

KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

MAGAZINE

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



Autumn 2023

A Word from the Editor:



Welcome to this edition of the KMC Magazine.

By now many of you will have met the Rev Dr Paul Glass so will know that he is our new minister at KMC for the foreseeable future. I would like to welcome him and thank him for his first Message for this Magazine which appears on page 3.

Somebody you may not have met yet is Rev Adam Payne. However, this will be remedied on 8th October when he visits KMC to take our service. My thanks to him for the article (page 7) he has written to introduce himself to us.

Over the last few years, it has been great to regularly hear from Ruth Pugh about the work she has been doing in Northern India in relation to the teaching of music and instruments to a number of students of varying ages. Ruth's time in India has now come to an end and by the time you read this she will have returned to the UK. Her Newsletter in this edition was written in the summer and as you will read, she is hoping to visit KMC and several other places soon together with her colleagues, Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Sameer Issac Khimla and Raja Moses. I am sure you will join me in wishing Ruth all the best as she settles back to living in England.

You may be surprised to find a recipe in this edition – well, there is a reason for its appearance, but that aside we could make it a regular feature if you decide you want to follow my example. See page 9 for details of my sweet treat but as you will read, despite its name, it is not my recipe!

The Coffee Morning on 9th September in aid of the Kent, Surrey & Sussex (KSS) Air Ambulance Service ably organised by Tarina Berry with her band of helpers has raised over £800.00. Congratulations to everyone involved who made this event such a success. If you were unable to attend, you can see what you missed on page 13.

As we transition from summer to autumn with cooler days and darker evenings stay safe, keep warm and know that KMC, with the Lord at the helm, will continue to be there for us all in the coming weeks and months at least.

Robin Spice, Editor

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Message from Paul:



Hello everyone.

It is a huge honour and privilege to start working with you as Minister of Knaphill Methodist Church. I said at the Circuit Service recently that the key thing for any Christian community is the love that it shows and the warmth of the community that is created. It's some 40 years ago (whilst I was still in training college) that the Methodist Church brought out a report that came out of significant research with Churches which at that time were growing.

It asked questions about what it was that those churches were doing that enabled growth to happen and it discovered one simple truth. It didn't matter what the churchmanship of the Church was, whether it had a full-time minister or shared it's minister with other church communities or where it was geographically. The common factor amongst all the Churches that were growing was that they were warm, loving, caring, open places where people felt themselves to be cherished, held, cared for and loved.

That is the kind of place that I have experienced Knaphill to be already. We need to work on that loving care that we have and the ways in which that love and care spill out into our community.

We have some great help during the next few months to help us with that journey. Our lives will be blessed by the presence of Anna Carrington who, as a minister in training, is attached to our Circuit and will be particularly working with us at Knaphill over the next 12 months. We also have Rev. Adam Payne - Minister at Godalming United Church. Adam will be preaching with us once a quarter and will be engaging with a special project to reflect with us about the things that we do well, the Good News of Knaphill Methodist Church that we have to share.

I am very excited about the future of our Church and I hope that you are too. There is plenty of reason to celebrate and hope.

As we move through this autumn - a season of enjoying the harvest and thinking about creation, let us reflect a little on the harvest of our own lives and how we can use that harvest to be a blessing to others in the community that we serve.

What harvest can you bring to help us as we journey together?

With every blessing, **Paul Glass**





NEW BEGINNINGS

It's only the beginning now
....a pathway yet unknown,
At times the sound of other steps
....sometimes we walk alone.

The best beginnings of our lives
May sometime end in sorrow
But even on our darkest days
The sun will shine tomorrow.

So we must do our very best
Whatever life may bring
And look beyond the winter chill
To smell the breath of spring.

Into each life will always come
A time to start anew
A new beginning for each heart
As fresh as morning dew.

Although the cares of life are great
And hands are bowed so low
The storms of life will leave behind
The wonder of a rainbow.

The years will never take away
Our chance to start anew
It's only the beginning now
So dreams can still come true.

Geraldine B. McClain

A thanks and farewell from Dave & Debbie Faulkner

Debbie and I wanted to write to thank everyone who put so much love and kindness into making our farewell lunch at KMC such a wonderful occasion. The food, the organisation, and the kind words, both planned and spontaneous all contributed to what was a memorable and touching farewell for us.

And having come from such an occasion, we were stunned when we opened the gifts. We never expected a cheque from KMC, having heard there was a circuit collection anyway, but the fact of one and the generous amount blew us away. As some of you know, we need some new furniture for the next manse, and this has enabled us to say to Becky and Mark that they can start looking for the wardrobes they will need, as they won't have the luxury of the fitted wardrobes at Lane End Drive. The second gift of the Stratton pen tells me you had spotted that I make it a habit to use high-quality ballpoints. We left-handers find that writing from left to right causes friction, so a nicer pen reduces that.

So, we are truly grateful for the gifts, but above and beyond everything else we shall remember with great fondness the people and the community that you are. It has been a privilege to be part of that for thirteen years.

God bless you all, **Dave and Debbie**

COFFEE MORNING AND SALE

BOOKS, DVD, JIGSAWS & BRIC-A-BRAC

KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH HALL

Saturdays 28th October & 25th November CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

10am to Noon

The Autumn of Life

What a wonderful time is life's autumn,
when the leaves of the trees are all gold,
When God fills each day as He sends it
with memories, priceless and old.
What a treasure-house filled with rare jewels
are the blessings of year upon year,
When life has been lived as you've lived it
in a home where God's presence is near...
May the deep meaning surrounding this day,
like the paintbrush of God up above,
Touch your life with wonderful blessings
and fill your heart brimful with His love.

Virginia J. Ruehlmann & the Helen Steiner Rice Foundation 1996



Rev Adam Payne

will be with us on Sunday 8 October. A greeting from him follows below....

