

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 they go 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 each other.

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 3.30pm.

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

For further information see the notice board outside the church or contact:

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KMC MAGAZINE

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Message from Dave:

Dear Friends,

As you know, we are proud owners of a two-year-old cocker spaniel named Sheldon. We recently joined the Dogs' Trust. When the membership pack arrived, it contained their familiar car sticker with its famous slogan, 'A dog is for life, not just for Christmas'.



I want to suggest that there is a Bible verse we should treat as being for life, not just for Christmas:

'The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. (*John 1:14*)

That verse is far more than a cute reminder about the birth of an adorable baby boy. It's telling us about more than the birth of Jesus. It's telling us that the Christmas story is the model for the whole of Jesus' mission. His life and ministry was conducted in the midst of people, going to them, being with them.

Eugene Peterson's paraphrase *The Message* renders it thus:

'The Word became flesh and blood and moved into our neighbourhood.'

And here's the punchline: this wasn't just the model for Jesus, it's the model for us, too. How do I know that? Because after his resurrection, Jesus told his followers,

'As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' (*John 20:21*)

We are sent as Jesus was sent.

Whatever trimmings we enjoy at Christmas, the substance of it for Christians includes a call to be engaged in the mess of today's mangers. it's not for us to stay in nice, clean church buildings and wait for people to join us. The Christmas message sends us into the pain and dirt with the love of God.

Because that's what Jesus did.

Your friend and minister,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Farling".



Church Family News



We are sad to report the passing of **Colin Bennett** and we send our love and sympathy to Susan and Leah. We remember Colin at the time he helped with scouting and helped as a door steward in our church.

Congratulations to **Elanor Welch** and Katrina and Patrick on her recent Christening, it was a lovely day.

Many congratulations to **Linda and Phil Todd** and Juliette on the safe delivery of baby **Willow Bridget** who is growing fast!

Confirmation – in December **Sally Allison** will be confirmed and be a member of our church. We give our love and prayers to Sally and thank her for her friendship and generosity to us all.

We will miss **Vida Roberts** as she goes off to Ghana for a couple of months. Safe journey Vida, and have a happy time with your relatives.

Vida would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year. A donation to the church funds has been given in lieu of Christmas cards.

Roger and Eileen Stickland have now moved to Tiverton in Devon and here is part of the letter sent to us last month :

"As we enter this exciting new chapter we remember with gratitude the precious times we spent with family and friends in Surrey. Can you please convey to the wonderful folk at Knaphill Methodist Church how special they have been to us, we have shared many happy and sad times. Although lately you have seen little of us, you are always in our hearts. Please print our new address in the newsletter and invite all who know us to call if visiting the South West, you will always remain in our thoughts and prayers. Our new address: Warren Lodge, Canal Hill, Tiverton, Devon EX16 4JQ. We are 10 minutes from junction 27 on M5"

Ella Allen



Editorial

I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who has contributed to the magazines during the year, I hope you agree the colour has given it a new dimension. As ever, HUGE thanks to Allan for all his design skills that make the magazine look so good.

I received a very complimentary email from John Mitchell, about the magazine that I wanted to share with you.

"Dear Barbara, When I was last at Knaphill to take the service I picked up a copy of the magazine. This is just to say I found it unusually interesting, very alive. I particularly liked the poem by Rajentra Chhetri - moving and thought provoking. Excellent production. John Mitchell."

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, may God's love surround you and your loved ones, over the festive season and into the new year

Barbara Humphries



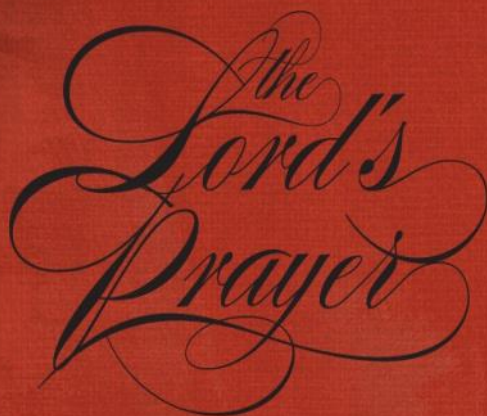
I am once again, placing this item about the fortnightly prayer meetings, as it has only been the same members of the church who attend, which sad to say isn't very many.

