning.



Our first church copyright licence was issued on 11th February 1988. This entitled us to sing the new songs being written. The cost that year was just £57.50.

We added our Performing Right Society (PRS) Licence in 2002 allowing us to play music from records, tapes or CD's. The Video Licence (CVL) was added in 2005 giving us the option to show videos on our premises. We had no choice in 2010 when we had to buy an extra licence for our church to play music outside of church services such as the Hall and any of our rooms. We also have a 'Limited On Line Music Licence' so that we can put full services on our web site.

With the vast amount of new songs we now have, we are required to have not only 'Christian Copyright UK' but also 'Calamus', with the odd occasion of when we also have to pay to sing a number of songs not covered by our three licensing bodies.

In recent years we also project our Hymns/Songs in our services.

We pay an annual fee, dependent on the number of people in our church on a Sunday Morning. This is paid annually and the cost this year is as follows.

CCLI: £525.60

CALAMUS: £38.40

On Line Music Licence: £153.00

A total of : £717.00

Whenever a group meets on the premises and sings any of the more modern hymns, I need to be told. That is a requirement of our licence.

Thank you for your cooperation, keeping me up to date with what is sung.

John Mynard

Mission News

Circuit Mission Conference

Last October a successful Circuit Mission Conference was held at Knaphill Methodist Church, when Rev John Hibberd addressed about 50 attendees on the theme of "Wrestling with objections to the Christian faith". John is a very good speaker who presented his ideas with enthusiasm and raised challenging and thought-provoking ideas. Each of the participants at the day conference received a copy of John's booklet "Six Big Questions".

The Circuit Mission Group has decided to arrange another day conference, at Walton Methodist Church this time, on Saturday 17th October. The details are yet to be confirmed, but note the date as it will be a valuable opportunity to consider our faith and discuss issues.

Coffee Mornings

We have now done a full year of coffee mornings, usually on the fourth Saturday of the month. We kept the January and August ones for Missions, raising £352.40 last August and £234 in January 2015, for which many thanks from the Missions Committee. We held the September coffee morning in aid of Woking Hospice, sending them £211.60, had the Bazaar instead in November and, not surprisingly, a break over Christmas. That has meant 7 coffee mornings raising money for church funds, amounting to £1899.31.

I would like to say thank you very much to everyone who has helped with this - nearly £2000 is a very useful sum for church finances. We are also seeing a number of "regulars", who are not church members, but who clearly find our coffee mornings pleasant and welcoming, and we chat to people passing by when we have our stalls out in front of the church, so we hope that we are reaching out to the community, albeit in a small way.

The results of the February coffee morning are not available at the time of going to press, but please note the dates of forthcoming ones. They are on March 28th, May 2nd (NOT April 25th, because of too many clashing events), May 30th, which will also be the plant sale, June 27th, July 25th and August 22nd. Helpers are always needed, so please see Lynda Shore (01483 730761) if you can do even one Saturday. There is a lovely atmosphere during the morning, which makes these social events as well as fundraisers, so do come along.

Mission Events

The Mission Committee met recently and have now confirmed two social

events for the spring and summer. There will be a Beetle Drive/Quiz/Social evening on Saturday 18th April, from 6.30 to 10pm. Tickets are £7 for adults, £3.50 for children, and cover a main course, pudding and hot drink, plus games. See Lynda Shore, Ella Allen or Linda Todd for tickets.

On Saturday 4th July, we plan to hold an American themed barbecue (it is Independence Day) in Lynda Shore's garden, from 3pm to 7pm. Tickets will be the same price, but details will be available nearer the time. Note the date now, however, so that you can keep it free.

Lynda Shore

Ruth Pugh Newsletter

February Prayer/Newsletter

Dear Friends and family

Just to update you, I arrived back safe and sound last Monday evening in the UK. On Wednesday I went to the visa office and put in my visa application. This time for an Employment visa, honorary worker without salary. They wouldn't let me apply for two years but changed it to one year and said they would send it off to the high commission and said it would take at least a week.

To my surprise Saturday morning the doorbell rang and there was my passport being delivered and needed signing for and Employment visa granted. I should now be able to extend it in India.