Hello, my name is Adam Payne. I have been minister at Godalming United Church since September 2020.

My family and I are still relatively recent transplants to this country, having moved to the UK at the end of 2018 to fulfil a long-time dream of living in the UK.

My wife (Kyla) and I are from the small town of Boonville in southern Indiana. I come from a long line of Methodist preachers on my mom's side – family legend holds that line goes back as long as the Methodist movement existed.

I became a Christian in high school and experienced a call to ministry not long after that, attending the University of Evansville (Evansville, Indiana) and then Christian Theological Seminary (Indianapolis). In 2011, I was ordained as a Full Elder in the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church. I have since served in the United Church of Christ, a "cousin-denomination" to the United Reformed Church.

I have a passion for making the church a welcoming and accessible place to all of God's people and helping non-Christians to see that church is still relevant, and God is still speaking, in a 21st-century world.

In December of 2018, Kyla was offered a job as an A&E nurse with the North Hampshire Trust in Basingstoke. Although we'd never heard of Basingstoke, we jumped on the opportunity to finally live our dream. Doing so meant putting my professional ministry on hold, but God led us to London Street United Reformed Church in Basingstoke, where I have been able to volunteer and help-out during the past 18 months. At the beginning of 2020, I received my Certificate of Eligibility in the United Reformed Church and was called to Godalming soon afterwards, where we have settled in very easily.

We have two daughters, Lizzy (15) and Molly (11).



We are a family of dedicated Anglophiles who enjoy seeing historical sites, eating in pubs, and exploring our new country. Here is a picture from a holiday to York.



Finance Update

from Lynda Shore



Almost every time a magazine is produced, I write an article giving more bad news about the precarious state of KMC's finances. This time is not very different, in that we have ended the year with a substantial deficit, but it is considerably less than I feared it would be from the end of May figures. Gift Aid, lower energy and cleaning bills and much higher interest rates have all contributed positively, resulting in a deficit of a little under £8000.

This is still a significant deficit and, as I have also pointed out, both in the magazine and at meetings, losses of this kind cannot be sustained indefinitely. However, it is important that everyone should know that no major decisions will be taken in the current financial year (1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024). This is because Rev Dr Paul Glass, having just assumed pastoral charge of KMC, wishes to have a clear year to get to know the church and what we do.

Therefore, this time, rather than giving a detailed financial report, I would ask that all those concerned for KMC think and pray about how we can increase our income substantially, in order to continue as a worshipping community in Knaphill.



Family News

We are very happy to announce that **Gill and Carl Ball** celebrated their **Golden Wedding Anniversary** on 29th September 2023.

We send our love and congratulations and wish them God's blessing.



After a long illness, it was with great sadness that we heard **Desna Berry** had **passed away** in hospital a few weeks ago. Her funeral was at Woking Crematorium on 15th September to which some members attended.

She will be greatly missed at KMC and by all those who knew her. May she now rest in peace.



It's time to get baking!

Robin Spice

21 years ago when I was knee high to a grasshopper (in my dreams!) KMC produced a recipe book which was entitled *Knaphill Fayre*.

Its purpose, as well as providing some mouth-watering recipes of course, was as a fundraiser at a time when KMC were launching the "Our Vision Appeal". This appeal was to raise money to redevelop the back of the premises as it is today. A number of KMC members and others contributed to this book and I expect some of you still have it on your bookshelf and maybe even still refer to it to this day.

Several recipes were contributed by Megan Gibson. Megan was a long-standing member of KMC together with her husband Ted, but they moved away from this area to be nearer family quite a long time ago. Sadly, Megan passed away over 10 years ago now.

Perhaps a little-known fact about Megan, at least little known now, is that Megan's daughter is married to the singer songwriter of worship songs, Graham Kendrick. Many of you will know some of his songs which include, "Shine Jesus Shine", "Knowing you Jesus", and "The Servant King".

Megan contributed four recipes to *Knaphill Fayre* and I am reproducing one of them here which you might like to try and if it is successful, I am sure would be welcomed with open arms (and mouths too!) at a future Coffee Morning.

Spicy Crunch Biscuits

Ingredients:

4oz (115g) margarine
4oz (115g) caster sugar
7oz (200g) plain flour
1 level teaspoon baking powder
1 level teaspoon ground ginger
½ level teaspoon ground cinnamon

For the icing:

1oz (30g) margarine
2oz (60g) icing sugar
2 teaspoons golden syrup
1 level teaspoon ground ginger



Method:

1. Grease an 8" (20cm) square shallow cake tin.
2. Beat the margarine with the caster sugar.
3. Sift remaining ingredients and mix well with beaten margarine and sugar.
4. Press the mixture into the tin and bake for 25-30 minutes at 350F/180C/gas mark 4.
5. Remove from tin and allow to cool on a wire rack.

Icing:

1. Place all ingredients into a pan.
2. Melt gently over a low heat, stirring.
3. Pour the mixture over the biscuit while they are still hot.
4. Cut into slices while warm.

Makes 24 biscuits

The Importance of Walking

We all know how important it is to get some exercise every day and that includes walking. However, judging by the anonymous comments below, not everyone is on board with the idea or into the spirit of it!!



Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you, when you're 85 years old, to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at £3500 per month.

My grandad started walking five miles a day when he was 60. He is now 97 years old and we don't know where he is.

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

I have to walk early in the morning, before my brain works out what I am doing.

I joined a health club last year, spent about £400. I haven't lost a pound, yet...apparently you have to actually go there.

Every time I hear the dirty word "exercise", I wash my mouth out with chocolate.

I do have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.

If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

We all get heavier as we get older. This is because there's a lot more information in our heads. Well, that's my story and I'm sticking to it.