I would appreciate some feedback and suggestions on whether to continue with the Prayer Meetings. I think we are very fortunate in this country to be able to practise our faith in freedom and without fear, so I just want to see more people praying for our church.

Please can you either speak to me in person, or email or telephone me for any advice.

Many thanks, **Helen Brice**





YOU CANNOT PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER
AND EVEN ONCE SAY "I".

YOU CANNOT PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER
AND EVEN ONCE SAY "MY".

YOU CANNOT SAY THE LORD'S PRAYER
AND NOT PRAY FOR ANOTHER,

FOR WHEN YOU ASK FOR DAILY BREAD
YOU CAN'T MISS OUT YOUR BROTHER.

THOUGH OTHERS ARE INCLUDED IN
EACH AND EVERY PLEA;

FROM BEGINNING TO THE END OF IT, IT
DOES NOT ONCE SAY "ME".

Tarina Berry Written in 1968 when I was in St Thomas's Hospital, London

I was born deaf in October 1957 and could not hear until 1968.

I had an operation on my ears in February 1968 - I went in on Monday 24th February, had my op on the 25th February and came home on the 26th February.

Whilst I was in hospital, I decided I would write a different version of "The Lord's Prayer". I looked at the version that we already say and then I wrote this one.

On 23rd February, we attended the evening service at Westminster Central Hall. Before the service, my parents mentioned my operation to the Rev. Dr. Maurice Barnett and his wife Margaret and it was arranged that I would stay with them in the flat in Central Hall overnight and Mrs Barnett and Sister Barbara Facey would walk me over to the hospital for 8 o'clock on the Monday morning; they then stayed with me all day long as my mum would not be able to come up until the evening.

On the Tuesday morning Mrs Barnett and Sister Barbara Facey were at the hospital before I went down for my operation and they were there when I came round.

My head was covered with bandages to keep out any infection (I looked like a mummy)!

I was then allowed home the next day. It was wonderful to hear noises and sounds – the television was even too loud!

CAMEO

Come And Meet Each Other



We meet on 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month in Room 3 at our church and on average have had about twenty folk attending. We invite all who are free on a Wednesday to come along.

This autumn we have had a happy and interesting number of speakers and we thank them all for sparing the time to come along. We will finish with our Christmas party and thank Robin Spice & John Morton for their contribution to the afternoon.

We start again on **17th January 2018**, 1:30pm for 2pm start and will have a Member's Afternoon, focusing on poetry. Cameo is for all those free on a Wednesday afternoon. Please come along, you will be very welcome.

Ella Allen 830154

COFFEE MORNING

BACON BUTTIES!

- ✓ PLANTS
- ✓ CAKES
- ✓ BOOKS
- ✓ DVD/CDs
- ✓ CARDS
- ✓ BRIC-A-BRAC

FREE MOVIE!

KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH HALL

Saturday 20th January 2018

10am to midday For Mission Funds

Movie starts at 10.15am

Next Coffee Mornings: Saturday 24th February, Saturday 24th March, Saturday 28th April, and with Plant Sale on Saturday 19th May.

QUIET TIME



I was troubled in heart, anxious and afraid
But suddenly the cloud was lifted
Someone must have prayed.
I was lost, uncertain of the choice that should be made
Then all at once I knew the answer
Someone must have prayed.
Someone must have prayed for me
Prayer changes things I know
So try to win the love of all
As through the world you go
Being loved – you'll be remembered
In somebody's prayer
And the blessing you'll receive
Someday, sometime, somewhere
In a crisis powers will hasten to your aid
And when it's all over
You will say
Someone must have prayed.

(Taken from "Every Day With Jesus" 1975)

WEY VALLEY CIRCUIT MISSION SUPPER 2018

AFRICA – SPIRITUAL STRENGTH IN TURBULENT TIMES



We are delighted to have Dr Olubunmi Olayisade, Methodist Church Partnership Coordinator for Africa, as our speaker for our next Circuit Mission Supper.

Bunmi, as she likes to be known, is continually working with Methodist partners in Africa. Her frequent reports in the Africa Visit Reports section of the Methodist Church website show how busy she is – she has recently been in Zambia, Uganda and Rwanda.

