

KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH MAGAZINE



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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 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 contact:

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Message from Dave:

Dave is now on Sabbatical until 13th March 2017. Below is the message he sent to his churches :

November 2016



Dear Friends,

I have been asked to explain more to you about my sabbatical, and why the Methodist Church grants sabbaticals to its presbyters and deacons. It seemed to me that the easiest way to start out was to give you the official explanation, so what follows in italics is the 'party line':

A sabbatical is a gift from the Church to all presbyters and deacons and it is intended that during a sabbatical they will do something different which will inform and perhaps re-enthuse them in their ministry.

Sabbaticals are being introduced by many different types of organisations because they are recognised as a way to re-energise people by allowing them to explore a different aspect of their work or undertake some form of study; few organisations however can afford to make them compulsory as the Church has done for ordained ministers.

For Methodist presbyters and deacons, a sabbatical is a time of grace allowing them to spend time with God doing something different.

Being faced with taking a sabbatical for the first time may feel like taking a trip into the unknown. It is usually a place of growth and development but it may feel threatening to be faced with no work for three months. Nearly all ministers who have taken that step into the unknown have found it more fulfilling and re-invigorating than they expected. Sabbaticals were introduced to be part of the armoury to prevent burn out and reduce stress amongst presbyters and deacons. They are part of all ministers' continuing development; a time for refreshment and renewal, a time to be able to hear the still small voice of God.

The concept of sabbatical has biblical roots. In the Old Testament, crop land had to lie fallow once every seven years to rest and be more fruitful, rather than continually being sown and ploughed into an ultimately ragged state. I am sure you can see the parallels. Too often, ministers have become burned out: we need some 'crop rotation' to continue and thrive in our ministries. In that sense, my sabbatical will hopefully benefit you, too. I can assure you that after the last couple of years of circuit life I have become rather frazzled: I need some fallow time to be refreshed and effective.

The sabbatical idea for ministers is also tied to the idea that we are 'stipendiary' and not 'salaried'. I am not an employee of the church, who is paid the going rate. I am instead given a stipend, which is a living allowance, so that I may have the time to pray and discern the ways in which God wants me to exercise my

ministry. The sabbatical extends that space to wait on God for direction.

This will not be my first sabbatical, but my third. During my previous two, I did a mixture of activities, some theological, some creative.

I took a creative writing course, went on a study week with the Bible Society, and learned how to write computer code for websites during my first sabbatical. Oh – and Rebekah was born in the middle of that one!

In my second sabbatical, I studied the relationship between ordained ministry and different psychological personality types. To this end, not only did I undertake some reading, I conducted a survey of ministers and church members about it, and attended a residential course. In addition to this, I took a week away on a creative photography course.

This time, I shall not go away much, because Debbie cannot take the time off work to be with the children. (In my previous sabbaticals, she was not in paid work.) So I shall be doing some theological study during the weekdays, particularly concentrating on some learned books by Professor NT Wright, which I have not had time to read properly before. However, on some weekends I shall be taking some tuition from a professional photographer. I not only find photography a fulfilling hobby, I enjoy the opportunity to communicate a message through it from time to time.

For the duration (from the beginning of December until the second weekend of March) Debbie, Rebekah, Mark, and I will as a family step outside the life of the Circuit. We shall worship at the Anglican church in Knaphill, where we have several friends already. Debbie's rôle as Junior Church Co-Ordinator at Knaphill will be covered by someone else.

But what about my work? You will be able to contact a supernumerary minister during my absence if there is a pastoral crisis. Details will follow of who that will be. All the communion services will be covered by other circuit ministers, as will the Church Council. My official email address will generate an automatic reply, telling people who to contact instead, and the answering machine on the Manse phone will also have brief information to that effect.

Well, there you have it: a rather long and involved explanation which attempts to answer as many of your questions as I could anticipate. If you have any more, catch me before I disappear at the beginning of December and I will do my best to explain whatever is puzzling you.

Your friend and minister,



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Church Family News



- **Barbara Humphries** would like to thank everyone who supported her and Andy over the last few months with prayers, cards, and flowers. “The loving support of the whole church family has been overwhelming. Praise the Lord the results are good and I am now clear of cancer and don’t have to have chemo or radiotherapy – a real answer to pray. We have a magnificent and truly loving GOD, thank you!”
- Remember **Dave Faulkner** on his Sabbatical, may it be a time of reflection and renewing of spirit for him and the family.
- Thinking and praying for all who are missing loved ones at this time of year, always seems more difficult at Christmas.
- We are delighted to announce that **Katrina Welch** is expecting a baby in May 2017. Patrick and Katrina “could not be happier!”
- We can also bring you news of another expectant mum, **Siobhan & Tom Farmer** are awaiting the birth of their baby, also in May 2017.

