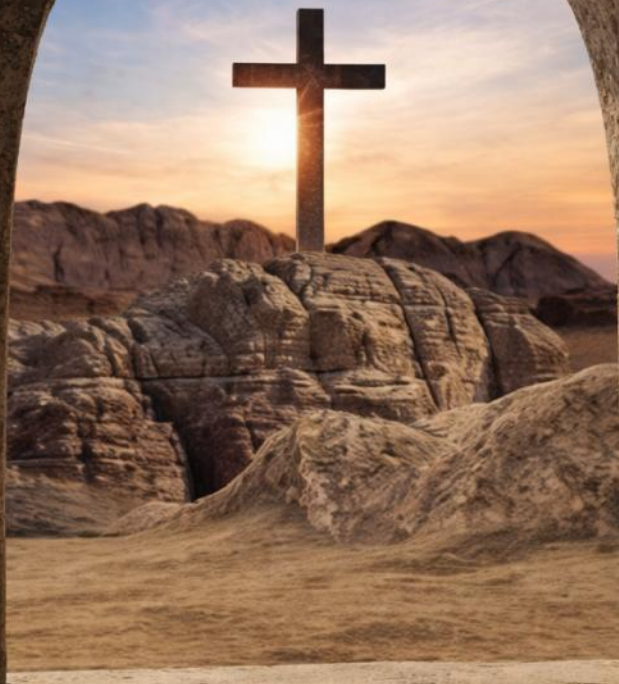


**KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH**

# **MAGAZINE**



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



# **Easter 2026**

# A Word from the Editor:



Hello and welcome to the Easter issue of the KMC Magazine.

At the time of writing Spring appears to have sprung. By the time you read this we will know whether it lasted through Lent to the most important event of the year, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

I would like to thank Graham Warr for the item he produced about himself (*page 17*). As he mentions, he has been visiting KMC for many years but there will be newer members of the congregation who do not know him very well, so this article really brings us all up-to-date.

For this Easter issue the KMC Magazine has been broadening its horizons (and me with it, of course!) and visited Merrow Methodist Church. During this excursion I was pleased, by chance, to meet Uncle George (Quarm) and senior steward Julie Wallis.

However, the main purpose of the visit was to interview the Circuit Secretary, Lucy Venmore, who very kindly agreed to take time out of her busy schedule to see me and answer a few questions! I hope what she has to say will be of interest (*page 13*).

Having visited Merrow, it has given me the idea that I could, for future issues of this Magazine, visit other churches in the circuit so watch this space! In the meantime, my grateful thanks must go to Lucy for putting up with me.

Don't miss the wonderful pictures taken in South Africa of people who have received knitted garments from the UK. In particular, the children wearing their knitted beanies! If you should be interested in this project read all about it and speak to those at KMC who are already involved.

My thanks to Helen Chamberlain for agreeing to become an interviewee for this issue and also allowing two photos to be included with her article. You will understand why when you reach *page 24*!

As many of you will know, plans are being considered as to how KMC should be redeveloped for the future. Whilst this will prove to be an exciting time in the life of our church it will need as many hands on deck as possible to see it through to a successful conclusion. Please therefore consider prayerfully what part you could play when the time comes and also the article on *page 16*.

At this time we must think about all the people affected in the various trouble spots in the world where wars continue unabated. May we hope and pray that peace will break out this Eastertide.

Wishing you a peaceful and joyous time this Easter.

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# Message from Paul:



In AD79 Mount Vesuvius erupted. The ground trembled, sulphurous fumes drifted through the streets, hot ash fell from the skies. About 2,000 of the 20,000 inhabitants lost their lives. One woman decided to run to the harbour as the deadly rain of fire fell down. This wealthy woman stayed behind just long enough to collect as much jewellery as she could carry. Snatching up her rings she hastily thrust them on her fingers. There was no time to hunt for a box or a bag in which to cram her ornaments so she picked up as many as she could hold, and rushed into the street, clutching her pearls and diamonds, her rubies and sapphires, her gold brooches and her earrings. But she delayed too long. The poisonous fumes overcame her as she ran and with all her trinkets she stumbled fell and died clutching the things she prized so much. There, under the ashes of Pompeii she lay and when the archaeologists found her, her hands were still laden with jewels.

Easter poses us a very important question. What do we put our time, energy and commitment into? What do we centre our lives upon? We are surrounded by people who spend their whole time paying attention to money, power, authority and celebrity.

People who called Jesus “The King of the Jews” had their own ideas of what that meant. They wanted an earthly king who would be all about the things that Kings were always about - power, authority, war.

Jesus stands for something radically different and we need constantly to remind ourselves of that. Life over death, love over hate, peace over violence. His is a different kind of victory. Not over an army but over death itself and his kingdom of love surrounds us every day. That’s the choice that we are faced with at Easter.

Choose life.