She is planning to visit Sierra Leone in January and so will be able to share updates from there as well as about her visits to Eastern and Southern Africa at the Supper.

Bunmi writes:

“The Lord is gracious and I am always humbled at His goodness to us all, especially when I visit Africa. I hope to share about Africa’s spiritual landscape which challenges how we relate to God in turbulent times”.

This should be an excellent and inspiring evening – so save the date in your diaries!

Saturday 24th February 2018

Trinity Methodist Church, Brewery Road, Woking

6.00 for 6.30pm

Tickets (£7 each) are available from your Church Mission Representative

CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

Terms associated with the Christian teachings of Christmas from the Bible comprise this word search, which includes backward words.

Word List

Angels, Augustus, Bethlehem, Birth, Blessed, Camel, Candle, Cantata, Christmas, Christ, Donkey, Family, Frankincense, Gold, Heaven, Herod, Innkeeper, Jesus, Joseph, Judea, Love, Kings, Manger, Mary, Myrrh, Peace, Saviour, Shepherds, Star, Straw, Taxes, Wiseman.



Financial Report



Thankfully, the final deficit for 2016-17 was much lower than feared. At the time of writing, the accounts are being audited, so the exact deficit is still to be confirmed, but it is under £5000 – a much lower figure than the £16000 which looked possible a year ago. It is still a significant amount, so we cannot be complacent, but it can be managed in the short term. It is lower for several reasons, principally:

- ☆ Some of the possible loss of income did not occur.
- ☆ A significant number of members responded very generously to an appeal for increased giving.

A good deal of hard work to improve lettings resulted in greater rental income, with the possibility of more improvement to come. We are fortunate to have Enjoy-a-Ball now on Saturdays, plus all the other regular hirers. Dreamcatchers, the pre-school wishing to operate in our premises, did not receive their Ofsted accreditation until part way through September, which meant delays for them. Since our financial stability is bound up with their success, and we wish them well anyway, we need to pray that they can be fully operational soon.

The current financial year has started well, with much higher rental income than last year at this time, but we are still heavily dependent on rental income and could not meet all our essential expenses without it, even with the fundraising from the Bazaar and Coffee Mornings. Also, we are still heavily reliant on the disproportionate generosity of some members, but this seems to be a common feature of churches.

Coffee Mornings did well in September and October, raising £362.39 and £357.15 respectively, and all the hard work for the Bazaar paid off with a total of £1684.84. Once again, very many thanks to everyone who worked to make all these things possible and for the great generosity with time and money shown by many people.

Lynda Shore, Hon Treasurer

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

THE RESULTS!

Thank you very much to everyone involved in raising this money. It was a great effort and a very worthwhile outcome.



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| Books | £84.50 |
| Bric-a-brac | £201.99 |
| Cakes | £128.02 |
| Cards | £101.00 |
| Crafts | £106.00 |
| Lunches | £271.00 |
| Jigsaws | £97.70 |
| Plants | £101.84 |
| Preserves | £133.60 |
| Raffle | £173.05 |
| Refreshments | £107.44 |
| Teddy tombola | £18.00 |
| Tin mine | £45.00 |
| Toiletries | £84.00 |
| Toys | £31.70 |
| Total | £1684.84 |

Enough for Everyone

Christmas Appeal 2017



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At Christmas, we come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Food is found at many celebrations in the Bible, so it feels entirely appropriate that it is at the heart of our festivities when we celebrate God's only son coming into the world. Colette lives in Burkina Faso, West Africa, with her husband, young daughter and baby. Colette's Christmas is not dissimilar to ours. It starts with cooking delicious food and then getting her children ready for church. She prays for her children, and asks that God will give them health and everything they need. When Colette gets home, she greets her neighbours and they share food. They gather together and show their joy by dancing and singing. Like us, they eat special food on Christmas Day. For Colette and her neighbours, this will be rice, goat and spaghetti!

But life has been hard for Colette. She was forced to work at a gold mine every day to earn money to feed her family. Colette spent days at the mining site without finding any gold to sell. She made so little money that she was not able to buy nutritious food. Her daughter Eulalie was very ill and weak, and was diagnosed with malnutrition.