Who's Who at KMC

Recently we have become aware that folk are not sure who our Leadership team and Stewards are. So to put the record straight please see below:

The Leadership Team

Leadership Team are: Dave Faulkner, Raj Chhetri, Stephen Gurd, Lynda Shore, Pam Stevens, Katrina Welch, Allan and Yvette Wright. Barbara Humphries will join the team at their next Business meeting in January.

Stewards

Stewards are: Stephen Gurd, Pam Stevens and Katrina Welch. We also have four Occasional Stewards who are, Marilyn Meller, Shirley Chase, Gill Ball and Helen Brice. We have a vacancy for a Senior Steward.

KMC Administrator/Church Council Secretary

Barbara and I will share the Administrator role until 13th March, when Barbara is back from her holiday, and Dave is back from Sabbatical. Please send entries for The Notices and other administrative related information to the **new** email address: admin@knaphill-methodist-church.com

Messages to this email will be picked up by Yvette and Barbara.

The Church Council Secretary role will pass to Barbara *after* the next Council meeting on Monday 6th February. **Yvette Wright**

Advance Notice: The Church General Meeting for 2017 will be on **Sunday 9th April.**

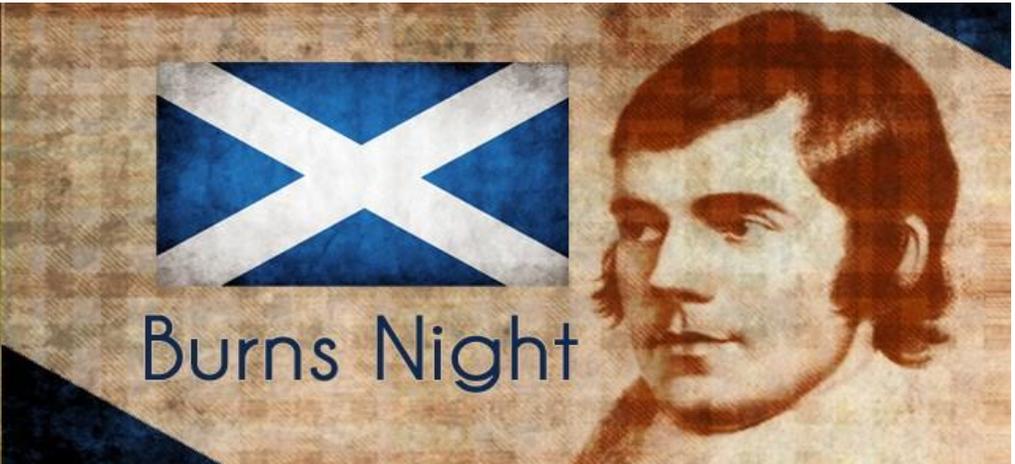
CAMEO

Come And Meet Each Other



This meeting, for all who are free on a Wednesday afternoon, starts in 2017 on January 18th, 1.30 for 2.00pm start. It will be a Members Afternoon and the subject will be favourite books or poems.

On February 1st speaker Heather Cook will talk about her love of cats and Cats Protection League. Her cat will come along on a harness!! We would like to wish all readers a Happy Christmas & best wishes for a Happy New Year. Ella Allen 830154.



Saturday 21st January 2017

Forget the January blues and enjoy a Scottish Evening in our church hall
Haggis, heaps and potatoes will be on the menu.

After dinner entertainment requires poets (of course), singers, dancers, sketches and recitations. How about volunteering and joining in the fun?

Tartan wear optional.....

From 6.30pm

Marilyn Meller & Shirley Chase would love to hear from you!

A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE



Sylvia Peters and I went on a short holiday to The Lake District in August. When I was a child I used to go there every year with my parents and this was my first visit since then. One of the places we visited was

Hawkshead and I remembered my father taking a service at the Methodist Church when I was about 8 or 9 years old. I had been fascinated with the Church and of course wanted Sylvia to see it so off we went in search.

There it was tucked away in the corner of the square with a board outside welcoming visitors. It looked as though we were going into a house and sure enough it seemed the front room had been converted into a small but simple and delightful Chapel. [It is reported to be one of the oldest Methodist Church buildings in the world.]

It had changed a little-there are now pews instead of simple wooden chairs. There is a small organ in place of a piano and an altar table and communion rail. Before it had really just been like a small living room, if my memory is correct.

It was so good to see such a tiny place had not only survived but was obviously thriving. Needless to say Sylvia was delighted as I had hoped she would be.