CAMEO

Come And Meet Each Other



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Last term we had a number of interesting speakers. We had a representative from LinkAble - who provide facilities for children and adults with special needs through play and teaching basic skills, and Engage, who go into schools to spread the love of God through support and teaching. Both sessions were very informative. We also had an Ecologist who explained what her job entailed, and Ian Kelly came to give us a really interesting talk about bees. We had a celebration tea for King Charles III Coronation, and we ended the term with a Beetle Drive.

Our programme for this coming term is as follows:

4th Oct – Marilyn Meller – My Life as a Farmer’s Wife

18th Oct – A representative from Leprosy Mission to tell us about the work they are doing around the world, for a disease that is mentioned in the Bible but still prevalent in the undeveloped countries of the world.

1st Nov – Sheila Mynard

15th Nov – Ann Tilbury, who has a column in the Woking News and Mail, will be coming to talk to us

6th Dec – Christmas Celebration – which will involve tea and cake, I am sure.

Where I have not given much information about the subject of the talk above is because I wanted to give the speakers a free reign on their topics.

Cameo is open to anyone who would like to come. We meet at KMC in Room 3 on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

We have changed our meeting time slightly, which means we now **start at 2pm** with the speaker, followed by tea and chat. The meeting usually finishes about 3.30pm, so not too late a finish in the autumn and winter afternoons.

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KMC Library

Just a reminder to all you readers that there is a vast range of different books on our shelves ready for you to choose from for those inevitable longer evenings. Over the summer months since April there was a total of £15 in the collecting box which will have gone into KMC coffers by the time you read this so I am sure between us all we can do a lot better than that over the coming months. If there are any books on your own shelves you wish to pass on, please do so as it is always good to have a large selection of different titles to choose from. Happy reading!



Sue Findlay

I am hoping that none of you can identify completely with the comments and sentiments in this poem which was written by a priest in Malta. **Eileen Lane.**

How are you?

I'm very well thank you.
There is nothing the matter with me,
I'm as healthy as I can be,
I have arthritis in both my knees,
and when I talk – I talk with a wheeze.
My pulse is weak, and my blood is thin,
But – I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.
Arch supports I have for my feet,
Or I wouldn't be able to be out on the street,
Sleep is denied me night after night,
But every morning I find I'm alright.
My memory is failing, my head's in a spin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.
The moral is this – as my tale I unfold,
That for you and me who are getting old,
it's better to say "I'm fine" with a grin,
than to let folks know the shape we are in.
How do I know that my youth is spent?
Well, my "get up and go" has got up and went.
But I really don't mind when I think with a grin,
Of all the grand places my "got up" has bin.
Old age is golden I've heard it said,
But sometimes I wonder as I get into bed,
with my ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup,
My specs on a table until I get up.
'Ere sleep overtakes me I say to myself,
is there anything else I could lay on the shelf?
When I was young my slippers were red,
I could kick my heels right over my head,
When I was older my slippers were blue,
But I still could dance the whole night through.
Now I am old my slippers are black,
I walk to the shop and puff my way back,
I get up each morning and dust off my wits,
and pick up the paper to read the "obits",
if my name is still missing I know I'm not dead;
And so I have breakfast and – go back to bed.

I'm very well thank you



AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY
KENT SURREY SUSSEX



Special Coffee Morning held at KMC on 9th September opened by **Keith Smith** from **KSS AIR AMBULANCE***

For the second year running Tarina Berry organised a special Coffee Morning and Sale at KMC in aid of the air ambulance charity KSS. Last year the Coffee Morning raised a magnificent £900, and Tarina hoped to beat this number this year.



The Coffee Morning was opened by Keith Smith from KSS, accompanied by Woking MP Jonathan Lord, and Rev Paul Glass. Keith Smith gave a short talk on the work of KSS Air Ambulance, followed by a few words from Paul Glass.

Tables had been laid out the night before, so when opened, a good number of visitors were welcomed.



Top: the Hall resplendent in KSS colours. Above left: Graham Warr makes last minute adjustments to his “N-gauge” model railway layout. Above right: Name the Teddy - whose name was “Ben”.

The Hall looked inviting with table cloths in the red and blue colours of KSS. There were stalls with a tombola, raffle - with prizes donated by many local businesses, books/DVDS and jigsaws, the regular Bric-a Brac, cards by Sue Findlay, a magnificent “N-gauge” model railway layout displayed by Graham Warr, soft toys and in the middle of the room a table selling some scrumptious looking cakes.

There were also competitions with “guess the name of the teddy”, “guess the number of sweets in a jar”, and “guess the weight of the cake”.

There was a steady flow of visitors during the morning, and everyone enjoyed the refreshments and “bacon butties” served from the kitchen.

The event closed at midday, and the Hall cleared and tidied by Tarina and her team of volunteers, ready for use by the church during the upcoming week.

Takings on the day exceeded £800, and with further donations the total at the time of print was approaching £1000! An amazing total; well done Tarina!



AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY
KENT SURREY SUSSEX

About KSS

KSS Air Ambulance are the people you hope you'll never need. They have three helicopters, and each is a flying emergency medical room. When there is a life-or-death call, they can bring specialised doctors, paramedics and treatment to anywhere in Kent, Surrey or Sussex in under 30 minutes - 24/7, 365 days a year.

However, without support from the public, they can't fly. Our support gets the KSS Team to where they are needed; without support, KSS cannot save lives.

Every day, based on 2022, they respond to 9 emergency calls - 9 chances to give people the best chance of survival after an incident, keeping families together.

Who are
KSS AIR AMBULANCE?
**Your local air
ambulance charity**



Fund KSS

It costs over £45,000 a day to run KSS's service - and most of that is from the public.

£5 - could buy a PEEP - a Positive End Expiratory Pressure valve to prevent lung collapse.