However, Colette found hope through a market garden project supported by Christian Aid. She and her husband were trained in how to grow crops and were provided with tools and seeds. She produces nutritious food to eat and sell, and

can work with her children close by. Eulalie is now four years old and has recovered, and her little sister Ornela has, thankfully, never been malnourished. Colette sells some of her vegetables to pay for healthcare and clothes for her girls. She plans to extend her garden to pay for her children to go to school.

Colette's story shows that a family can be saved from the horrors of malnutrition. Landlocked Burkina Faso is one of the world's poorest countries, with almost half of its 16 million inhabitants living below the poverty line. More than 30% of children under five years old have stunted growth. Christian Aid works with its partners to reduce malnutrition and ensure reliable access to healthy food for those in need, such as women of child-bearing age and young children.

Colette's Christmas is in many ways like our own, filled with generosity and the enjoyment of delicious food. We enjoy and look forward to our special Christmas food and often have too much. Isaiah 58:10 shows God's love for the hungry and oppressed. Jesus revealed this by feeding the hungry many times. When we respond to the hungry and needy, we reflect the light of Christ.

We all probably know the foods we buy that no one really likes, and those that we buy far too much of. Join Christian Aid's Enough for Everyone Christmas Appeal by committing to not buying at least one thing that you know would be wasted. You can turn that pledge into a donation to Christian Aid's work providing life-saving aid and long-term solutions to hunger and malnutrition.

If you save just £13, that could be turned into a village nutrition demonstration in Burkina Faso, teaching more than 25 mothers about nutrition for their children. Together, we could raise £170 to train a nutrition committee to run regular porridge demonstrations and educational sessions in a village like Colette's.

Will you join thousands of others helping to ensure there is enough for everyone this Christmas? You can make a donation by visiting christianaid.org.uk/christmas or calling **020 7523 2269**.

To get involved, talk to Lynda Shore. Lynda also has GiftAid envelopes available.

You can also share the appeal on social media and see what others are doing using #enoughforeveryone

Twice the impact! For every pound you give, the UK government will give a pound more.* That's double the support for people living in poverty.

** Donations made to the Christmas appeal between 6 November 2017 and 5 February 2018 will be matched up to £2.7 million. We will use your donations for projects such as those featured. The UK Government's match will fund our work in South Sudan.*

It's hard to believe that the KMC Broadway Group has been active now for more than a year, having been established following the Church General Meeting in October 2016. At that meeting, it became apparent that the overwhelming desire of the majority of members in our Church was for a Methodist presence to be retained in Knaphill and during the past year, it has become very evident that there is a great deal of enthusiasm and commitment within the Group for that desire to be met. We continue to meet on a monthly basis and regular updates are given to the congregation to let everyone know of the progress being made.


From the outset, the Group set itself the following goals:

- ☆ To make the Church more financially secure, with the aim of strengthening the financial foundations on which to base the decisions regarding the future of our Church building.
- ☆ Identifying the best way that we, as a Church, can reach out and serve our local Community.
- ☆ Looking at ways to enhance the dynamic of our Worship and encourage new members.
- ☆ Enhancing the Church website
- ☆ Addressing the need for more Church Stewards, particularly a Senior Steward

As many of you are aware, at the beginning of this Church financial year, KMC was facing a potential budget deficit of circa £16,000. However, thanks to income received from our 2 new regular lettings, increased congregational support and proceeds from the monthly Coffee Mornings, it is anticipated that this deficit will be greatly reduced to around £5K. However, it remains important that we continue aiming to reduce any deficit, as once we are in a more financially secure position, we can start making realistic decisions regarding the future of our building.

Outreach has always been a key focus area for the Group and several options were considered and explored to determine how KMC could best serve the Community in which it is so ideally situated (e.g. setting up a food bank, creating a drop-in centre for young mums or providing lunches on an occasional basis for those in our locality who live alone).