Eileen Lane

Vision and Strategy Prayer Meetings:

Dear friends, for a while now, on the third Sunday of every month we have held prayer meetings after the morning service to ask God how he wishes us to proceed with the church building and all the improvements we need for it to be of use to everyone in the village of Knaphill. The prayer meeting held on 20th November was poorly attended, and I have received some very negative comments about these prayer meetings. I would be grateful for any suggestions you may have to encourage people to attend them. Shall they continue? Should we hold them before the Sunday service? Shall we hold them on a different day of the week? Please pray and think about what would work best for everyone. We all need time to be together and pray. **Helen Brice**



Christmas Humour

Ho! Ho! Ho!



Christmas Holiday?

Mrs Oppenheimer decided to get away from the often inclement weather of New York and spend Christmas in the deep South of the USA. Being unfamiliar with that part of the world she wandered into a 'restricted' hotel and said "Hi. I'm Mrs Oppenheimer and I'd like a room for the next week." "I'm very sorry," said the manager, "but all our rooms are taken." Just as he said that a customer came to the desk and unexpectedly checked out. "How lucky" responded Mrs Oppenheimer, "Now you have a room for me." "Look, I'm very sorry" said the manager, but this is a restricted hotel. Jews are not allowed here. "Jewish! Whaddya mean Jewish. I happen to be a Catholic." "That takes some believing" said the manager. "Tell me, who was the Son of God?" "Jesus." she replied "Where was he born?" "In a stable in Bethlehem..... simply because some Schmuck like you wouldn't rent a room to a Jew!"

Luck of the Draw

A man found himself in terrible financial difficulties. He is so desperate that for the first time in his life he gets down on his knees and prays to God for help. "Dear God, I desperately need your help. I have no money to spend on Christmas presents for my family. Could you possibly arrange it so that I win the Lottery?"



The lottery draw is held, but he wins nothing. He sends another prayer to God. "My business has gone bust and if I don't get some money soon I'll lose my car and my Christmas will be very difficult. Please fix things so I win the lottery."

Lottery night comes, but he's unlucky. So he prays to God again. "Please God, I've lost my car and now they're trying to take my house. Please help me to win the Lottery or our Christmas will be ruined."

Come lottery night, he again fails to win anything. Undeterred, he prays to God again. "I am now bankrupt, my house has been repossessed by the finance company and so has my car. We are now living on the street, but all I need to get my life back together and perhaps enjoy some kind of Christmas is to win the lottery."

Suddenly there's a flash of brilliant light as the heavens open and the man is confronted by the very voice of God himself: "Hey, do me a favour will you, buy a ticket!"

The Weather Man

A long time ago, in Communist Russia, there was a famous weather man named Rudolf.

He's always had a 100% accuracy rate for his forecasts of the Russian weather conditions. His people loved him and respected him for his faultless foresight. He was particularly good at predicting rain. One night, despite clear skies, he made the prediction on the 6:00pm news broadcast that a violent storm was approaching. It would flood the town in which he and his wife lived. He warned the people to take proper precautions and prepare for the worst.



After he arrived home later that evening, his wife met him at the door and started arguing with him that his weather prediction was the most ridiculous thing she had ever heard. This time, she said, he had made a terrible mistake. There wasn't a cloud anywhere within 10 miles of the village. As a matter of fact, that day had been the most beautiful day that the town had ever had and it was quite obvious to everyone it simply wasn't going to rain.

He told her she was to be quiet and listen to him. If he said it was going to rain, IT WAS GOING TO RAIN! He had all of his Russian heritage behind him and he knew what he was talking about. She argued that although he came from a proud heritage, IT STILL WASN'T GOING TO RAIN!

They argued back and forth for hours, so much that they went to bed mad at each other.

During the night, sure enough one of the worst rainstorms hit the village the likes of which they had never seen. The following morning when Rudolf and his wife arose, they looked out the window and saw all the water that had fallen that night.

"See," said Rudolf, "I told you it was going to rain."

His wife admitted: "Once again your prediction came true. But I want to know, just how were you so accurate, Rudolf?"

To which he replied, "You see, Rudolf the Red knows rain dear!"



Thank you so much to everyone who was involved with the Christmas Bazaar this year, especially as I was a bit indisposed and left you very much to your own devices, you are a great team!

We raised just over £1,400 which was fantastic. Thank you again!

Barbara Humphries

THE MESSIAH

*(as you have never
read it before!)*

Most of us are familiar with the words and music of this great oratorio, but old Bill Jones from Golear, a little village in the West Riding, had never been to a performance and he tried to persuade a friend to go with him to the Huddersfield Town Hall to hear the famous choral society, but his friend refused.