£25 - could buy a temperature probe cable to monitor a patient's core body temperature.

£60 - could pay for 12 oxygen masks helping critically injured or severely unwell patients to breathe.

It is great to know that at least one aspect of train travel can still bring a smile to a passenger's face or should I say customer's face? Anyway read on to see what I mean and many thanks to Eileen for sharing this good news.....

My Experiences with Rail Assistance!

South Western Railway



This service is excellent, but there have been some unusual happenings.

I went to Woking Station one day to catch the train where I was booked to get on at Platform 2. There was, however, no notice to say that the lift down to this platform was not working. So, I emerged from the lift from Platform 1 in order to access the lift down to Platform 2. As I did so a workman met me and told me the situation. He then asked which train I was catching, took out his mobile phone and rang the signal box to request the train be diverted to Platform 1! Low and behold the Tannoy system told all the waiting passengers on Platform 2 to go to Platform 1. I never expected *that* to happen!

On another occasion coming back from Waterloo, the assistant turned up with a wheelchair saying we had just 2 minutes to catch the train. So I did as I was asked and seated myself in the chair following which the assistant then ran full pelt down the platform asking the guard to wait whilst I boarded the train.

Another time the office at Waterloo forgot to tell Woking I only needed help stepping down from the train onto the platform. As a result, I was met by three helpers, a ramp and a wheelchair which I had to get into because they had brought it! On arriving at Waterloo I was met by a young lady and because the lifts were not working she not only accompanied me to the step free access, but decided to walk with me to the London Road bus stop.

On returning from a trip up North, I needed a taxi from Kings Cross to Waterloo. The assistant official took me to their special point and proceeded to flag down a taxi. The people waiting for taxis at this assigned spot were flabbergasted!

When I was travelling from Euston Station, the mobility unit driver went to the wrong platform. He turned around and proceeded to take me on a tour underneath the station in order to access the correct platform. It was really interesting seeing that part of the Station!

Finally, on numerous occasions, I have been assigned into first class especially if the train is busy or if it is more convenient for the guard. (The guard is always alerted so he can ensure the assistance is provided.)

I could add more, but I think the above shows that the service really is excellent!

Eileen Lane



Although Christian Aid Week was in May, collections were not all in and counted in time to report the outcome in the last magazine. So, I am taking the opportunity now to say thank you to everyone involved in raising the highest amount in Knaphill and the surrounding area since 2010!

We did all this:

- house to house collecting in Knaphill (both call and collect, and deliver only)
- collected at KMC
- held a street collection outside Waitrose in Goldsworth Park
- received several large donations from members of other local churches.

I had help from all my usual collectors, deliverers and counters, plus assistance from a number of folk from other churches thanks to spreading the word through C4K (Churches Together in Knaphill).

The magnificent total raised from all the sterling work and generous giving was **£2951.23** (compared with £2081.65 last year).

I am truly grateful for all the help received.

The focus for Christian Aid Week (CAW) 2023 was Malawi – the 5th poorest country in the world. Envelopes carried pictures of Esther and her friends, who grow Pigeon Peas (a kind of lentil). They are cheap and drought resistant – both vital qualities. Esther sells her peas, but also dries them and grinds them up to make flour. This is then used to make rolls, which can be sold at a profit. Profits are invested in storage and equipment for the business, but are also used for education, start-up businesses and community projects. With the monies raised during CAW 2023, the project can be expanded to other groups, so we know our efforts to collect funds have been well worthwhile.

As a final point, I would like to pass on a plea from Christian Aid. In September, they ask people to have a “Legacy Moment” – i.e., to consider leaving a gift in their will to Christian Aid (and maybe also to their own place of worship).

Thank you. **Lynda Shore**

Holiday Memories from Lynda Shore

November 2018, I joined a cruise on the Rhine. It was organised by a company connected with the Gilbert and Sullivan Festival, which takes place every year in Buxton/Harrogate and which I regularly attend. I knew, therefore, that there would be pleasant company and great entertainment, but was also looking forward to visiting some interesting German cities.

However, as the date of departure neared, the water level in the Rhine was extremely low in Germany so, at very short notice, the itinerary had to be drastically changed. It was not deemed safe for river cruise ships to go beyond Cologne, because of concerns over grounding when docking, so we had to visit several places in Belgium and the Netherlands instead.

One of the places substituted was Arnhem. I had never been there, only heard of it as the final objective of Operation Market Garden, as portrayed in the film “A Bridge Too Far.” We were taken by coach from the ship to the town, to visit the museum and war graves of the Battle of Arnhem, 17th to 26th September 1944.

The Allies were aiming for a swift breakthrough to the German heartland beyond the Rhine, with the hope that it would end the war more quickly. They had been successful in liberating large parts of southern Holland, but the final part of the operation to drive the Nazis out of the region went wrong from the beginning.

Lightly armed Paratroopers dropped in the area met stiff resistance from heavily armed SS Panzer units not expected to be in the region (they were there simply to rest and reorganise). Fog in England delayed the re-supply aircraft, meaning that most of the drop zones had been retaken by the Nazis before the supplies arrived. Also, radio communications between Allied forces failed and the main body of land forces had not reached Arnhem in time to support the Paratroopers. The Nazis lost 5000 men, but the British lost 6000 and the Americans 4000. It was described by Churchill as “an heroic failure” and it had severe repercussions for the Dutch population as well.

Immediately after the battle, on 26th September 1944, 95,000 citizens of Arnhem and the surrounding towns were forced to leave their homes, as the Nazis wanted to turn the North bank of the Rhine into a heavily fortified line. Further, the winter of 1944 was exceptionally harsh, crop yields were poor, and the Nazis imposed an embargo on food transport to the western Netherlands in September 1944 in retaliation for the exiled Dutch Government supporting the liberation attempt. The winter of 1944 became known as the Dutch Hunger Winter 1944-45. The population was forced to live on rations of 400-800 calories per day and people were reduced to eating grass and tulip bulbs to survive. The damage done to the health of the population was very long-term, including lifelong effects on those born in the area at the time.