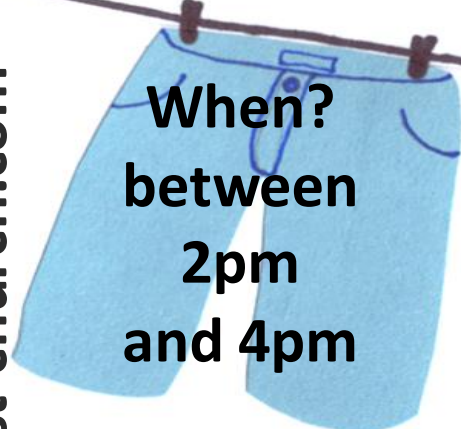
However, having been advised that there is great need in our local area and



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Clothing

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When?
between
2pm
and 4pm



On?
Saturdays
16th December
27th January
17th February
17th March
21st April



Sythwood
Children's
Centre
01483
727900



Brookwood
& Pirbright
Children's
Centre
01483
473315



Sure Start
Centre
Horsell
01483
729146

Bank



www.knaphill-methodist-church.com/clothes-bank

after visiting the Clothing Bank currently being offered at Weybridge Methodist Church, it was decided to set up a similar facility at KMC, and this has been the primary focus of the Group members for the last quarter. A huge amount of good quality clothing has already been received, both from members of our Church and from folk living in the local Community, and there has been widespread advertising of the proposed project on regional TV and radio and in the local press.

Our very grateful thanks to a very committed team (some of whom come from other local Churches) who have undertaken a tremendous amount of work, involving:-

- ✚ collecting, receiving and sorting clothing
- ✚ liaising with many other relevant agencies, visiting their premises, bringing them on board to issue the Clothing Bank vouchers,
- ✚ creating advertising posters and displaying them all over the Woking area
- ✚ ensuring good press and TV coverage to “spread the word”.

Thanks, also, to everyone for all the wonderful donations received and offers of help with refreshments, meeting and greeting and speaking with visitors on the day. We appreciate that this facility is going to take some time to become established, but feel that it is a wonderful opportunity for KMC to offer Outreach to our local Community and hopefully be a foundation upon which we can build. It will also provide us with an opportunity to make use of the Tesco “FareShare” arrangement that will enable us to offer our visitors free donations of any unsold food provided to us on the day by Tesco Express in the village.

In addition, our **Monthly Coffee Mornings** remain popular, particularly with the older residents of Knaphill, and continue to raise a steady income each month. “Bacon Butties” have now become a regular feature, as has a free film show for the Children. Our thanks to everyone who offers support to this community event.

Please note, the **Clothing Bank** usually takes place on the **third Saturday of each month, between 2-4 pm** and **Coffee Mornings, on the 4th Saturday of the month, between 10-12 Noon**. However, details can always be found on the KMC Website, in the Weekly Notices or on the many posters displayed in the Church and around the Village.

At the last Church AGM, the Group was greatly encouraged by the positive comments received from the majority of our congregation, regarding the

increased feeling of “togetherness” and fellowship (as well as warmth!) that they experienced when worshipping in the Hall, and the impact this had made on them. As a consequence, the Group proposed to the Church Council (and it was subsequently agreed) that once again this year, Sunday morning services should take place in the Hall throughout the colder Winter months (i.e. from 19th November 2017 until 25th March 2018). It is hoped that this will not only improve the dynamic of our Worship but also ensure that any visitors who come can be warmly welcomed to share fellowship with us. Our grateful thanks to the members of the Property Committee for all their work investigating and overseeing the installation of 2 new boilers to ensure that both we, and our hirers, are kept warm during the cold weather and to Andy Humphries, who has now replaced all the old lights in the Welcome Area with new brighter LED’s, which has not only made the area more welcoming, but also appears to be reducing our electricity usage. Finally, we must not forget the AV team (how could we?), who have spent a considerable amount of time investigating how to facilitate the AV provision in the Hall (including incorporating a new hearing loop system). We also received a very generous donation of a large screen TV to improve projection – all of which will greatly enhance the quality and joy of our Worship.

Finally, if you are able, do take the time to visit the Church’s new Website, which is now maintained and regularly updated by Rob Gill, Barbara Humphries and Allan Wright. If you have any regular activities or future events that you wish to advertise, or any articles or photos that you wish to add, do let Rob or Allan know and they will be pleased to include them in the Church Calendar or on the appropriate webpage.

The Group would like to thank everyone for their continued support and understanding of what we are seeking to achieve in Jesus’ name. As a group, we feel we have come a long way in the past year, however there is still much to be done if we are to ensure that KMC has a future here in Knaphill.

If you have any further ideas or enhancements to any of the above projects, please speak to any of the KMC Broadway Group.

Thank you.

The KMC Broadway Group comprises James Geard, Jane Ing, Helen Brice, Linda Todd, Lynda Shore, Andy Humphries and Allan Wright.

Christmas

The Christian world is busy preparing for Christmas. Shops are becoming Tinsel Town. The Advent is upon us. Church services gear up the "believers" for the Big Day. Supermarkets are stocked with Christmas Fayre. Earnestly and eagerly we get ready for the Redeemer's Birthday.

In 1953 as children of Gurkha families in the British Army camp, we were given a Christmas Party with cakes, British sweets and soft drinks. A man in red attire with unshaven white beard and moustache uttered some English words and distributed toys. That was my information and understanding of the Big Day for the British Family.

Years later in Missionary schools I learnt about the Jewish Messiah, the Son of God sent down to this wicked Earth to save Mankind from the damnation sure as Hell for the sinful Mankind.

Fulfilment of the Prophecies of the Old Testament. The Immaculate Conception gave us the Word Incarnate. The Old Testament's Prophets did not have mobile phones to receive Heavenly messages, nor the three Wise men the luxury and convenience of GPS to guide them to Bethlehem. North Korean Missiles were not there to misdirect their journey. The Heavenly Star led them to baby Jesus:

"Lo, within a manger lies He who built the starry skies" (Edward Caswell, 1814-78) as the rustic shepherds duly informed by the Angel of the Lord headed for the stable.

"See the shepherds hurry down to Bethlehem, gaze in wonder at the Son of God who lay before them: Wise men journey, led to worship by a Star, kneel in homage, bringing precious gifts from lands afar.

So God is with us, round the world the message bring, He is with us! "Welcome, all the bells on earth are pealing" (Valerie Collison). What a contrast? Just over two thousand years later the Saviour child in the manger is lost in the tinsel wrappers of this materialistic world. The Christians have commercialised the Saviour who had paid with his life for our sin. Let us make this Christmas 2017 as meaningful as the first Noel when rustic shepherds rejoiced and the three wise men worshipped the King with gifts from the mother earth.

Merry Christmas.

Reminisced by Rajendra Chhetri.

Rajendra Chhetri

Obituary

Dear David



It is with deep sadness that I write to tell you that our Special Ambassador Rev Stuart Windsor passed away into the presence of his Lord and Saviour on Sunday morning, as he was preparing to leave home for a speaking engagement.



Stuart was known to a great many of you – there barely seemed a day when he wasn't travelling up and down the country to talk about CSW – and I know that you will share my profound sense of loss at the passing of such a dedicated and tireless advocate for religious freedom.

I was privileged to consider myself Stuart's good friend, and over the past 24 years I have spoken to him almost every day. We have had so many adventures together; I was always thankful for

his incredible commitment together with his warmth, generosity and deep, genuine love of Jesus.

We believe we can honour Stuart's memory best by continuing the work that he loved, with the passion that he gave to it. Stuart often quoted James 5:16, which I reproduce here in his favourite translation: "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous person availed *much*." (Stuart's italics!)

Please join me in giving thanks for the life of an extraordinary man of God, and praying for healing, comfort and strength for his wife Ethel, his children Elizabeth and Stuart, and his grandchildren.

Stuart has left a huge hole in all our lives, but he has left an even bigger legacy.

As ever in Christ

Mervyn Thomas, Founder & Chief Executive

All hearts go home for Christmas,
Across the miles and years,
To live again the age-old joys,
That passing time endures.
To find familiar faces,
And to view the cheery sights,
The kitchen warm from baking,
And the tree bedecked in lights,
To listen to the laughter,
And the songs of long ago.
To dream beside the fireplace,
And watch the yule logs glow.
All hearts go home for Christmas,
The lonely and the far,
For home is where the love is found,
And where the memories are.

Lucille Boesken

These words were on a Christmas Card Judith Errett received a few years ago and felt they reflected the Christmas season.

All Hearts Go Home For CHRISTMAS



Profile of....

Linda

Todd

If you have ever wondered who the lady is with the beautiful speaking voice when reading from the lectern; or singing superbly as part of the Worship Group; or working so efficiently in KMC's kitchen, then I can tell you. This is our Linda who has been a member of KMC since the 1980s when she first came with her son to attend the toddler group that was held at our church at the time.