'Nay,' he said, 'that sort o' music's nowt in my line. I like a good comic song or a lively jig, but I reckon nowt to this sacred stuff as they call it. It's beyond me. An' another thing, there'll be none of our sort there. It'll be mostly religious folk and swells done up in boiled shirts and wimmen wi' nowt much on. Nay, you go by thee -sen and then you can tell me all about it sometime.' So ... Bill went by himself and the next time the old pals met, the following conversation took place.

'Well, cum on ... how did you get on at Messiah?

'Eee, well,' said Bill, 'it were fair champion. I wouldn'ta missed it for all the tea in China. When a got there the Town Hall were crowded, it was choc full o' folk and I had a job to get a seat, but no wonder - it was all them singers - they took up half the gallery,

'There was a chap larkin' about on the organ, he weren't playing nowt in particular, just running 'is fingers up and down as if he were practising, Well, after a bit a lot o' chaps came in carrying fiddles, then they brought in the Messiah. Well, that's what I took it to be. It were the biggest instrument on the platform and it were covered in a big green bag. Any road, they took the bag off it and then a bloke rubbed its belly with a stick and you should have heard it groan, It were summat like a dying cow.

'I was just thinking o' going when a little chap came on, all dolled up in a white waistcoat and wi' a flower in his buttonhole and everything went dead quiet. You could have heard a pin drop. He had a stick in his hand and he started waving it about and all the singers stared at him ... I reckon they were wondering what was the matter with him.

'Then they started to sing and they hadn't been going long before they were fighting like cats. I reckon he shoulda walloped one or two of 'em with that stick First one side said they were t'King o' Glory then t'other side said they were, and they went at it hammer and tongs, but it fizzled out, so I've no idea which side won. 'Then there was a bit of bother about some sheep that was lost. I don't know who they belonged to but one lot o' singers must have been very fond o' mutton, 'cos they kept on singing "All we like sheep". I couldn't help saying to a bloke next to me that sheep's all right in moderation, but I like a bit o' beef meself, and he looked daggers at me and said "Shhh", so I shushed.

'A lot o' wimmen stood up after that and all of 'em looked as if they were ... well ... gettin' on a bit. Some of 'em must a bin 64 if they was a day. They sang, "Unto us a child is born", and the chaps sang back "Wonderful", an' I thought, "Wonderful, it's a bloomin' miracle!" After that they sobered down a bit and sang about a lass

called Joyce Greatly. I've never heard of her myself, but the chaps had, 'cos they all looked mighty pleased about it.

'Then some bloke got up and said he was the king o' kings, another one said he was, and then, blow me, they all started arguing about it. I was gettin' a bit fed up when everybody stood up to see what was the matter and they suddenly shouted, "Hallelujah ... it's going to rain for ever and ever". Well, at that I jumped up and made straight for the door. I'd had me money's worth and besides, I was thinkin' that if it was going to rain for ever and ever, I'd better get home before the flood came.

'It was a real good do though, you shoulda come, but oh, I do hope they find them sheep.'



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See if you can answer questions without referring to the Bible:

(references only given to check if you are correct - answers on page 23)

1. Joseph was originally from: (Luke 2:3)

- A. Bethlehem
- B. Nazareth
- C. Hebron
- D. Jerusalem
- E. None of the above

2. What does the Bible say that the innkeeper said to Mary and Joseph? (Luke 2:7)

- A. "There is no room in the inn."
- B. "I have a stable you can use."
- C. "Come back later and I should have some vacancies."
- D. Both A and B
- E. None of the above

3. A manger is a...

- A. Stable for domestic animals
- B. Wooden hay storage bin
- C. Feeding trough
- D. Barn

4. Which animals does the Bible say were present at Jesus' birth?

- A. Cows, sheep, goats
- B. Cows, donkeys, goats
- C. Sheep and goats only
- D. Miscellaneous barnyard animals
- E. None of the above

5. Who saw the star in the east?

- A. Shepherds
- B. Mary and Joseph
- C. Three kings
- D. Both A and C
- E. None of the above

6. According to the Bible, how did Mary and Joseph get to Bethlehem?

- A. Camel
- B. Donkey
- C. Walked
- D. Joseph walked, Mary rode a donkey
- E. Horse-drawn chariot
- F. Who knows?

