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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

As Christian festivals go, Harvest is a strange one. It has no New Testament precedent in the life and work of Jesus Christ in the way that Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter do.

Oh sure, Israel celebrated harvest – in fact, Israel celebrated twice in a year. At Pentecost they gave thanks for the first fruits, and at the Feast of Tabernacles they made offerings in gratitude for the full harvest.



But the Christian Harvest Festival? Its origins are murkier. Notwithstanding the pagan celebrations of harvest from many centuries ago, the church had certain traditions that predate what we do today. The Lammas or ‘loaf mass’ on 1st August was a gift of bread for the Mass in thanks for the harvest. The harvest Thanksgiving that the Pilgrim Fathers took across the Atlantic may be connected to seventeenth century folk traditions.

But none of these is the same as the Harvest Festival we know. That is much more recent. It can be dated to 1843, when the Reverend Robert Hawker, a vicar in Morwenstow, Cornwall, invited villagers to a harvest thanksgiving, where hymns about harvest and creation would be sung. The attachment of other practices came from other sources: the harvest supper is not originally a church tradition, but a farming tradition.

And I would suggest that in our ambivalence we have ended up with a harvest festival that is more limited in its scope than it might be, given the biblical material we might use. Of course it is right that we use harvest to support campaigns for justice in favour of those who do not have the daily bread that we have. But when that is all we do, we miss other things.

We don’t always celebrate the goodness of creation and our great Creator God. Perhaps it is because we have become disconnected from the creation ourselves. Most of us are not farmers, we are supermarket customers. And our emphasis on sin, salvation, and heaven, with our unbiblical Greek philosophical ideas that only the soul matters and the

body is just a vessel mean we have downplayed the goodness of what God has made and is redeeming.

We also habitually miss the way Jesus uses harvest as an important metaphor. I haven't counted how many of his parables would be lost if we didn't have those that relied on the image of harvest, but it would be a significant percentage. Jesus uses harvest as a symbol of judgement, final salvation, and the [material] new creation.

In short, the Harvest Festival may have a shaky history, but we have much to celebrate. Much more than we commonly think.

Your friend and minister



Dave Faulkner

Member's News

A number of our members are in nursing homes and would love a visit if you are free.

- **Win Swan** and **Pauline Holden** are both in Kingsbury Nursing Home in Bisley. Win will be 90 on 27th September!
- **Ivy Ross** is in Queen Elizabeth Care Home, Guildford
- **Helen Jones** is in Stokefield Care Home, St Johns.
- **Shelia Mynard** is going into Nuffield Hospital for an operation on her knee on 25th September.
- Welcome to **Jayden Ofosu-Asante** who was baptised at the end of August and to his parents Daniel & Vicky.

Please remember these and other members in your prayers.

Editors Note:

This is something I would like to include in each magazine, so if you are aware of anyone who would like to be added or has anything to celebrate please let me know by email on barbara0803@sky.com or phone on 824469.



Cameo has had a successful year and now has a summer break. We will meet again on Wed September 16th in Room 3, between 1.30 & 2.00pm for a 2pm start. All are welcome.

Thankfully our numbers have kept up to around about 20 people at each meeting – we miss Ivy Ross who now lives in a residential home in Stoughton (she welcomes visitors, by the way). We are fortunate to have several members from other local churches and non-church people as well, so this makes for a good mix of folk. Although most of us are older, we do have a few people in their sixties and we treasure these folk for their input into our time together.

Our meetings have been a good mix of themes and speakers, some folk from within the group have given us splendid afternoons and we are so thankful to them. One or two interesting speakers have been Cathy Bingham from the charity 'Mind' and John Hammersley taking about the Gideon Bibles and all the different hotels, schools etc. where they are placed. Cameo is very generous with its giving and many charities have been helped.

Although only about half our folk went, Desna arranged an outing to Whitchurch Village, where the Silk Mill is situated, not far away from Basingstoke – it is a beautiful place and we all thoroughly enjoyed our day. As usual, one of our weaknesses is lack of transport and if there is anyone who could help us with that now and again, we would love to hear from you!