That means definitely we will be able to go ahead with extending the string project to the children in the Purulia hostel most of whom come from families that have or had leprosy. I am looking forward to the challenge but I do need some funds to buy some more instruments. Ananto Mondel has already donated six violins so that is a start, and I have been offered one I can take back with me. I am looking at 3 cellos and or 5 violas and the rest violin to start with.

I have no problem with music as I have all the beginner music over there. The Durgapur children are doing well and the first ten of them will take the ABRSM graded exams in October, varying from grade 1 to 3. They cost more or less the same as they do in the UK so for us/them they are expensive.

I am going to spend the next week with my family in a farmhouse in Devon, all of them at the same time and the following week with my father. Back to



Dancing with Santa!

Epsom to see my friend be accredited as the Local Preacher and fly out the following day on 2nd March. I shall be back again at the end of May for my Father's 90th birthday and that also coincides with summer vacation in India and will return in June ready for school recommencing. If you wish to send a donation, then please send to 29 West Hill Avenue, Epsom KT19 8LE.

I ask that you commit all this to prayer and I thank you for your prayers, love and support.

God bless you all, **Ruth Pugh.**

Here are a few pictures of some of the events recently:



Children playing boomwhackers



Singing Bengali Prayer song



Live string orchestra at the Diocesan Garden Dinner Party. They played a great variety of music and then got to eat as well. Some had 9 ice-creams!!!! Luckily not ill the next day.



Waiting for the Thanksgiving service to start. We played Take my life for 13 verses while the offertory was being taken.

Update 8.3.15:

Just a quick email to say that I arrived safely back in Durgapur last Tuesday. Having just unpacked I am now packing again. Tomorrow I sign in at the Foreign Registration Office as I now have an Employment Visa and buy some violins in Kolkata and on Tuesday I move to Purulia to start the violin project with the children in the hostel. I am looking forward to the challenge, especially as it will challenge me to use more Bengali as they are not as fluent in English as in Durgapur. There are five small ones there that do go to the Diocesan St Peters English Medium school though.

The school is at the end of its academic year at present, exams just finished and awaiting results but after Easter I may do some music workshops there too.

The children here are a little sad to see me go but are also happy that the children in Purulia are having a chance to play music like they do. I will return to Durgapur every 3 or 4 weeks and will be here for Holy Week and Easter as there are services every day of the week in the Cathedral and I still organise the classes and music here. So been busy sorting things out this week.

With love and God bless, **Ruth**



EASTER FLIGHTPATH

I now realise my God

This life is on a lease.

I, victim of "the Fall", a wretched sinner,
Who begs from damnation, my soul's release,
Know neither is your ear heavy nor your hand
shortened.

Lord, I love You above all and do Your will

Help me to love my neighbour as myself

And accept Your sacrificial Son as Redeemer of Adam's sin.

Ste my mind, soul and spirit towards Heaven.

Otherwise, other ways would be a visa on the passport to Hell

.....Hallelujha, I am aboard for the Easter Sun!

Raj Chhetri 18.3.01



CHURCH CLEANING DAY



Saturday 6th June

More details in the Weekly Notices
nearer the time -

Please keep the day free!

Spring Planting

When you plan your garden this Spring:

Plant three rows of peas:

Peace of mind
Peace of heart
Peace of soul.

Plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip
Squash indifference
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness.

Plant four rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be kind
Lettuce be happy
Lettuce really love one another.

No garden should be without turnips:

Turnip for service when needed
Turnip to help one another
Turnip the music and dance.

Water freely with patience and
Cultivate with love.

There is much fruit in your garden.
Because you reap what you sow.

To conclude our garden

We must have thyme:
Thyme for fun
Thyme for rest
Thyme for ourselves



Contributed by Marilyn Mellor, source and author unknown.

Ha Ha!

Some jokes found by Sue Findlay

Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, 'So, what do you think about all this Satan stuff?' The other boy replied, 'Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your Dad.'



Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, 'Why is the bride dressed in white?' The mother replied, 'Because white is the colour of happiness, And today is the happiest day of her life.' The child thought about this for a moment then said, 'So why is the groom wearing black?'

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, 'My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, They give him £50.' The second boy says, 'That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper; he calls it a song, they give him £100.' The third boy says, 'I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper; he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!'



An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male Pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial Service, she wrote, 'They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead.'