7. How many angels spoke to the shepherds? (Luke 2:10)

- A. One
- B. Three
- C. Multitude
- D. None of the above

8. What did the angels say/sing? (Luke 2:14)

- A. "Glory to God in the highest, etc."
- B. "Alleluia"
- C. "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given"
- D. "Joy the world, the Lord is come"
- E. "Glory to the newborn King"

9. What is a heavenly host?

- A. The angel at the gate of heaven
- B. The angel who serves refreshments in heaven
- C. An angel choir
- D. An angel army
- E. None of the above

10. There was snow that first Christmas...

- A. Only in Bethlehem
- B. All over Israel
- C. Nowhere in Israel
- D. Somewhere in Israel

11. What is frankincense?

- A. A precious metal
- B. A precious fabric
- C. A precious perfume
- D. None of the above

12. In Matthew, what does "wise men" or "Magi" refer to?

- A. Men of the educated class
- B. Eastern kings
- C. Men who studied the stars
- D. Sages

13. What is myrrh?

- A. Middle Eastern money
- B. A drink
- C. An easily shaped metal
- D. A spice used for burying people
- E. None of the above

14. How many wise men came to see Jesus?

- A. 3
- B. 6
- C. 9
- D. 12
- E. We don't know.

15. Where did the wise men find Jesus? (*Matthew 2:11*)

- A. In a manger
- B. In a stable
- C. In Nazareth
- D. In Saudi Arabia
- E. In a house
- F. None of the above

16. When the wise men found Jesus he was... (*Matthew 2:11*)

- A. A babe wrapped in swaddling clothes
- B. A young child
- C. A boy in the temple
- D. A grown man

17. The 'star in the east' the wise men followed: (*Matthew 2:9*)

- A. Stayed in the same place their entire journey
- B. Disappeared and reappeared
- C. Moved ahead of them and stopped over the place where Jesus was
- D. Was just a mirage
- E. None of the above

18. The wise men stopped in Jerusalem... (*Matthew 2:2*)

- A. To inform Herod about Jesus
- B. To find out where Jesus was
- C. To ask about the star
- D. To buy presents
- E. None of the above

19. Where do we find the Christmas story?

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John
- E. All of the above
- F. Only A and B
- G. Only A and C
- H. Only A, B and C

20. Who told Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem? (*Luke 2:1-5*)

- A. The angel chorus
- B. Mary's mother
- C. Herod
- D. The shepherds
- E. Caesar Augustus

A Woman's Prayer

So far today, I am doing alright.
I have not gossiped, lost my temper,
been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or indulgent.
I have not whined, bitched,
cursed or eaten any chocolate.
I have not used my credit card and I thank you.
However, I am going to get out of bed in a few
minutes. and I will need a lot more help after that.
Amen



A BABY IS BORN

by Olive Emery

He came, a tiny baby,
To a stable, rude and bare;
The rich would not accept Him,
Nor deign their homes to share;
“No room”, “No room”, was echoed



But to that humble manger
He brought a beam of light.
To hearts that will accept Him
As on that Christmas Morn,
We hear the song repeated,
“The Christ again is born”.

If There Had Never Been a Christmas

If God had never sent His Son
To dwell with man on earth,
If there had been no Christmas
To herald the Christ Child's birth
If in this world of violence
And hatred, crime, and war
There were absolutely nothing
That made life worth living for,
If whenever man was troubled
And lost in loneliness,
There were no haven for his heart
To calm his restlessness,
Then life would be intolerable
And loathsome with disgust,
For there would be no love at all,

Just ugliness and lust--
And there would be no Easter
And no resurrected Lord,
No promise of Eternity
And no heavenly reward--
So let us thank Our Father
That He sent His only Son
So after this life's ended
And our work on earth's done
There's the promise of Eternity
Where our "cross" becomes a "crown"
When all our trials are over
And we lay our burden down.

