

# KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH MAGAZINE

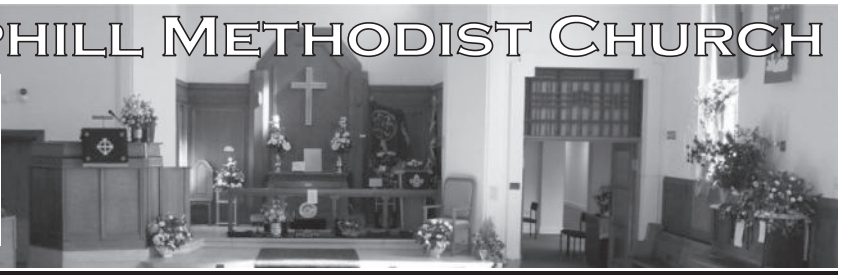
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# Christmas 2014



# KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH



## SUNDAY SERVICES

### 10am - Morning Worship (includes Junior and Youth Church)

Our service is warm and cordial. We include traditional and contemporary hymns and songs, led by our worship group. The first 15 minutes of the service includes children and young people before going to their own groups.

The sermons are Bible based and are often themed over several weeks. Holy Communion is generally on the second Sunday of every month.

After the service everyone is welcome to join us for refreshments, a time for a chat and to get to know any visitors.

### 2.30pm - Service in Farsi (*not every Sunday*)

This service is for our Iranian friends, who come from many different areas to attend.

### 6.30pm - Monthly Evening Holy Communion

This is usually the fourth Sunday of the month. This is a small intimate service of Communion with about 15 or so people, many from other churches in the village. You will be made most welcome.

If you would like to worship on a Sunday evening when we do not have a service, you will be able to at these churches:

2nd Sunday of the month - Holy Trinity church at 6.30pm.

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

For further information see the notice board outside the church or call Rev. Dave Faulkner: 01483 472524 or see [www.knaphill-methodist-church.com](http://www.knaphill-methodist-church.com)



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## KMC MAGAZINE

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# Message from Dave:

Dear Friends

I am writing this in early November, a time of year that I view as a season of remembering. We have remembered the dead in Christ at All Souls.

We have remembered, remembered, the Fifth of November. Debbie's home town of Lewes had its annual massive celebration of the Fifth, where the town's population quintuples for a night, and the local bonfire societies continue traditions that go back to the burning of seventeen Protestants by Queen Mary. That's why they burn effigies not only of Guy Fawkes, but also of Pope Paul V (the Pontiff at the time) and of modern-day bogey figures.

We have remembered the voluntary and involuntary sacrifices of the war dead on Remembrance Sunday. Some of us have sought to honour relatives who died through Every Man Remembered.

Remembering is powerful for Christians. It's so much more than a nostalgia for the good old days which younger generations understandably criticise. Christian remembering connects us with the life-changing events of the past, and allows them to transform us today. It's as if we were there, and it's as if the past is brought into the present with life-changing consequences.

What do I mean by that? Here are two examples.

Firstly, it won't be long before we have another major time of remembering. We call it Christmas. To remember that God in Christ took on human flesh and dwelt among us is also to hear the call for us to live out our lives of faith in the midst of the world today.

Secondly, there is our regular remembering at Holy Communion. 'Do this in remembrance of me.' If



the sacrament were no more than visual aid symbols of Jesus' death, then surely he would have come up with something more suitable than bread and wine.

No: I believe Jesus had a much more powerful remembering in mind when he instituted the Lord's Supper. It brings the power of the Cross into our lives now. At the table, the Lord 're-members' us. That is, he makes us new and whole. He does so not only as individuals (it isn't accidental that Christians have linked Holy Communion with healing services), but also as the Church. The Body of Christ itself is re-membered. We are put back together as one body, united in love and witness.

So let us remember at this season, and at all times – not to gain a warm glow but to be made new by Christ.



## Vision & Strategy Monthly Prayer Meetings

As KMC's Prayer Director, I am very disappointed with the poor attendance at our monthly prayer meetings taking place on the third Sunday each month, after the morning service.

The prayer meetings, lasting about 15-20 minutes, were planned so we could all listen, ask, and accept, through prayer, the challenges that are facing us with our church building. We meet in Room 3 and sit, either in silence, or say things on our hearts and minds out loud. The choice is yours, no pressure is placed on anyone, you just pray how you wish.

After all, it is an important venture we are planning. If nothing is done, then KMC may have to close, as the cost of repairs will only escalate and the building will become dilapidated.

When the KMC Questionnaire was sent out, the feedback was that most people would prefer a prayer gathering on a Sunday morning, rather than an evening in the week.

Everything lies with us all to make an effort, so we can achieve the challenges that have been set us.

The other matter to think about is that in 2016 we will be celebrating 150 years of Methodism in Knaphill. So, please find time to think and reflect on how we plan for future generations, as the more people come to these monthly meetings and speak to God, our Heavenly Father, for guidance, advice and for the right decisions to be taken.

If you would like to speak to me or one of the Stewards about this matter, then please come forward. **Helen Brice**



# KMC Stewards

As Dave outlined at the September Open Meeting, I step down from the Stewards team at the end of November, which leaves just three Stewards, with the Senior Steward role vacant. Ideally it would be good to have at least six Stewards in the team to ensure there is adequate Steward cover for all services, and the responsibilities of the Leadership Team (LT) are shared amongst a greater number of individuals.

We therefore require at least three more people to join the team, including an individual willing to take on the Senior Steward role - to co-ordinate the Stewards, the LT and support Dave as and when required.

We are in a period of transition as we seek to understand God's will for our Church through prayer (as you have read, prayer meetings are now scheduled every third Sunday to pray for KMC's direction) and Church Council's consultation with near-by churches, who have used an architect who has been recommended to us. It is a very exciting time - but we need a full team of Stewards and a larger Leadership Team to take us forward.

Could you be a Steward? If you feel you could undertake this role at KMC, or even part of it, please speak to me. A Steward's Handbook is now available which details precisely what the role involves, so please do ask me for a copy if you would like to consider the Stewards position further.