Despite these disastrous consequences, the British Paratroop Regiment is still held in very high esteem by the people of Arnhem. I was surprised and moved to see Paratroop Regiment flags flying in many private gardens and from public buildings, not just as we approached the museum, but as we drove through the town.



The guided tour of the museum explains what the plan was for Operation Market Garden and what went wrong. The heroism of many ordinary soldiers was intensely moving. So too were the graves of many of the young British and Dutch men killed in the battle. Outside the museum, not installed until 1994 to mark the 50th Anniversary of the operation, is a Memorial Stone. It is inscribed with thanks from the Paratroop Regiment for the immense

courage shown by Dutch residents in tending the wounded and hiding fugitive troops from the Nazis and an apology for bringing death and destruction on the local residents in reprisals, by failing to liberate the region. In spite of the dreadful outcome however, all the evidence visible in the area suggests that the Dutch residents were grateful to the Paratroop Regiment for making the attempt to liberate them and are still grateful to this day. This is also demonstrated by the fact that a Memorial Service is held every year to remember those killed in the battle.

Holiday Memories from Robin Spice



We had been thinking about visiting Northumberland for some years having heard about its wonderful empty beaches and the many castles that exist in the area.

We finally made it this year and it was everything we had expected and more, particularly Lindisfarne which is also known as Holy Island. This is because Lindisfarne is best known as a place of Christian pilgrimage. For over 1,000 years worshippers have travelled to the island on foot across the mud and sands. In AD635 a monastic community was established on Lindisfarne under the instruction of Oswald, King of Northumbria. St Cuthbert came to the island 50 years later when he left the Farne Islands (which are a group of islands nearby) to become the Bishop of Lindisfarne. When Cuthbert died, his body remained perfectly preserved which was regarded as an apparent miracle that then inspired thousands of pilgrims to travel to the island.

Visitors who arrive on the island by car drive across the three-mile causeway at low tide. Visitors must be aware of the safe crossing times as when the tide comes in it does so frighteningly fast. Needless perhaps to say there are those who get caught out and have to be rescued by the RNLI every year. However, their cars are likely to be written off or washed away! Those who visit the island on foot also need to be cautious. It takes around 1 hour to walk across the causeway, but this should only be attempted if the other side can be reached by the mid-point of the safe crossing period. There is a refuge here that can be accessed by ladders if needed!

Lindisfarne Castle sits at the top of a conical-shaped mound. The Castle dates from 1542 and was fortified in Elizabeth's I's reign. Later, architect Edwin Lutyens turned the interior into an Edwardian house creating domestic rooms in every chamber connected by way of passages and these are open to visitors today.

In farmland on the north side and some distance from the castle is a pretty little garden designed by Gertrude Jekyll in 1911 and is protected on four sides by dry stone walling. Roses, sweet peas, fuchsias and delphiniums bring colour and scent to the garden every year. Apart from the castle there are also other things to see on the Island including the ruins of a 12th century priory and 13th century parish church, and the village of Lindisfarne where there is a post office and a few eateries. Finally, there is a 5-mile round island walk which although not always easy underfoot does provide wonderful views of the surrounding coastline and out to sea as well as, of course, the Castle.

People in Profile - Joan Bearman

I was delighted to be able to interview Joan about her life. Joan is very much a stalwart of KMC having lived in Knaphill and attended KMC since 1964 as you will read.....

Joan hails from the Elephant & Castle area of South London where she was born during the war years, with her sister Patricia arriving 4 years later.

The family lived with Joan's father's sister and Joan's grandfather in a block of flats and Joan has memories of running to the air raid shelter that was located behind the flats on many occasions. She recalls the bombed-out buildings that surrounded her block which miraculously

escaped the bombs during the last couple of years of the war, and of playing in the ruins with her friends looking for treasure!

Unfortunately, Joan was not a well child and at one point spent several months in a convalescence home. Joan had TB and because of this her doctor advised her parents to move the family out of London to where the air was better. So, this was the reason the family came to relocate to Sheerwater. Joan remembers the difference it made to their lives coming from a flat to a house with a large garden, an apple tree and being in close proximity to the Basingstoke Canal.

Joan's schooldays were spent at Maybury school until she was 11 and then to Fullbrook school until the age of 13. She would walk along by the Canal every day to school and this brings back happy memories. When a new school in Sheerwater had been built, Joan transferred to this school at 13 until finally leaving when she was 15.

Joan attended evening classes to learn typing and her father paid for her to attend a college to learn shorthand which she loved and still uses to this day.

A secretarial position at the Lion Works in Woking was Joan's first job and then a year later she left to work in the almoner's office at Great Ormond Street hospital.





The Atalanta Ballroom in Woking, demolished in 1972.

Joan later returned to the Lion Works to work in the dispatch department and it was during this period that she met John. She did not exactly meet John at work but the story goes that he had his eye on her when seeing her walk to work and eventually asked her out after an evening spent at the Atalanta Ballroom in Woking. At the time, Joan happened to be going out with a lad who was in the merchant

navy so was away quite a lot. To cut a long story short, the Navy lad lost out to John and soon after he asked Joan to marry him, which eventually happened in 1964 at the Trinity Methodist Church in Commercial Road, Woking.

Following a couple of month's living with Joan's parents, the happy couple moved into their new house where Joan still lives to this day.

Joan has three daughters, Alison, Maria & Julie, each of whom attended Winston Churchill school. Joan gave up work after Alison was born, only returning to work to do cleaning type jobs on a part-time basis, so she could be around for the girls when they came home from school. They, in turn, have given Joan three lovely grandsons and a granddaughter. Joan's eldest grandson James, is now married and lives in Scotland with his wife Lizzie.