Helen Steiner Rice

THE FLOWER

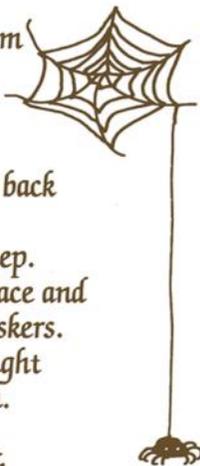
Anonymous

The park bench was deserted as I sat down to read
Beneath the long, straggly branches of an old willow tree.
Disillusioned by life with good reason to frown,
For the world was intent on dragging me down.
And if that weren't enough to ruin my day,
A young boy out of breath approached me, all tired from play.
He stood right before me with his head tilted down
And said with great excitement, "Look what I found!"
In his hand was a flower, and what a pitiful sight,
With its petals all worn - not enough rain, or too little light.
Wanting him to take his dead flower and go off to play,
I faked a smile and then shifted away.
But instead of retreating he sat by my side
And placed the flower to his nose and declared with surprise,
"It sure smells pretty and it's beautiful too.
That's why I picked it; here, it's for you."
The weed before me was dying or dead.
Not vibrant of colours: orange, yellow or red.
But I knew I must take it, or he might never leave.
So I reached for the flower, and replied, "Just what I need."
But instead of him placing the flower in my hand,
He held it mid-air without reason or plan.
It was then that I noticed for the first time
That weed-toting boy could not see: he was blind.
I heard my voice quiver; tears shone in the sun
As I thanked him for picking the very best one.
"You're welcome," he smiled, and then ran off to play,
Unaware of the impact he'd had on my day.
I sat there and wondered how he managed to see
A self-pitying woman beneath an old willow tree.
How did he know of my self-indulged plight?
Perhaps from his heart, he'd been blessed with true sight.
Through the eyes of a blind child, at last I could see
The problem was not with the world; the problem was me.
And for all of those times I myself had been blind,
I vowed to appreciate every second that's mine.
And then I held that wilted flower up to my nose
And breathed in the fragrance of a beautiful rose
And smiled as I watched that young boy, another weed in hand,
About to change the life of an unsuspecting old man.



What Have They Done To Our Words?

The world of computers has taken many of our familiar, everyday words and given them completely different meanings!



A DISC used to be something
that slipped when you hurt your back
A WEB was what a spider made
and a RAM was a male sheep.

A NET was for fishing or to hold your hair in place and
A MOUSE was a furry little creature with whiskers.
BUGS and VIRUSES were something you caught
that made you ill, and CHIP went with fish.



A HACKER was someone with a bad cough
and a CURSOR was someone with bad language.

A LOAD went on a lorry
and a BOOT went on your foot.

You found builders or caravans on a SITE
and you parked your car on a DRIVE.



A ZIP held your clothes together
and FLOPPY meant limp.

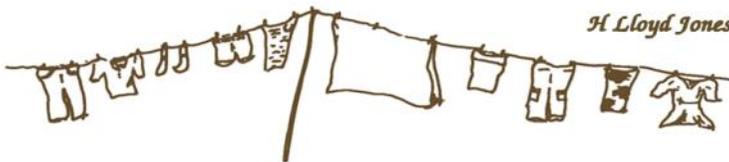
You hung your washing ON LINE,
you sent a CARD at CHRISTMAS, and a
DESKTOP was the place for your blotter.
You called a butler or a waitress a SERVER
and a religious artefact was an ICON.



WALLPAPER brighten'd up a room and
MOTHERBOARD was mum
when she was fed up!

Whatever next?

H Lloyd Jones



There is a Hope

Brian Fish

'There is a hope that burns within my heart,
That gives me strength for every passing day;
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,
Yet drives all doubt away:
I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven;
And Christ in me, the hope of heaven!
My highest calling and my deepest joy,
To make His will my home.

There is a hope that lifts my weary head,
A consolation strong against despair,
That when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit,
I find the Saviour there!
Through present sufferings, future's fear,
He whispers 'courage' in my ear.
For I am safe in everlasting arms,
And they will lead me home.

There is a hope that stands the test of time,
That lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine
When I behold His face!
When sufferings cease and sorrows die,
And every longing satisfied.
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,
For I am truly home

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Christmas from the Heart

I heard your voice in the wind today
And I turned to see your face;
The warmth of the wind caressed me
As I stood silently in place.

I felt your touch in the sun today
As its warmth filled the sky;
I closed my eyes for your embrace
And my spirit soared high.

I saw your eyes in the window pane
As I watched the falling rain;
It seemed as each raindrop fell
It quietly said your name.

I held you close in my heart today
It made me feel complete;
You may have died...but you are not gone
You will always be a part of me.

As long as the sun shines...
The wind blows...
The rain falls...
You will live on inside of me forever
For that is all my heart knows.

Judy Burnette



Circuit Mission Supper & Talk

Holiness & Justice: Responding to Refugees

Saturday 4th February 2017

Trinity Methodist Church, Woking, 6.00pm for 6.30pm

Tickets £7 available from your local church representative

All proceeds will go towards *All We Can*

Speakers:

Rev Dr Roger Walton, President of the Methodist Conference

Ms Rachel Lampard, Vice President of the Methodist Conference

We are delighted to have such eminent speakers at our first Wey Valley Circuit Mission Supper and do hope you will be able to join us for the evening.

For ten years, Roger was the Director of the Open Learning Centre and for eleven years the Director of the Wesley Study Centre in Durham. More recently, he has been Chair of the West Yorkshire Methodist District and the Methodist representative to the General Synod of the Church of England.

