

KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

MAGAZINE



Changing lives for good through the power of God's word

Autumn 2019

A Word from the Editor:

Hello and welcome to this, the Autumn 2019 edition of the KMC magazine.

Firstly, my thanks to all those who conveyed such positive comments about the last issue of the magazine. These were very kind, but frankly I could not have done it without help from you or indeed the considerable assistance provided by Allan Wright who always makes each page look so attractive. So I think we should all give ourselves a pat on the back!



Well where did the summer go? Holidays have come and gone but hopefully not been forgotten. Indeed a holiday taken by one KMC member is remembered in some detail within these pages and by the sounds of it will certainly not be forgotten in a hurry. Now we look towards the autumn with the nights drawing in and the central heating being put on. However, it is not all doom and gloom because here is the KMC Autumn Magazine to brighten your October!

Every article in this issue is a highlight, but I would like to express my grateful thanks to Eileen Lane for her time and cooperation in the production of her profile. Also to Ruth Pugh for not only allowing us to reproduce her Prayer Newsletter in the magazine but producing it in the first place. This in particular because, as you will read, she has been quite unwell. We all hope and pray her good recovery continues.

Finally, two lay preachers due to visit us soon have been game enough to provide articles and I hope you will find these of interest and help ensure you attend their services when the time comes. Don't forget details of all KMC services during the rest of this month and to the end of 2019 can be found on the back cover so keep it handy for ease of reference.

As ever if you experience anything that you think others would like to know about, be it spiritual, informative or entertaining in nature, please write or send an email to me for the next issue of our KMC magazine due out in December.

Robin Spice, Editor.

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Message from Dave:

Dear Friends,

I am writing this as I gingerly begin my return to ministry following my recent unexpected holiday at the NHS Hotel in Chertsey. There are certain things that such an experience can teach us. I don't mean that it taught me empathy for church members who have sudden unscheduled surgery, as I did: this was the fifth time in my life that anaesthetists have injected the sleeping juice into my veins. I am more familiar than I would like to be with passing the time on a hospital bed.



I have something else in mind. While contending with the chest infection that sneaked in and lengthened my opportunity to sample the delights of hospital food, I read several books on my Kindle. In passing let me recommend 'A Better Ambition' by Tim Farron, the former leader of the Liberal Democrats. Whether or not you agree with his politics, his honest writing gives an insight into the pressures that Christian politicians face these days. Read it and pray for our elected representatives.

However, it is another book that connected with my medical treatment. It was one of two books I read by an American Presbyterian minister named Steve Brown. He has a wonderful, radical, and humorous take on just how astonishing the grace and forgiveness of God is. Start with his cheekily titled 'Three Free Sins'.

But again, that's not the book I want to talk about. Let me introduce you instead to his book 'This Scandalous Freedom'. Again, he talks about the amazing liberty that the mercy of God brings us. And he goes on to talk about the various obstacles we place in the way of that freedom, and what we can do to experience it more fully.

One of the chapters is called 'Face Your Pain'. I'd already done that in a physical sense by twice going to my GP before being referred to the hospital. Then, when I was discharged, I noticed a numbness in my thigh. Recalling that the nurses had accidentally fitted me with surgical stockings that were too small, and which had cut into my legs, I feared a circulation problem. I'd have liked to have ignored it, but instead I persisted with phone calls to the GP surgery and NHS 111 until I saw an out of hours doctor. He told me that the surgical stockings issue was a red herring, and that I simply had a trapped nerve.

Face your pain. We don't always want to do that. Instead, we play pretend or we rationalise what's going on. In medical terms, that can sometimes be fatal.

But, says Brown, the Gospel is based on the facing of pain as the way to healing and freedom. Jesus faced the pain of the world in going to the Cross and there made possible our great liberation.

We then need to face our own pain, which can be the ugly truth about who we are and how we live. Until we do that in the presence of God, we cannot be set free in the way God so longs to do. It is that honesty before our Lord that is the beginning of confession which opens our empty hands to receive the outrageous blessings of the God who loves us so much and who desires our healing even more than we do.

Let us all reflect on whether there are areas of our lives where we need to face our pain. We may well not want to do so. We may have been dancing around the pain for a long time. But let us look it in the eye, knowing that we do so in the company of the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is longing to pour out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit that we might experience the scandalous freedom of his grace and mercy.

Your friend and minister,



Dave Faulkner



*We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.
All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.*

Another harvest festival may have come and gone but we need to be constantly thankful to God for providing us with the food we need to survive and prosper. These days the food we consume comes from near and far and it was with this in mind that the suggestion was made for the church windows to have a themed display based on produce from around the world.

Two contributors to the window displays now report on what they decided to do for “their window”.

Firstly, Helen Brice who chose to display produce from Spain. Helen advises that the Spanish grow a lot of food including strawberries, apricots, plums and tomatoes. They also grow oranges, asparagus, broad beans and peas. They make cheese from sheep's milk and this is very smooth, creamy and mild.



Liz Funning used produce from her garden in France for her display. This included tomatoes, courgettes, pattyson (a type of squash) beetroot, walnuts and hazel nuts. Also the cherries which were in the jam and the apple in the chutney. The vine peaches were a gift from friends of Liz and Mike. Liz says that the produce is

organic with no food miles and that consumers in France are much more likely to eat seasonally than here in the UK. Her neighbours grow a lot of their own food and the nearby markets are popular for local produce.



The display near the lectern was kindly donated by Liz Funning in memory of her Mum and arranged by Gill Ball . It consisted of large bronze chrysanths, smaller apricot chrysanths, sunflowers ,grasses and seed heads. She had hoped to



include sprays of acorns and rose hips but these proved tricky as the acorns were too early this year and had mostly fallen and the rose hips disliked being picked and wilted very quickly!!! There were also two smaller displays on the altar using different greenery and same flowers.

*We thank you, then, O Father, for all things bright and good:
The seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
No gifts we have to offer for all your love imparts,
But this which you desire now, our humble thankful hearts.
All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.*

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To Russia with a love of history

The Kremlin, St Basil's Cathedral, The Hermitage, The Peterhof Palace. Have you ever visited Russia? Here follows an account from our intrepid explorer who together with her son went on a tour of these and other places in two Russian cities in July.

Maggie Spice reports:

Having always been interested in Russian history (and history generally it has to be said) Jez and I decided we'd really like to go on a trip to Moscow & St Petersburg this year. As it wasn't really Robin's cup of tea we set off without him to join a group of like-minded people (not being brave enough to face the language barrier on our own).