From a young age Joan attended a church and later Sunday school too on moving to Sheerwater. However, when she and John moved to Knaphill Joan commenced worshipping at KMC. Over the years Joan has been a Steward, a Sunday School Teacher and has also helped run CAMEO.

When Joan was young, she was in the Girls Brigade as was her friend Pat albeit it

in different places at the time. Pat lived in Bisley and in the 1970s she and Joan set up the first Brownie pack in Knaphill. Pat was Brown Owl and Joan was Tawny Owl. That is, until Pat left when Joan became Brown Owl. This was not a job she particularly wanted, but now admits she had a thoroughly good time leading the pack which included going on pack holidays and camps in various places.



During this period Joan also looked after her mother-in-law who came to live with them for a few years followed by Joan's mother, so she was kept quite busy!

John meanwhile continued working at the Lion Works as a lathe turner. He was also very popular because he could play the accordion, which he learned to play when he was a boy. He would often get asked to play at parties and other functions at the Lion Works as well as at Working Men's Clubs and, after he retired, at day centres too. He was also known to play at KMC for various functions. Sadly, John passed away a while ago and is much missed by all who knew him.

Over the years Joan has had some great holidays in Italy, because her sister Pat moved there years ago, first for work but then later to be married.

These days Joan continues to enjoy doing jigsaws and always has one on the go. She also enjoys reading and attending CAMEO of course.

On looking back at her life so far, Joan feels she has been blessed and well looked after thanks to God's help and guidance for which she is very grateful.

One of Joan's favourite hymns is "I know that my Redeemer lives". This is because all the verses remind her that Jesus is permanently in her life whatever else is happening around her.

*I know that my Redeemer lives –
what joy the blest assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my everlasting Head!*

*He lives, to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives, my hungry soul to feed;
he lives, to help in time of need.*

*He lives, and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives, my mansion to prepare;
he lives, to lead me safely there.*

*He lives, all glory to his name;
he lives, my Saviour, still the same;
what joy the blest assurance gives,
I know that my Redeemer lives!*

Saving Charlie November Allan Wright

Some time ago, some of you may remember I spoke at CAMEO about my involvement in repatriating a Britten-Norman BN-2 Islander aircraft back to the UK from Puerto Rico. This happened in 2000, and now 23 years later the aircraft is on public display. Below I recount the complete story to you.

Beginnings

The BN-2 Islander is a 10-seat twin-piston engined small commuter aircraft built by Britten-Norman, a British company based at Bembridge on the Isle of Wight. The Islander series is unique as being the sole remaining British built civil aircraft design still in production in the UK. Almost 1300 have been built since the prototype flew in June 1965.

In the early 1970s a group of 4 school friends decided that the BN-2 Islander aircraft production needed to be properly recorded and documented and they formed a society known as BN Historians, or BNH for short. BNH have kept a full record of all BN-2s produced and do their very best to keep track of changes of ownership, and accidents around the world. It is estimated that some 500 or more BN-2 aircraft are still in existence.

As life moved on 3 of the original creators of BNH left to pursue family and business interests, and in the early 1980s I was invited to be part of BNH. Since then, BNH and the BN-2 aircraft have been a feature in my life.

Charlie November



“Charlie November” in 1967, just after delivery from Britten-Norman.

In the late 1990s BNH became concerned that the oldest existing BN-2 Islander, the third built, and first off the production line after the two prototypes, was in danger of being lost.

First delivered to Aurigny Air Services in the Channel Islands in 1967, this aircraft was given the UK aircraft registration G-AVCN - in the aviation phonetic alphabet this read as “Golf Alpha Victor Charlie November”, often shortened to “Charlie November” - which is where our aircraft’s name is derived.

Aurigny pioneered services around the Channel Islands and many of you may know of the bigger version, the Trislander, which was used up to 2017 for these essential services. Aurigny's aircraft were coloured bright yellow and became an icon for the Channel Islands.

G-AVCN was traded in to Britten-Norman in 1975 for a Trislander, and was refurbished for sale to a new owner in the Caribbean. The aircraft remained in the Caribbean, and was last used in Puerto Rico in 1992, before being retired, parked in the open at Isla Grande Airport near San Juan, Puerto Rico.

BNH then became aware that this important historical aircraft may end up being scrapped. So, a rescue plan was devised. With financial help from Airstream Group International (an aircraft leasing company set up by Peter Graham, a former Britten-Norman Contracts Manager), the aircraft was purchased. We knew that we couldn't fly it home as there was evidence that many parts had been "borrowed" whilst parked.



Our aircraft ended up in a semi derelict state at Isla Grande Airport.

With help from Britten-Norman a small team of four was dispatched to Puerto Rico in 2000 to recover "Charlie November" from what may well have been the aircraft's final resting place. The team comprised myself and Andy Clancey from BNH, Peter Graham from Airstream, and Tim Barton, an aircraft engineer loaned by Britten-Norman. Over a busy 10 days in January 2000, with local help, we managed to dismantle "Charlie November" and pack into a 40ft sea container. This arrived at Bembridge on the Isle of Wight in March 2000.

A charity, Britten-Norman Aircraft Preservation Society (BNAPS) was formed to oversee the project. The original plan was for Britten-Norman to rebuild the aircraft to flying condition. BNAPS would be charged for the work, but costs would be offset against Britten-Norman using the completed aircraft as a demonstrator. Work did commence in Britten-Norman's factory on the Isle of Wight, but commercial pressures and a change of company ownership meant that by 2004 work had stopped. Five years later our aircraft had been moved outside the factory at Bembridge, and despite negotiations, it was concluded that nothing more would be achieved with the original plan. The aircraft was in danger of being left to deteriorate in the open at Bembridge.