Should you feel like coming to one or two meetings, you will be extremely welcome. Just give us a ring if you are interested. **Ella Allan 830154.**

16th September - Member's Meeting - "An Interesting Day Out"

7th October - Dee Roberts - "An Interesting Afternoon"

21st October - Helen Chamberlain - "A Holiday in South Africa"

4th November - Pru Chambers - Marketing Manager at the Lightbox

18th November - Claire Leigh -Solicitor (Lyons & Co)

9th December - Christmas Celebration

Mission News

Mission

Last year, on October 11th, we held a very successful Circuit Mission Day at Knaphill, with Rev John Hibbert as the speaker. This year, a similar event is being hosted by Walton Methodist Church on **Saturday 17th October**, with Rev Melvyn Cooke speaking on the theme of "How Can I Talk About My Faith?"

Booking forms are available in the Welcome Area, or see Dave Faulkner or Lynda Shore for further information. This will be a stimulating day of talks and discussion, so book your place now.

KMC Coffee Mornings

Over the last two financial years we have held coffee mornings once a month every month except November and December, usually on the fourth Saturday. We gave the £211.60 proceeds from the September 2014 one to Woking Hospice and the January one was for Missions, as usual (£234), but the other 8 over the last year have been for Church funds.

Thank you to everyone who has helped, some folks regularly and others as occasional helpers, and also for the dozens of scrumptious cakes and savouries which have been supplied for sale. The end of May coffee morning included a plant sale, which was magnificently successful (see below), so additional thanks are due to those who grew so many plants for sale.

The total raised in 2014-2015 by the coffee mornings is £2166.90 – a very valuable contribution to our funds. The breakdown is as follows:

October £304.35; February £210; March £324.63; May 2nd £217.41; May 30th £462.53; June £218.77; July £208.70; August £220.51.

We plan to continue the monthly coffee mornings. Some local residents have already become regulars, so we hope they continue to enjoy the company and the nice things on sale. The next one is on September 26th. Helpers are needed each month, so please see me if you can put your name down for one or two dates, to help spread the load.

Lynda Shore

Christian Aid



Thank you so much to all who were involved in any way with the 2015 Christian Aid Week House to House collections last May. We didn't manage to cover as many roads as previously, because of a shortage of collectors, and, of course, some householders declined to give. However, those who did give were very generous, resulting in an increase for the first time in several years. We raised £2521.79 in Knaphill for Christian Aid's long term development work, compared with £2173.02 in 2014. Thank you again for your help and support. **Lynda Shore**

A BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the KMC Garden Bonanza held on Saturday 30th May so great. For all the weeks of growing and sowing and watering to put on a good show of plants and garden accessories, was really worthwhile.

We enjoyed good fellowship and had the opportunity to engage with the village whilst making around £470 for church funds, even the rain held off long enough so as not to dampen the books or our spirits.



Well done everyone – but don't forget as soon as Christmas is over – we start to think garden again. See you all again next year

Love and God Bless from Christine (CW, the **Garden Gnome**)

Whitechapel Mission

Again we are asking for items of men's' clothing (a few ladies), toiletries, tins of food etc. Tony Miller will come along and collect these gifts as usual, which will all be put to very good use by the street people in the East End of London. Bring your gifts to church any Sunday and Lynda Shore or Ella Allen will store them until they can be collected. It would be much appreciated. We have been connected to the Mission for over 20 years now. **Ella Allen 830154 Lynda Shore 730761**



Why? The Methodist Church

A Circuit Letter

As you will all know by now our Circuit is currently involved in two major initiatives on top of the routine business which is carried out on behalf of the churches. One; the Stationing round, where we apply to fill the vacant posts for two presbyters to look after Sheerwater and Trinity Woking, Addlestone, Walton and Weybridge: two; following the vote of consent at the Church Council meetings of all our Circuit churches, we are involved with discussion with the Guildford Circuit exploring the possibility of becoming one, larger unit.

As the team goes around the Circuit attending services, meetings and social events we hear comments such as 'We don't need Circuit', 'Circuit is a waste of time', 'what has the Circuit ever done for us?'

What is the purpose of a Circuit?

The Purpose of the Circuit includes the effective deployment of the resources of ministry – people, property and finance as they relate to Methodist churches in the Circuit, to churches of other denominations and to participation in the life of the communities served by the Circuit, including schools and colleges.