***A police recruit was asked during the exam,
'What would you do if you had to arrest your own
Mother?'***
He answered, 'Call for backup.'



*A Sunday School teacher asked her class why
Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem .
A small child replied, 'They couldn't get a baby-sitter.'*

*A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments
with her five and six year olds.*

*After explaining the commandment to 'Honour thy
father and thy mother,' she asked,*

*'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to
treat our brothers and sisters?'*

*Without missing a beat, one little boy answered,
'Thou shall not kill..'*



*At Sunday School they were teaching how God
created everything, including human beings.
Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him
how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.
Later in the week his mother noticed him lying
down as though he were ill,
And she said, 'Johnny, what is the matter?'*
*Little Johnny responded,
'I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.'*

You don't stop laughing because you grow old..

You grow old because you stop laughing!

*Take heed and pass these along to people who need a
laugh.*

*I thought you would enjoy this...times are tough right
now...for all of us...*

So we need something to make the day a happy place.

"They" haven't found a way to tax you for laughing yet.



The Royal Albert Hall – London



The Albert Hall was the brainchild of Prince Albert and was opened in 1871 by Queen Victoria. Albert wanted a hall big enough to house grand occasions and also one where ordinary folk were able to perform as well as the people who were professionals.

My first encounter with the hall was in 1952 when I went from Portsmouth with the church youth club to the Methodist Association of Youth Clubs, London Weekend. This was an exciting occasion for me as I didn't know London very well as we wartime children had never gone very far. The weekend was divided up between Westminster Central Hall and the Royal Albert Hall. Concerts, debates, large events etc. made up the weekend and much of it was in the Albert Hall, culminating in a wonderful service on the Sunday in those great surroundings. I was fortunate enough to go up there several times in the 1950's.

In 1977, I started a youth club at Knaphill Methodist Church and when it was established, encouraged by Jonathan Kerry from Trinity Methodist, Woking, I started taking our young folk to the London Weekend and from that time onward, for many years, went up there and some years took part in the show. Of course this meant we had to work extremely hard on our particular item and we rehearsed, along with many other youth clubs, in Guildford Methodist Church on a Sunday afternoon. The young people involved will never forget the incredible maze of tunnels in the Albert Hall, where we had

to wait for our item to take place. Year after year we went up to London and it carried on for a while after I left the club.

My daughter, Geraldine and Paula Meller were lucky enough to belong to the MAYC Orchestra and Singers led by Paul Leddington-Wright, who many of you know from the Songs of Praise on Sunday afternoons. The orchestra and singers were an important part of the show and also the Sunday morning service in the Albert Hall.

Geraldine was lucky enough to sing solo in one show and there are many young people who could say the same – that they sung on their own in The Royal Albert Hall!

After I left the youth club (I became too old to be a leader!) I continued going up to London Weekend and was one of the first aid helpers. I found myself in all sorts of places waiting for young people and leaders to come along and be treated for some minor problem. One year I found myself near the famous organ where, as you can guess, I had a grand view of all that was going on!

About ten or eleven years ago we had an opportunity at Knaphill to take part in the Songs of Praise Big Sing at the Albert Hall. Many of us have been taking part many times. It is all thoroughly enjoyable and the Hall seems to carry on hosting all sorts of concerts and sports events and is known worldwide.

We thank God for all the opportunities it has given to so many people in the last 130 years.

Ella Allen



150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



2016 will be a special year in the life of KMC, as it marks the 150th anniversary of the arrival of Methodism in Knaphill. A number of special events will be held throughout the year to celebrate this important milestone.

It will be an opportunity for all of us to understand more about our history, not just the history of Methodism, nationally and locally, but also the history of Knaphill and the surrounding area, which in the middle years of the nineteenth century was going through a period of immense social change, with the arrival of the railway, the establishment of army bases in the vicinity, the growth of surrounding towns such as Woking and Guildford, and the building of what became Brookwood Hospital.

Understanding more about our roots helps us to celebrate those men and women whose vision, courage and generosity established a Methodist presence in Knaphill, but also gives us an opportunity to think about how we take the best of our past to inform our future work and mission.