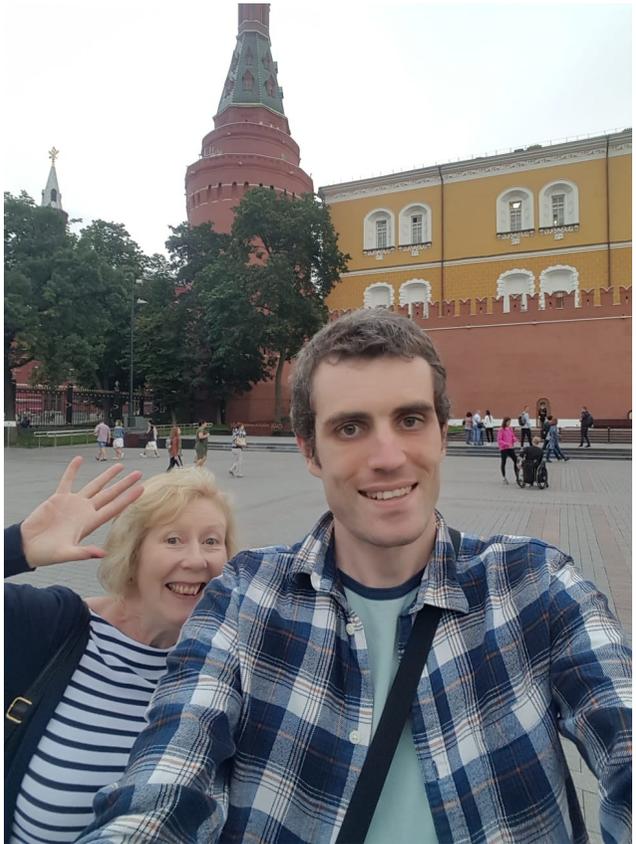
When Robin asked me to write a review of the trip, I started but realised that if I were to write everything down I'd fill the whole of the magazine as we did so much. Instead, I've decided to just jot down some of the highlights and little snippets of information we picked up along the way.

Moscow

This was our favourite of the two cities as it felt really Russian (unlike St Petersburg which seemed far too European and like other places we've been to). Red Square is really amazing. Jez and I dashed up there on our first evening to take an initial look. It's all cobbled and there is a slope leading up to it – it seemed smaller than it appears on TV but is still pretty large. St Basil's Cathedral is beautiful. We didn't go inside as it's only open at certain times and is actually more a museum these days than a church. GUM Department Store is nearby – it's enormous and has designer shops on the ground floor and cheaper ones the higher up you go. A small part of Red Square was inaccessible as they were taking down a huge structure which had held an international boxing match the previous day.

We went round the Kremlin which is a walled town, like the Vatican. We saw President Putin arrive in his helicopter while we were there and saw him driven off in a fast car to his offices (all very exciting). There are some beautiful churches in the Kremlin and we went round a couple of them. Their domes are not made to look like onions we were told; they are shaped like candle flames which is a much nicer idea.

There are three dates in history which are commemorated in Moscow: 1812 (the defeat of Napoleon); 1917 (the Russian Revolution) and 1945 (Russia's victory in the Second World War). We found all three dates on the ceiling of the first Metro station we visited along with the expected hammer and sickle symbol (which depicts the unification of workers and farmers). The Metro stations we visited were very beautiful with chandeliers, statues and paintings about the place.



Other highlights of Moscow included a massive statue of Peter the Great and Sculpture Park where various Soviet sculptures are dotted about as no-one quite knew what else to do with them. We also visited the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour which had been knocked down in the 1930s and converted into a public swimming pool! This was the sort of fate which awaited lots of churches in Soviet times. You will be pleased to know that the Orthodox Church in Russia is now thriving and the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour was rebuilt in 5 years from public donations (having taken 50 years to build originally). Easter Mass starts at midnight and goes on for 6 hours (with no seating).

St Petersburg

From Moscow we took a train to St Petersburg which took about 4½ hours. The train was very smart and comfortable (a bit like Eurostar). Unlike my usual commuter trains it left and arrived dead on time. St Petersburg was gearing up for Navy Day when we arrived when

President Putin comes to watch a parade of all his ships, submarines and the like and a military fly past. We steered clear of the city on the day he arrived as it was packed with people but we did see him go past in his car again (he was following us around) going back to his Palace residence afterwards.

The Hermitage (Catherine the Great's winter palace) as a building was very beautiful, but we were a bit disappointed by the exhibits as Renaissance works of art aren't quite our thing but it was still interesting and well worth a visit.

We saw various sets of brides and grooms posing outside St Isaacs Cathedral – it's common practice in Russia (and indeed from experience the Ukraine) for wedding parties to drive around all the main city sights after the marriage service to have their photographs taken.

There were two particular highlights from St Petersburg; both of which we came upon when we were away from the tour group in our free time. We peeped inside the Cathedral of our Lady of Kazan to find that there was a service going on. We were allowed in and watched from the side-lines, listening to the fabulous Russian Orthodox singing and looking at the beautiful icons and soaking up the atmosphere. The second was a visit to the Fabergé Museum which a Russian billionaire has set up to house his collection of Fabergé Eggs and other works of art by that wonderful designer. It was amazing to be able to be so close to such beautiful objects.

We finished our trip to St Petersburg by visiting the Peterhof Palace which is famous for its gardens and, in particular, its fountains. There is a grand switch on at 11am each day and everyone crowds round to get a glimpse of the waterfall cascades starting to flow. Inside, the Palace is just as beautiful although you are hurried through very quickly as there are so many people queuing to look round. One of the pieces of furniture we saw was a bed which seemed rather short and we were told that people in those days were scared something would happen to their brains if they laid down at night and so went to sleep propped up by pillows (so now you know).

All in all, we had a wonderful trip which was well worth the rather tortuous visa application process (which we were told is worse for Russians trying to come here). We learnt a lot and are very glad that we made the effort to go.

LOCAL PREACHER PROFILE:

LYN McKAY

It is always a pleasure to preach at Knaphill, where you are supportive and willing to try new things. I have fond memories of the purple Sunday to which everyone contributed a couple of months ago.

I was brought up in Wales [my name is actually Lynwen], and every summer I spend time at the Welsh National Eisteddfod. I was a French teacher for many years and particularly enjoy holidays in France.