Our calling as a Circuit is the calling of the Methodist Church: to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. We do this through Worship, Evangelism, Service and Learning and caring.

Circuit is here to stay. The Methodist Church is a Connexional Church, no Methodist church is, or ever can be, an island. It is the Circuit who employ your Minister, own and maintain a home for your Minister, provide a duty of care for the minister and his family and work with the connexional hierarchy to ensure that all churches have Ministerial cover i.e. pastoral charge/care. A circuit will also encourage and support Mission and Outreach activities across the churches. A Methodist Church cannot stand on its own; it is always part of the Connexion. The shape of Methodism is changing. All across the country smaller circuits like us are changing and looking to their neighbours to join together to become larger circuits. The current

Discussions with the Guildford circuit, should they prove propitious, would create a larger Circuit which is still fairly small by many standards. As membership within churches drops then presbyters (the number of which is also falling) become responsible for more churches. This may lead, in future years, to churches merging with neighbouring churches where low numbers, aging and decaying buildings and lack of funds and of volunteers combine together to preclude the church continuing as a viable unit. Thankfully none of our Circuit churches are, at present, in that situation but unless people come forward and volunteer to fill key roles in church and Circuit and unless members listen to the priority needs of the church (e.g. new roof before new kitchen) a situation like this could easily arise.

Circuit Officers are *volunteers* and yet they are required to have knowledge of, and apply, Employment Law to all employees and FSA and HMRC rules to financial matters not to mention following the rules of Methodism as laid down in CPD. The Treasurer has to ensure staff get paid, review and reimburse expenses, ensure that HMRC requirements are met and sort out any queries in addition to assisting church treasurers as they seek to follow the same rules. The Treasurer also has to verify that individual church accounts are correctly audited and signed off before consolidating Circuit accounts which need to be forwarded to District. All this has to be done to a timetable set by Connexion! A circuit budget and forecast must be maintained and reviewed regularly – remember this is done by a volunteer in addition to the calls of their professional and family life!

Other Circuit officers seek to ensure that Circuit property is maintained to an appropriate standard, following connexional rules as to the minimum specification for such property. These officers are available to advise local churches and recommend approved contractors should work be required.

They are on hand to sort out issues with Manses should any of the domestic disasters we all experience from time to time arise for our presbyters.

It is the Circuit which oversees the appointment of new presbyters, aiming to understand and apply the process and help local church officers to understand the process and their part in it so that it can be applied effectively. This involves a great deal of time researching the requirements of the churches (and different churches within the same Station may have

vastly differing expectations and needs) in addition to the usual Church and Circuit meetings. Remember these people are volunteers.

We all serve God in different ways, after all he has given us all different gifts and graces in the same way that he has given our ministers gifts and graces. We do, however, share the same ability to love our fellow men, accord them courtesy and consideration and if we do not feel able to offer our time to serve the church, Circuit and connexion over and above our weekly worship, we are all able to give thanks for those who do and support them in our prayers.

We are, hopefully, to welcome two new presbyters in September 2016. May we be a welcoming, Mission focussed Circuit comprised of churches which support each other and be admirable representatives of Methodist Connexion in this part of Surrey.

Linda Weedon: Circuit Secretary



Architect Update

IMPORTANT NEWS

Sunday, 15th November: ring it in your diaries, set it in your alarms. Do not go away on holiday, do not walk the dog, and permit no emergencies to happen!

Derek Kemp, our architect, will be at KMC that day. We will be holding an open meeting (with a faith lunch) after the Communion Service that morning, where Derek will present the options he will be suggesting to us for the future.

I have already received his summary of the interviews he conducted earlier in the year, and he has a firm grip on our situation and our varying aspirations. I for one am keen to know what ideas he will bring, and I hope you are, too.

This promises to be one of the most important meetings in KMC's recent history, and I urge you to be present, if at all possible.

And not only be present, be praying.