The committee planning the special year are hoping that the special activities and events being arranged will have a wide appeal. We hope to launch the year with a Victorian-themed Christmas bazaar. This will be followed early in 2016 by a special Sunday service, led by the Chairman of the South-East Methodist District, Rev John Hellyer. We are also planning a Flower Festival, concerts, a play about our origins, an exhibition on the history of Methodism in Knaphill and one or more talks from local historians. We are particularly keen to invite back to KMC during the year anyone who has been associated with the church in the past, but who has since moved away. If you would like to suggest someone to receive an invitation, please contact John Mynard (john.mynard@btinternet.com).

Please watch for more announcements concerning this special year. In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like to be involved in the planning of one or more of these events, don't hesitate to approach ask Dave, Lynda Shore or myself.

Rob Gill

Easter is coming



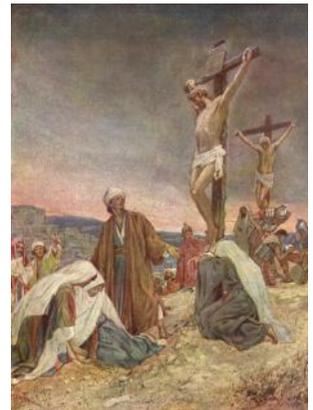
"WHAT DOES EASTER REALLY MEAN?"

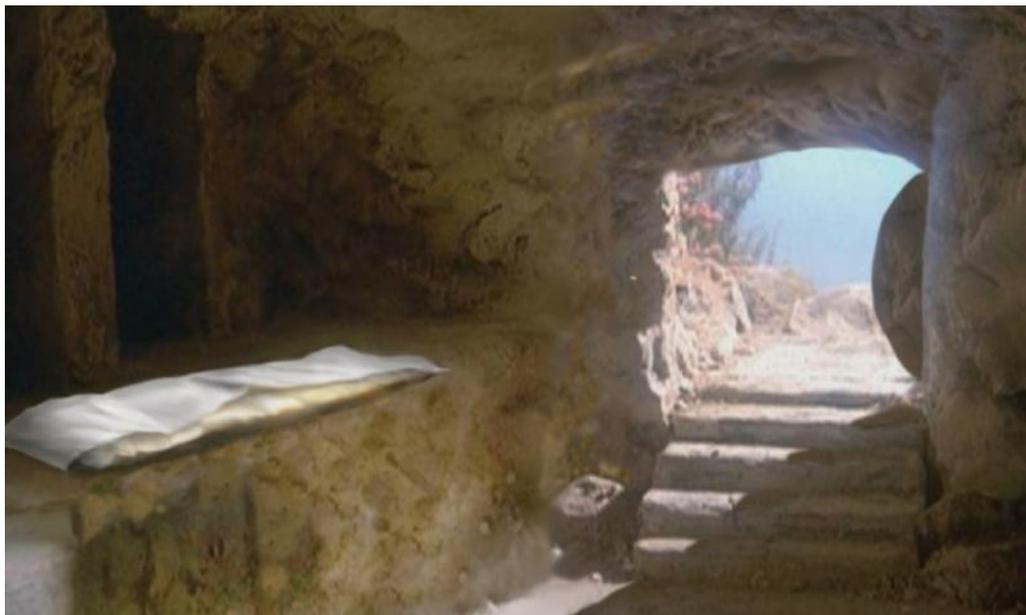
For many people, Easter means two four-day working weeks, trips maybe to the coast or country, chocolate eggs, Easter bunnies and many other things. While there's nothing particularly wrong with these things but is this what Easter is really about? Maybe there is a deeper meaning to Easter than what most people think about. Lets have a look.

For Christians, this is the time of the year when we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the event that is central to the Christian faith. So what, one might say, how does that affect me? Well it brings us to why this happened.

The only way that God could redeem us from our sins, was to send his Son Jesus to die for us and in doing so He took all of our sins upon Himself, so that we would not have to pay the penalty. *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 6:23).

He died that we might live. Nobody else could do this because Jesus was the only man who was without sin because He is The Son of God. *"For God so loved the*





world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

So you might say, is this what guarantees my salvation, Jesus dying on the cross. Well not quite, because this is not the end of the story.

Something then happened that was amazing. On the third day after Jesus died he rose again from the dead. In doing so He conquered death and sin, what an incredible thing to happen. *"The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third be raised again" (Luke 24:7).*

Because Jesus made this sacrifice for us, salvation can be ours. All we have to do is to believe in our hearts that He died for us and that he rose from the dead and ask him to forgive all our sins, then we can have the gift of eternal life, to live with him forever.