Working on “Charlie November” in Puerto Rico. Here we are about to separate the wing from the fuselage. The wooden formers on the leading edge were placed there so that we could stand the wing upright on the leading edge after separation.

BNAPS then had a re-think and made the decision to restart the restoration as a private venture. The difficult choice was made to restore the aircraft as a high-quality museum exhibit rather than a flying example. Rebuilding an aircraft for flight is a much more complicated process, as each and every part used (down to individual nuts and bolts) must be certificated and have a provenance to satisfy the Civil Aviation Authority. This is a costly exercise and one that BNAPS could not envisage. There was also the consideration that should we have been able to get the aircraft flying, the possibility of such a unique artifact being damaged or lost in an accident was unthinkable.



A view of “Charlie November in the cramped condition at the barn near Bembridge Harbour. The wing is on the right.

A suitable location to start the restoration was found, a small barn near Bembridge Harbour, and “Charlie November” was moved from Bembridge Airport in July 2010. A team of volunteers was recruited – mainly ex Britten-Norman engineers and technicians – and a fund-raising campaign began.

Work commenced in January 2012, and despite cramped conditions, the progress

was good. However, the aircraft was still dismantled. In a small barn there was no prospect of assembling the aircraft, so by the middle of 2016 a move to bigger premises took place.

The new workshop, near Ryde, would enable “Charlie November” to be put together as a complete aircraft. The restoration progress was slow, but it was satisfying to see an aeroplane start to emerge. BNAPS had been fortunate with grant applications being successful, and in more than one case receiving multiple contributions from the same benefactor. We had also been fortunate to receive substantial help from Britten-Norman suppliers with the donation of parts needed. A significant example of this generosity was the donation of two non-working engines. Many operators of Islander aircraft gave us donations of non-airworthy parts that would otherwise have been disposed of.

As work continued, and during the temporary pause imposed by the COVID pandemic, research was being done to find a permanent home for “Charlie November”. The larger workshop near Ryde was fine for working in, and for the occasional open day, but was not suitable for a public exhibition.

In 2019 contact was made with the Wight Military & Heritage Museum (WH&HM), near Cowes. Discussions continued into 2020 and an agreement was reached to move “Charlie November” to the Museum and have it on public display.



A view of “Charlie November in larger workshop near Ryde, in 2019 shortly after the wing was attached.

In December 2020 the move was completed, and finally “Charlie November” had a new permanent home. Under the “Heritage” banner, BNAPS was given a place in the museum where “Charlie November” could be displayed complete. There was also space around the aircraft for relevant displays of information about the aircraft’s history and the history of Britten-Norman.

The COVID pandemic delayed things more than we had anticipated, and it was not until April 2023 that BNAPS were able to “Officially Unveil” our aircraft.

“Charlie November” is now on permanent display at the Wight Military & Heritage Museum, Northwood Camp, Newport Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight PO31 8QU. Open daily from 10am to 3.45pm. Admission prices will apply on non-BNAPS event days. For more information see wmahm.org.uk

This project has been a significant part of mine and Yvette’s life for the best part of 25 years. It is hugely satisfying to see “Charlie November” as a highly detailed excellent quality museum exhibit, on display for everyone to see. Such was the dedication of the restoration team, “Charlie November” looks incredible and is a lasting memory to the work of Britten-Norman’s founders John Britten and Desmond Norman. I encourage you to go to the museum if you visit the Isle of Wight.

On 18th September representatives from BNAPS attended a ceremony at the Fawley Museum near Henley on Thames to receive the “Preservationists of the Year 2023” award from the National Transport Trust. The presentation was made by HRH Princess Anne.

In the picture you can see Andy Clancey, Allan Wright, Bob Wilson & Bob Wealthy with Princess Anne.



If you want to read more about our project, I am in the process of compiling a 180-page full colour hard back book “Saving Charlie November” which should be on sale later this year. Price is likely to be £25.00.



The completed “Charlie November” at the Wight Military & Heritage Museum.



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Firstly, Jane and I would like to say a very big thank you to all of our volunteers who give up their time and spend over two hours once a month sorting and hanging clothes up, and giving assistance to those that need help to look for clothing.

Refreshments are provided free of charge which allows us to sit and talk to those who visit us.

This venture was started 7 years ago. The number of families we have supported over this time has been fantastic and this gives us a great sense of wellbeing.

We have been very busy during our opening times in July and August, which has meant the Clothes4U rails are now looking quite empty.

So, our plea is that we do need donations especially clothing for teenage boys and men and in particular jeans, trousers and jumpers.

With grateful thanks

Helen Brice and Jane Ing

Church Flowers

Thanks to all those who have given so generously to the flower fund over the last year with either money or flower arranging skills.

It is so very good to be able to celebrate a special occasion or remember a loved one with flowers in church.

Gill and I can't thank Sheila Mynard enough over the last few months for supplying and arranging the flowers most weeks, it has taken the pressure off us. Sheila loves to personalise the flowers when someone has donated for a special occasion. She may ask what flowers you had for your wedding for example, and will then tailor the arrangement to fit, (that is if you can remember what flowers you had!)

There are lots of gaps on the rota, so if you would like to have flowers in church for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, you know what to do, just sign up. Many thanks.

Shirley Chase



Harvest Time wordsearch

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The names of 18 Harvest related items are hidden in the grid above. As you find them and cross them off, list them in the spaces below. Answers are on page 35 (no cheating!)