Dave Faulkner

Namibia



Amie Humphries travelled to Namibia in the Summer for a once in a lifetime experience at N/a'an ku se Wildlife Sanctuary:

I spent the most amazing 3 weeks in Namibia in August and loved every minute of it! I was really scared about going as it would be the first time travelling completely on my own. I couldn't get a direct flight to Windhoek either, so I had to transfer at Johannesburg, which was a bit daunting to say the least! My flight left Heathrow at 9pm and I arrived at the sanctuary at 3pm the following day, so it was a very long day of travelling! My first night was

difficult as I felt very homesick and was thinking 'what the hell have I done!'. The following day was much better and once I started working I settled in very quickly. By the weekend (I arrived on the Thursday), I was feeling much happier and more settled.

Breakfast was at 7am Monday to Saturday, and 8am on a Sunday (so we got a bit of a lie in, which was great!). Activities started at 8am 6 days a week and at 9am on a Sunday. The volunteers were split into 5 different groups and each group did different activities. The activities included food preparation (preparing food for the animals and feeding them), enclosure cleaning, animal time (just spending quality time with the baboons, cheetahs, meerkats and warthogs!), baboon walk, cheetah enrichment and carnivore feed. The carnivore feed was one of my favourite activities. After

lunch, your group would get all the meat on the jeep, pile into the back and head to the enclosures! On the carnivore feed, you fed the lions, cheetahs, wild dogs and leopards. It was too dangerous to go in with them so a volunteer would throw meat over the fence to the animal. The meat would usually be caught mid-air and then the animal would dash off under the nearest tree or bush to eat in peace.

Two of the most memorable experiences of my time at N/a'an ku se were releasing a cheetah back in the wild and taking a fully grown male lion to the vets for surgery (yes, you read that right!). A number of volunteers got the chance to take Meatball the lion to the vets in the capital city (Windhoek) for surgery. When we arrived we had to carry him on a stretcher into the surgery. At that moment, a lady entered the vets with her dog. Seeing her face as we walked in, staggering under the weight of a 350kg lion, was priceless! As Meatball was too big for the operating table, 3 volunteers had to literally hold him on. I was holding onto his neck and shoulders and just remember standing there thinking 'this is insane... I'm standing 30 cms from a lions mouth!'.



Another opportunity I had out there was to babysit a baby monkey at night. At the time, they had 5 baby orphaned monkeys who were too young to be on their own at night, as it was too cold. Every night a volunteer or staff member took them over night and slept with them. I slept with a monkey 3 times, twice with a baby Vervet monkey called Precious and once with a baby Baboon called Frodo. I absolutely loved it and they were super cute! Precious would start of the night asleep on my stomach and then slowly work her way up my jumper and end up fast asleep either on my face or my neck! Frodo, well, now, he was a character! He would be as good as gold and sleep the night through as long as he had his bottle to suck, like a dummy. If he lost it, he threw a paddy and would then wake the other monkeys up! As soon as he got it back, he fell straight back to sleep! At about midnight on the night I had him, he lost his bottle! Luckily, I found it and gave it back to



him quickly, but he had then decided he didn't want to sleep with me anymore, so he crossed the room to one of the other volunteers, picked up one end of her blanket and tucked himself in! Well, it meant I got a good nights sleep anyway! I'm so glad I went as I had the most amazing experience and made some really good friends from all over the world (from New York, Geneva, Brazil and Norway to name just a few!) and am hoping to go and see some of them in the coming few years. I am planning on going back to volunteer at N/a'an ku se again either next year or the year after, as 3 weeks was just not long enough!



Would you like to see live, Aled Jones, Sally Magnusson, Gregory Porter, Katherine Jenkins, Lucy Kay and Nell Bryden? If the answer is yes, you can by obtaining free tickets from our church which entails going twice to London, one for rehearsing to sing with the audience and the second to the actual show at The Royal Albert Hall.

I have been several times, seen many stars including Katherine Jenkins, Aled Jones, Russell Watson, and Andrea Bocelli it is a wonderful experience and the atmosphere is electric!!!

The song rehearsal is usually in St. Pauls Church near Knightsbridge and is led by Paul Ledington-Wright. He is well known to many of our members whose children took part in the M.A.Y.C. some years ago. It is held on the Saturday of the previous week and is a most enjoyable day as there are a group from KMC who travel together take a packed lunch and make a fun day of it by visiting other interesting places.