I have two daughters, and three granddaughters whom I collect from school three days a week. I was widowed in 2007 two months after retiring from my post as Head at St Margaret's School in Aberdeen. I decided to move back to Guildford and to my church at Merrow.

A year or so later my first granddaughter was born. When I arrived early one morning to look after little Kate, she was jumping up and down on the doorstep in excitement as I arrived. I felt a huge wave of love for this special child and at the same time had a real awareness of God's grace as He let me know that He loved me even more than I loved Kate. I acted on this, as I felt God had called me to share the



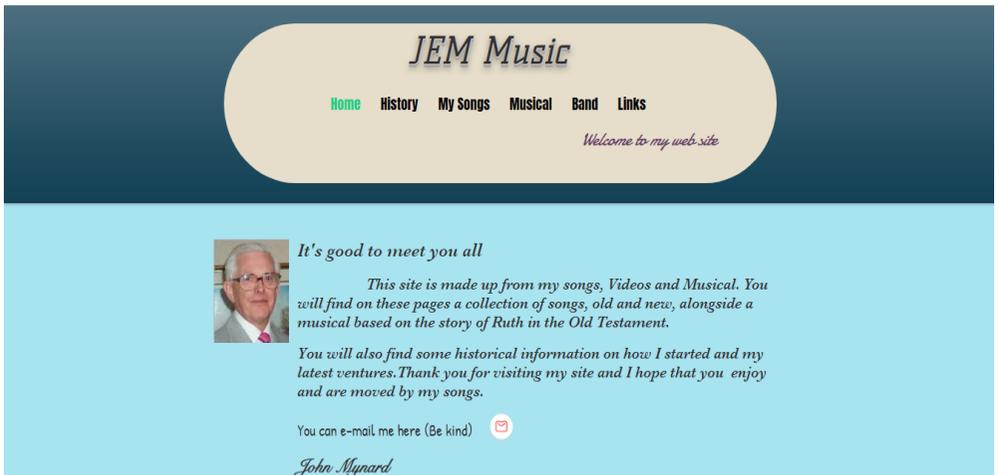
knowledge of his love with others. I started Local Preacher training and was accepted as an accredited preacher in 2012. I spend a lot of time preparing for preaching and when folk comment after the services that they have had a message from God, that is such a privilege.

At Merrow I am a pastoral visitor and member of the Church Council. My main job, now that I have ended my term of office as Local Preachers Secretary, is as the administrator of the Merrow community lunch club. We have twenty two guests each Tuesday during term time and this is most rewarding.

Two years ago I totally lost my voice. I had sung first soprano for over thirty years with the Epworth Choir and still miss singing, but I thank God that my preaching voice is still just strong enough to continue. You may have noticed that I try not to sing the hymns until the end of the service is drawing near. I rely on the congregations to sing their hearts out. So please, sing your best, Knaphill members!

JEM Music www.jemmusic.org

John Mynard has built his own web site on which he has uploaded all the music he has written over the years plus video clips of the performance of the musical he wrote based on the book of Ruth. Take a look and it will bring back memories for some of you of when the musical was performed at KMC in 2010.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the JEM Music website. At the top, the title "JEM Music" is displayed in a stylized blue font. Below the title is a navigation menu with links for "Home", "History", "My Songs", "Musical", "Band", and "Links". A welcome message reads "Welcome to my web site". A section titled "It's good to meet you all" features a portrait of John Mynard and a paragraph of text: "This site is made up from my songs, Videos and Musical. You will find on these pages a collection of songs, old and new, alongside a musical based on the story of Ruth in the Old Testament. You will also find some historical information on how I started and my latest ventures. Thank you for visiting my site and I hope that you enjoy and are moved by my songs." Below this text is a small red envelope icon and the text "You can e-mail me here (Be kind)". At the bottom, the name "John Mynard" is written in a cursive font.

CAMEO

Come And Meet Each Other



In September I took over as leader of **CAMEO**, ably assisted by Desna Berry and Margaret Hopkinson. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ella Allen, who led **CAMEO** for 16 years, for all her hard work and dedication to **CAMEO**, which helped it become the successful group it is – she will be a hard act to follow!

We have a variety of speakers and some member led meetings and we are open to all, ladies and gentlemen, and not only from our church - we have quite a few ‘outsiders’ which is great. We meet at KMC on 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month in Room 3, starting at 1.30pm with a cup of tea, ready for the talk at 2.00pm. On average we have about 25 people present.

The **CAMEO** programme for the rest of this term is:

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| 16th October | An entertaining talk from Ian Kelly entitled ‘Tree of Creation’ |
| 6th November | Helen Wood, Guide leader of Knaphill Guides, on their recent adventures abroad |
| 20th November | Talk by The British Legion |
| 4th December | Dorothy Flowers brings ‘Christmas Reflections’ |

Barbara Humphries

The scale of things!

Trina Berry came up with this lovely story at church recently. She showed the two pictures here. Top is her grandfather’s shop in West End (near the Inn @ West End formerly The Wheatsheaf). He took over in 1932 and the family ran it until 1970. “Berry’s Café”, also a tobacconists and confectioners, was a favourite stop for Aldershot & District bus drivers. The lower picture shows a set of scales that Trina uses for her tasty cakes, passed down from her grandfather and father, and was used in their shop! 87 years old and still in use - proudly measuring pounds and ounces!



KMC Finances

At the time of writing, the accounts for the year 2018-19 have not been audited, so the figures have not been confirmed, but it looks as though we shall end the year with a surplus of just over £5000. This is a very encouraging result, all the more so because we have had some extra expenses this year. Property maintenance expenses were considerably up on the past few years, with repairs being necessary to fencing, the lightning conductor and the kitchen sink unit following a serious leak. Each of these ran into several hundreds of pounds, plus our five yearly electrical inspection was due. We have also had much increased cleaning costs. The much greater usage each day by various hirers has meant more frequent cleaning is necessary and it mostly has to be done at unsocial hours, which costs more. Our existing cleaners still look after the sanctuary and do some other tasks, but professional cleaners do the main areas of the back premises three times week.

Giving has remained steady over the past few years, but has not increased overall. Although many people give generously, income from the offertory, donations and Gift Aid does not quite cover the assessment (£41,871 compared with £42,270), let alone all the other expenses, so we are heavily dependent on income from lettings. Many thanks are due to all who give generously, support fundraising events and perform the many tasks necessary to keep the building unning.