Born in Fulham, Linda moved with her mother, father and brother to

Sheerwater in 1959. Linda's father suffered from asthma and emphysema from a very early age which had quite an effect on the family as Linda was growing up. He was often not able to work so her mother Vera took on various jobs to help out the family finances.

Linda went to school at Broadmere Infants and Junior's School and on passing the 11 plus moved to George Abbott School in Guildford. Linda spent 6 years there before transferring to college (now part of the University of Westminster) to do a 2 year bi-lingual secretarial course in French and German. Linda's first job was in the City of London where she had a PA job that involved using her French and German and she stayed there for three years before leaving to have her first baby. Linda and her husband Phil married in 1974 and lived in Horsell for a short time before moving to Knaphill. They had a son Iain in 1977 and the family became complete in 1980 when Julie was born.

The family moved to Bisley in 1987 and Vera, whom a number of you will remember, joined the family to live with them, having lost Linda's father some years earlier. The house was extended to accommodate the family and this is where Linda and Phil still live today.

After being at home raising the family, Linda was keen to return to work and took an administrative job with Adult Education. When Julie was 4 Linda started work at a playgroup and this was eventually followed by employment at Knaphill First School as a School Secretary, which she absolutely loved and stayed for 16½ years. Linda has very fond memories of her time there with every day being completely different. One day she might be dealing with cuts and grazes and on another having to console an upset child (or parent)! On one occasion she was required to dispose of a half-decomposed rat which one of the children had found in the playground!

Linda left the school environment at a time when changes were coming in and she felt the time was right to make a move. This decision coincided with a job opportunity at the same company where her daughter worked. Thus Linda spent her last few working years performing a PA type job, so repeating a role that started her working life.

As mentioned earlier Linda's association with KMC started in the 80s; so it naturally followed that Linda would join KMC. When living in Sheerwater she had attended the Methodist Church there as a result of her membership with the Girls Life Brigade. Linda describes that time when first attending KMC as feeling she had come home.

Retirement beckoned last year and she was looking forward to spending some down time with Phil. It has not quite worked out like that not least because in October Julie gave birth to baby Willow. However, as I indicated earlier, Linda is used to being busy, turning her hand to different things and making a success of it! Thus within KMC, Linda is a Steward, a member of the Worship Group, the KMC Broadway Group and the Church Council, whilst at home she is a doting grandmother. Christmas this year will definitely be a special one for the Todd family.

We asked Linda to name her favourite hymn, Linda had some difficulty in deciding as she has many favourites, but just inching ahead of them all is Charles Wesley's "Love Divine All Loves Excelling".



Linda (far right) sings with the Worship Group each Sunday.

Whitechapel Mission

Lynda Shore and I helped Tony Miller load all the Harvest gifts of clothes, food and toiletries for the homeless in East London into his van. Thank you so much for your generosity. Helen Chamberlain and I went up there last month to the annual service for the volunteers. We had a happy time and a delicious tea afterwards! We now have some Whitechapel Annual Reports, there are only 10 of them so please ask me for one, when you see me.

Ella Allen



Outing to



On the 23rd August a group of 15 including 3 children caught the train to Hampton Court Station via Surbiton. On arrival most of the group went to a nearby coffee shop, whilst Linda Flude and Vida took the children into Hampton Court grounds to the maze.

Desna and Eileen waited for Suzie Hadlow who was brought by her carers. She arrived on time and went straightaway to the coffee shop. (Suzie can never resist a cup of coffee!) The coffee shop was run by an Italian family who made use of their beautiful back garden for outside seating. We sat among palm and lemon trees with bamboo plants amidst other shrubs. It was like a mini Kew Gardens conservatory.

After coffee some of the group explored Hampton village, others went to Hampton Court and some just enjoyed the surroundings. Eileen and Sheila took Suzie to the maze which she thoroughly enjoyed. At 2pm we all met up to go on the boat, those who were able went on the top deck. We all enjoyed looking at the beautiful bungalows trying to decide which one we would like! As we approached Kingston we saw numerous swans in the conservation area of the river. There wasn't time to disembark so we returned via the same boat.

Eileen took Suzie to the shop before taking her back to her carers while the others went for a last look at Hampton. Finally we caught the train home after an enjoyable day out.

Eileen and Sylvia

JOB VACANCY



Safeguarding Officer – Children

Liz Funning has been our Safeguarding Officer for many years. Liz has been out of the country so much and now feels she can't do the job adequately, and wants to step down. Below is a description of the job as laid out in The Methodist Church Safeguarding Policy; it needs someone who is around fairly regularly so that if there were any concerns within the church it could be raised and dealt with swiftly.

If you think this is something you could do, please feel free to speak to Liz or Dave.

Barbara Humphries

Role of church safeguarding officer

To assist the minister and Church Council in ensuring that the church has an appropriate safeguarding policy, which is implemented and reviewed annually. Also, to act as a point of reference for advice on safeguarding issues.

Person specification

- Some knowledge and experience of working with children, young people or vulnerable adults would be helpful.
- A basic understanding of safeguarding issues and a willingness to attend any necessary training.
- Good communication and administrative skills.

Accountability

The church safeguarding officer will be responsible to the Church Council, through the minister.

DBS check

Due to the nature of the post, the post holder will be required to complete a DBS application, to be reviewed on a five-yearly basis.

Main tasks

- To help the minister to draw up a local church policy and keep it under review.
- To offer support and guidance to the minister and Church Council about safeguarding matters, offering advice or making referrals.
- With the lettings officer ensure that all hirers are aware of and comply with the local church safeguarding policy – or if groups have their own policies, that this is noted on the agreement
- To make sure that safeguarding is an item on all Church Council agendas.
- To advise church groups on safe recruitment practice and with the minister keep records of application forms, DBS checks and references.
- With the minister and local leads for Junior Church, youth work and pastoral care, identify who needs to complete Foundation Module and Refresher training and let the circuit safeguarding officer know for planning purposes.
- To keep a local church attendance record of those who have completed the training.
- To make sure that a copy of the church safeguarding policy is prominently displayed around the church and that there is a good supply of other publicity material about safeguarding available for church noticeboards and other suitable locations (this information can be obtained from the NSPCC, Action for Children or the local authority, for example).
- To act as a link between the local church, the circuit safeguarding officer and the DSO.
- If the church is an LEP, ask the minister to ensure that there is a recorded local agreement about which denomination's safeguarding policies and procedures are to be followed.

Appendix VI Church safeguarding officer job description

TRUE OR FALSE?

Women who pray live longer... ..

True!

This is according to US researchers, who say they have lower mortality rates for all causes, including cancer and cardiovascular disease.

This may partly be linked to women's smoking habits, social relationships, positive outlook and mental health. (from *Womans' Weekly*)

Men talk less than women...

False!

We don't often think of men as being particularly chatty. In fact, the "strong silent type" is something of a male archetype.

In a 2007 study, researchers used voice recorders to monitor how much college students talked over several days during the hours they were awake. The recorders turned on every 12.5 minutes and recorded for 30 seconds. The *researchers then listened to, transcribed, and counted the words.* They found that both males and females averaged around 16,000 words per day. Another fun fact? The most talkative person in the entire study was a man!

CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH ANSWER:

[illegible]



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| 17th | 10am | Morning Worship | John Oborn |
| | 6.30pm | Carols by Candlelight | Dave Faulkner |
| 24th | 10am | Morning Christingle | Graham Pearcey |
| | 11pm | Midnight Communion | Dave Faulkner |
| 25th | 9.30am | Christmas Morning | |
| | | Worship (40 minutes) | John Morton |
| 31st | 10am | Morning Worship | Conrad Hicks |



Services 2018

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| 7th January | 10am | Morning Worship with Graham Warr |
| 14th January | 10am | Holy Communion with Dave Faulkner |
| 21st January | 10am | Morning Worship with Mike Widdup |
| 28th January | 10am | Morning Worship with Patrick Coad |
| | 6.30pm | Holy Communion with Dave Faulkner |
| 4th February | 10am | Morning Worship with Thelma Roberts |
| 11th February | 10am | Holy Communion with Dave Faulkner |
| 18th February | 10am | Morning Worship with Dave Faulkner |
| 25th February | 10am | Morning Worship with Lyn McKay |
| | 6.30pm | Holy Communion with Dave Faulkner |