On one Sunday in September the actual recordings are made, this entails two performances which will be broadcast on TV; one in October and the other at Christmas, this makes things very interesting as the stage settings have to be changed from a Christmas scene with trees, snow etc to normal and the audience remove their Christmas décor e.g. tinsel or hat. Cameras are overhead and also some in the aisles, so one never knows if you will appear on the TV. When broadcast this makes everyone look intensively to see if any well-known KMC faces can be spotted and they are usually rewarded.

So why not join those already committed and have two really fun days with good company to brighten up what, perhaps would have been a dreary mundane day!!!!

Sylvia Peters

Note: Unfortunately this year is the first when we have not been allocated free tickets! If you are interested keep an eye on the Weekly Notices in Summer 2016 - hopefully we will get tickets next year.

Trip to Lindisfarne



On Saturday 20th June, my husband Malcolm, son Martin and myself, went on a train trip to Lindisfarne, I wasn't sure what to expect, so was feeling very mixed up.

As it was a long journey and we had to travel to Potter's Bar Station for the train, which departed at 7.30 am, we treated ourselves to the First Class dining experience. This included a three course breakfast, then a four course evening meal on the return journey. Excellent!

When we arrived at Berwick upon Tweed, those of us that were going to Lindisfarne, were met by coaches to take us to the entrance,. When we arrived it was very busy with tourists, but as we walked round the small hamlet, the feeling of peace and tranquillity overcame me, the statue of St. Cuthbert, the ruined abbey, and the stunning scenery was beautiful. In certain areas of the coastline, seals would come ashore to raise their young.

In years gone by, girls from Scotland would travel to Lindisfarne and gut the herrings that were caught by the fisherman, helping the villagers to feed themselves and trade in the market, although this doesn't exist now.

However, there is still people living on the island, as a small school and various shops including a post office, which also was a tea room, a church ,the tradition of making mead is still thriving and a shop was selling the bottles, a house which was a retreat, not sure how many rooms were available. A really lovely day out, even Malcolm enjoyed it!

Helen Brice

Fresh Inspiration

When David Suchet was making a great programme for tv on the life of St Paul last year, I was looking forward to it.

Then I remembered, that many years ago, I had bought several books, written like biographies of Disciples.

The first I had read was THE BIG FISHERMAN BY Lloyd C Douglas (writer of the ROBE). This is styled like a novel, but lots of fine detail and atmosphere, you live the life of the early Churches and Peter.

Then I had DEAR AND GLORIOUS PHYSICIAN, by TAYLOR CALDWELL, about Luke, which was similar and equally good.

The one I had not yet read, during the years, was THE APOSTLE by John Pollock, because it was a paperback with very small writing.

I fetched it off the shelf, and started to read it, **it was wonderful inspiration to me**, (and I found that it was available on KINDLE so could have larger size print. I have since bought a brand new American version with good print, so that I can lend it to friends.)

If you have years of church life experience, it can become familiar phrases and quotes, rather like modern proverbs or tv catchphrases. You take it out of context, and forget it was ordinary one-to-one conversations of real people, conversations, advice, problems, relationships.

It takes a long time to read this book as it is very long and intense, but I couldn't put it down, it wasn't a duty or chore, I was fascinated, living day by day in the lives of Paul and the early church. It was almost like another conversion experience.

So I postponed watching the tv programme till I had finished the book, and oh the joy of seeing David Suchet talking in his gorgeous voice about the scenery and we were walking the actual paths of Roman times, and learning how the disciples were treated in each place as they visited.

(very sadly the shop dvd is only available as American region 1. I was glad I had recorded it for myself from tv, so did have it ok.)

Sheila Mynard

LONDON DAY OUT



A small, select group left Woking on Wednesday 24th June. We were led by Eileen Lane, who managed arrange not only superb weather, but a bus to arrive as we reached the bus stop. We arrived at the Postman's Park, a little oasis amongst the tall dark office buildings. The park was opened in 1880 and is made up of the churchyards of 3 churches, including the adjacent church of St Botolph without Aldersgate. We admired the Watts Memorial, built by GF Watts as a tribute to heroic men and women.