Gift Aid is a painless way of increasing giving for tax payers, but it is less well known that we can claim the tax back for much of the weekly offertory, even from non-tax payers, under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS). This covers CASH donations only (no cheques are allowed) and NO MORE THAN £20 AT A TIME. It includes those who use the envelope scheme. So, this means we can claim for the loose cash collection and for those envelope users who are not tax payers. However, if a cheque is put in an envelope, or someone misses some weeks and puts more than £20 in when they next come, NONE of their donation is eligible.

For example, suppose someone gives £10 per week in their envelope. I can count each week's donation for a tax reclaim under GASDS. Then suppose they miss 2 weeks. When they next come, they will have 3 envelopes to fill, making a total of £30. If they put all £30 in during the same week, I cannot claim the tax on any of it, because it has gone over the £20 limit for any one occasion. Much better would be to do £20 one week and £20 the next, then it comes to the same total but it all counts under GASDS. In the last tax year we lost nearly £200 in Gift aid because some donations were ineligible owing to several weeks' worth being given in one amount of over £20, or they were given by cheque.

I hope this makes sense but please talk to me or Robin Spice if you remain unclear.

Lynda Shore, Treasurer

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

23RD NOVEMBER 2019

Liz Funning together with husband Mike are the coordinators for this year's Bazaar having taken over from Barbara & Andy Humphries. Liz writes: "we are approaching the time to begin preparations, so this is a reminder to those of you who are stallholders or caterers, of the date, with the hope that you are happy to continue in that role. A request to all of you please, on behalf of the stallholders, items for sale, e.g. cakes, preserves, bric-a-brac, toys, books, jigsaws, plants craft/knitted things, raffle prizes – or if you are able, your time/help.

"The Bazaar will be open from 10am – 2pm on the day. For any queries or offers of help please speak to Mike or myself."



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CHRISTMAS

Afternoon Tea & Carols

Sunday 8th December 3pm - 5pm



at Knaphill Methodist Church

After last year's successful tea party the organisers are delighted to be able to announce that they will be holding this event again on 8th December. There will be a chance to sing favourite carols, have a go at quizzes and enjoy a festive tea. It will be free to attend, however tickets will be issued. This will ensure there is an accurate idea of numbers for catering purposes and enough space in the hall.

If you would like to come tickets will be available from – Helen Chamberlain, Helen Brice, Eileen Lane, Barbara Humphries or Liz Funning.

Food contributions from KMC (a list will be provided) will be gratefully received and volunteers to help in the afternoon would be much appreciated.

Liz Funning

Trip to Windsor

In August, a group from KMC, together with friends of Eileen Lane, took a trip to Windsor as part of the celebrations for Eileen's "special" birthday. We travelled by bus, changing buses at Staines. This enabled us OAPs to use our bus passes!



We arrived in time for lunch at the Garden Café, after which many of the group enjoyed a boat trip on the River Thames, while others wandered round the shops. The river trip went upstream from Windsor

with views of Eton College, Mill House and Windsor Racecourse, as far as Boveney Lock and Weir. It was a very pleasant ride with sights of other craft and plenty of swans.



One small glitch occurred on the way home as we approached Woking on the bus. There had been an accident in Maybury Road and the road was blocked so that the bus couldn't get through. There was nothing for it, we had to walk all the way up to the Broadway to catch our buses home!

The weather was kind to us and it was a most enjoyable day out. Many thanks to Eileen for organising the trip and working out bus and boat times so that the day ran smoothly.



Eileen, we look forward to the next expedition!

Windsor & Surrounds



Windsor is an historic market town in Berkshire situated immediately south of the River Thames. The river forms its boundary with its smaller ancient twin town of Eton.

Windsor began as a Saxon village after which it grew into a town because of its position by the river. In those days it was expensive to transport goods by land so the river provided a much cheaper alternative.

The development of the castle under Edward III, between 1350 – 1368, was the largest secular building project in England of the Middle Ages and many Windsor people worked on this project bringing great wealth to the town. The development of the castle continued in the late 15th century with the building of St George's Chapel. As a result Windsor became a major pilgrimage destination and at the time Windsor was probably, albeit briefly, of greater importance than Canterbury. Later within the 15th century, Windsor entered a period of recession because of a downturn in visitors and as a result the town began to stagnate. However, prosperity returned in the 16th century during which St George's Chapel was finally completed in 1528.

In 1642 civil war between king and parliament began. Parliamentary troops were sent to occupy Windsor and it remained in their hands until the end of the war in 1646. After his execution in 1649 Charles I was buried in Windsor Castle.

By the late 17th century the population exceeded 2000 which at the time was regarded as a respectably sized town with the first stagecoach service from Windsor to London beginning in 1673.

As a result of an Act of Parliament in 1769 Windsor was improved by

the setting up of a body of men who were responsible for paving, cleaning and lighting the streets. From that time the streets were properly paved and lanterns were hung out during the dark winter nights. However, despite these improvements there was still a great deal of poverty and slum housing in Windsor in the 18th century, as there was in all towns at that time.

Windsor grew rapidly in 19th century so that by 1851 the population reached 6,734 and by the end of the century had passed 9,000.

Despite the industrial revolution which transformed other towns during the 19th century, Windsor remained a market town. There were, however still developments made within the town including a cast iron bridge built over the Thames in 1824, gas street lighting that was introduced in 1827 and a railway from London reaching Windsor in 1844.

During the 20th century the population continued to increase and due to the Castle, Windsor became and remains a popular tourist destination with facilities usually found in larger towns: two railway stations, (Windsor & Eton Riverside and Windsor & Eaton Central) a theatre and several substantial hotels. Various boat trips operate on the river with connections to Maidenhead and Staines-upon-Thames. There are also, of course, many gift shops around the Castle together with shops and restaurants.

The Old Mill House in Clewer, Windsor can be seen from the river. This house was once owned by the actor Michael Caine who subsequently sold it to Jimmy Page of Led Zeppelin fame.

Eton College is a public school for boys aged 13 – 18 years of age and was founded in 1840 by Henry IV. It is a full boarding school and is one of only four such remaining single sex boarding independent senior schools in the UK. Eton has educated prime ministers, world leaders, Nobel Laureates and generations of the aristocracy and has been referred to as “the chief nurse of England’s statesmen”. Fees to attend Eton are currently £40,700.00 per year. A snip!

