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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 front of the church in Broadway, or call Rev. Dave Faulkner: 01483 472524 or see www.knaphill-methodist-church.com



KMC MAGAZINE

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Message from Dave:



Dear Friends,

When life was grim in my last appointment, this was my lifeline Bible verse:

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain. (*1 Corinthians 15: 58*)

‘Your labour in the Lord is not in vain.’ I needed to hear that. So much of what I did seemed pointless. I wonder whether you’ve had seasons in your life like that?

The interesting thing for me is where that verse comes in the Bible. It’s the final verse in 1 Corinthians 15, which is Paul’s great chapter on the Resurrection. Paul says, it is the Resurrection of Jesus that makes everything we do worthwhile. It’s worth pondering why.

The Resurrection shows us that God cares about the material creation. Jesus was raised *bodily*, and the promise we have is that we too shall be raised to a new resurrection *body*. A ‘spiritual body’, as Paul calls it earlier in the chapter – that is, one animated by the Holy Spirit – but a body nevertheless. Our future is not as disembodied souls floating on clouds. I cringe when I hear Christians say at a funeral that the body meant nothing, because it was just a shell for the real person. That isn’t New Testament Christianity.

The Resurrection of Jesus promises our resurrection at the end of time. It is of a piece with the vision in Revelation 21, cribbed and expanded from Isaiah, that God will bring a new creation – new heavens and a new earth. God is making all things new, even the physical things.

The Resurrection doesn’t mean we merely dream of going to heaven when we die. It gives meaning and purpose to our actions now. When we act according to the will of God, we are building for God’s kingdom.

So justice matters. Work matters. Food and drink matter. Clothing and shelter matter. Loving God and loving our neighbour go together, because Easter points us to the God who will renew his creation. He has begun with Jesus.

‘Your labour in the Lord is not in vain’ indeed. God is taking all those quiet or simple acts of righteous love, and building them into his great future.

Let’s make a difference on earth this Easter, for the sake of the Kingdom.

Your friend

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Faulkner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Church Family News

- It is with sadness we record the untimely passing of Barbara Hadlow. We pass on our sympathy to friends and family, especially Suzi.
- We wish Philip, Shirley Chase's husband, a good recovery, following his accident in Hamble.
- Our best wishes to Barbara Humphries and Shelia Mynard after their recent surgery
- Our best wishes for the future to Rob & Ann Gill and Alan Stockwell as they move away from our country
- Deepest sympathy to Jean Ward as she mourns the loss of her husband and has now had an accident at home. We wish her the very best for a speedy recovery
- We pray for all these folk at this time and any other members of the fellowship who are struggling.

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.*

Memories of Ivy Ross

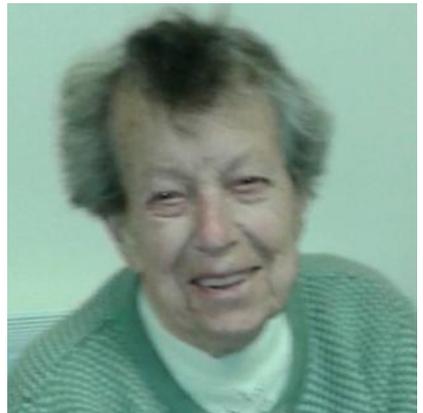
Ivy sent her three children to Sunday School and two of them are still actively involved in other churches. She then began coming to church more regularly and started helping Ella with the Youth Club.

Ivy loved animals and had various pets including a parrot and in her later years her little white dog was a good companion. Ivy began testing for the Animals Lovers badge at Brownies and then came to help as a unit helper, her title being 'Snowy Owl', later she helped with Rainbows.

She liked all kinds of physical exercise and enjoyed swimming regularly with John Langston, my Mum and I. When her sight began to fail she joined the Blind Bowling Club in Knaphill.

She was a wonderful example of soldiering on in the face of difficulties and I'm glad to have known her as a friend.

Joan Bearman



CAMEO

Come And Meet Each Other



Do come along to our fortnightly meetings if you are free. We meet in Room 3 in our church and have a varied programme.

1.30pm, to start at 2.00pm with coffee or tea, is our usual time.

6th April - Video clips, some humorous, some beautiful, shown by Eric Pepper

20th April – Rev Julia Binney from Knaphill Baptist Church

4th May - Outing – see Desna about this!

18th May - Rev Dave Faulkner – Pentecost talk.