So if you ever wondered what Easter was really about, this is it.

If you would like to know more about what Christ can do for you, we extend a warm welcome here at Knaphill Methodist Church.

Why not pop along to one of our Easter services?



Nepalese Christian Fellowship: "YAWEH CHURCH"

Raj Chettri recently visited a group of Nepalese Christians, consisting mostly of Gurkha veterans and their families. They meet in the afternoon, 2 pm on Sunday at St Mary's Church in Park Road, Camberley. This is his account of the service that took place - some two and a half hours long!

The worship begins with the leader designated for the service notifying the assembly of the format and progress with the remote control for the PowerPoint. The first phase begins with individual worshippers praising God and His Son, Yeshu Masih (Jesus Messiah), followed by hymn singing. The chorus group (the same as the Worship Group at KMC) is stationed next to the altar in front of the congregation provides music and lead singing the hymns. The Pastor and elders designated for the service also stand near the chorus group for their turn. The individual praising God and His Son follows after hymns. After this the lead person invites individuals to come forward for witnessing, Testimony or praising for something that happened to them since previous week's service.

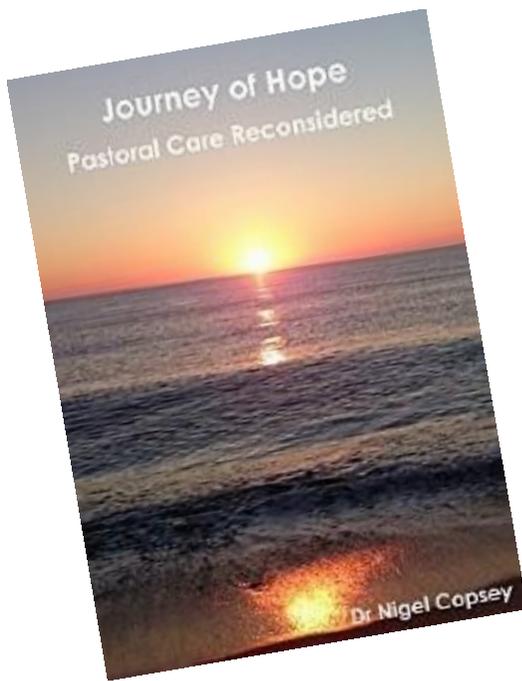
The service also includes praying for Divine intervention, healing and praying for healing and more Hymn singing. I was caught by English hymn being sung in Nepali - How great Thou Art (Kaati Mahan) - praising God Almighty and His Son. Another Nepalese hymn: Aaashis ko Jhari (Showering of God's Blessing). The sermon followed. There were many references to Old and New Testament. Last week- the first Sunday of a month is for Holy Communion. Many references to the Last Supper - which is the hallmark of Holy Communion: the Body and Blood of the Messiah who died for our sins and on the altar of the Cross he shed his blood and died for the remission of our sins.

The whole service was very reminiscent of the way the 1st Century Christians worshipped. Before Nepal became a republic, the Nepalese Christians suffered persecutions and discriminations their predecessors had suffered in Asia Minor, Palestine and under the Romans. Today, history repeats - Christian minorities in the Middle East and Pakistan and also in India suffer for their belief in the Messiah known in Pakistan, India and Nepal as Masih. The Nepalese Christians greet each other with the words: JAI MASIH/ Victorious Messiah. Nepalese women are equal leaders. All female worshippers cover their head with shawl - as in the days of the Messiah - Jewish and Middle Eastern tradition. Refreshments follows after the service.

Jai Masih - Victorious Messiah-Amen

Nepalese from all over the UK take turn to host mega Fellowship and worship as Nepalese worshippers from Yorkshire to the South East and Wiltshire support such fellowship!!

Raj Chhetri



Journey of Hope

by Dr Nigel Copsey

For the last quarter of a century Nigel has been teaching pastoral care within both the NHS and also at Spurgeon's College. Following a period of ten years as an ecumenical minister in an Anglican/Baptist church plant in the docklands area of East London he underwent further trainings in a number of different psychological therapies. Throughout that period Nigel always sought to integrate faith with psychological theory. To that

end he devised two training programmes: one with Roehampton Institute and another within the Psychology Department of the University of East London. Throughout this period Nigel has continued to teach pastoral care and ministry at Spurgeon's College in South London.