Windsor Racecourse is set on its own island within 165 acres and in the shadow of the Castle. It is the only racecourse in the country where you can arrive in style by catching a river boat from the town centre and arrive by stepping off onto the racecourse’s own private jetty.

Boveney Lock is located on the Buckinghamshire bank opposite the Racecourse. The lock was first built in 1838 and then rebuilt in 1898 closer to the Buckinghamshire bank. The weir is almost parallel to the lock running across the other side of the lock island.



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Happy Birthday to Clothes 4U!

The KMC Clothes Bank, now known as Clothes 4U will be two years old this month. At the helm of this initiative since the beginning are Jane Ing and Helen Brice. Helen writes: “Jane and I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the volunteers from KMC who commit every 3rd Saturday to help with Clothes 4U Pre loved clothes with TLC. We also have support from people outside of KMC too and one lady, Felicity has very kindly offered to take over the role of administrator.

“When this idea was raised it took a while to take off. Now with two years of providing this service it has become very successful. In the last three sessions we have had refugees from Syria and homeless people attending. Also, when appropriate, a number of jumpers, jackets and jeans have been allocated for Whitechapel too.

“The website which advertises Clothes 4U has seen lots of activity and as a result has brought about donations of clothing for which we are very grateful.

“When our visitors arrive they are given a warm welcome, offers of hot drinks, cake and biscuits and time to talk.

“Going forward our next aim is to make available a list of organisations that can offer general or specific advice to anyone who may be in need of it.

“If you would like to offer to help at a Clothes 4U session, please contact me by telephone, email or when I am at church on a Sunday.

“Many thanks.”

Helen Brice

2 - 4pm Saturdays:

19th October, 16th November & 21st December

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LOCAL PREACHER PROFILE: MIKE WIDDUP



Mike is a long standing local preacher who has visited us on many occasions in the past. He is due to take our service at KMC again on Sunday 27th October. Mike is forever busy as illustrated by the recent trip he took to Uganda.

Mike with his colleague Judith Vella, from the Parish of Wisley with Pyrford, went to Uganda on Mission 2019 to the Kasese district. They were joined on the trip by the Reverend Neil Lambert and his wife, Helen, from St Mary's, Ash Vale.

Their visit was under the auspices of the charity Amaha We Uganda (AWU). This is one of the three main charities supported by the Parish of Wisley with Pyrford.



The charity's aim is to develop leaders of integrity and empower groups to overcome poverty and injustice through fellowship, training, projects and microfinance.

The charity supports local women's groups; street boys in Kasese town; the Good Samaritan Skills Centre in Kajwenge village for vulnerable young girls, who have had to leave school through lack of school fees or pregnancy, and a library and garden in the Kikonzo district of Kasese.

The photograph shows Mike in the centre of a large group of people they met during their visit.

For more information, please visit www.amahaweuganda.org

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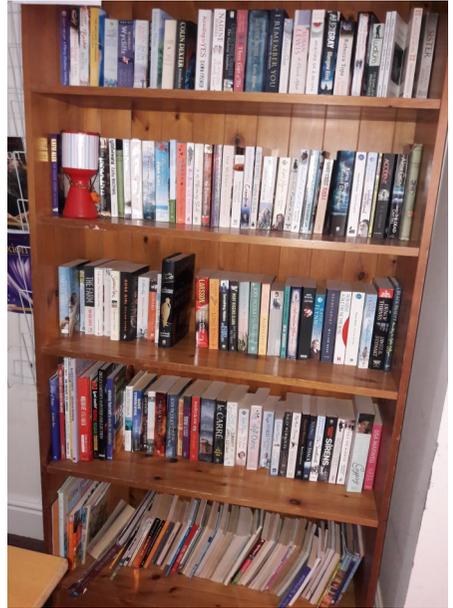
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YOUR KMC LIBRARY

Many thanks to all of you who bring/buy/return the books from the book shelves in the Welcome area. To give you an idea of how from little acorns big things grow, since we started this project in August 2015, we have managed to raise the magnificent sum of £415.00. In just four years I think this result is great. Well done!

So just to remind you that whilst you are stocking up reading material for those late holidays or for the coming longer evenings, you are helping KMC. What could be better!!!

Sue Findlay



Book Lovers

Who doesn't love a good book whether it is from a local bookshop, an online bookseller, a charity shop or our own KMC Library.

Fiction or non-fiction alike, books can take you away from the here and now. You can lose yourself in a great story or immerse yourself in facts and figures. Your choice. The point is they can distract you, let tensions drain away and allow you to relax. And that's not all. Studies have shown that they provide great **mental stimulation** too thus keeping the brain active and engaged, preventing it from losing its power. And still that's not all....

They **provide knowledge** because everything you read provides new bits of information and you never know when they might come in handy.

Books **expand your vocabulary** thereby making you more articulate which can be a great boon to one's confidence and self-esteem. Hand-in-hand with this is **improved writing skills**. A well written piece can have quite an effect on one's own writing allowing the author's style of writing to influence your own.

Reading books can **improve the memory** because remembering an assortment of characters, plots and sub-plots requires the brain to work which it can do with relative ease if given the chance.

What about your **analytical thinking skills**? This can involve anything from trying to beat Hercule Poirot at solving his latest Agatha Christie mystery to critiquing the plot and determining whether the book was well-written with the characters properly developed.

Reading a good book can **aid relaxation** and bring peace and tranquillity, all of which will be of great help to one's blood pressure!

Focus and attention is needed when you read a book, and in our world our attention can be drawn in a number of different directions at once as we multi-task throughout every day. Focussing your attention on a book means the rest of the world just falls away whilst at the same time you could find your ability to focus on your next task at home or work will be much improved. And all because you have allowed yourself to become immersed in a book.

Finally books can **bring us entertainment** and if you buy a book from the KMC Library this could be at very little cost to you but your donation will be worth a lot to KMC.

As they say in all the best circles what's not to like!





Whitechapel Mission

Bringing hope where there is despair

Extracts from the 2018 Annual Report

Director's Comments

The Whitechapel Mission has served homeless and hungry Londoners since the 1870s. Last year, the Whitechapel Mission provided more than 103,000 hot meals, 750 nights of shelter during the coldest weather, offered 23,800 showers and 3,189 onsite medical, and dental exams.

Each meal and every service is an invitation to advice, counselling and community programmes that help guests make progress.

Our work is privately funded by the generous donations and in-kind gifts of caring individuals, and supported by the efforts of thousands of volunteers.