1st June - Members afternoon- Music

15th June - TBA

Enquiries – Ella Allen 830154

Memories of Win Swan

I first met Adam at Knaphill School and we became friends, often playing together in the school holidays. Shortly after this I also met Win and Malcolm, Adams's grandparents, and I can remember going to their home with Adam and playing football in the back garden. It was always great fun and they both made me very welcome and Win provided lots of lovely snacks.

I remember going to Barbara and Michael's wedding with my mum and dad, Gill and Carl, and Adam and I were playing around at the reception!!

Over the years Mum has visited Win both at home and then in the care homes and she always asked after me and was interested in everything.

I have very fond memories of them both but Win will always hold a special place in my memory. It was good to meet up with Adam at her funeral and we spent some time remembering a lovely lady.



Nick Ball (Gill's son)

Whitechapel Mission

The Whitechapel Mission in London has for many years been a charity we have supported at KMC. In this Magazine and in subsequent issues we will reprint some of the interesting articles in the 2015 Whitechapel Mission Annual Review.

Director's Comments

Never underestimate the power of a meal

Did you know that one of the world's largest trees, the sequoia tree, which grows to be around 250 feet tall, starts with a seed that is smaller than the size of a fingernail? God's creativity in nature reminds me that he often works in our lives in the same way — using something small, to help grow a big change within us.

We see this miracle, first hand, every day at the Mission.

Hurting men and women come through our doors searching for a meal, a way to curb the nagging hunger pains in their stomachs. But once physical hunger is satisfied, we see how God's love begins to work within hearts to reveal a hunger that runs much deeper. These men and women are starving for a fresh start, for someone to believe in them, and for the resources needed to get back on their feet.

What starts as just a meal, becomes an invitation to lasting hope, to transform their futures through our advice and counselling services, career counselling, and mentoring.

We have seen a 37% increase in new people looking for help this year and this winter we are expecting many more hurting neighbours to come through our doors. Each person will bring their unique circumstances and needs, but we trust that God's love meets them just where they are. He will work miracles inside hearts... often beginning with something as simple and small as a hot meal.

The "summer slump," when donations decline dramatically, is a particularly difficult time for the Mission. Thankfully, we know we can count on good friends like you to help make The Whitechapel Mission a place people can turn to when they have nowhere else to go.

Your generosity provides meals, but as you can see, it doesn't end there. Your compassion also provides hope, a reminder of God's love and an opportunity for lasting life change at a time when people need it most.

Thank you for your heart for our hungry and hurting neighbours.

God bless you,

Tony Miller MBE



19,932
showers
have
been taken

5,332
different
people used
the daycentre
in the last
twelve months

Refurbishment Never Stops

This time last year we were looking forward to the refurbishment of the men's showers and that has been completed at a cost of £30,000. It had been 20 years since the previous refurbishment and the shower rooms were looking old and tired, with water damage to the ceilings, tiles off the walls and patched-up plumbing making for a poor environment in which to take a shower. The number of men able to take a shower before all the hot water had been used up was limited to around 75. If you were number 76 you had to make do with a cold shower! Or go without.

Thanks to some generous funding by City supporters, the whole area was gutted and rebuilt, with new tiles on the walls and ceilings, new non-slip flooring, all the plumbing replaced and modern shower equipment installed and new boilers put in capable of producing more hot water to increase the number of showers that can be taken each day. Now instead of 75 hot showers each day we can provide up to 150.

Shower's for the men are available Monday to Friday from 7.30am until 9.30am, with an opportunity to choose replacement clothing after they have taken a shower. Giving them this opportunity is important; without thinking, 2015 Annual Review 4 19,932 showers have been taken we open the wardrobe door each morning and select what we want to wear that day. Being homeless denies this choice because with no bedroom comes no wardrobe and with no wardrobe comes no clothes. And no clothes = no choice. There is no charge for the clothing and individuals are not restricted in the number of visits they may make to the showers or clothing area in any week; after all, how many of us take a daily shower and we aren't living on the street!!



With that task completed, we are now starting a refurbishment of the kitchen. Our kitchen is used 365 days a year to offer a full cooked breakfast to an average of 300 homeless and vulnerable men and women each day, as well as lunches and other meals. It is 10 years since they were last refurbished and they are desperately in need of a face lift and some new equipment.

- The cookers no-longer auto-ignite, the doors have a habit of closing whilst items are being removed and the legs are now being propped up with a brick and a couple of tiles.
- The hot cupboard doesn't always get hot enough and the doors have lost their runners.

We are trying to raise £9,750 to replace the 2 cookers and Bain-Marie, and a further £1,250 to replace and upgrade some kitchen units, add a new workbench for making tea and coffee and replace the hot water boilers needed for making the hot drinks.