In the church we were greeted by a guide who gave us an inspiring talk on the history of the church. There has been a church on the site for nearly 1,000 year, the present church being built between 1788 and 1791. There is a series of banners giving the history of Christianity in London from the 1st



century through to modern times. The one depicting the Age of Reason told us about John Wesley, George Whitefield and William Wilberforce. Of particular interest was the stained glass window depicting John Wesley preaching in Moorfields in 1738.

After a picnic lunch in the park, we visited the London Museum. Near the entrance is the bronze sculpture, known as the Aldersgate Flame, was erected at the approximate site of John Wesley's conversion on 24th May, 1738. It features text from his journal describing his conversion experience. It seemed the appropriate place to take photographs before entering the Museum of London.

Eileen managed to obtain photocopies of the text of the Aldersgate Flame and the sculpture itself for us to use in our exhibition next year. We spent a fascinating hour in the Museum – I think it would take another 4 visits for us to be take to take it all in! We finished with the traditional cup of tea and piece of cake before having an uneventful journey home.

Our thanks to Eileen for arranging such a wonderful day out.

Sylvia Peters



NOT QUITE STEAM DREAMS



First let me say a big thank you to Lynda Shore who organised a trip to the sea-side for a group of us. According to our original invite it was to be a trip by steam train from Woking to Weymouth. We thought we would meet at Woking station and catch the train to Weymouth, all quite simple. As it turned out the train would not stop at Woking on the outward journey but Brookwood and not at Brookwood but Woking on the return, just a minor point. Eventually we all boarded the train at Brookwood, to be hauled not by The Mayflower steam engine but by two diesel engines one at the front the other the rear, this was a minor disappointment. The 10 coaches were interesting as at the front was the Pullman and first-class ones and the kitchen coach which was about half way then the ordinary ones at the rear. Following in the same manner the front coach tables were set for luxury meals with white clothes and napkin, a small table lamp, wine glasses, cutlery and cups with saucers. Being in the less wealthy group our tables had white clothes, sugar bowls and milk jugs but no table lamps or saucers for the cups, however the tea, coffee and sandwiches we were plied with were most tasty and served by very pleasant waiters.

Because train schedules have to blend with Network Rail, although we didn't have a steam engine we still had to have the water stops. Water for steam engines is special and has to be transported by road. Altogether our journey was nearly four hours we passed through beautiful country-side, stopping a

few times to drop off some passengers not wanting to go to the sea-side. We arrived in Weymouth at 13.49 and had to leave at 16.47. All that time to spend swimming in the invigorating sea, oops what a pity we had no costumes and nude bathing is not allowed. Being English two pairs of feet did paddle. There were plenty of people on the beach making sand castles, some swimming, others just picnicking and watching Punch and Judy. Two from our group did go mad and had a ride on the Carousel. Cornettos and Mr Whippies were very popular with us.

Among things seen on our journeying was a large Portuguese Man of War jelly fish in the docks. There was a large observation platform which went up and down a high tower but few people took advantage due I think to the very high price charged. I also noticed on my travels a large seagull steal a sandwich from somebody's picnic.

Time for the return trip home and apart from the crops of maize and wheat there were also a few animals in the New Forest area, we actually saw deer, ponies and donkeys, but no wild boar!! We also saw two Hot Air Balloons. Jonathan was our railway knowledge man who explained that banking up meant applying extra power for an upward gradient, sometimes by adding another engine, but we already had our two diesels. Next came the flying junction, which allows trains to cross over from one side to another

Fortunately for everyone return arrangements had changed and alterations had been made so that the train stopped at both Brookwood and Woking, everyone was happy. We had a lovely day out with good company, good fun and much sunshine.

Robb Peters



Our New Life in Switzerland

Dave & Roz Hamre

Hello Everyone. We have been asked to produce a short update to the congregation about our new life in Switzerland. So, with best intentions, here goes.

We live in a small village called Riehen on the outskirts of Basel. Basel is the industrial centre of Switzerland, located on the Rhine where Switzerland, France and Germany meet. It's quite odd to have breakfast in Switzerland, lunch in France and then do your grocery shopping in Germany. The city is very diverse, with over 1.3 of its residents being born outside of Switzerland. Most are German or French, but there is also a large English speaking community of expats. It's amazing to walk along the Rhine and pass by conversations in so many languages with so many accents.