As I look back on 2018, I am filled with joy at the lives changed through your support of The Whitechapel Mission!

London has reached the highest levels since the Great Depression.

We may be the financial capital of the world, but our homeless and working poor neighbours experience extreme suffering.

Thanks to your generosity, thousands of men and women experiencing hunger and homelessness found renewed hope and new life. As we bring together more caring partners like you, I look forward to seeing us transform more lives in 2019!

Thank you again for sharing your heart with the people at the Whitechapel Mission.

Tony Tony Miller MBE

New official figures reveal that **8,096** people were found sleeping rough on any given night in London in 2017, an increase of **7%** on the previous year.

101,835 breakfasts served in the last **12** months

Rough sleeping in England has now increased by **134%** since 2010

32% of people using our services have been in care at some time

38% of people using our services have been in prison

23,800 showers have been taken in the last **12** months

It costs **£2,379** a day to keep the Mission open

457 people a week are able to shower and get clean clothing

198 people received help in claiming benefits

258 people were found temporary accommodation off the streets

79 people were found accommodation in their own flat

Last

year we served 101,835 meals.

But it's about more than meals. By encouraging each person to address the issues which caused their homelessness, we help them to gain the skills and confidence to make lasting changes in their lives - We believe everyone deserves a chance, regardless of their background, race or religion - We are open every day of the year and expect to see as many as 300 homeless and vulnerable men and women each day.

And we do this without public funding.

41 people were referred to drug and alcohol programmes

In total, our volunteers have given us 27,690 hours of their time

Whitechapel Mission make a promise to all of our financial supporters that all the money given to us will only ever be spent to support our homeless guests and will never be used to advertise or fundraise from more money

5,412 people used our advice services during the past year

760 were women

KMC regularly send gifts and clothing to the Whitechapel Mission. This, as in other years, our Harvest Gifts were specifically for Whitechapel. To donate more, here are ways you can do this:

- become a regular giver - a Hope Partner
- donate by SMS - simply text to 70070 the message 'MISS15' followed by the amount you want to donate, ie 'MISS15£10'
- call 020 7247 8280 (9am-3pm Monday - Friday)

See the website for more information:

www.whitechapel.online

News from Ruth Pugh in Dragapur

Ruth is working in India for the Diocese of Durgapur. This Diocese comes under the Church of North India (CNI) that the Methodist Church is part of. Ruth's main role is to teach children music, and specifically to learn to play string instruments. She also trains them to be Cathedral musicians enabling them to play for all the services at the Cathedral. Ruth also coaches them to take The Associated Board of the Royal School of Music (ABRSM) and Trinity College London (TCL) exams. The ultimate aim is so they can get jobs as teachers teaching Western Music or playing professionally in orchestras. Ruth also works as a music teacher at a school in Perulia and at another school to help with music in pre-primary classes.



September 2019

Dear family and friends,

In my last prayer newsletter we were celebrating the return of Bishop Probal Dutta and Rita. Things have since taken a change again. At the end of July Bishop Probal went on leave of absence, and during that time he applied to CNI Synod for voluntary retirement on health grounds. CNI Synod met on 24th August and granted his request. So he is now a retired Bishop and along with that gave up his position as Deputy Moderator. We now have Bishop Baskey, Bishop of Chotanagpur looking after the Diocese. He is the Moderator's Episcopal Commissary. He is based at Ranchi which is about 70- 80 km beyond Purulia over the state border in Jharkhand.

CNI is starting its 50th anniversary celebration in November and they will continue for a year.

Everything else is continuing as normal. The children this week are preparing their programme for Teacher's Day on Thursday. This has now happened and went very well. Mainly, they organise and practise this on their own .

Of course, this change has been a shock to the children but they have been assured that all will continue. Bishop and Rita's love and care for the children has been enormous and I know they will continue to keep them in their prayers. Sanjay is waiting for his degree results and is now working in the clinics doing





They are preparing for their practical music exams in October and last week I entered six more students for theory exams in November.

all the computer work and accounts. Puja is off to college each day studying Bengali Honours and Bidhan gained a place at Roy Engineering College. Anita who went to Sarenga for nursing has also completed her final nursing exams and is awaiting her results.

Bishop Baskey has heard the children play before but was still impressed at the Sunday service he took. He had with him his Diocesan Secretary, a priest who was also very impressed that all these children read music notation, piano as well as string instruments. We need to pray for the right Bishop to be elected for us at a future CNI Synod meeting, one with vision who will continue to move this very different diocese forward.

Towards the end of July I fell ill with the viral fever that was circulating and I didn't leave my room for 5 days, 48 hours of which I could not even manage to eat, but did drink a lot. As I started to get over that I then had a bad stomach for over a week. This is something I have not had before while I have been here, so I went on a very simple diet to get through it. Then whilst still trying to recover my strength my aircon failed, and it took six days to get it repaired with people coming and going and doing various things until it worked correctly again. Due to this I came down with terrible heat rashes which are now going so finally I am back to, more or less, full health.

During August we celebrated Tribal and Adivasi Sunday, so as usual all the girls and myself wore the sari in one of the tribal styles and the boys wore Dhoti. [See picture overleaf]

Once a month, I leave the service and let Priyanka lead the music while I take Sunday School. I purchased a magnetic whiteboard to help in teaching Sunday School for all of us to use and in my room I keep some magnetic letters. I had put "God is love" with them on my fridge and when some of the girls came and asked to see something on the internet to help with their homework, I discovered they had added



another message. See the photo.

I am still working at both St Peter's school in Purulia and St Peter's school in Durgapur but am happy to be a little freer as the English medium schools are doing their half yearly exams. This gives me time to work on all the many programmes coming up between now and Christmas and onto Thanksgiving (first weekend of February). With not being well I have got behind as July and August is when I usually do all my arranging for this busy season.

Even my typing of this newsletter is being interrupted by the younger boys wanting to play with some of my construction toys or games. They get back from school at about 10:30, take a bath, change and when I'm in ask for something to do till their lunch. It keeps them occupied and out of mischief. They are also now beginning to use their own creativity to make models rather than just following the instructions given.

So please pray for:

- ✠ my health
- ✠ the children taking exams
- ✠ for Bishop Baskey and the Diocese as it moves forward
- ✠ for Bishop Dutta and Rita as their lives take a new turn.
- ✠ for Sanjay as he waits for the results of his degree
- ✠ for the children in their preparation for practical and theory exams
- ✠ for a new bishop to see the diocese continue to move forward in all its work.

Thank you for your continued love and support.

Yours in Christ, **Ruth**



People in Profile:

Eileen Lane



In this month's Magazine the spotlight falls on Eileen Lane. Eileen has been attending KMC for over 10 years now having moved to the area from South London in 2007.

Eileen was born in the Isle of Man at the outbreak of the 2nd World War. Her father was a Methodist Minister and they lived in two different places on the island including Port St Mary. Eileen has very clear memories of the island even though the family moved to what Manx people call "the other place" (also known as England) when she was 7 years old. One memory she recollects is that the island was full of internment camps housing mostly German and Italians who were living in England at the time. Eileen also recalls that everybody had to have a permit in order to move around from place to place on the island.

Like all good Methodist Ministers they do not stay in one place for very long so the move off the island saw them settle in Blackpool where they lived for four years. This was followed by a move to Ashington in Northumberland for a 5 year period followed by a posting to Burnley. During this period Eileen successfully passed the 11 plus a year early and then attended a grammar school. At the end of her schooling she had to decide what she was going to do for work. In those days for girls there were only really three options: nursing,

teaching or office work. So Eileen opted for teaching and successfully applied to the Methodist run Southlands College, Parkside near Wimbledon to do a 2 year teacher training course. On completion she returned to Burnley where she got her first job teaching 7 year olds.



So began a teaching career and also marriage to John who was training to become a Methodist Minister. They married in 1962 in Fleetwood where her parents had moved to and then started married life in Wales where John had his first posting as minister. A village called Llanharan was where they actually lived, not far from Llantrisant where Eileen managed to find a job at a school teaching special needs pupils. This was only temporary and although extended more than once Eileen really wanted a permanent job which she successfully obtained at a school in Llanharan.

After 2 years John was moved to Great Harwood in Lancashire where he was in charge of three churches. Again Eileen started work at a junior school and also commenced fostering children aged 7 – 14 years. This period also coincided with Eileen & John starting a family. Their first two girls were born in Great Harwood with the youngest arriving after they moved to New Cross in London.

With support from a blind friend who looked after her own daughter and Eileen's middle daughter, Eileen continued to work part-time and, in response to a request, also set up a mother and toddler group at the local health clinic. She was also instrumental in helping set up a local community centre.

The early 1970s saw Eileen's teaching career continue to flourish when she applied to teach at an infant school that had a somewhat notorious reputation. This did not deter Eileen one bit though, despite it being a tough school. She really enjoyed the sense of achievement in trying to instil good behaviour and a better attitude in some of the more unruly pupils. She met one such pupil 10 years later and it was clear he had not forgotten Mrs Lane and had appreciated her efforts in trying to turn them round!

Eileen was then redeployed to a Church of England School which at the start she did not want to transfer to, but in fact it proved to be a good move because she stayed there for 14 years. Although this school was not as ethnically diverse as the infant school, there were a certain number of children attending where English was not their first language. Eileen therefore enjoyed witnessing, and being part of, their progress throughout their time at the school.

During this 14 year period the school head asked Eileen if she would consider opening and running a nursery unit for 3 – 5 year olds. This she did and thoroughly enjoyed it, particularly at each Christmas when she would sit down with the children and together they would write and produce the school Christmas play with the help of the top infants.

On the home front, during this period, the family moved to Brockley,

then Beckenham and back to Brockley again. Sadly too it was during this time that Eileen and John parted ways. However with support, Eileen picked herself up and quite literally moved on with her life. She left Brockley for Lewisham with her two younger daughters, and then later Eileen moved back to the Isle of Man when the girls were settled in their careers.

Eileen had always wanted to go back at some point so when she heard about two good jobs going she applied for them both, and was successful in becoming the Head of an infants school in Peel, a job she did for the following 10 years. As a side-line Eileen spent much of her time working on a farm and ran a potato business at the school!

On retirement in 1999 Eileen was keen to move back to “the other place” to be nearer the family so bought a house in South London and undertook a variety of voluntary jobs which continues to be Eileen’s life to this day. When she became a grandmother Eileen decided she would like to be nearer her granddaughter, hence her move to Surrey. So after a total of 17 houses, Eileen settled in her 18th house here in Knaphill.

Much of Eileen’s life now revolves around working at the Vyne on a regular basis where she volunteers her services to help people with recreational activities to keep them active, interested and involved. Here at KMC, which she attends regularly, she is a pastoral leader and she has, in the past, sat on the Church Council. Some of us will also have experienced Eileen’s wonderfully organised day trips that have included Greenwich, Camden Market and as you will have read elsewhere in this Magazine, Windsor. Certainly given Eileen’s well-travelled past both here in the UK and abroad (sorry no room to cover her foreign antics) she is more than qualified to do such outings, so for this and lots of other reasons, we are very lucky to have her in our midst.

From the information above, some of the more astute amongst you might have guessed that Eileen celebrated a special birthday this year. It was on 10th August in fact, so we wish her belated birthday wishes for a happy year and to keep on doing what she is so good at doing.

Finally one of Eileen’s favourite hymns is:

**“One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you”.**

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Having read this potted history of Eileen’s life you can understand why!

A Big Thank You from Raj Chhetri

Through the KMC magazine for Autumn 2019 edition I want to express my heartfelt thank you to each of the current and past members of the Knaphill Methodist Church for their generous donations to the Fund kindly initiated and organised by our minister Reverend

Faulkner. The total donations amounted to

£1,600.00. The bulk of the money has been paid to the Home Office as the fee for handling my application for British Citizenship. I also had to pay a smaller sum to the agent authorised by the Home Office to interview me and scan my passports and "Identity Card". I was supplied with this Card by the police on behalf of the Home Office when I originally entered the UK on a "Work Permit" arranged via St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey. This was when I came to do my 3 years General Nurse training in the School of Nursing there. Technically St Peter's Hospital Administration was my "Employer" and this allowed me to change employment for three years of my training unless I became married to a British Citizen. Within a week of arriving at St Peter's Hospital I had to go to Surrey Police to register myself. I was handed an "Alien" Identity card booklet in which the Police entered a stamp and Home Office conditions. Every year for three years on the "Anniversary" of my 1st visit to Surrey Police in Addlestone I had to report them. If I had breached the conditions of the permit it would have been rescinded.

A few years later, as per the immigration regulations at that time, I was given "Indefinite Leave to Remain" in the UK provided I did not break the law. From the 5th year onwards I could have applied for naturalisation to enable me to obtain a British Passport. My elder sister, however, advised me to wait because our mother, who had served as a midwife and nurse for the families and children of the soldiers of 10th PMO Gurkha Rifles for almost 35 years, was still alive. My sister died of a progressive brain tumour not long afterwards, but I held on to her advice. My mother aged 84 years died in 1988 but I still held on to my Nepalese passport for sentimental reasons until this year when the Nepal Embassy in London declined to renew my passport. In hindsight I should have started the process for British Citizenship 30 years ago....



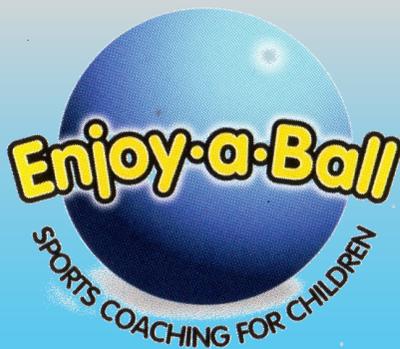
Journey into Christianity.

My late mother was aware in 1985 of the fact I had changed my belief/faith and accepted my decision. She, without any hesitation, paid my fees for civilian missionary schools, St Joseph's Institution (Catholic) and then on to Christ Church Anglican school. It was there I had to study the gospels. In my 1st English language medium school, Union School, I was taught from the book entitled "The Heroes of March". I thought all the characters in the book were born in March until years later I delved into the Old Testament and then realised they were biblical characters. At the tender age of 13 I decided to see "The Ten Commandments" film after seeing the life size poster of a bearded man holding a tablet of stone with inscriptions. Moses was one of the persons mentioned in "The Heroes of March". In 1961 I moved to the Catholic school and Brother Bosco made sure we learnt by heart certain passages in, I think, Luke's Gospel. Also students were taken to Singapore to see the film--BEN HUR. I also saw the GREATEST STORY about Jesus Christ. As I prepared for my Cambridge University Examination Syndicate's School Leaving Certificate (SLC) and G.C.E. O Level, I had to do nine subjects. One of them was "SYNOPSIS OF THE LIFE AND TEACHING OF JESUS CHRIST" as by then I had read a few Gospels. I managed to get just a SLC pass in 1964. But it was the untimely death of my sister that led me into clinical depression and when I became more aware of my sinful past and began to feel guilty and suicidal. I knew there was one religion which set forgiveness without pre-conditions. So I began my quest in Holy Trinity and then a few years later moved to Knaphill Methodist Church. The welcoming smile and words of Ella Allen and the late Dr Jack Rutter convinced me this church in the Broadway would help me in the new faith I had converted to by baptism by immersion on 1st August 1976 at Holy Trinity. At times I do visit other churches but KMC is the church for me for communal worship to celebrate the communion of the Faithful.

"NOW FAITH IS BEING SURE OF WHAT WE HOPE FOR AND CERTAIN OF WHAT WE DO NOT SEE. . . . Hebrews 11, verse 1.

For me holding on to my faith is my biggest challenge next to my survival on Earth. But God Almighty, through the sacrifice of His Son to cleanse us of sins by Jesus's sacrifice on the Cross the blood He shed, washes my sins and of the World. I am sustained every day by this precious sacrifice.

I conclude my epistle by quoting the Salvation Army hymn introduced by the Lay Preacher Graham Warr at KMC on 29th September 2019 – "UNTO THEE I WILL CRY, SHEPHERD, HEAR MY PRAYER"....



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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 2nd 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.

We have a special Family Area at the back of the church with lots of things for children to do.

6.30pm - Monthly Evening Holy Communion

This is usually the 4th Sunday of the month, and 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, our local Anglican church, Holy Trinity, Chobham Road, has a service at 6.30pm on the 1st Sunday of the month.

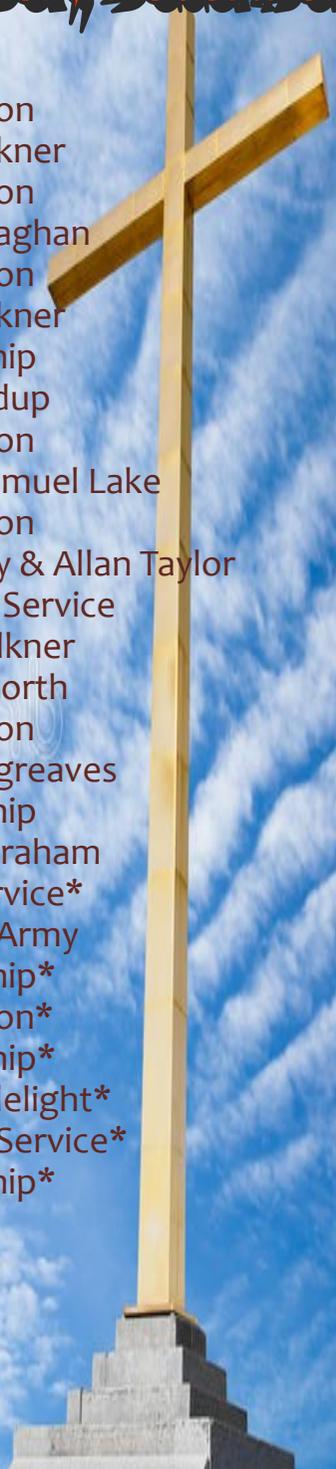
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Services October, November, December



13th October	10am	Holy Communion with Dave Faulkner
	6.30pm	Holy Communion with Julia Monaghan
20th October	10am	Holy Communion with Dave Faulkner
27th October	10am	Morning Worship with Mike Widdup
	6.30pm	Holy Communion with Sydney Samuel Lake
3rd November	10am	Holy Communion with Lyn McKay & Allan Taylor
10th November	10am	Remembrance Service with David Faulkner & Holly Wadsworth
17th November	10am	Holy Communion with Claire Hargreaves
24th November	10am	Morning Worship with Barrie Tabraham
1st December	10am	Advent Gift Service* with Salvation Army
8th December	10am	Morning Worship*
15th December	10am	Holy Communion*
22nd December	10am	Morning Worship*
	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight*
25th December	10am	Christmas Day Service*
29th December	10am	Morning Worship*

*The "Circuit Plan" for December to February was not available prior to publication of this issue of the KMC Magazine. For full details of the preachers for these services see The Notices or service posters nearer the time.