Rachel is the leader of the Joint Public Issues Team which campaigns about UK poverty, nuclear weapons and climate change. She has been a commissioner with the Gambling Commission since 2006.

Sunday 5th February 2017

Rev Dr Roger Walton will preach at Walton-on-Thames, 10.00am

Ms Rachel Lampard will speak at Merrow, 10.30am

KM C 150

KMC 150 Years of Methodism in Knaphill Celebrations 2016

On behalf of Knaphill Methodist Church and as Chairman of the 150 Committee, I would like to thank everyone for their contribution towards the celebrations organised this year to mark 150 years of Methodism in Knaphill.

I hope you enjoyed the events that were held to celebrate this milestone including those that you were directly involved with.

As you will recall the Anniversary events started with the Rev John Hellyer, chair of South East Methodist District, attending our morning service on 21st February as a special guest preacher. We were then delighted to host a concert given by the Almac Bisley Brass Band on 27th February. This was a return visit by the Band and was a real treat.

On 12th March, the local historian and author, Ian Wakeford gave a talk on the history of Knaphill to a very large audience which was greatly appreciated by all who attended.

The Exhibition on Methodism and its place in the village, past and future, was held over the Easter weekend at the end of March. This was a very comprehensive display of material which involved commitment from a large number of people from within KMC and the wider community too. From the comments in the visitors' book it was clear that people were impressed with the amount of detailed information they were able to view.

In June we held a Flower Festival to which a number of Knaphill businesses made contributions. The floral displays were magnificent and greatly admired by those who took the time to come into KMC during that weekend. This event's success was due to the hard work and commitment of the small team of flower arrangers and caterers who worked tirelessly up to and during the Festival. On 12th June we were lucky to have the Mayor attend our service who also helped cut our Anniversary cake. This was followed in the afternoon by a Songs of Praise service with those attending singing the chosen hymns.

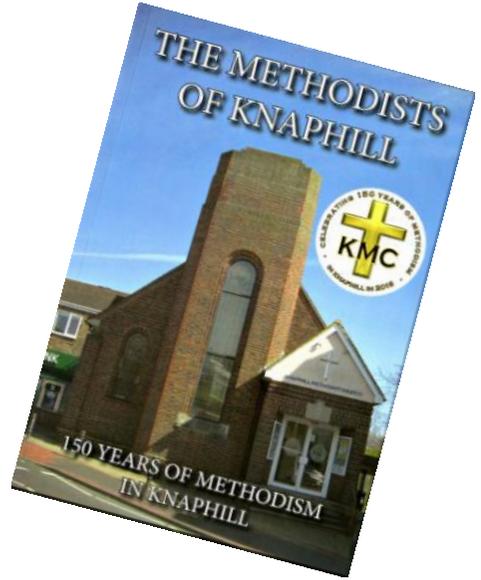
It was bouncy castle time on 25th June at the children's party where a number of children had a great time. It is hoped this particular event can be repeated at some point in the future.



On 24th September during the Harvest weekend, we welcomed “Singology” a small gospel choir from London who entertained us superbly with a number of gospel and other popular songs. This was followed by a wonderful Harvest Supper spread and a rehearsed play reading of a play about the start of Methodism in Knaphill, “From Pub to Pulpit” performed with great enthusiasm by nine members of KMC. The following day Rob Gill took the service and it was great to see him and have him back, albeit temporarily.

Finally, 15th October saw the return of Dave Bilbrough, the internationally known singer songwriter and worship leader, who entertained an appreciative audience of over 70 people.

In addition to these events, two books were published during the year. The first was a delightful account entitled “Memories of Years Past”, written by three senior KMC members namely, Ella Allen, Helen Baker & Marilyn Meller. The other book was “The Methodists of Knaphill” which gave an account of 150 years of Methodism in Knaphill. Material written by Wilf Woolvett in 1946 was combined with writing by Heather Wright and John Mynard which resulted in a very comprehensive story starting in 1860 and ending in 2015. Lastly, a



2017 Calendar was produced with photographs taken by two KMC members and Dave Faulkner.

I trust you will agree with me that all these events and activities were a great success and only made possible by everyone working together in the sight of God.

So however big or small your contribution may have been towards these celebratory events, I want you to know it was greatly appreciated.