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News from Ruth Pugh in Durgapur

Ruth has been working in India for the Diocese of Durgapur, under the Church of North India (CNI), part of the Methodist Church. Her main role was to teach children music, specifically to play string instruments. She also trained them to be Cathedral musicians enabling them to play for all the services at the Cathedral. Ruth also coached them to take The Associated Board of the Royal School of Music (ABRSM) and Trinity College London (TCL) exams. This enables them get jobs as teachers teaching Western Music or playing professionally in orchestras. Ruth also worked as a music teacher at local schools.



Dear KMC friends

Life has been very busy. We had a wonderful closing weekend to our Golden Jubilee of the Diocese. A revival meeting, a prayer and worship evening and a Thanksgiving service and the unveiling of the Diocese Golden Jubilee Monument. We had the Moderator, deputy Moderator, General Secretary and Honorary Treasurer of the Church of North India with us for the occasion plus another couple of visiting bishops.



The Diocese Golden Jubilee monument

I have been writing a violin tutor book, a piano tutor book, and a simple accompaniment hymn/song book with English, Bengali and Hindi hymns in it for about a Grade 1 player. The majority of my hostel students play piano as a second instrument so these are written in order they can play the music on an Indian harmonium or keyboard back in their villages and add more music in their pastorates.



My new young students learning violin

I am also trying to put as many through exams as I can. There is an ASBRM (Associated Board of the Royal School of Music) performance exam which is done by recording and uploading, so I can do these as they get to the right point. This means I no longer have to try to get 30+ through an exam all on the same day.

The other thing I would like to do is to leave the backing tracks for all the new syllabus pieces for violin and cello for them to continue to do these performance exams. David, in particular takes his grade 8 viola and grade 5 piano, and this will give him the level for teaching in schools, like Priyanka already has achieved.

Priyanka and David will continue to teach when I leave. Currently, I am being asked to return at least once a year, so we will see what God's plans are.

Priyanka is now an assistant teacher in St Michael's School and studying for an

Honours English Degree through IGNOU, (the Indira Gandhi National Open University). This is in addition to helping me with teaching and she has picked up some of her own students so is able to give her family some financial help now. She lives in the school sharing a room with the young School Nurse.



Raja Moses



Bishop Rt. Rev. Sameer Issac Khimla

Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Sameer Issac Khimla and Raja Moses are coming to the UK at the beginning of November, for one week, arriving on 2nd or 3rd. With me accompanying them they will travel to different churches sharing the work of the Diocese especially the Anti Human Trafficking Programme and the children's work. They will be looking for church/es to visit and other places. They will hopefully be going to United Reform Church, Methodist and Anglican churches, with the churches supplying hospitality for the three of us.

Although I have given up being the Cathedral Pastorate secretary, a post I held for 3 years, I will continue to do all my deacon duties and the cathedral music until I leave. We have had changes in the cathedral too as Father Sam has been posted to two churches in Purulia and Rev. Sandipan Sinha has come as presbyter to be in charge here.

Two days a week I still go to St Peter's and work in the Pre-Primary department and do their music classes. I also help the school music teacher with Music Club after school on those two days.

Obviously, I am still involved with the hostel children in their studies and help them with homework and going over what they learnt in school. When I am not teaching elsewhere I still love to play basketball and other sports with them.

I have picked up about a dozen students from the area who come for violin or piano classes and so bring in more money to the diocese. The Bishop has been working to try and make as many areas as he can self-sufficient. The Eye Clinic and Hospital is doing very well and continues to expand. Operations take place at least one day a week and the clinics are busy with three or four renowned eye doctors visiting each time.



The grounds looking green and freshly painted buildings.

The compound is looking great at the moment as it has all been repainted. The Diocesan Conference room has had a makeover, plus the Shanti Gria general area and the four downstairs rooms and the flat by the sewing centre.

We have had some very hot weeks, where the government even shut the schools. I have suffered even more from my heat rashes this year, and continue to do so together with heat exhaustion. It has cooled a little now as we are in monsoon season, but the humidity has gone up to about 80% so it is feeling 8 to 10 degrees hotter.

We have had a wonderful mango season, so I have eaten many mangoes in many forms. The staff and children like my chocolate mango cake, and I have made mango cinnamon jam which I have given away for others to enjoy.

My prayer requests:

- ✠ For the plans and the trip with the Bishop and Raja in the UK
- ✠ For the future for me and also for the music project here.

By the time you read this I will have returned to the UK. At the time of writing, I do not know where I will be permanently based in England. I will see where God guides but I will initially stay with my son in Tewkesbury as he has a spare room.

I hope to visit KMC in the coming months.

Yours in Christ, **Ruth**

Rev Dn. Ruth M.M. Pugh



The end of the Thanksgiving service

More pictures overleaf....



Cathedral singers and musicians singing 'Great Things' at the Thanksgiving service.



Revival Meeting



KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH



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(includes facilities for children)

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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 things for children to do.

For further information see the notice boards outside the church or contact:
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A NOTE TO CONTRIBUTORS

The KMC Magazine has a wider readership than just within KMC because it is published on the KMC and Circuit websites as we want to be able to share it with the other Churches.

However, we recognise some contributors may be uncomfortable with being mentioned, particularly on the internet. I will therefore be happy to omit names and any other personal details in any future issue if requested to do so.

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Harvest Wordsearch answers (page 29)
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Services @ KMC

- 1st October 10am** Morning Worship with Elizabeth Gurd
- 8th October 10am** Morning Worship with Adam Payne
- 15th October 10am** Morning Worship with Hugh Bowerman
- 22nd October 10am** Holy Communion with Paul Glass
- 22nd October 6.30pm** Circuit Service at Walton-on-Thames
Methodist Church
- 29th October 10am** Morning Worship with Holly White
- 5th November 10am** Morning Worship with Elizabeth Gurd
- 12th November 10am** Remembrance Service 
- 19th November 10am** Holy Communion with Paul Glass
- 26th November 10am** Morning Worship with Anna Carrington



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