Nigel has been committed throughout this period to standing alongside those living with mental distress. To this end he has worked within the mental health services of both Surrey and East London where he leads two spiritual care teams.

This simple booklet outlines the principles which underpin the training programmes as well as Nigel's own pastoral work. They are drawn from a wide range of differing theories and underpinned by a clear commitment to Christian Community and the transforming power of God's love.

Purchase Price : £3

All proceeds donated to CURBS(Children in Urban Situations) the charity founded by Kathryn Copsey to awaken the spirituality of children in the inner city.

To purchase this eBook connect to Amazon and proceed to the Kindle eBook section of the site. Under search insert 'Journey of Hope': Nigel Copsey. You can purchase it directly on a Kindle, any device with a Kindle App or onto a PC



Making a Difference

Barbara Hadlow recently entertained CAMEO members with a fascinating talk about her recently published book, "Making a difference: a lifetime in childcare". The book gives us an insight into the vanished world of the residential nursery. Barbara devoted three decades of her working life to making a difference in the lives of the children she cared for, many of them in the Woking area. Some were rejected at birth, some taken into care, while others were affected by circumstances beyond anyone's control.

All of them were in need of love, security and reassurance and everyone of them occupied a space in her heart.

Copies of this most interesting book can be purchased from Barbara, price £7.99, either in person or by phoning Barbara on (01483) 487828.

Methodist Women in Britain South-East District Day



"One Mission"

Speaker: Revd Alison Walker

Former Mission Partner in Florence, Italy

at Tonbridge Methodist Church

Higham Lane, Tonbridge, TN10 4JT

<http://tonbridgethodistchurch.org/>

Saturday 28 March 2015

10.30am (for 11.00 start) to 3.30pm

Bring a packed lunch - drinks provided

£3.00 minimum day charge covers refreshments
and contribution to expenses

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The Mynards - in profile



For this issue of the magazine my focus has turned to John & Sheila Mynard who have been members of KMC since 1967. They have, therefore, seen quite a few changes over the years not least the coming and going of many people and ministers!

Both Sheila and John hail from the Wembley area in North West London. Sheila was born prematurely and her mother was seriously ill afterwards but thankfully survived. Sheila was an only child and describes her childhood as rather Victorian. It was very much a case of being seen and not heard and where she was almost expected to take up interests like reading, sewing and embroidery to keep herself occupied which of course she did!

John was the second eldest of four sons, born to Mr & Mrs Mynard. Mr Mynard worked as a draper and was a local preacher at North Wembley Methodist Church. He was also a senior steward, a Sunday school leader as well as a choir member so perhaps it was not surprising that to a great extent John was to follow in his footsteps as we shall see. John's mother was musical and played the piano. Growing up John recalls the family being quite poor. Going to school with holes in his shoes is a distinct memory. However, the family's faith was strong and they were all expected to attend

church three times every Sunday which included attending Sunday school in the afternoon.

Sheila describes herself as a quiet, obedient child. Her parents were churchgoers who went regularly to a local Baptist church where her father was a Sunday school superintendent, a Boys Brigade officer and steward. Sheila's mother ran the Lifeboys, a junior section of the Boys Brigade for boys aged 8 – 11 years. Sheila became involved too although this was not her intention but circumstances meant she soon found herself in charge of the group, a rather daunting role for a relatively shy teenager. Later, Sheila's parents became unhappy with the church and moved to Alperton Baptist Church, and it transpires if this had not happened Sheila and John would never have met.

John's mother passed away when he was just 16 and his youngest brother just 6 years of age. It was a tough time but John's father found happiness two years later and married again. As for John he was lucky enough to get into a technical college where he was able to learn and improve on his practical skills which effectively set him up for life.

Whilst Sheila was a church goer from a young age she considers she made her real commitment after attending a Billy Graham Crusade in 1954 and was baptised. She left school at 16 and it was that year she attended a Boys Brigade camp with her parents and this is where Sheila and John met. After the camp John wrote to Sheila asking her if she would go out with him and she must have said yes because he rode his moped all the way from Wembley to Maidstone to see her!