Riehen, where we live, is a quiet, leafy green village about 7 km from Basel. It truly is beautiful and peaceful. There are many playgrounds and little parks and footpaths as well as little shops and a few grocery markets. The town centre is pedestrianised and quite lovely. The thing we like most about Riehen is the attitude towards childhood. Children walk to school on their own, play outside without their parents watching and generally just enjoy being kids. There is a sense of safety and security that I can't really describe.

Speaking of the kids, they are adapting well. Jake likes his new school, although is not too keen on learning German. He has made some friends,

and will be starting with Cub-scouts again soon. He enjoys the independence he has here, but of course he still misses home.

Emily is.. well... Emily. She hasn't slowed down a bit and still treats the world as her amusement park. There is a toddler group in Basel where she has made friends with other ex-pat kids. She enjoys going outside and both of them love the playground behind our flat. In regards to playgrounds, the Swiss take a different attitude. Apparently the health and safety culture hasn't made it here yet, so playground equipment (and its height) can be a little daunting for English parents.

Roz and I are doing well. We are both learning the language, but have also found a good English speaking community. We have started attending the Anglican Church in Basel. There is a large UK, SA, NZ and AUS community there with a few Americans sprinkled in to keep things interesting! Roz has begun Girl Guiding again, having found an English speaking unit close by. I think they were very happy to have someone who has so many years in the organisation.

We feel that God has truly blessed us in our lives here. We know that any path the Lord sets us on will have challenges, but after the difficulties of last year, we are welcoming the respite. We miss you all and you are in our prayers.

God Bless you, Dave & Roz



Sponsored Walk



Bedraggled at the start, but not downhearted!

On Tuesday 25th August 3 intrepid explorers, Eileen Lane, Lynda Shore and Helen Chamberlain, set off to walk a minimum of 5 miles to raise funds for the celebrations to mark the 150th anniversary of Methodism in Knaphill. The weather forecast was disappointing to say the least, and so it was decided to walk from Waterloo Station to Tower Bridge and back, a round trip of some 7 miles. By doing this route we were able to dodge the showers and dip in to cafes etc. along the route. We followed the South Bank until we reached the Millennium Bridge which we crossed to reach the North Bank and then resumed our walk along the South Bank by crossing the river again at London Bridge. We enjoyed our packed lunch at Hays Galleria, and having





reached Tower Bridge
returned along South Bank,
visiting City Hall and
Southwark Cathedral en
route, also venturing up to
the top of the OXO Tower
where we had amazing
views, marred only by the
inclement weather.

**Journey's end, ready for the
return trip, still bedraggled,
and still not downhearted!**

We would like to thank everyone who agreed to sponsor us, and a sum of
was raised by our efforts, and I would also like to thank Eileen for organising
us and for showing us parts of London with which we were unfamiliar.

Helen Chamberlain

Recommended Tradesmen

Need a job done? It might be useful to have a list of the tradesmen we use
at KMC. All of these are trustworthy, fully qualified and do a good job
without charging the earth!

Electrician

Alan Bayliss Electrical Services: 01483 836689 or 07966 888130

Roofing work

Graham Mynard Roofing and Leadwork: 07973 717797

Plumbing & Heating

Laurence Hall Plumbing: 01483 750029 or 07816 688103

Kitchen Design & Supply

Allan Wright - Benchmarx Kitchens & Joinery 07885 887130
(www.benchmarxkitchens.co.uk)

KMC 150

In the last newsletter I wrote about our outline plans for marking the 150th anniversary of the arrival of Methodism in Knaphill. I want to tell you more now about one of the most important events of the year of celebrations so that you can mark it in your diaries. I know it feels a long way off yet but you won't want to be anywhere else the weekend of 10 to 12 June 2016!

On Sunday 12 June, at 10am, we are inviting everyone who has or has in the past had some association with KMC, including former ministers and their families, to join us for a special service of thanksgiving and celebration for the life and work of the church over the last 150 years. We are hoping that the Mayor of Woking will be in attendance.