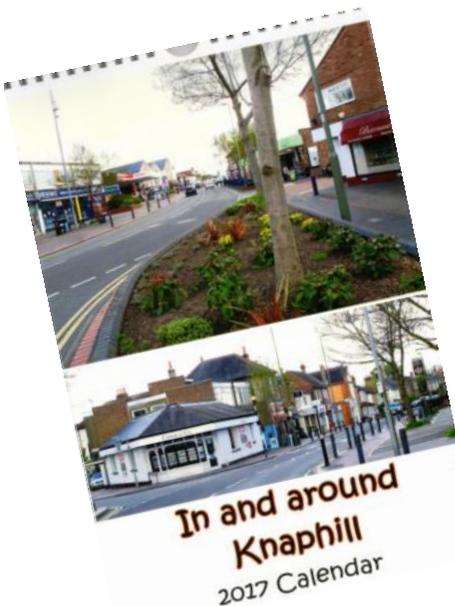
Thank you.

With every blessing.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Spice

150 Committee.





Answers *(see page 12)*

1. **A.** He worked and lived in Nazareth, but he was returning to Bethlehem – “his own city” (See Luke 2:3).
2. **E.** The innkeeper didn’t “say” anything (See Luke 2:7). The Bible doesn’t even mention an “innkeeper” because the “inn” was probably more like a guest room in a house.
3. **C.** Feeding trough – Interestingly enough, most mangers in New Testament times were made of stone. If you visit Israel today, you can see stone mangers used by Solomon to feed his horses at Megiddo.
4. **E.** The Bible doesn’t say, we just assume that since Jesus was born in a stable that there were various barnyard animals present.
5. **E.** This is a “trick” question. The “magi” saw the star. However, the Bible doesn’t say how many there were and they were not kings, but astronomers (see answer 14).
6. **F.** Although the modern “pictures” in my Children’s Bible show Mary on a donkey with Joseph beside her, the Bible doesn’t say!
7. **A.** Luke 2:10. A semi-trick question because verses 13-14 record what the angel company said as they praised God together. However, only one angel spoke directly to the shepherds.
8. **A.** Luke 2:14.
9. **D.** The word means “army” – literally thousands. Now, since there was a “multitude” of the heavenly army” (hosts), there could easily have been from 10,000 – 100,000 angels there that night! No wonder the shepherds were “sore afraid”! .
10. **D.** Another trick question. There is always snow on Mt. Hermon
11. **C.** Frankincense was used in the temple worship of the Lord. It represents his deity because he is truly God born in human flesh.
12. **C.** The word “Magi” literally means “star-gazers”. Although there is no Biblical record of exactly who they were or their point of origin.
13. **D.** Herod was buried with over 150 lbs. of Myrrh wrapped in his burial clothes.
14. **E.** We don’t know. They were magi, not wise men – but the Bible doesn’t give the number.
15. **E.** Read Matthew 2:11 (see next answer)
16. **B.** Read Matthew 2:11 When the Shepherds found Jesus (Luke 2), he was a “babe” in a manger. The Greek word used in Luke 2 is for a “newborn baby”. However, by the time the Magi appeared, Jesus had been moved from the manger to a house (verse 11) and the Greek word used in Matthew is for “toddler or young child”. He was probably somewhere between 12-24 months old.
17. **C.** Read Matthew 2:9 Most people miss this question. The star did not stay stationary over the manger or the house. This verse makes it clear that the star moved “in front” of the magi and guided them till it “stood over where the young child was
18. **B.** Read Matthew 2:2.
19. **G.** Isn’t it amazing how God divinely inspired these two gospel writers to write His exact words, but he used their interests and professions to recall different aspects of Jesus’ birth. Matthew, a tax collector, records the genealogy of Jesus (used for taxation) and the “magi” – men of means from a foreign country. Luke, a physician, records the pregnancy and birth.
20. **E.** “There went out a decree from Caesar Augustus... everyone into his own city... ” (Luke 2:1-5).

Services



18th December	10am	Holy Communion with Paul Hulme
	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight with Rob Gill
24th December	3pm	“The Last Straw” Christingle with Elizabeth Gurd
	11.15pm	Midnight Holy Communion <i>at Holy Trinity Church, Chobham Road.</i>
25th December	10am	Family Worship with Peter Hills
1st January	10am	Morning Worship led by KMC Members
8th January	10am	Morning Worship with Hugh Bowerman
15th January	10am	Holy Communion with Brian Treharne
22nd January	10am	Morning Worship with Elizabeth Gurd
	6.30pm	Holy Communion with Paul Chesworth
29th January	10am	Morning Worship with Mark Lawson
5th February	10am	Morning Worship with Allan Taylor
12th February	10am	Holy Communion with Claire Potter
19th February	10am	Morning Worship with Graham Warr
26th February	10am	Morning Worship with Elizabeth Gurd
	6.30pm	Holy Communion with Claire Potter