After leaving technical college in 1954 John took on a five year apprenticeship at a firm of aircraft engineers at the end of which in 1959 he became a qualified electrical engineer. It was due to this apprenticeship that he was allowed to defer his National Service until after this had been completed. So it was that at the age of 21 John was faced with what was a monumental decision about whether to opt out of doing his National Service. John felt strongly well before he received his call-up papers that he just did not want to and could not learn how to kill another innocent human being. John's father had been a pacifist during the 2nd World War and narrowly missed going to prison for his beliefs. Finally, very bravely, John returned his papers and asked them to send him a form to apply to be a conscientious objector. The result of this was John having to attend a tribunal in order to put across his case before three members of the

judiciary. John describes this as a terrifying experience but he was lucky because he had great support from Sheila and also the minister of Alperton Baptist Church who though in his time was the youngest Major in the country, nevertheless went willingly with John to the tribunal to support him. The Reverend Timms knew how strong and sincere John's views were and was prepared to stand up and say so. Despite other young men being turned down and told they would have to go into the army, John's reliance on his strong faith saw him through with the help of Reverend Timms who spoke forcefully in John's defence. John was given a discharge so spent his two years of community service to the country working as a porter at Wembley Hospital. It was as a direct consequence of this that led John to later become the hospital's electrician.

John & Sheila became engaged in 1959 but this was only permitted by their parents after proving they were serious about their relationship. This took 18 months! Sheila recalls this period at which time she was working in London and commuting by train. Every day she would return home on the train and then to save the cost of the bus fare (3 old pence) would take off her stilettoes and walk the 3 miles home! Such commitment to each other paid off and they were married in 1960 and spent their honeymoon in the Clacton area of Essex.

Sheila joined John at North Wembley Methodist Church, where John was a member. He was a steward, choir member, bandmaster, property steward and together with Sheila also led the Sunday School. How did they find the time?!



North Wembley Methodist Church

In 1961 their daughter Carole was born, followed by Graham in 1963 and finally Peter who arrived to complete the family in 1965.

In 1964 John changed jobs and became an electrical engineer at Battersea College.

Meantime Sheila left work and became a full-time mother and housewife. The College then received a charter from the Queen to become a university.



John and Sheila at North Wembley Methodist Church at Graham's Christening

At that time Sheila, John and family moved to Woking in 1967 and John travelled up to Battersea for two years until the University was built.

On moving to Woking they joined KMC where Sheila became the Sunday school secretary. On John's first visit to KMC the church had no heating because of a problem with the boiler. He offered to take a look and found the high voltage transformer was not working. He replaced it and got the boiler working again and has not looked back since. John was KMC's property steward for 30 years and at the same time ran the Sunday school and youth group for 30 years too.

In 1975 when, with money tight and also the need to support Sheila's mother, Sheila returned to work. In 1977 Sheila joined John at the University. Initially, Sheila worked for five lecturers but then in 1985 became secretary of the University Safety Department.

As if their lives were not busy enough they also found time to build an extension to their house although looking back now John does not quite know how they managed to do it!

As the family grew up and became independent John & Sheila acquired a motor home and spent many happy times in it on holiday in various parts of the country.



Battersea College/University

In the early 90s Sheila's health became problematic and this lasted for a number of years. This meant Sheila was very much confined to barracks and so had to officially retire from work on the grounds of ill-health. This period also saw her mother's health break down due to dementia and so it was a testing time for all the family. By 1998 however Sheila had recovered sufficiently to think about taking on new responsibilities outside the home. Sheila had always wanted to be a florist but this ambition was never achieved for various reasons. Flowers though have always been a life-long passion so she was delighted to feel strong enough to assist with arranging flowers at KMC on a regular basis.

By this time John was working part-time so was able to devote more time to his passions too which are music, photography and gardening. He is also interested in computer programming and of course is always able to turn his hand to anything that needs fixing. John also managed during this period to produce three musicals at KMC written by Roger Jones, "Greater than Gold", "Grain of the Mustard Seed" & "Jerusalem Joy".

The year 2000 saw John and Sheila celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary where they had a thanksgiving service led by Rev John Bishop from Trinity Methodist Church in Woking and a surprise party arranged by the family.