Maintaining The Whitechapel Mission is an on-going task that never comes to an end!

10%
of people
using our
services are
under 26
years of age



KMC GIFT DAY 2016

There will be a Gift Day at KMC during the Summer.

Look out for more information in the Weekly Notices.



Christian Aid Week this year is May 15th to 21st.

Lynda Shore (01483 730761) is urgently in need of collectors. We did brilliantly last year - over £2500, the best for a few years - so please help if you can. Many thanks.

KMCC 150

Our year of special events to mark our 150th Anniversary as a Methodist Society in Knaphill is now in full swing. We've had the privilege of hearing the Chair of the South East Methodist District preach in February as well as thrilling to the sounds of the Almac Bisley Brass Band and learning more about Knaphill through the highly informative presentation of local historian Iain Wakeford.



The next event in the calendar is the exhibition "From Pub to Pulpit" over the Easter Weekend. A committee has been working hard over the last few months to gather together documents, photos, and other memorabilia to tell the story not just of the church but also of the village. The exhibition will be a look-back in time (don't be surprised to find a photo of a younger version of yourself somewhere in the display!) but will also celebrate the ways in which the church and its people serve each other and the community today. The exhibition will include displays provided by some of the organisations which use our premises.

We do hope that as many of you as possible will be able to drop in. The exhibition will be open as follows:

Good Friday March 25th: 11:30am – 4pm

Easter Saturday March 26th: 10:00am – 4pm

Easter Sunday March 27th: 11:30am – 4pm

Easter Monday March 28th: 10:00am – 4pm

Admission is free. Refreshments will be served and the exhibition will include a children's quiz with Easter egg prizes, so a good time is guaranteed for the whole family.

On Sunday 17th April we have a special guest preacher, Rev Stephen Robinson. Stephen qualified as a Local Preacher when he and his wife were members of our church in the 1960s. He later candidated for the Methodist Ministry and served in Kenya, East Anglia, Devon and Guernsey. Now retired and living in Northern Ireland, Stephen is very much looking to renewing acquaintance with KMC.

The next big event of our Anniversary year is the weekend of 11th – 12th June. Details are still being finalised but we are looking forward to hosting a Community Flower Festival at

church over that weekend. The Flower Festival will be between 9am and 6pm on Saturday 11th June and between 11:30am and 3:30pm on Sunday 12th June. A number of local groups and businesses will be providing floral displays and the church should look really beautiful. Refreshments will be served throughout.

On Sunday we are inviting back to the church everyone we are still in contact with who has a previous association with KMC to join with us to celebrate the work and witness of the church over the last 150 years. This should be a great occasion. Our morning service will be at the usual time, and in the afternoon there will be a special Songs of Praise act of worship. Rev Dave Faulkner will lead both these services. Please watch the weekly notices or the website for further details of this special weekend and if you know of anyone who has not received an invitation and who would be interested in coming along, do please let John Mynard know. After the morning service we will be cutting an anniversary cake. A cooked lunch will be available, price £5, bookable through Shirley Chase.

For the Songs of Praise service, please let Ella Allen know if you would like a particular hymn sung, with a brief explanation of why it is important to you. We can't promise to include everyone's favourites, but we will do our best!

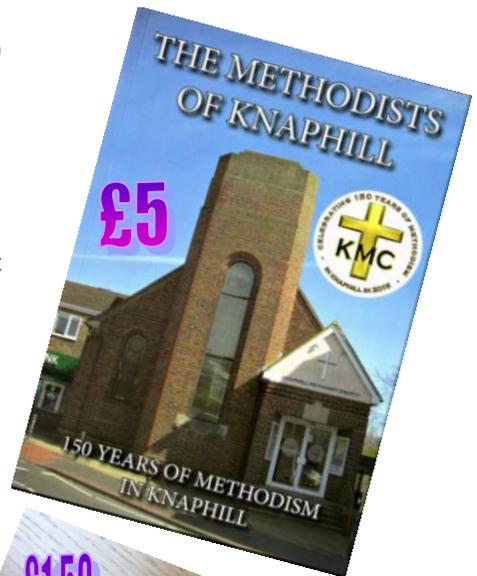
On 25th June there will be a children's anniversary celebration. If you have children (or grandchildren) who would like to attend, please let Debbie Faulkner know.

Finally, I'm pleased to say that sales of the book recounting the history of Knaphill Methodism are going well, but copies are still available, so buy yours while stocks last (£5 each) – they make great presents. We also have anniversary memorabilia which will be on sale at all our events.