Finally, please pray that we have more individuals coming forward to join the Stewards team and the LT at KMC. Pray for an individual in the church that you think could fulfil the role, or part of it and please pray we are ready to fulfil God's will and take KMC forward. **Sally Barber**



This meeting held twice a month on the first and third Wednesdays meets in room 3 on our church premises. All are welcome – women & men, members & friends of our church family and of other churches and none.

The programme is varied and hopefully there is something for everyone. We always finish our time together with a prayer and a hymn/song.

Do come along if you are free, you will be warmly welcomed.

Enquiries, Ella Allen 01483 830154

# Church finances



The following is a copy of the information provided at a recent Church Council meeting. You can see how much is in each account we manage for KMC with a message of explanation from the Treasurer.

## CASH FLOW SUMMARY as at 31st August 2014

### Funds in bank accounts:

	HSBC	CFB	CFB	TOTAL
<b>Opening</b>				
<b>Balances</b>	£73,513.62	£1,232.90	£7,511.93	£8,2258.45 <sup>1</sup>
Receipts	£59,075.70	£610.48	£91,203.23 <sup>2</sup>	£150,889.41
Payments	£108,973.06		£42,995.00 <sup>3</sup>	£151,968.06
<b>Closing</b>				
<b>Balances</b>	<b>£23,616.26</b>	<b>£1,843.38</b>	<b>£55,720.16</b>	<b>£81,179.60<sup>4</sup></b>

### Notes:

1 - £327.18 of this money was monies to be passed on to charities from collections and gift aid from the previous year.

2 - £83,000.00 of this was money being transferred between the HSBC and CFB accounts. Some was to cover the assessment payments; the rest was to benefit from the interest paid on that account.

3 - £42,995.00 was the assessment for 2013-14.

4 - £227.82 of this amount was monies to be passed on to charities from collections and Gift Aid.

### Special funds and earmarked monies:

Outreach fund (Fagence bequest)	£36,000.00
Property reserve (Fagence bequest)	£18,059.42
Jack Rutter bequest	£1,371.64

Kitchen shutter replacement	£2,150.00
Church special reserve fund	£10,600.00
Minister's discretionary fund	£671.71
Monies to be paid to charity	<u>£227.82</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£69,080.59</b>

The rest is classed as General Church Fund monies. As can be seen from the financial summary, our total assets dropped by £979.29 during 2013-14. This is in spite of a number of very generous donations from members and our extra fundraising efforts. It is also important to note that the final balance contained £2,150 to pay for the replacement kitchen fire shutter, which was not invoiced until September. That means that the balance was really £3,129.29 down on the start of the year.

Clearly, we have funds, but we are not making ends meet with our income and expenditure, which is not a sustainable position. Steps have been taken to try to improve this situation, such as changing utilities supplier to try to reduce bills and fundraising through regular coffee mornings. Also, careful consideration is being given to potential changes in the premises to enable Knaphill Methodist Church to maintain its presence in the community, as both a place of worship and a centre of outreach.

Income from regular giving has not changed drastically over the past 3 years, (£33,015 in 2011-12, £34,157 in 2012-13 and £33,581 in 2013-14), but costs continue to rise. We need approximately £850 each week to pay for the assessment alone, which works out at about £8.50 per member, just for that one cost, or about £450 per year. We are also heavily dependent on a minority of members who give exceedingly generously. Without their contributions, the financial position for KMC would be far worse.

The £33,581 total works out at an average of £336 per member per year, or about £6.45 per week. Members can only give what they can afford, of course, and a number of people have increased their giving over the past year, for which everyone is very grateful. If you have not done so, however, please consider this, and remember to GiftAid your donations if you are in a position to do so.

**Lynda Shore, Treasurer**

# Bumblebees at KMC

Bumblebees is a toddler group held at Knaphill Methodist Church on a Wednesday morning (term time), and is run by volunteers that are part of the Knaphill, Brookwood & Chobham NCT Branch. The group started in 2009 in response to a community need for somewhere for babies and toddlers to go in the local area. The NCT group used to run a baby group at The Vyne, however, when the list of volunteers to run it was exhausted due to their own babies getting too old the decision was made to trial a toddler group, where the older children could still attend. It was a huge success from the start, and is still running many years later.



There is now also a baby group called BabyBees, that runs at the same venue at the same time, but this is maintained in a separate part of the entrance hall to try and ensure safety of the smaller babies from the active toddlers.

The group is run every Wednesday morning from 9.45 am – 11.15 am during school term time, and a requested donation of £1 (under 12 months) or £2 (over 12 months) is asked for in order to help cover costs of hall hire and refreshments. The toddlers have a structured snack break during the morning where they have fruit, biscuits and squash, and the carers have a hot drink and a biscuit. There are occasions when other companies come in to the group because they are either providing a service that may be of interest to the people attending the group, or run a class that is of interest, and a taster session is given. There are also themed events held throughout the year celebrating events such as Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day and Christmas.

KMC volunteers come each session and help in the kitchen with preparing the fruit and both serving and clearing up the hot drinks. This provides invaluable help to the women running the group as they too have their children with them, which can make running a session and running after a child sometimes challenging!



Despite being run by the NCT charity, this group is open to everyone. You do not need to be an NCT member to attend. Further information about the local NCT branch can be found at [www.nct.org.uk/knaphill](http://www.nct.org.uk/knaphill) where there are links to the various events held by the branch.





# The Lightbox

*Judith Errett has been a volunteer at The Lightbox museum and art gallery in Woking for seven years - since it has opened. Below is an account of a typical day at The Lightbox.*

I arrive at 10.15 and am detailed to work in either the Upper Gallery, the Main Gallery, the Woking Story Gallery depicting the history of Woking or the Art Fund Prize Gallery. I greet visitors and hope to answer any of their questions about the gallery, the local area or the art and sculpture on display. If I cannot answer the query I can telephone to the Curator or Assistant Curator for their assistance. I have been privileged over these seven years to meet many interesting people and viewed art and sculpture from Elisabeth Frink, Anthony Caro, Eduardo Paolozzi, Henry Moore, JMW Turner, Grayson Perry and am looking forward to seeing art and sculpture by Turner and Damien Hirst next year and the following year Constable and Henry Moore. We have a thriving Education Studio and offer workshops for children and adults and those with dementia, plus drawing classes for adults which occur about twice a month.