For those that have travelled from some distance to be with us on that day, we shall be offering a cooked lunch at church. At 4pm we shall be holding a Songs of Praise type service, and we are hoping that friends from across our Circuit will also be able to join us for that service.

To tie in with these special services we shall also mark the weekend by holding a Flower Festival to which we shall be inviting local tradespeople, other village churches, and local clubs and groups to contribute floral arrangements. We are hoping that KMC groups, past and present, will also make donations of flowers.

We have already made a start on sending out save the date invitations to people who have moved away from the area, but can you please pass this invitation to your families and friends, and anyone else you are in contact with who may be interested in attending any part of this special weekend. We will provide more details nearer the time, including a request for lunch numbers.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me, Lynda Shore or John Mynard.

Rob Gill (Key dates listed on next page)



The 150th anniversary begins with our Christmas Bazaar on the 28th November.

The full schedule of events is shown below:-

10am - 2pm, Saturday 28 November 2015

Victorian themed Christmas Bazaar

7:30pm, Saturday 27 February 2016

Concert given by the Almac Bisley Brass Band, in aid of Band-nominated charities and church funds

7:30pm, Saturday 12 March 2016

Talk on the history of Knaphill by local historian and author, Iain Wakeford

Easter Weekend, 25 – 28 March 2016

Exhibition on Methodism down the years

10 – 12 June 2016

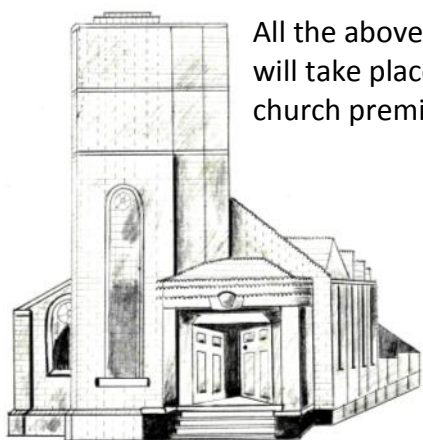
Flower Festival weekend (see details on previous page)

Saturday 24 – Sunday 25 September 2016

Harvest weekend, to include Harvest Supper

7:30pm, Saturday 15 October 2016

Dave Bilbrough Concert



All the above events
will take place on our
church premises



21st Century World



**What is happening to the Mankind?
Please answer our prayer, Almighty God;
Are these signs for the World's end?
So explicit is men's inhumanity upon humanity:
Greed for power and wealth fuels spiritual poverty.**

**Modern Warfare robs weaker nations' sovereignty,
Powerful and greedy nations annihilate others' Liberty,
That they disregard a healthy existence of Fraternity,
That rich countries thrive on imposing soulless slavery;
Malnutrition, hunger and unemployment rob human dignity.**

**Theology of ideology infused revenges reigns supreme,
Sadly, nobody hears enslaved and raped women's voice,
Both the East and the West immensely lack moral fibre,
Their avarices and egos drown the inner voice of conscience:
Hear the cries of the suffering Mankind
my God of mercy and love.**

Raj Chhetri

Composed on Friday 4th September 2015 between 8 and 9 pm.

Verses reflect the avarices and egotism of the Mankind in the last three hundred years, that robbed Human Dignity and now is ever more rampant.

Services



27th September	10am	Morning Worship - Harvest Festival with Mark Lawson
	6.30pm	Holy Communion with Dave Faulkner
4th October	10am	Morning Worship with Graham Warr
11th October	10am	Holy Communion with Dave Faulkner
18th October	10am	Morning Worship with Rabson Zizo
25th October	10am	Morning Worship with Hugh Bowerman
	6.30pm	Holy Communion with Clare Potter
1st November	10am	Morning Worship with Rob Gill
	4pm	All Souls Service at Holy Trinity, Knaphill
8th November	10am	Remembrance Sunday with Dave Faulkner & Patrick Coad
15th November	10am	Holy Communion with Dave Faulkner
		followed by Open Meeting
22nd November	10am	Morning Worship with Mark Lawson
	6.30pm	Holy Communion with Dave Faulkner
29th November	10am	Morning Worship - Toy Service with John Oborn



KMC VICTORIAN BAZAAR
SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER