

# KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH MAGAZINE



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## SUNDAY SERVICES

### **10am - Morning Worship (includes facilities for children)**

Our services are warm and cordial. We include traditional and contemporary hymns and songs, led by our Worship Group.

The sermons are Bible based and are sometimes 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, some from other churches in the village. You are welcome to join us.

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:

One school holiday I was playing in the park opposite our house with my schoolfriend Tony when we were set upon by bullies. To my horror, Tony ran away. I was already scared; now I was petrified.



But Tony ran away for a good reason. It wasn't to save his own skin, it was to save mine. He dashed back to my house and brought my Dad back. The bullies dispersed.

I wonder how the disciples felt at the prospect of the risen Jesus leaving them at the Ascension. Were they scared, too, at the thought of being left alone to face the raging authorities?

But they, too, found that the departure of Jesus was for a good reason. It was a reason that enabled them to be better disciples. Jesus left so that he could send them the Holy Spirit.

Sometimes we don't realise that in living after the Ascension and Pentecost we actually have it better than the first disciples. Some Christians romantically talk about how much easier their lives would be if they could just walk physically with Jesus along the shores of Galilee, just like Peter, James, John, and the rest of the crew did.

Really? Peter and his chums didn't have much of a track record to show in those three years, did they? What makes us think we would be any better?

No: the departure of Jesus in order to send the Spirit led to a transformation for the earliest disciples, and that is exactly what the gift of the Holy Spirit is about for us, too. The old adage says, 'Before Pentecost, the disciples were like rabbits, but after Pentecost they were like ferrets – they got everywhere!'

There is no need to be nervous of the Holy Spirit. Words like 'Spirit' or 'Ghost' need not – ahem – spook us. This is the Spirit of Jesus we are talking about.

Let's enjoy Ascension, celebrate Pentecost, and welcome the Holy Spirit.

Your friend and minister,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Fanning". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

# Church Family News



**Juliette** (Linda and Phil Todd's daughter) and **Peter** are having their baby **Willow Bridget**, christened in the service on 8th July. Congratulations to the whole family.

Our prayers of love and concern are for **Linda Flude** and **Vida Roberts**. It has been good to see Vida at our Sunday services again.

**Website:** thanks to the generosity of an anonymous giver, we are able to continue to put our hymns and other music on to our web site. Our services would be much poorer without them. If anyone can think of other ideas to extend our hymns, songs etc, on the web site please let me know.

**John Mynard.**



“Dear All, here in the new Woking Hospice in Goldsworth Park we would like to welcome you to our smart, purpose-built café. We are delighted to be able to offer delicious coffee & home-made cake for £3, and simple lunches and snacks, Monday – Friday 10am – 3pm (with weekend opening starting in the Spring). All profits go towards the running of the hospice, so please do come and find out more about our valuable services; and dog-walkers are most welcome!”

With grateful thanks for your support.

Denise Backhouse  
Weekend Front of House  
Woking & Sam Beare Hospices



This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.



The KMC Broadway Group continues to meet on a monthly basis and, at present, is focusing on the following key areas:

- ◆ Investigating possible ways of moving forward with regard to re-establishing a regular Junior Church at KMC in order to encourage new families with young children into our Church.
- ◆ Community Outreach via the Clothing Bank and Coffee Mornings
- ◆ Looking at ways of maintaining the financial security of the Church in order to strengthen the foundations upon which to base the decisions regarding the future of our building.

The KMC Broadway Group comprises James Geard, Andy Humphries, Helen Brice, Jane Ing, Allan Wright, Lynda Shore and Linda Todd. If you have any questions, or suggestions, please speak to one of us.

**KMC Broadway Group**

# Helpfulness

His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog. There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what would have been a slow and terrifying death.

The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up at Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the boy's father 'I want to repay you', said the nobleman. 'You saved my son's life.' 'No, I can't accept payment for what I did' said the Scottish Farmer, waving off the offer.

At that moment the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel. 'Is this your son?' the nobleman asked 'Yes' the farmer replied proudly. 'I'll make you a deal. Let me take him and give him an education. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll grow to be a man you can be proud of.' And that he did.

In time, farmer Fleming's son graduated from St Mary's Hospital Medical School in London and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin. Years afterwards, the nobleman's son was stricken with pneumonia. What saved him? Penicillin. The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill. His son's name? Sir Winston Churchill.

Anon

*Contributed by Sheila Mynard*



# CAMEO

*Come And Meet Each Other*



Cameo meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm for a 2.00pm start. All are welcome.

The programme for Summer is:

June 6th – Out for a meal

June 20th – Speaker from White Lodge Centre, Chertsey

July 4th – ‘Interruptions’ John Mynard

July 18th – Leprosy Funds, Bring and Buy and tea afternoon

Sept 6th – Recommence after Summer break

For more details speak to Ella Allen 830154

## I am a Christian

When I say that I’m a Christian, I am not shouting that I am clean living. I’m whispering that I was lost but now I’m found and forgiven

When I say I’m a Christian I don’t speak this with pride. I’m confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide

When I say I’m a Christian I’m not trying to be strong. I’m professing that I’m weak and need His strength to carry on

When I say I’m a Christian I’m not bragging my success. I’m admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess

When I say I’m a Christian I’m not claiming to be perfect. My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I’m worth it

When I say I’m a Christian I still feel the sting of pain. I have share of heartaches, so I call upon His name

When I say I’m a Christian I’m not holier than thou. I’m just a simple sinner who received God’s food grace somehow!

Anon



## Something to think about:

If they arrived for worship  
And their building had blown down  
And down-and-outs were dossing there  
From every side of town;  
Would they build the walls again  
To keep the homeless out?  
Or leave an open door or two  
For air and tramps and doubt?  
Or open up their hearts as Church,  
Be homed in each other's hearts?  
Has Christ a human place to live  
If the stone ones fall apart?  
If you arrived one Sunday,  
Would you think it sad or odd  
That church had been blown down,  
Torn down, smashed down by as act of  
God?

*Prompts: Buildings (Mark 13:1-2)*

A closed space made open.  
Remove the building and what do you  
feel remains?

Can you answer the  
poem's last verse?  
Why so many mentions of  
'home; in this poem?  
Why are the last two lines  
so violent?

From *Trouble with Church?*  
*Provocative Poems for*  
*Thoughtful Christians* by Lucy  
Berry

## ... Buildings





# Financial Report



Knaphill Methodist Church ended the 2016-17 financial year with a deficit of £4392.31, as can be seen in the accounts. This is larger than is desirable, but much less than the £16,000 feared at the start of the year. The clawback was due to many factors. Some possible loss of income did not occur, many members responded most generously to the appeal for increased giving and strenuous efforts to obtain more lettings income paid off. Also, the Coffee Mornings have continued to go well and are a valuable source of supplementary income, as well as providing a friendly meeting place for members of the community and offering a gentle form of outreach. To all involved in generating extra funds, in whatever form, thank you very much.

The half yearly figures for 2017-18 show a much healthier picture, with a small surplus as opposed to a substantial deficit at this point last year. However, I must counsel caution. The income from the Church account is in deficit and it is only because we have received much more rental, putting the Property account in surplus, that we have managed a small credit overall. In other words, income from giving, however generous, and fundraising does not cover our essential costs, so we cannot afford to be complacent. The bulk of the rental income comes from Dreamcatchers pre-school, which has the greatest number of hours of usage. Enrolment is gradually growing, but prayers for long-term success are still valuable.

**Lynda Shore, Hon Treasurer**

## A Short Guide for Readers in Church

Graham Warr and I were asked by the Circuit Worship Planning Group to put together some suggestions for those who are asked to do a reading in church. This is not an exhaustive list! The following are some tips which have been passed onto us over the years by different people, and which you may find helpful.

- ◆ If the reading is from the Bible, look at the previous and following chapters to get more of a feel of the passage.
- ◆ Readings should always be introduced with a sentence or two (not more) of explanation. Check with the preacher to see whether s/he will be doing this.

- ◆ If the readings are being shown on a screen, it's worth checking with the projectionist to see that the translations match!
- ◆ When the size of the text is too small to be comfortable, one can always print out the reading using a programme such as Bible Gateway which has every conceivable translation, and is free.
- ◆ Finish the reading with perhaps 'Amen', or 'Here ends the reading', or 'Thanks be to God' – but perhaps not this last, if the passage happens to be Hebrews 11:17-29!
- ◆ Obviously read and re-read the passage well beforehand, even if it's familiar to you. Check on the pronunciation of difficult words, especially Hebrew names in the Old Testament.
- ◆ When reading, it's often helpful to look at each whole sentence, and with practice you can remember short phrases, so that you can make eye-contact with the congregation. In particular, memorise the phrase overleaf when turning a page, so as to avoid an awkward pause.
- ◆ Speaking clearly and distinctly doesn't mean that we have to shout – the pronunciation of consonants will enable the congregation to hear us more clearly. Sound travels on vowels, but words are separated by consonants.
- ◆ Many readers speak too fast – try about half the speed of normal conversational speech. Speak s-l-o-w-l-y!
- ◆ Breathing is important too: take breaths at the end of sentences or where a natural pause comes in the reading. Unless you do this (and read slowly!) it's very easy to 'gasp', particularly if you're a little nervous.
- ◆ Avoid the classic error of dropping your voice at the end of sentences!
- ◆ When using a microphone, try not to lower your head and speak into it! Rather, speak to the person in the back row.
- ◆ Use pauses judiciously, especially at the end of sentences. Avoid breathing in the middle of phrases (like many weather forecasters do on the TV!) or pausing in 'unnatural' places – only William Shatner ('Captain Kirk' in Star Trek) could get away with this.
- ◆ Be aware of the need to vary inflexion – how your voice rises and falls. Exaggerated emphasis on words is almost as bad as reading in a monotone.
- ◆ Try if possible to change the tone of your voice slightly when moving from a section of narrative to one which contains direct speech, e.g. Luke 4: 31-37.
- ◆ If you make a mistake in say, pronunciation, don't stop! The chances are that most of your listeners will not have noticed.
- ◆ Be aware of body posture – e.g. avoid movements that are likely to be distracting. Practice in front of a mirror if in doubt.
- ◆ If you are unsure how your delivery or voice sounds, try recording it and asking a (trusted!) friend for comments.
- ◆ Practise, practise, practise!

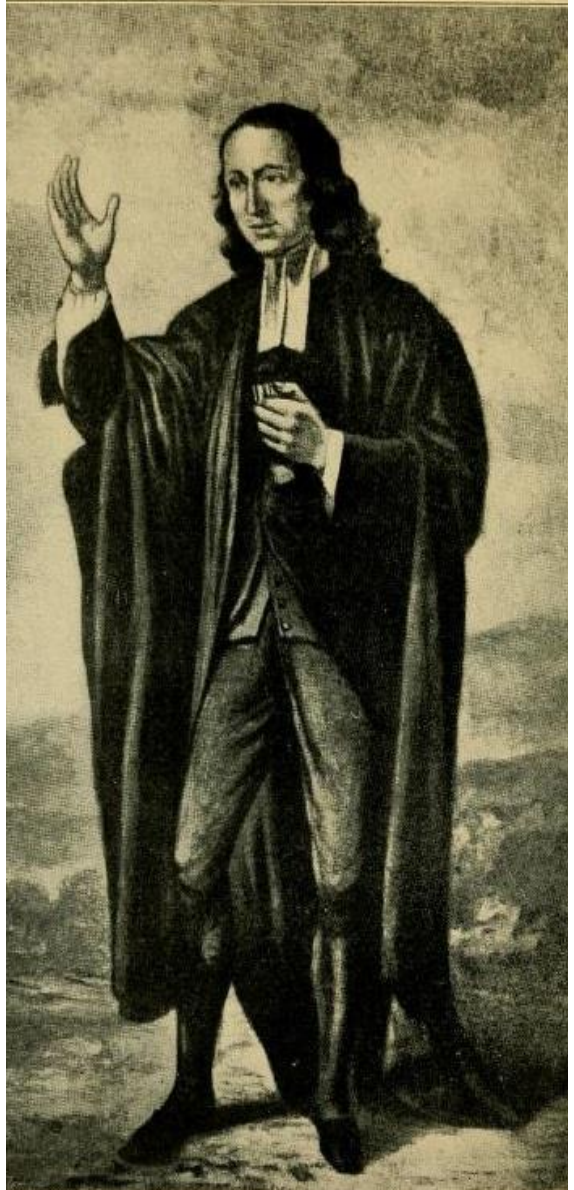
**Graham Warr and Barrie Tabraham** *(taken from Wey Forward magazine)*

# JOHN WESLEY'S RULES FOR PREACHING

- † Be sure to begin and end precisely at the time appointed.
- † Sing no hymn of your own composing.
- † Endeavour to be serious, weighty, and solemn in your whole deportment before the congregation.
- † Choose the plainest of texts you can.
- † Take care not to ramble from your text, but to keep close to it, and make out what you undertake.
- † Always suit your subject to your audience.
- † Beware of allegorizing or spiritualizing too much.
- † Take care of anything awkward or affected, either in your gesture or pronunciation.
- † Tell each other if you observe anything of this kind.

*No comment!!*

**Helen Chamberlain**





## *PSALM 23 - Gordon Jackson*

*The Lincoln Psalter: Version of the Psalms (Manchester, 1997), p 32*

I am the Lord's sheep; all that I need I have.  
He pastures me in the greenest meadow,  
He waters me at the cleanest brooks,  
He sees to it that I thrive.

With care he leads me safely on good paths  
For shepherd's honour;  
Even through darkest dales and the threats of death  
I have no fear,

Not with you beside me,  
You with your cudgel and your crook to help me.  
You spread me a feast in front of my enemies;  
You shower me with honours, You fill my glass yourself.  
All my life long your mercy has dogged my steps,  
And your goodness always bounds ahead of me;  
And all my life to come the House of the Lord  
Will be my fold, and yours.



# Psalm 23 for Busy People

Toki Miyashina

The Lord is my Pace Setter, I shall not rush,  
He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals,  
He provides me with images of stillness,  
Which restore my serenity.

He leads me in ways of efficiency,  
through calmness of mind; and his guidance is peace.

Even though I have a great many  
things to accomplish each day,  
I will not fret, for his presence is here.  
His timelessness, his all-importance will  
keep me in balance.

He prepares refreshment and renewal  
in the midst of my activity,  
by anointing my head with his oils of tranquillity,  
My cup of joyous energy overflows.

Surely harmony and effectiveness  
shall be the fruit of my hours,  
For I shall walk in the pace of my Lord,  
and dwell in his house for ever.





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tea, coffee  
& a chat

# Clothing

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**between**  
**2pm**  
**and 4pm**

**On?**  
**Saturdays**  
**26th May**  
**16th June**  
**21st July**  
**18th August**  
**15th September**

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**Children's**  
**Centre**  
**01483**  
**727900**

**Brookwood**  
**& Pirbright**  
**Children's**  
**Centre**  
**01483**  
**473315**

**Sure Start**  
**Centre**  
**Horsell**  
**01483**  
**729146**

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St John's  
School  
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# Amie Humphries – Blog

Every once in a while, you meet someone who makes you want to challenge yourself, to push your own limits further and to create opportunities that you'd normally be afraid to take. One exceptional young lady, who's climbed Mount Snowdon, worked in the Bornean rainforest and carried a sedated lion into a vet's practise in Namibia continues to exceed her own expectations, setting goals that at one point she perceived to be little more than an unobtainable dream.



23-year-old University of Kent student, Amie was only the 5<sup>th</sup> pupil at Stepping Stones School when she joined in year 7 back in 2006. Amie's disability, an 'undiagnosed neurological disorder' has affected her since birth where the muscles in her left arm and right leg are weaker and more difficult to control in these areas, leaving her diagonally impacted but with all limbs affected to some degree. The symptoms are very similar to those experienced with cerebral palsy (a term used to cover several neurological conditions that affect muscle control and movement), explaining how she was living with this diagnosis for the first decade of her life. A CT scan aged 11 found no areas of the brain showing damage confirming that a misdiagnosis had occurred and remaining undiagnosed to this day.

From the age of 11, Amie's years were filled with operations, tests and hospital stays resulting in constant tiredness and having to take large chunks of time off school, away from friends and isolated to a hospital room. Aged 13 tendon surgery on her right foot helped to correct the straightness where the foot was turned in and doctors began treating the symptoms she was struggling with and she underwent brain surgery at the age of 15. This involved deep brain stimulation, similar to a pacemaker but for the brain, which would attempt to dampen down the uncontrolled movements but because it was a foreign body she was trying to reject it and 3 months of antibiotics followed to treat the infection, which would not clear so the implant had to be removed from her brain.

On meeting Amie, it's hard to imagine a time when she was anything but the bright and confident individual who stood before me, chatting away to myself and some of the other COINS employees who she'd just been introduced to. Describing her life before Stepping Stones it was apparent that the main reasons for joining were not related to any academic limitations but her non-existent self-confidence or self-esteem, high anxiety levels and a lack of trust in adults.



**“I used to hide behind my long hair and talk through my mum rather than directly to people. I wouldn’t be where I am today without going there.”**

Fatigue and anxiety have always been Amie’s biggest challenges alongside struggling with fine motor skills, but she claims her difficulties have made her into an excellent problem solver over the years - she’s able to drive an automatic car with the accelerator on the left side to cater for her stronger leg. In 2011, she ventured away from the comfortable and familiar support system at Stepping Stones School to study a Level 3 BTEC in Animal Management at the local college, Merrist Wood. Amie described the transition as a huge change and remembers the first few weeks to have been pretty exhausting, the scale of the campus alone putting her body under extra physical strain, which she needed to learn to adapt to. It was here that her interest in conservation was initiated when a trip to South Africa in her 2<sup>nd</sup> year led to her volunteering on a game reserve. Her previous school trip involved a visit to Isle of Wight in Year 6 where her parents came along, ensuring that they avoided the class but were available if Amie needed them – offering an ‘escape route’ a technique she uses to manage her anxiety. This excursion marked a huge step forward for her, her first adventure without her parents and the discovery of a passion that has since shaped her education and career, returning with much improved confidence and a group of friends that she was comfortable with. The relatively smooth transition from Stepping Stones School to college was a testament to her family, the staff, pupils and safe environment that was created for her, but it was Amie’s tenacity that enabled her to keep pushing forward when things got difficult.

**“I remember my Mum being told to sit on her hands during one of the Occupational Therapy tests so that she couldn’t help me – they have been a huge support both physically and emotionally helping me to find the tools to be able to help myself.”**

Gaining her degree was high on Amie’s agenda and following her BTEC she enrolled in Bangor University. Unfortunately, the distance from home proved to be too much and her anxiety and confidence struggled, forcing her to return home for the sake of her own health. For someone with Amie’s drive and problem-solving attitude, admitting defeat isn’t easy but sometimes the biggest challenge is accepting that in order to move forward you need to take a step

back. Returning to Stepping Stones, this time in a new role as a learning support assistant, she spent a year working under former head teacher, Neil Clark's guidance to rebuild her health and confidence whilst challenging herself in new ways supporting the students. As the start of the new educational year came around again, with the added pressure of her time at Bangor University in the back of her mind, she moved to the University of Kent and her 4-year degree studying wildlife conservation began. The closer location of Kent offered the option to return home if she needed, which proved to be enough to ease her anxiety enough to stay. Having overcome the general everyday tasks, which in itself could have been enough to have sent her home, her determination and confidence gained from her year working pushed her through. The extent of her development was proven when she needed to move to Cambridge for six months to work for an NGO called TRAFFIC, a wildlife trade monitoring organisation, as a data entry intern as part of her year doing professional practise. Suffering from fatigue, the 9-5 working hours proved both a battle and a very steep learning curve but having a better understanding of her body enabled her to manage it more effectively so that she could do more, although she probably wasn't quite prepared for what was just around the corner.

Having completed her placement, Amie applied on a whim for a three-month research assistant position in the Bornean rainforest, having visited the centre previously as part of a group field trip. Her longest trip previously had been a three week visit to Namibia but to her complete surprise, the application was successful and she began preparing for what would be the biggest adventure of her lifetime.

**"I was incredibly anxious in the lead up and I considered backing out constantly but the knowledge that I could come home was comforting. I remember arriving at the airport in Sandakan to be picked up and they were running late, I was sat there on my own for what felt like ages thinking, what am I doing?!"**

Amie forced all negative thoughts and doubts to the back of her mind and faced the tough conditions head on, subjected to 35-degree heat with intense humidity combined with five or six hours a day out in the field on challenging terrain. To describe the experience as both a huge physical and mental challenge sounded like a slight understatement to me but her "give it a go" attitude clearly dominated any feelings of homesick and tiredness leaving her little option but to carry on. Talking animatedly about python

searching at night where 3-metre-long snakes were brought on the boat for research and then released, the very real threat of crocodiles when they were out on speedboats and overcoming her fear of spiders left me both in awe and also slightly concerned for her apparent lack of self-preservation. But they say that passion is a stronger emotion than fear and it becomes obvious that this takes over when Amie talks about being out in the field, about helping the animals and the research that takes place that could help to both protect them and prolong their existence. A huge turning point, Amie felt that she not only exceeded her own expectations but everyone else's too, and her reluctance to turn down any opportunity that presented itself has a strong part to play in this.

Speaking openly about her journey, being accepted at UCL to do a Masters in conservation in September, with plans to eventually work in Asia or Africa you can't help but be a little overwhelmed at what she has already achieved and how far she has come. Looking back, Amie would have loved having someone older who she could relate to so she's putting the extensive experience she has built up over the years and is currently mentoring an 11-year-old girl with cerebral palsy.

**"It's really great working with the younger children and seeing them recognise that you understand what they're going through. Looking back, when you see your friends run away without you, they're not being mean, it's a compliment because they see you as a person."**

A true reflection of someone's character is not how they speak about themselves but how they're seen through the eyes of others and hearing some of the stories and reminisces of Amie in the younger days certainly confirms the pride that others see in her. I hope if any thoughts of doubt creep in to her tenacious psyche, she remembers how many people believe in her and that her own words echo back:

**"Don't be afraid of failing, take a deep breath and take a chance – you never know what might happen."**

# News from Ruth Pugh in Dragapur

Below are extracts from some of Ruth's messages sent to us at Eastertime. Ruth is returning to the UK for a couple of weeks rest with family in late May. She had been planning to bring 11 of the youngsters from Dragapur with her. Despite much hard work organising the trip for the excited youngsters, they are unable to come as they were not granted Visas. The pictures are from the Thanksgiving weekend.

"Happy Easter to you all

"Sorry for the delay again, I was set to write to you but I have had computer problems. I have now been told my computer cannot be repaired as can't get part. I bought myself an external hard drive but have never got round to backing everything up.

"This has meant I have had to do all the new Easter music arrangements by hand, all my resources for preaching and taking of services also on my computer. I preached the 7th Word on Good Friday and have taken a service of meditation between Good Friday and Easter Day. The children have been singing a special song at all the services and will do again tomorrow.

"Next week the new academic year starts in the English Medium schools so from the 9th April I will be travelling to Purulia to teach every Monday. It is already in mid 30s every day and humidity starting to rise so please pray for health as I travel - Not an AC bus for 3 hours! I shall also be teaching in St Peters Durgapur one day a week as well as continuing with the Western choir in St Michael's for their special occasions. They have a concert coming up and two pieces unfinished on my computer - not sure we'll be doing them.



"The children here are very busy as after Thanksgiving weekend there is time to move and teach new techniques and scales as they start to prepare for next exams. A big thank you to those that have given towards exam fees, but I am still in need of more if I am to offer all the students a chance to take exams this year. I also have to have at least 4 hours



of exams before I can get the examiner to visit Durgapur.

“Please pray for all the things I have mentioned; have a glorious Easter celebration!”

Ruth

“Dear All

“I hope you all had a good Easter weekend. We had a good Easter service followed by breakfast at the Cathedral.

“They are beginning to work on exam material, and that is the reason for this email. I have had an email from the ABRSM representative here. He is looking for forms and money in this month. At present I do not have sufficient funds to offer all the children the opportunity to take an exam, which I would dearly love to do and have them take again here in Durgapur without the three hours travelling either side. I have managed to get extra time as long as paid by 1st week of June. I can leave with accountant to do transfer while I'm in UK is no problem as that is what I have done.