From 25th November this year The Lightbox will be introducing an 'Annual Pass' costing £5 for adults but free for those under 18, which will cover entry to the Upper and Main Galleries. As our Director, Marilyn Scott, explains: "The income received from this will make an enormous difference to us at a time when we are experiencing many demands on our funds. We want to continue to bring you high quality exhibitions, which rival anything that can be seen in National museums. The additional income will also allow us to continue and expand our free workshops and our services to the local community, including our work with people with dementia and those with mental health issues, and members of our community who often find it impossible to pay for our services."

The Lightbox holds regular special themed exhibitions, such as "Renoir in Britain" and currently "The Impact of War" and "The Horse at War - 1914/18". The building also includes a permanent exhibition called "The Woking Story". These exhibitions attract many visitors, particularly many school parties.

Almost 6 years ago it was suggested to the Lightbox that the displays in

their “Woking Story” exhibition could usefully include a recognition of the history, and past and present work of the Christian church in Woking.

Now, with the assistance and co-operation of the Lightbox, the membership of Churches Together in Woking, Guildford, Diocese and Surrey Churches Together have collected the funds and, having finalised the design of this display, it is now on public view in the “Woking Story” section.

In addition to the historical information, the display includes a video narrated by a couple of local teenagers about the doings of the churches today. There is also an “interactive” map on which the various Woking churches are shown, and, for the delight of visiting children, each location being illuminated when the appropriate button is pressed.

The display includes a statement of Christian belief and also a cabinet in which historical artefacts are displayed.

The display has now been installed in the “Woking Story” section of the Lightbox, and will be formally “opened” in the presence of the Mayor and others on 14th January 2015.



Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to World Mission funds during the 2013-2014 financial year. We raised £1070.56 at Knaphill to help our Mission partners around

the world. It may support work with street children in South America, or to be used in finding ways to help Nepalese farmers adapt to changing climatic conditions, as we heard about in our lovely Missions service in July. It may be used elsewhere in the world, to support development projects at the same time as working to spread the Gospel.

The total was made up of £581.95 raised by special efforts such as the two coffee mornings, in January and August, and the Quiz Night in April; £111.35 in Gift aid; £166.50 from the Easter Offering collection and £210.76 given by adult box holders. (I have boxes available if anyone would like to become a box holder.)

Thank you again and look out for the next Missions coffee morning on January 25th next year. **Lynda Shore.**

# LIAR'S CAKE

*Have you ever told a big fat whopping lie? You are going to love this, especially all of the ladies who bake for local events:*

Alice Grayson was to bake a cake for the Ladies' Group in Tuscaloosa, but forgot to do it until the last minute.

She remembered it the morning of the bake sale and after rummaging through cabinets, found an angel food cake mix & quickly made it while drying her hair, dressing, and helping her son pack up for Scout camp.

When she took the cake from the oven, the centre had dropped flat and the cake was horribly disfigured and she exclaimed, "Oh dear, there is not time to bake another cake!"

This cake was important to Alice because she did so want to fit in her new community of friends. So, being inventive, she looked around the house for something to build up the centre of the cake. She found it in the bathroom - a roll of toilet paper.

She plunked it in and then covered it with icing. Not only did the finished product look beautiful, it looked perfect. And, before she left the house to drop the cake by the event and head for work, Alice woke her daughter and gave her some money and specific instructions to be at the bake sale the moment it opened at 9:30 and to buy the cake and bring it home.

When the daughter arrived at the sale, she found the attractive, perfect cake had already been sold. Amanda grabbed her cell phone & called her mom. Alice was horrified - she was beside herself! Everyone would know!

What would they think? She would be ostracised, talked about, ridiculed!

All night, Alice lay awake in bed thinking about people pointing fingers at her and talking about her behind her back.

The next day, Alice promised herself she would try not to think about the cake and would attend the fancy luncheon/bridal shower at the home of a fellow event member and try to have a good time.

She did not really want to attend because the hostess was a snob who



more than once had looked down her nose at the fact that Alice was a single parent and not from the founding families of Tuscaloosa, but having already RSVP'd, she couldn't think of a believable excuse to stay home.

The meal was elegant, the company was definitely upper crust old south and to Alice 's horror, the cake in question was presented for dessert Alice felt the blood drain from her body when she saw the cake!

She started out of her chair to tell the hostess all about it, but before she could get to her feet, the Mayor's wife said, "what a beautiful cake!"

Alice, still stunned, sat back in her chair when she heard the hostess (who was a prominent member) say, "Thank you, I baked it myself.."

***Alice smiled and thought to herself, "God is good."***

## Temporary cover for Holiday

Dear Friends.

As you all know I am the Prayer Director & co-ordinator and look after the prayer group and the Prayers of Intercession rota.

Malcolm (my husband) and myself have booked a long stay holiday early next year, dates are from the 10th January to 7th February, so would like to have a person to take over this role while I am away. I can provide a list of the names who are in the group and the rota for the Prayers of Intercession.

If you would like any more information, please either speak to me in church, or telephone or e-mail.