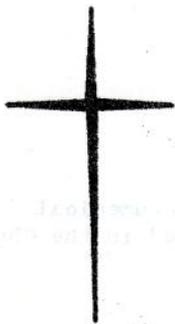
Sales are also doing well of a 150th Anniversary pen and a key ring torch.

The group which has been planning these events hope that you will give them your full support and that this year may be both a time of celebration and renewal for the whole church.

Rob Gill



February News Letter 1986



KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

Newsletter - February 1986.

Dear Friends,

This is it! The month when all the celebrations are taking place to mark the fiftieth anniversary of our church building and the one hundred and twentieth anniversary of the Methodist society in Knaphill. During all these years the life and work of the church has been carried on by many people and by a happy coincidence, in our Jubilee Year, one of our longest serving members has been mentioned in the Queen's New Year Honours List. Eddie Wiggham has been made a Member of the Order of the British Empire, M.B.E. for short.

Eddie has been an active member of our church for years although he and his wife originally came from Sunderland. He started his working life as a coffin maker but a lot of his spare time was spent making music and he played the organ in churches and theatres, at concerts and for dances. In our church he was active in musical and dramatic productions long before most of us can remember and he was our church organist for many years. For the last sixteen years, until recently, he was the organist at Collingley Prison and it is for that work that he has been honoured by the Queen. I have seen Eddie in action at the prison for his last five years there and I know that there are hundreds of men who, over the years, have come to know him as a friend. No one seems to know his surname but so many inmates still ask about "Eddie". The M.B.E. is a fitting recognition of the great work he did, not just playing the organ but in befriending and helping so many men. If you ask him what his motto is he will say "You only pass this way once!" and he has certainly demonstrated a full use of his

time in his passage through life.

We congratulate Eddie and also Agnes, his wife, who has supported and encouraged him through so many years.

Yours sincerely,

Chris.

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP.

Feb 6 at 18 Ravens Close.

The remaining fellowship meetings in Lent will be ecumenical meetings. Dates, times and places will be announced in the Church Notices.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL HOUR.

Feb 11 Meeting re-opens, speaker: Mrs. Pauline Holden.

Feb 18 Open Jubilee Meeting. Mrs. Irene Elliot looks back over 50 years, and more, of the life of our church, with slides.

Feb 25 Members' Day.

NOW MAGAZINES.

The subscription of £2.00 for 1986 is now due. If you would like to re-order for the year please see me after morning service.

Phil Cross
(Steward)

COVENANT SECRETARY.

I shall be giving up the post of Covenant Secretary as from 31st January. My successor will be Alan Stockwell. I would like to thank everyone for the support given to me and the Church over the last six years, and I hope that even greater support will be given to Alan.

Peter Elliott Hughes.

We should also thank Peter for the way in which he has done this job and for the marked increase in the number of covenanters which his enthusiasm has brought about.

Jack Rutter.

YOUTH SHEET

Youth Club.

There is a Youth Club each Saturday in February except Jubilee Week.

Please read all about our Jubilee Week in another part of this Newsletter, but in particular support and work for:

Wednesday 19th Feb. 7.30 - 10.45.

THE JUBILEE DISCO

Tickets £1 - profits going toward "Mission alongside the Poor"

Youth Sheet (Cont.)

LONDON WEEKEND. All those wishing to partake in L.W.E. to let the Youth Leaders know by 9th February. A deposit of £5 would be much appreciated.

Ella Allen,
Brookwood 81380.

Youth Club Party.

On 4th January 1986 the Youth Club held their New Year Party. Everyone arrived in Fancy Dress except a few of us who wore funny noses. We played lots of silly games which everyone enjoyed, and we had "nibbles" to eat half way through the evening. The party went down very well. Thanks go to everyone who helped prepare the Party.

Sandra Hodgkinson.

Youth Fellowship.

- Feb. 2 Rachael Skinner, at Phil's (2 West Hill Close)
- Feb. 9 Chris, at Ella's (18 Ravens Close)
- Feb. 16 Rob Gill, at Phils.
- March 2 "Bob Geldof, (NOT) O.B.E.", at Phils.

We would like to encourage all young people over the age of 14 to come to the Meetings, which start at 8 p.m. and finish at 10 p.m. prompt.

PRAYER.

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the happy times we have had with our families over Christmas and the New Year. Help us to join in with the Church family as we celebrate our Jubilee Anniversary, and help us to keep the promises we have made for 1986.

AMEN.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

February is the month of our Jubilee, with activities running from 16th - 23rd February. There should be something for all of us to enjoy, from the youngest to the oldest.

We have invited friends from across the circuit, and past members from across the country to be with us. For those coming from a distance we have offered hospitality, so please let us know if you could put someone up overnight, or invite a couple of visitors for lunch.

Programme

Sunday 16th February.

- 10.30 a.m. Morning Worship led by Rev. Chris Gardner.
This service is particularly for the youngsters, and will be a parade service to coincide with "Guide Thinking Day".
- 12.30 p.m. Hunger Lunch, organised by the Guides.
Tickets for Lunch are 50 pence and this will be a time for us to think of the needs of others.

Jubilee Celebrations Sunday 16th February (Cont.)

- 6.30 p.m. Evening Worship led by Rev. Frank Himsworth.
At this service we will be celebrating our Jubilee with the other Churches in Knaphill.

Monday 17th February.

- 5.30 p.m. Brownies Open Evening.
Parents and friends are invited to join with the Brownies in their activities.
- 6.45 p.m. Guides Open Evening.
The Guides open their doors to share what they do with us all, followed by
- 7.30 p.m. Arthur Martin gives an illustrated talk on the history of the Village of Knaphill. This will take place in the Church.

Tuesday 18th February.

- 2.30 p.m. Women's Social Hour. Open Meeting.
Mrs. Elliot, our longest serving member, will be sharing her memories of 50 years at Knaphill Methodist Church.
- 6.30 p.m. Cubs, Scouts, Venture Scouts Open Evening.
This will be an opportunity to experience the activities of our Cubs, Scouts and Venture Scouts.

Wednesday 19th February.

- 7.30 p.m. Jubilee Disco.
The Youth Club invite all young people of the Church to this special disco. Tickets £1.00.

Saturday 22nd February.

- 10.a.m. Jubilee Exhibition.
- 3 p.m. This event promises to be one not to miss. There will be a display of photographs of events at Knaphill over the years, and members will be exhibiting their hobbies. Recordings of past occasions at Knaphill are being played through the lay.
From 10.a.m - 12 noon Chris Gardner will be in the Vestry to receive our contributions to our annual Gift Day.
- 7.45 p.m. Jubilee Concert.
The many varied talents of our members combine to produce an evening of enjoyment and entertainment.
Tickets £1.00 for individuals, £2.00 for a family ticket.

Sunday 23rd February.

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship led by Rev. Colin Rowe, Chairman of our District.

We hope to have many old friends with us on this occasion.

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship led by Rev. Colin Rowe.

Tonight we combine with friends from across the Circuit for the final event in our Jubilee Celebrations.

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Each Sunday morning prior to the Jubilee our Jubilee Stall will be open in the Hall after morning worship. If you would like tickets for any event, or more information about the Celebrations please come to the Jubilee Stall. Souvenir Programmes will be on sale here at a cost of 50 pence. They are packed with information about our Church and the Jubilee. Why not buy one for a friend or relative? Also available are Jubilee Mugs at a cost of £1.75 - why not buy a set?

We hope that the Jubilee will be a special time for us all. As well as enjoying ourselves and looking back over the last 50 years in this building we also aim to think about our life here together and to look to the future of our Church. Part of our Celebrations are a financial commitment to both the Church at Knaphill and the wider work of the Church, so we would ask for your support of all aspects of our Jubilee.

We hope you will enjoy the Jubilee and look forward to welcoming you to the Celebrations. HAPPY JUBILEE!

JUBILEE GIFT DAY.

With the proceeds of this Gift Day, and other money raised during the Jubilee celebrations, we should like both to undertake some moderately expensive but necessary projects in our church building, and also to make substantial contributions to two charitable funds of the Methodist Church as a sign of thankfulness for what God has done for us in Knaphill.

The funds we have in mind are Mission Alongside the Poor, about which we wrote in the last Newsletter, and the Methodist Relief Fund which makes grants wherever there is starvation or disaster, be it Britain, Bangladesh, Ethiopia or Mexico.

The projects in our own building are (1) reconstruction of the leaded window in the vestibule (where the hymn books are given out); it has leaked badly for some years as may be seen from the state of the plaster, and estimates suggest repair is likely to cost about £950 (2) Replacement of the pew runners, rapidly disintegrating, will cost between £400 and £600.

We also have plans to resurface the floors in a number of areas using our own labour.

Our target for the Gift Day is £1500, considerably more than has been raised by gift days in recent years. An anonymous donor has offered to add 50% to what is given, and with money raised in other ways, it should be possible to do the work outlined above as well as make thanksgiving donations of several hundred pounds from the church to the funds mentioned.

An envelope for your gift is attached. Please be generous on the Church's birthday.

TAPE BONANZA.

Between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday the 23rd of February in the week of our JUBILEE celebrations, you will be able to hear many excerpts from tapes going back over the last 18 years.

You can come and go as you please, but there will be a 15 minute break in each hour for those wishing to hear all four hours of tape!!! (Time for a Cuppa, a bite to eat, and to stretch those legs)

Some of you only go back a short way at Knaphill whilst others will go back more years than they care to remember, but I hope that whether you go back one year or twenty years you will enjoy hearing again some of the past memories of Worship and Enjoyment within our Family.

If you would like your own recording of anything that you hear then I shall be only too pleased to make a copy for you.

John Mynard.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS.

The final total for 1985 was a grand £429.47. This is a marvellous increase on 1984 due in part to an increase in the number of adult box holders, but also to generous contributions from other quarters and events. Many thanks to all who have helped in any way.

If you would like to contribute, boxes are available and donations do not need to be large even pennies mount up. Alternatively, subscriptions can be covenanted to provide extra money for Missions at no extra cost to yourself. Please think about it.

Thank you!

Lynda Shore.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL.

Coming events planned by the Woking Group are Information Stall in Woking Town Square on Sat. March 1st 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

Jumble Sale at Horsell Parish Hall on Sat. May 31st.

Street Collection in Woking Town Centre on Sat. August 16th.

If you want to know more about Amnesty International and its work please contact Lynda Shore on Brookwood 5685.

Services in February.

2nd	10.30	Mr. Geoffrey Moss.	
	6.30	Rev. W.G. Putman.	
9th	10.30	Rev. Chris Gardner.	Holy Communion.
	6.30	Rev. Brian Norris.	
16th	10.30	Rev. Chris Gardner.	Parade Service, Guides' Thinking Day and J.M.A. Awards
	6.30	Rev. Frank Himsworth.	United Service with other Knaphill churches.
23rd	10.30	Rev. Colin Rowe.	Church Anniversary
	6.30	Rev. Colin Rowe.	United Service with the other churches of the Woking and Walton Circuit.

Collections:-

Nov 3	Nov 10	Nov 17	Nov 24	
£136.68	£200.36	£165.75	£137.68	
Dec 1	Dec 8	Dec 15	Dec 22	Dec 29
£190.15	£154.50	£249.94	£237.81	£86.05

At the start of our Jubilee celebrations we welcome all friends who have come to join us in Worship.

It is 120 years since the first Methodist service in Knaphill and 50 years since this church opened. Today we continue in that tradition seeking to worship and serve God in a lively and meaningful manner.

During the Parade Service this morning we will be thinking of our contribution towards the World Church. After the service everyone is invited to coffee in the hall. This will be followed by a Hunger Lunch, prepared by the Guides, which will remind us of the inequalities in the world.

This evening we welcome the congregations of the other churches in Knaphill for a service to be conducted by the Superintendent Minister, Rev Frank Himsworth.

This week we are inviting everyone to find out a little of what goes on in this church:

On Monday night from 5.30pm onwards the Brownies and Guides will welcome you to their open evening. This will lead into a talk given by Mr Arthur Martin on the history of Knaphill, starting at 7.30pm. (The talk not the history)

On Tuesday at 2.30pm no one will be turned away when the Women's Social Hour takes an illustrated trip down Memory Lane into the history of this church.

In the evening from 6.30pm it is the chance to find out what the Cubs and Scouts get upto.

Young People can join in the celebrations at the Disco on Wednesday night from 7.30pm. Tickets are available from the Youth Club Members.

On Saturday between 10.00am and 3pm why not come to the Jubilee Exhibition. This will include displays of photo's, a sound compilation, and arts and crafts made by members of the church family. Light refreshments will be available. If you would like a Ploughman's Lunch please sign the list in the porch. Saturday is also our Annual Gift Day.

In the evening at 7.45 the Jubilee Concert. This features a wide variety of talent we have discovered in the church family. Tickets are still available from Vera Flood during the coffee break.

Finally we conclude the celebrations with two special Thanksgiving Services next Sunday. The Chairman of the London SW District of the Methodist Church, Rev Colin Rowe, will be our guest preacher at both services. Many former members will be joining us next Sunday morning, and in the evening the other Methodist Churches in the area will be uniting for the service here. The Morning Service will start at 10.30 but it would be advisable to come earlier, and in the evening there will be musical items from 6.00pm.

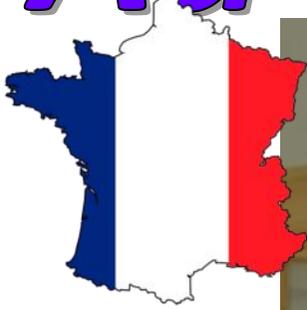
More details of the events can be obtained from the Jubilee Stall during Coffee.

In giving thanks for the past we prepare for the future.

Please take this sheet away with you but return the Hymn Sheet. Thank You.

Au revoir

from the Gill family



It is with rather mixed feelings that I write this update for the Magazine after our thirty-two years worshipping at Knaphill Methodist Church.

Most of you are aware that we have had another home in France since 2002, and we have decided that the moment has come to live in one place not two, and to follow our love for the country and the language which brought us together in the first place.

Somewhat appropriately Rob and I met at a Methodist Circuit youth fellowship (a long time ago.....he was 18 and I was 16!) We rapidly discovered that we both studied modern languages and there then followed several years where we seemed to spend our time with one of us living on the opposite side of the Channel!

Eventually we were married and after seven years in Lancashire, Rob's work brought him to London. In June 1983 we moved to live in Lane End Drive (next door to Win and Malcolm Swan) and spent ten happy years there. I remember that on our first Sunday in our new home, we set out to walk to church and were greeted after only a few yards by Mary Holloway, who lived very close to us and whom many of you will remember.

At the end of September, in other words just a few weeks later, the congregation was a little surprised to learn that we were to disappear to Germany for six months because Rob had been offered the chance to participate in an Anglo-German exchange of civil servants. Nevertheless they kept in touch with us by sending the monthly magazine and welcomed us back warmly in April 1984, when we were expecting our first baby, Jennifer.

This is a cue to say that Jennifer is the sole member of the family to be remaining in the UK. As many of you know, she lives and works in Edinburgh. She has recently begun a new job for a global consultancy and is loving the new opportunities which this post offers. At this

point Rob and I would like to express our thanks to you all for the care and concern you have shown when her health makes life such a challenge for her. Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated very much.

Our second daughter, Siobhan and her husband, Tom departed in mid February this year for Tennessee where Tom has accepted a two year contract to do research at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Siobhan was rather disappointed when she learnt that her visa would not allow her to take up any paid employment in the US but she too is a modern linguist and is considering doing a Masters in translation by distance learning from the University of Bristol where she did her first degree.

Returning to the story of our travels, we decided, on moving to Camberley in 1993, that we would continue to worship at KMC and have never regretted that decision. Being part of such a friendly and caring congregation has always meant such a lot. Rob and I fully intend to carry on supporting you in various ways and we shall be returning from time to time.

In France we already feel very much part of the French Protestant church which we attend and Rob has on several occasions been asked to take services both there and in other churches in the region. We also have a large network of friends, some of whom we first met in the 1970's when Rob taught English for a year in a lycee in the town near to our house.

It is probable that our removal will be shortly after Easter but as I write, the date has not yet been fixed. We shall miss you all and will remember you with love and affection as we continue along life's journey. However it will not be long before we reappear for the weekend of 11-12 June, hopefully accompanied by both Jennifer and Siobhan, to celebrate 150 years of Methodism in Knaphill, in which we have been privileged to share a small part.

Ann Gill





Thank you, KMC

Reza Naraghi

From 2009 to 2015, KMC was the home of a group of Iranian Christians who have worshipped in our church on Sunday afternoons. Their leader, Reza Naraghi, spoke to us during our morning service on 31st January 2016.

Good Morning, it is lovely to be here. I asked David to give me a few minutes to share something in my heart.

When I became a Christian in 1983, I always hid myself behind other people whenever I received a call from the Lord to lead someone or a group. I said "Lord, here I am, but please send somebody else to do the job." Until in 2009, my wife and myself ended up leading a group of Iranian Christians in the Guildford area. We were looking for a place for worship on a Sunday, and you kindly opened the doors of the building for us, to come and worship the Lord on Sunday afternoons. In actual fact, you became our spiritual family. Every Sunday we always remembered you, and we prayed for you. I am sure you prayed for us too.



You provided two wonderful, talented, amazing people for us, to help us in our worship songs - Ruth [Pugh] and Ian [Kelly]. Sunday after Sunday they dedicated their lives here for us to play the music, and we enjoyed every minute of it. I've never had a chance to come and say "thank you", from the bottom of my heart, how wonderful people you are. We are brothers and sisters in Christ and you kindly opened your arms and prayed for us.

Unfortunately, things happen, that our fellowship had to end gathering here on Sundays, last Summer (2015). Because people started moving to different places; some were coming from Kingston, some from Guildford and eventually they moved away, and it became very difficult for them to come to Knaphill on a Sunday. So eventually, after long discussions and prayer, we decided to end fellowship here. We found another Iranian church in Chiswick to get these people to go to for fellowship.

It was very hard for me and for my wife to let them go. We had a wonderful time here and we will always remember your kindness and wonderful fellowship here. I don't know what the Lord has for us. I used to say "Lord, give me this, give me that", but now when I wake up in the morning, I say to the Lord, "Lord, here I am, use me in your Kingdom."

A friend of mine used to say, "If you want to grow in your faith, get involved in God's work, get involved in the church and friends." In 2009, I actually started getting involved in God's

work and I enjoyed every minute of it! Sometimes it was hard trying to change it all, but the Lord took our hand and said "follow me".

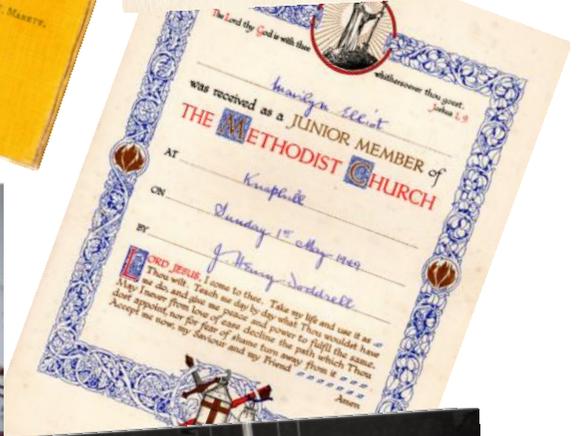
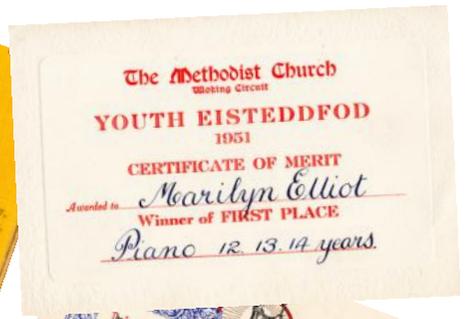
Every minute of our worship here was joyful, wonderful. There were highs and lows and you provided everything for us. I just wanted to say thank you on behalf of those Iranians that you will see in a minute their faces, in the pictures taken from our gatherings. I want us, as a family, a family of God, to remember those who are coming from different places as Christians, who need your help and prayer. So remember those faces and pray for them. Thank you very much.

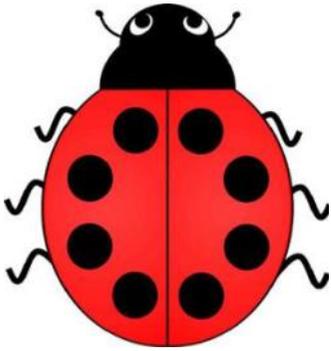
I have few pictures I asked Allan to show, with an Iranian Worship song backing. Thank you.

Here are few of the pictures; the backing track can be heard with a live version of this transcript on the KMC Website as part of the recording of the service on 31st January 2016. www.knaphill-methodist-church.com/media/









BEEBLE DRIVE

SATURDAY 9TH APRIL

6.15PM FOR 6.30PM

AT KMC

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Services



EASTER:

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| 25th March | 10.30am | Ecumenical Good Friday Service at KMC |
| 27th March | 7am | Sunrise Service at Bisley Camp |
| | 10am | Easter Sunday Holy Communion with Elizabeth Gurd & Dave Faulkner |

APRIL:

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| 3rd April | 10am | Morning Worship with John Morton |
| 10th April | 10am | Holy Communion with Dave Faulkner |
| 17th April | 10am | Morning Worship with Stephen Robinson |
| 24th April | 10am | Morning Worship with Elizabeth Gurd |
| | 6.30pm | Holy Communion with Dave Faulkner |



MAY:

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| 1st May | 10am | Morning Worship with Graham Warr |
| 8th May | 10am | Holy Communion with Dave Faulkner |
| 15th May | 10am | Morning Worship with Dave Faulkner |
| 22nd May | 10am | Morning Worship with Graham Horsely |
| | 6.30pm | Circuit Service at Merrow MC |
| 29th May | 10am | Morning Worship with Mark Lawson |