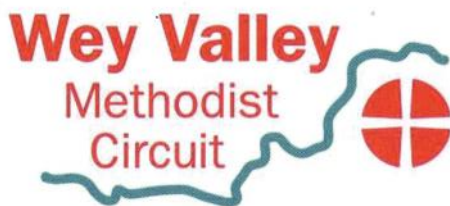
“But please if any of you are able to support these children in taking these exams, that can make huge difference to their lives then please send a cheque to Mrs R Pugh c/o Rev Nick Oborski, 19 Blackoak Road, Cyncoed, Cardiff CF23 6QT.

“I have one child that has been offered a teaching post if she has passed her grade 8 practical, she already has her grade 5 theory and is moving through piano exams as well, the cost just for her is about 100 pounds. It would be great to get some of the younger ones off with their first exams to make this diocese full of music as they spread out into the schools and churches.

“Yours in Christ.”

Ruth





**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Circuit Mission Day**

**6th OCTOBER 2018**

**10am – 4pm**

**Venue - tba**

**BUILD YOUR CHURCH**

**Led by**

**Rev Adrian Roux**



**Welcome Service**  
for  
**Rev Keith Beckingham**  
our new Superintendent Minister  
and  
**Rev Sydney Samuel Lake**  
Probationer Minister



Light refreshments will be served before the service at 5pm

**Sunday 2nd September 2018 6.30pm**

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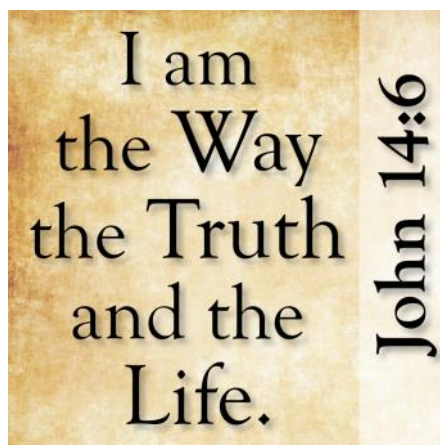
## ***My Struggle and Battle to Retain and Sustain my Faith in God***

*by Raj Chhetri - the Lost Sheep*

Life is a Battle ground of Good and Evil. Indeed, the mind is the battle ground. As the worldly pleasure and temptation sets the mind into a Tug of War. I left behind worshipping idols of the pantheon of god and goddess as I battled through Reactive Depression set by my late elder sister's death due to progressive brain tumour. This tragedy actually spurred me to find the Living God who could forgive my past sins. My school days in Christian Missionary schools in the former British colonies revisited me during my dark days and months. The battle began in January 1976.

The Gospels of Jesus the Christ's disciples and the Heroes of March - characters from the Old Testament became my point of reference for the Salvation of souls. Finally on a hot simmering summer of 1976 - first Sunday of August I accepted Jesus as my Messiah. That was the official beginning of my Christian journey. Soon I found out - to be a truly practising Christian is much harder than my years in the former faith. However, praying everyday and holding on to His promise of the "many rooms in my Father's Mansion" are the sustenance to my ebbing faith. Listening to sermons during Sunday services have helped to steady my steps in my journey of the Faith, and helps me to focus on that inevitable - inescapable Judgement Day when the Living and the dead are held up in front of the Son of Man appointed as our Saviour and Arbitrator. I hold on to Hebrews chapter 11 and Jesus' statement: "I am the Way, the Truth and Life. Nobody cometh to my Father but by Me".

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	6.30pm	Circuit Service <i>at Merrow Methodist Church</i>
10th June	10am	Morning Worship with Steve Green
17th June	10am	Holy Communion with Dave Faulkner
24th June	10am	Mission Service with Elizabeth Gurd
	6.30pm	Holy Communion with Dave Faulkner
1st July	10am	Morning Worship with Graham Pearcey
8th July	10am	Holy Communion with Dave Faulkner
15th July	10am	Morning Worship with Peter Hills
22nd July	10am	Morning Worship with Patrick Coad
	6.30pm	Holy Communion with Dave Faulkner
29th July	10am	Morning Worship with Mike Widdup
5th August	10am	Morning Worship with Dave Paterson
12th August	10am	Holy Communion with Dave Faulkner
19th August	10am	Morning Worship with Barrie Tabraham
26th August	10am	Morning Worship with Elizabeth Gurd
	6.30pm	Holy Communion with Dave Faulkner