Many thanks, Helen Brice

### Note from the Editor

Well this is my 2nd edition of the KMC magazine, just to show that I'm not a 'one hit wonder'. Thank you to everyone who has contributed and for all the kind comments after my 1st attempt. I've timed this to be out by the Christmas Bazaar, so it is unlikely there will be another edition this year. Therefore I take this opportunity of being the first to wish you all a joyous and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

**Barbara Humphries.**

# “Celebrate God all day, every day”

On Sunday 2nd November Wendy Beard (visiting Local Preacher) preached on the Frontline Concern as part of the “Life on the Frontline” sermon series. As well as the set passage from Acts 3 (1-10) she also chose the following passage from Philippians taken from “The Message”. The words are powerful and serve as good instruction to us, helping us lead lives as followers of Christ. The Message uses modern language and makes the message very relevant and meaningful:

*<sup>4</sup> Celebrate God all day, every day. I mean, revel in him! <sup>5</sup> Make it as clear as you can to all you meet that you're on their side, working with them and not against them. Help them see that the Master is about to arrive. He could show up any minute! <sup>6</sup> Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. <sup>7</sup> Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the centre of your life. <sup>8</sup> Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious - the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. <sup>9</sup> Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realised. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies.*

Philippians 4: 4-9 (Message)



# A Week in the Life of...

## David Faulkner

*There is no such thing as a typical week for me, so I've tried to think about what I do during the day and in the evenings and also at weekends, and tried to bring these into some sort of logical order.*



### **Daytime**

Monday morning – usually visit Dad (can't fit all personal and family duties into just one day off a week). I often bring back paperwork that needs either filing or auctioning, since my sister and I have Lasting Power of Attorney for his property and financial affairs.

I also often get a 'phone call first thing on a Monday from Daphne Platt at Addlestone, telling me anything important that has happened there on the Sunday if I haven't preached there the day before.

### **Meetings:**

Coffee and Prayers at Addlestone.

Ecumenical: meetings with other ministers in both Knaphill and Addlestone always happen at lunch-times about every six to eight weeks. If you want to get a group of ministers together, offer them food! In Knaphill, we meet at The Garibaldi. In Addlestone, we meet at the churches or in homes, and the host provides a light lunch. These meetings tend to last about 60-90 minutes in Knaphill and about 2 hours in Addlestone. Once or twice a year, the ministers go away for the day to pray together. We often go to Waverley Abbey House near Farnham.

Synod: two full Saturdays a year for the 'Representative Synod' (ordained and lay people), one full midweek day around March (when ministers renew their ordination vows). These are compulsory, and as many of you know are among my least favourite ministry activities. Mostly they mean six hours of sitting on a pew while a select few spout forth from the front.

### **Service preparation:**

I try to get a good idea of where I'm going with the Bible passage or

theme before I begin to choose hymns. Picking hymns takes longer than some people might think: they are not thrown together but crafted for the part of the service where they will be sung, and therefore whether they need to serve the general flow of the worship or the specific theme. I then have to remember not to pick more than one that might be unfamiliar!

### **Meeting Preparation:**

There will also be preparation for other events, such as committees or midweek courses. I have to go through material, minutes, and suggested agenda items. I will check draft minutes of a recent meeting and agree an agenda for a forthcoming committee.

### **Pastoral visits:**

I try to go as soon as reasonably possible after being told of a need. However, there may be constraints. For example, if someone is in hospital, then contrary to popular assumptions, a clerical collar does not necessarily open the doors of a ward outside normal visiting hours. This only applies to those who are recognised chaplains (which I am not), or if the patient is seriously ill and s/he or the family have specifically requested my presence, I have often done hospital visits on the evenings of Sundays when there has not been a 6:30 pm service.

### **Phone calls:**

Unpredictable! Often these are from people wishing to hire either KMC's premises or Addlestone's, so I refer them to Mike Allison at Knaphill or Daphne Platt at Addlestone. Pastoral Visitors also ring me to let me know of needs. Other calls perhaps fall into the 'miscellaneous' category.

### **Reading and study:**

This has to be fitted in, and I like to do this in a block, rather than have my concentration interrupted.

### **Email and admin:**

Perhaps this is the least 'visible' part of my work. To take yesterday (30th September) as a random example, I sent fourteen work emails, either in reply to those I received, or as initiatives. These messages covered subjects such as:

- arranging the annual October count of congregation numbers with stewards;

- various messages to circuit and District officers regarding Addlestone's application to the circuit and District for permission and grants to build a disabled toilet onto the hall, in order to facilitate a new partnership with a pre-school;
- arrangements for the Circuit Mission Day Conference on 11th October;
- confirming the appointment with Barbara to do this article;
- hosting the annual Christian Aid Week service for Woking at KMC next May;
- commenting on an issue that has been raised with the Circuit Leadership Team as to whether the proposed Boundary Commission changes to wards in Woking Borough will adversely affect ministry at Trinity Methodist;
- offering my services to the editor of the Woking News and Mail for his 'Thought of the Week' column, following a suggestion at the recent Open Meeting;
- sending details of our Christmas services to Richard Sherlock at the Baptist church, who is co-ordinating the churches' back page advert in a forthcoming edition of the Knaphill Residents' Association magazine

The inbox is still far from empty. Some messages there deserve a reply, and others come in which may be just electronic junk mail. Then there are circulars from Methodism and other Christian organisations. All need to be read – some in more detail than others.

Although some (mainly older) church members do not like the use of the Internet for church work, Methodism nationally requires ministers and circuit officers to do a lot by email in order to save time and money.

I delegate as much as I can to Yvette, but a lot of it just lands in my inbox and it is as quick for me to answer these briefly than it is to forward a message. Recently, I went through the website of the architect the Church Council most favours and identified churches within striking distance that KMC people could visit. I then handed over the further organisation of this to Yvette.

Other paper admin has to be done by me – quarterly marriage returns to Weybridge Register Office; the Methodist 'October count' contains far more than just the numbers at worship for the month.



I also run a blog for the Circuit on the subject of mission ([thinkingaboutmission.wordpress.com](http://thinkingaboutmission.wordpress.com)). I put it on a long-term hiatus when my Mum died, but have recently started doing light work on it again. I also use technology to track local news. I have an ongoing search of Twitter for Knaphill, and a daily Google Alert for any mention of the village on the Internet.

### **Evening**

Any or all of these meetings:

- Church Councils,
- Property and Finance Committee,
- Pastoral Committee,
- Circuit Meeting.
- KMC Leadership Team
- Circuit Leadership Team meets about six times a year on various evenings and moves around the circuit churches.
- Circuit Local Preachers' Meeting meets quarterly on various evenings and moves around the circuit churches.