In 2003 Sheila became responsible for leading the flower arranging team and in 2005 took on the task of organising the Flower Festival to celebrate the opening of the new kitchen, hall and meeting rooms at KMC. Also at that celebration the Bisley Band played one of John's compositions.

John finally retired from work completely in 2005 and then spent the following five years writing and perfecting his musical "Ruth" which was performed at KMC in 2010 to great acclaim.



The cast and crew (John...) of the "Ruth" musical performed at KMC in 2010.

These days Sheila and John like nothing more than doing a jigsaw or playing Scrabble after lunch each day but this does not mean to say their other interests have gone by the wayside. John will still have a go at fixing anything in sight and enjoys writing and listening to music. Sheila meanwhile is still enjoying arranging flowers when it is her turn and devours books like they are going out of fashion! For both of them health issues come and go but they remain an integral part of the KMC church family and long may that remain the case.

Robin Spice

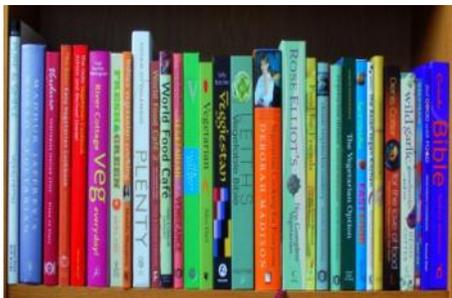
A nice little earner for KMC?

Although a lot of books went to the tip after the coffee morning on Saturday 24 January, the majority remain confined once again, to the dark cupboard and uselessness.

Several churches and in particular the United Reformed in Worplesdon, have their books on permanent display in the 'coffee area'. They have separate sections - Novels arranged A – Z Biographies A – Z / Art / DIY, Cooking and Gardening and a separate shelf for newly donated books to be left.

At Worplesdon, the books (a lot of them) are neatly set out on uniform shelving and look very similar to any public library. A book on loan is 50p, any hardback can be purchased for £2 and any paperback for £1. The congregation and outsiders hiring the room, put money into an 'honesty' tin.

The scheme works well and even if there is some leakage > forget to return, so what? The books only need to be tidied from time to time, they are certainly not catalogued and nobody has to spend hours administering anything. People are asked to donate any books which they have read, are about to recycle or give away. Recently I took twenty books to Worplesdon and it was not my first donation.



Recommendations

Any scruffy book is immediately thrown out.

The shelving or bookcases look tidy and uniform.

We have adhesive labels in every book with KMC printed there and the loan terms i.e. 'please return ASAP after reading' and 'any donated book will be gratefully received'

The books must be kept right in the coffee area, not in a closed off room and not down the corridor. The current large bookstand / cupboard could be moved to the wall on the left of the kitchen (when facing it) leaving plenty of room for prams etc. to pass, the corridor only narrows after that point. There is the option of shelving attached to the walls or free standing book cases. If the latter, they must look decent and not a variety of junk from charity shops!

We adopt an optimistic attitude to the collection, at first it will be thin but if people are asked to donate regularly, the stock will build quite quickly.

What do you think of Dave's idea? Please contact Barbara Humphries.

Services



29th March	10am	Morning Worship - Palm Sunday with Dave Faulkner
2nd April	8pm	Maundy Thursday Communion at Knaphill Baptist Church
Good Friday 3rd April	9.45am	Walk of Witness starting from Holy Trinity Church
	10.30pm	United Service at KMC
Easter Sunday 5th April	7am	Sunrise Service at Bisley Camp
	8.30am	Easter Breakfast
	10am	Holy Communion with Dave Faulkner and Rob Gill
12th April	10am	Morning Worship, Faith Lunch & AGM with Dave Faulkner
19th April	10am	Morning Worship with Elizabeth Gurd
26th April	10am	Morning Worship with Stephen Waters
	6.30pm	Holy Communion with Dave Faulkner
3rd May	10am	Morning Worship with Mike Widdup
10th May	10am	Holy Communion with Dave Faulkner
17th May	10am	Morning Worship with Patrick Coad
24th May	10am	Morning Worship with Paul Beard
	6.30pm	Holy Communion with Peter Howson
31st May	10am	Morning Worship with Dave Faulkner