### **Other pastoral visit:**

Include baptism preparation and funerals. Wedding preparation sessions have tended to happen at the manse, but need not necessarily happen there. I do now have to ask anyone who needs a DBS Disclosure (formerly a CRB) to come to the manse. This is because ministers have been told that these should now be done online if at all possible, rather than by post. I hold my login details for the system securely on the home computer, and would not want to type them into another PC.

### **Personal:**

CPD (a.k.a. 'The Big Bad Methodist Rule Book') says that a minister can have up to one hour a day for non-ministry activities, and encourages us to cultivate a hobby. Leaving aside the nonsense that all but one waking hour of every day should be devoted to ministry duties, I use my breaks to catch up on friends' news (usually via Facebook) and follow up my interests in computing and photography, sometimes trying to follow a brief tutorial I may have found online.

Family: my family has to be a priority. There are too many stories of ministers' children leaving the church because they were denied time with their ordained parent, and there are too many stories of neglected spouses. If I am in when the children come home from school, I try to be available for helping with homework and talking about their day. I take Mark to football practice (Tuesday early evening) and matches (Saturday mornings). I take Becky on occasional photography outings. Some of these items mean I am now varying my day off between Fridays and Saturdays, and I may end up moving it more permanently to a Saturday.

You may also find it difficult to get hold of me on the phone at tea time. I know the natural inclination is to think, "The minister is bound to be in now," but by the same token I am the usual cook for the family, and I also try (not always successfully) to resist the temptation to answer the phone when we are eating together, so that we can have family time.

A lot of contemporary marriage advice recommends that couples continue to have 'date nights', but these are difficult for Debbie and me. One problem is the load of evening meetings, another is the cost (including babysitting) when you are on a limited income. Sometimes we go out to lunch instead.

## **KMC Open Meeting 28th September**

### **Notes from the Meeting:**

#### Outward Focused Church:

Dave split us into small groups to discuss how we see KMC with the following conclusion. The feedback was:

- ◆ Web site – we're not focussed enough on this. Need a new Webmaster
- ◆ We need to show more of a presence locally
- ◆ Perhaps only start with 2 or 3 of the suggested points
- ◆ Coffee AMs very successful, especially the stalls outside. The community see us taking action this way.
- ◆ More of a presence in the local papers. Advertise events like the

proposed Barn Dance. Perhaps the Minister could write a column

- ◆ Many of the points are about talking not doing.
- ◆ What are the needs of the local community?
- ◆ Publish bullet points of Open Meeting in the KMC Magazine.

Finance Summary: *(all figures are approximate)*

Lynda Shore thanked us all for the money we have raised in the last year (£1,200) for different charities from retiring collections in church. Lynda also thanked us for money raised through our regular coffee mornings for church funds, two for missions and our most recent one for Woking Hospice (£1,600), plus the cream tea afternoon organised by Sylvia Peters. Lots of people help at these fundraising events, but we always need more people to sign up to help. As part of the coffee morning outreach, selling bric-a-brac and books outside in Broadway makes us visible and sociable with the people of Knaphill. Lynda would like to continue running these coffee mornings and will discuss dates with Mike Allison.

Our overall finance, working on draft form, our regular givings have increased a little, but we do rely on our generous one off funds totalling £5,000. Our current deficit is £700 + but once our regular expenses have been paid out our real deficit will be £3,000. Raj shared with us a certificate from Nepal thanking us for the money we raised towards a fresh drinking water installation in a remote Nepalese village.

Architects reports:

Dave explained church council had been given information on 3 architects who could give us a feasibility study on our church premises. 1 architect, Derek Kemp from CPL in East Sussex was favourable, though expensive, could offer us more. However before we said yes it was agreed that it would be worth visiting churches from Derek's portfolio where work has been carried out. Yvette to make contact with each church to ask if we can visit their church and the reason why. Yvette to arrange for church members to visit each of the churches. They should then report back before the Leadership Team meeting on 4th November, prior to the church council meeting on 10th November. Mike Allison suggested we prepare a questionnaire to take to each church. In particular we need to ask each church if the work carried out was what was hoped for?

### Prayer meetings:

Helen Brice said it was good to see a dozen people at the last prayer meeting (21st September), in particular church council members . However the prayer meetings need to be promoted and held frequently rather than ad hoc. We have held the prayer meetings on Sundays when Dave F has been preaching. It was agreed that Dave did not have to be preaching on the Sunday we hold a prayer meeting. The leadership team to agree dates when to hold prayer meetings after a morning service and advertise well.

### Leadership Team members and Stewards:

We are in need of new/additional leadership team members and stewards especially when Sally steps down in November. Christine Woodley volunteered to be a steward and it was agreed that she can carry out this role until the AGM. Thank you to Christine. Would be a good idea to know what a stewards duties/commitments are. The question was asked “to become a leadership team member, does it have to be by invitation only”?

### 150 years of Methodism in Knaphill – February 2016:

If anyone would like to join a group to organise, suggest special events to celebrate 150 years of Methodism in Knaphill please let Lynda Shore know. Details already in Weekly Notices.

### AOB:

- a. KMC Sermon Series September to November “Life on the Frontline” – Sunday services and midweek sessions on some Wednesday evenings – see leaflet in Welcome Area or dates in Weekly Notices.
- b. CAB want to use one of our back rooms and need to have Broadband available. As we do not have Broadband facility at KMC, CAB happy to help us with the cost of installing it.
- c. Shirley said the fellowship and friendship you gain when working together at KMC in small groups is great. For example when getting the church ready for Siobhan’s wedding, putting up window displays for Harvest etc.

### Date of next meeting:

Sunday 22nd February 2015.



## Fundraising at KMC

Firstly, I'd like to thank all who have supported the monthly coffee mornings, either by running a stall, by giving items, or by attending and buying goods. Between February and July, we raised almost £1600 by this means, which has also provided a good chance to socialise and an opportunity to talk to people in the community, when we have our stall out by the church steps. In addition, the cream tea hosted by Robb and Sylvia Peters raised another £235.

At the most recent coffee morning in October, we raised £304.35. Again, thank you to all who helped to achieve this. It is a great start to this year's fundraising.

This is only part of the story, however. Although we need funds to support the church, it would be a poor reflection on the membership of KMC if we only looked inwards. Thankfully, that is not the case.

The coffee mornings in January and August and the Quiz Night in April raised £1161 for the Methodist Church's Mission in Britain and World Mission funds; £156.70 and £75 for Mission in Britain came from the Missions service and coffee tin and £166.50 for World Mission from the Easter Offering. Also, individual members of KMC donated another £414 to these funds, making £1973.46 altogether.

Also, collections following services have resulted in £572 being sent in response to Christian Aid appeals in 2013-14, with another £115 sent in September, and £245 to Action for Children.. We have also supported the Whitechapel Mission with money and goods, plus a number of other causes from coffee tin monies and Woking Hospice, with the £217 raised from our September coffee morning. In addition, KMC members were heavily involved in raising £2173 from house to house collections in Christian Aid Week.

Altogether, this totals almost **£8000** - not a huge amount against the scale of need in the world, but still a significant contribution for a moderate sized group of people - thank you for your generosity on so many fronts.

We plan to continue the coffee mornings next year (after a break for the bazaar and Christmas!) on the 4th Saturday of each month, unless that clashes with some other event. The first is on January 24th, for Methodist Missions and the second on February 28th, for church funds.

Thank you, Lynda Shore.



It was the night before Christmas 1818, in the little village of Oberndorf, Austria. Joseph Mohr, the vicar, had just read the Christmas passage from Luke chapter 2, when a few verses inspired by the reading came into his mind. It would be pleasant, he thought, if they could be used at the Christmas Eve service, and so he called on the organist and handed him the verses.

Franz Gruber, the organist, thereupon composed a tune to which the verses could be sung and that was how one of the greatest Christmas carols - Silent Night - was created.

That evening, the organ broke down but, not to be outdone, the vicar and the organist sang the hymn as a duet. There the story might have ended had it not been for the organ. When the instrument had been repaired, the organist sat down to test it and played the tune composed by Gruber. He liked it and asked for a copy, which he took back to his home town. There a ladies' choir added it to their repertoire and it was included when they sang in other towns as well.

Gradually it became known by more and more people and it increased in popularity until today it must surely be the most frequently sung Christmas carol. Moreover, it is sung, not only in the language in which it was first written, but it has been translated into others too, so that, all over the world, people are united at Christmas in singing Silent Night in their own language.

Author Unknown [www.parishwindow.co.uk](http://www.parishwindow.co.uk)

# Christmas

*A reflection by Raj Chhetri*

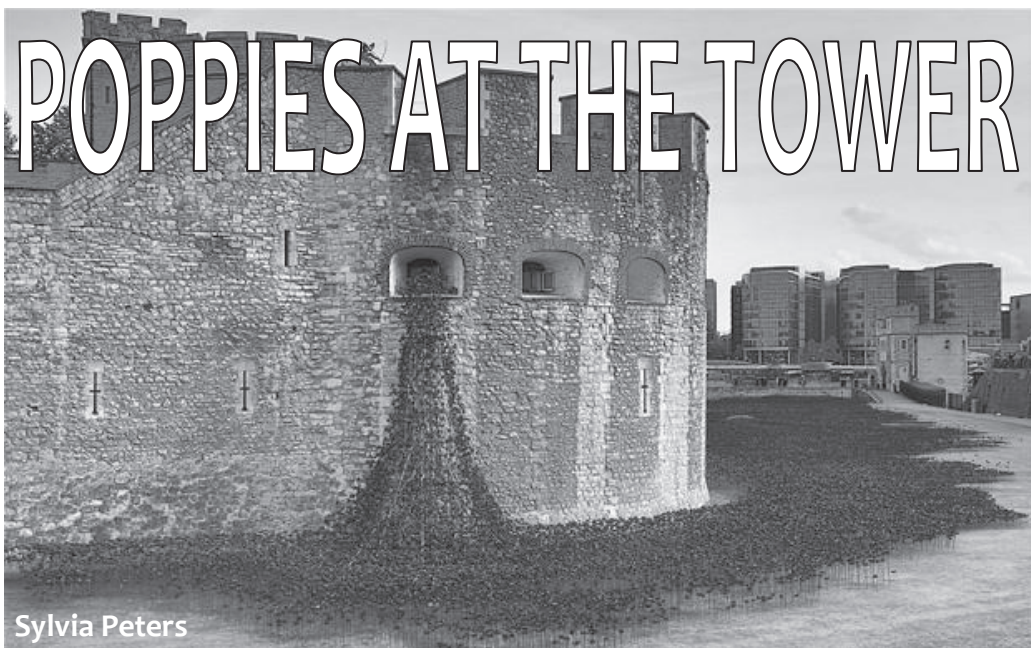
Christmas is the celebration of Jesus Christ, the son of God who came to this earth as Son of Man. For the believers He is the Saviour promised long ago by God the Jehovah. The Jews failed to recognise Him as their Saviour because they were waiting for the Messiah who will free them from the bondages of the Roman Occupation. In spite of Isaiah's prophecy, the Jews could not follow Him. So their loss was our gain. He came so the Gentiles could be saved and Saul, who became Paul, made sure the rest of the world knew the mission of Jesus Christ who was Rabina/Master to his Disciples.

Today every corner of the world has heard about Him. The Western colonials, Spain, Portugal, England/Britain, France and Italy conquered the non-Christian tribes/races/countries, but failed to practice the real mission - Emancipation: Mind, Body and Soul. Materialism set their mind and their ideology of domination and exploitation. Alas the Faith of the East was lost in the fog/mist of the winters of Europe. To accommodate the newly christened Christians, the Germanic tribes' Christmas Day of Autumn was transferred to 25th December, as the Pope decreed. The Winter solstice of Europe hijacked the true celebration. So we have Christmas tress decorated as the Germanic tribes in the river Rhine has done as the festival for welcoming the lengthening days, after the longest night of the year. So came many Christmas traditions that encompass many pagan rituals camouflaged as Christmas celebrations.

Today, as different Christian sects and denominations struggle for the religion to survive as other faiths spread their messages, and atheists and agnostic abound, the Christians have a Spiritual battle complicated by Materialism, which was as valid in past ages as today, and the Class structure in many forms around the world, leaves the true Christians with true missions for the next life - if you believe in the after life - this life scenario.

God bless us - Amen.

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HEAD • OF • THE • CHURCH  
SON • OF • THE • HIGHEST  
EVERLASTING • FATHER  
RESURRECTION • AND • LIFE  
JESUS



Eileen Lane was so impressed when she visited the tower with a friend to see the poppies she decided she would be willing to take an interested group from our Church. So on 23rd October nine of us headed for the big City for a pensioners (sorry Lynda) outing. We pooled rail cards and got the best group price to Charing Cross station, bus passes were also to the ready.

After reaching Waterloo we walked to Waterloo East to catch the train to Charing Cross, from here we walked to St. Martins in the Fields for our coffee break in the Crypt restaurant.

The terrible weather forecast all through the week luckily never materialized and we were blessed with a very mild dry day. Next the number 15 bus to Tower Hill passing along Fleet Street and onto St. Paul's Cathedral before our destination was reached, it proved to be a very interesting journey and for some of us brought back memories of the past.

The conductor on our RouteMaster informed everyone that we had arrived at the destination and wished us a good day. After a short stroll across the busy road a wonderful sight appeared, the Tower itself



spectacular enough but the surrounding moat was filled with a sea of red ceramic poppies the sight was quite breathtaking although sad knowing that each poppy represented a life lost in the First World War.

Arriving at Traitors Gate we saw volunteers still planting more poppies, this will go until 11th November when a total of 888,246 will have been planted being the final total. They will then be gathered up and posted to those who have donated £25 plus 10% p&p - every one has already been purchased. The proceeds which will be millions of pounds is to be shared equally among six service charities.

A well deserved rest was then needed so cameras were put away a seat found and packed lunches got out. After we had been duly rested and refreshed Eileen led her flock through the tunnel onto St. Catherine's Dock to view the Queen's Jubilee barge a really magnificent spectacle. Time for weary travellers to return home before the worst of the rush hour.

Thank you Eileen for a really wonderful day, a once in a lifetime experience which we would never had done without you spurring us on.



# Wye Valley Visit



In September, a group of 8 of us from the Tuesday morning Fellowship, including two of our friends from the Anglican Church, visited the Wye Valley in Gloucestershire for a few days. We stayed in at the Lindors



Country House Hotel in St Briavels, a delightful Christian Guild hotel set in lovely countryside.

We spent the 3 days exploring the area, with a boat trip through Symonds Yat and visits to Ross on Wye and Tintern Abbey. We also spent some time exploring the village of St Briavels with its castle (now a Youth Hostel) and Church. We enjoyed lovely home cooked food at the hotel and Lynda and I also enjoyed using the hotel's (warm!) swimming pool. We were also blessed with good weather during our stay.

This was a most enjoyable few days, with good company and fellowship. Many thanks to Sylvia for suggesting it and to Lynda for making the bookings on our behalf. It would be lovely to make a return visit to explore more of this lovely area of the country, and we would be delighted if more members of our congregation were able to join us next time. Helen Chamberlain





# Win Swan - in profile

Robin Spice

In this edition of the KMC magazine I wanted to focus on someone who was a great stalwart of KMC in years gone by. So this profile is particularly aimed at newer members of KMC who may not have had the privilege of meeting and knowing Win personally.



Win's story really starts in the Far East. Win's parents were missionaries and met in Australia when working with aborigines in various churches inland. They moved to Singapore after they got married and this is where their first son Theo, Win's brother, was born. Win's father worked in the university in charge of a couple of student housing accommodation blocks. They then moved to Hong Kong (HK) where Win was born in 1925. Her father joined the YMCA and worked there for some time prior to the outbreak of the Second World War. By that time the family of one boy and two girls was complete. When the war broke out women and children were evacuated to Sydney, Australia. Win's father was held as a civilian POW by the Japanese in HK but all younger men including her

brother Theo, were taken to Japan to POW camps where they were made to work on train engines and given very little food. They did not have a good time at all.

Whilst in Australia at that time Win went to business college and worked at the Australian Baptist Publishing House. She mixed with a lot of people who were intending to go into the services and this was how Win found out about the Women's Auxiliary Services in Burma, also known as WAS (B). The WAS(B)s was started by officers' wives and were a 250 strong team running mobile and static canteens throughout the Burma



campaign. Often working within the sound of guns, some men say that they were never without a WAS(B) between them and the enemy. The women shared the gruelling living conditions and relentless weather with the soldiers whom they served and for this they were held in the highest regard.

More people were needed to join this auxiliary service and people were recruited from countries including Australia and India at that time. In Australia, the Government would not allow Australians to join so this meant those originating/born in the Far East were given priority. Win was very keen to go because she wanted to do her bit to help win the war. However, by the time she arrived the war was almost over but there was still work to be done because there were hundreds of servicemen passing

through and more and more canteens were needed to be operating as a result.

Having signed up Win travelled from Australia with other recruits to Burma via India. On reaching India, the plan was to travel to Calcutta then on to Shillong via Assam in Northern India to be fitted out with uniforms. Unfortunately, during the journey to Calcutta Win became ill, as she relates below in an article for the WAS(B) newsletter.

*We travelled overland to Calcutta where we were to start the process of official attestation as a WAS(B). Unfortunately, I contracted dysentery and so, when discharged from hospital had to proceed on my own by rail. When I presented my ticket and warrant at the RTO (Rail Ticket Office) consternation prevailed as I had no pay-book or any other military documents. In addition, rail travel was dangerous as dacoits frequently boarded trains to rob and murder. They eventually agreed to let me travel, but insisted the doors to the compartment must be locked and a check would be made at every stop. The train was pretty primitive with no lights and shuttered windows. I shared the compartment with a young Indian girl who was clearly terrified and just huddled in the corner. At the last minute the RTO appeared with some candle-ends and matches before we rattled off into the countryside. What a blessing those candles were. It was reassuring to hear at every stop someone from the RTO banging on the door shouting at the top of his voice "S'everything alright Miss Ingram?" Finally morning came and the journey ended without incident. I crossed the Brahmaoputra River on a comfortable ferry and was given a good breakfast before completing the journey to Shillong by road".*

By the late 1940s Win's father and brother had been evacuated from Japan to England. At that point Win resigned from the WAS(B)s and came to England to be with them and her mother who arrived from Australia. After so many years they were a family again.

Win knew Malcolm, who was going to become her future husband, from their schooldays. He was also a POW and sent to Japan at the outbreak of the war. Win lost touch with him but through a friend she received news about him and it transpired he was also now in England. Win was given his address and she wrote to him and this was how their relationship started. It appears Win's friend was keen on Malcolm herself and wanted to know from Win what he was like. She replied he seemed alright but he has horrible friends!

Shortly after meeting up with Malcolm he returned to HK to work for the

HK Government. He also joined the volunteers army there which was similar to our territorial army here in the UK. Win's father and brother returned to HK too and lived in army barracks for a while. Win returned soon after. She did not have sufficient money to pay her own passage back so had to wait until this could be arranged. Win's father had started work at the YMCA again and Win joined him. He built it up from nothing effectively and at that time it was used quite a lot by servicemen. A year or so later Malcolm and Win got married and their wedding came together quite by chance. The church in which they got married was just a shell, but friends helped make the inside look presentable with pot plants (no cut flowers) and someone found a portable organ. Win wore a white wedding dress which a Chinese tailor made. There was no minister to marry them until a naval padre turned up out of the blue! He said he would marry them after getting permission from the naval authorities. There were not many people around to invite to the wedding but they made the best of it and managed a short honeymoon too on an island just a short distance away from Hong Kong. Miss Ingram was now Mrs Swan!

For several years Win & Malcolm lived in the YMCA where they had just two rooms. Eventually, they moved into Government built quarters which Win recalls as being nice flats. This was accommodation allocated to them and was based on points for length of Government service. They lived here for several years during which time they enjoyed several periods of leave in the UK and other places.

In the early 1980s Malcolm was required to come to the UK to assist in the recruitment of police officers for HK. It was supposed to be a short-term posting of around 3 years. Win was not keen on coming to the UK but accepted the situation on the basis it was temporary. However, things did not turn out like that. Malcolm returned to HK on business more than once a year during this period and Win "tagged along" as she puts it at her own expense! However, Malcolm's contract to work in the UK was extended several times over the years so they never did return to live in HK. Malcolm then retired after the HK handover to China in 1997.

On first arriving in the UK, Win and Malcolm lived in various flats in London, their length of stay in each depending on how well they liked the places. However, in 1984 they moved to Knaphill and Win still lives in the same house now. Malcolm and Win had two children, Barbara who lives locally and Alan who lives a distance away. Recently Win was blessed



with the addition to the family of a great-grandson who at the time of writing was 4 months old.

Travel was a passion for both of them and they always greatly enjoyed the extended leave periods which Malcolm received during his 44 year service with the HK Government.

Interestingly despite Win's love for HK she makes the point that whilst she was educated over there, it was nonetheless in English schools with English teachers too, Hong Kong being a British colony of course.

Her membership of KMC started as a result of an unsuccessful attempt to join the Baptist Church. In HK Win was a Presbyterian but in Australia became a Baptist. She calls herself a real mongrel! So it was due to this background that Win's first thought was to go to the Baptist Church here but when that did not work out she came to KMC so their loss was our gain! As a result of their membership with KMC Malcolm became a Christian and both of them were very active members for many years.

These days Win is not able to get to church, so lives a quiet life residing at local care home. She enjoys receiving regular visits from members of her family. Members of the KMC family are also welcome, but should check with Dave Faulkner for details.



# BISLEY LADIES CHOIR

Musical Director : Callie Swarbrick



## Christmas Concert

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 4.00pm**

**Knaphill Methodist Church**

**Free Refreshments**

**Raffle available on the day**

**Tickets can be purchased on the door**

**Or call 01483 725527 to pre-order**

Adults £8.00  
Children £4.00

# Giving Thanks



# Word Search



See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle.  
The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

Created by Sue Lindner  
Grand Forks Herald 2012

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| 2. THANKS       | 6. GRATITUDE | 10. FRIENDS    | 14. THANKFUL |
| 3. THANKSGIVING | 7. KINDNESS  | 11. HEALTH     | 15. POLITE   |
| 4. HOLIDAY      | 8. CARING    | 12. APPRECIATE | 16. MANNERS  |

# Christmas Services

*Join the Celebration this Christmas!*



<b>30th November</b>	10am	Morning Worship - Advent Sunday with Dave Faulkner
<b>7th December</b>	10am	Salvation Army Toy and Junior Church Christmas Service with Dave Hamre
<b>14th December</b>	10am	Holy Communion with Dave Faulkner
<b>21st December</b>	7.30pm	Christmas Café
	10am	Morning Worship with Gill Taggart
<b>24th December</b>	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
	4pm	Christingle
	11pm	Midnight Communion with Dave Faulkner
<b>25th December</b>	10.30am	Christmas Morning Family Service with Dave Faulkner
<b>28th December</b>	10am	Morning Worship with Hugh Bowerman
<b>..and into 2015:</b>		
<b>4th January</b>	10am	Morning Worship with Mike Widdup
<b>11th January</b>	10am	Holy Communion with Dave Faulkner
<b>18th January</b>	10am	Morning Worship with Dave Faulkner
<b>25th January</b>	10am	Morning Worship with Paul Beard
	6.30pm	Holy Communion with Dave Faulkner



Come to the True Light

**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR!  
2015**