**Paul**





# GOOD MORNING JESUS!

## ALL THAT WE DO

*This amusing piece was written by a lady who worked at the local funeral directors in Knaphill and attended KMC for a short time in the 1990s.*

Good morning, Jesus. Don't Sundays come round quickly these days? I can't think what I did with my time before I started serving you. I've made loads of new friends. When you start doing things for the church, everyone likes you, and you get invited to all sorts of things.

I'm glad you called me to serve you – I've been really busy lately and I've got a great long list of what I've done. You don't mind me making a list, do you? I know you're supposed to see all we do, but some of us do so much, and you can't possibly see everything. Anyway, I've made this list, and when you come again, like you promised, I'll read it all to you. I'm sure you'll be impressed.

To be honest, I'm a bit worried about this coming again business. There's a lot of work goes into serving you Lord, and it would be helpful if we had some idea when to expect you.

If you're planning to come back very soon, would you mind leaving it till next week? We've got some really good hymns today, and if you come back now, I won't get a chance to sing them. Hang on a minute though – when you come again you might say you don't like our music, and you might make us sing the stuff that you like. But don't worry about us Lord. I'm sure we'll cope and come to some arrangement. After all, it's you we sing for – isn't it?

I've had another thought. If you're coming back to us in the next few weeks, could you do it after our next coffee morning? We're a bit short of money at the moment, and if you came back now, it could distract people from our fundraising. There are so many things to think about when you're serving the church.

I'm sure you know how hard we all work when we're serving you Lord, so would you do something for us in return? Could you tell the other churches that their style of worship is wrong and ours is right? Then all the other churches would have to come and join us, and we wouldn't have to change anything. It might get a bit crowded in here, but everyone knows what a friendly church we are, and we'd make them very welcome. It's going to be lovely having you here on Sundays when you come again Lord, and however crowded we are I'm sure we'd

find you a seat. There's usually a space in the front row. We could raise money to build an extension – that would be a good way to serve you, wouldn't it?

I hope you don't mind me mentioning this, but when you're here on Sundays you won't preach too long will you? We'd hate to have to cut out a hymn or anything. But please don't get the idea you wouldn't be welcome here – we're very tolerant and friendly. And just between ourselves, if you join the Anglicans, they will only let you preach for 10 minutes, but we're willing to double that, so you're definitely better off with us.

Jesus, I've been thinking very hard about you coming again. Do you think you could leave it for a bit? I don't think we're ready. It's going to take years to raise the money to make the church bigger, to make space for all the people who will want to see you. We're going to be ever so busy serving you. We do want you to come back but it's all a bit worrying. You might change everything. Can we carry on the way we are for a bit longer?

**Lynn Collis**



# COFFEE MORNING

**AND**

# SALE

IN AID OF

# KSSX

**AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY**  
KENT SURREY SUSSEX



**Bacon Butties!**



**TO BE OPENED BY**  
**Cllr**  
**Saj Hussain**

**There will be various stalls including:**  
**Cakes, Guess the Weight of the Cake, Raffle, Tombola, Guess the Name of Teddy, Guess How Many Sweets in the Jar, Model Railway, & Bric-a-Brac.**  
*Offers of help and donations of items welcome! Contact Tarina Berry*

**Saturday 5th September 2026 10am to Noon**  
**Knaphill Methodist Church Hall**



# Finance Update

from Lynda Shore, Treasurer



As most members of our congregation know, we have reserves at KMC, but we have not been able to balance our income and expenditure since before Covid struck in 2020. It is difficult to plead poverty when we have received two legacies in the past year, one of them very substantial. However, the church buildings need very large amounts of money spent to make them environmentally sound, sustainable and comfortable to use. So, if we wish to maintain a presence in Knaphill to continue, and further, God's work, we must make significant changes to our buildings and so will need even more than we have been given by Pauline Holden and Helen Jones to achieve this.

At the moment we have approximately 60 members, not all of whom are regular donors. In addition, we have a number of other people who attend KMC, many of whom do give regularly. Despite this, unfortunately, our expenditure continues to exceed our income. Partly this is because we have fewer members now and also the average age of members is older, meaning their ability to Gift Aid their donations is lost due to retirement. So it is that we have to rely much more on rental income, but this too has also reduced in recent years as daytime hirers are difficult to find.

Without going into great detail here, you need to know that one item of expenditure which we incur every year is our assessment. This is the amount we have to pay to the Circuit to cover the cost of ministers and other expenses. Currently this amounts to £45,445. Just taking this figure into account works out at about £757 per member or around £14.50 per week. Of course, it is understood not everyone could pay this amount on a weekly basis and I should add that nobody is obliged to give at all.

Many people give very generously to KMC in various ways which is very much appreciated. If, however, you have not increased your donation for some time, please consider if you are able to do so. A lot of small changes can amount to something big. If you would like to speak to me personally about this matter please feel free to do so.

In the meantime thank you for your support.



# Decorating Eggs

The custom of decorating hard-boiled eggs at Easter time is perhaps not as widely done as in days gone by but can be great fun if you have children. They will love it.

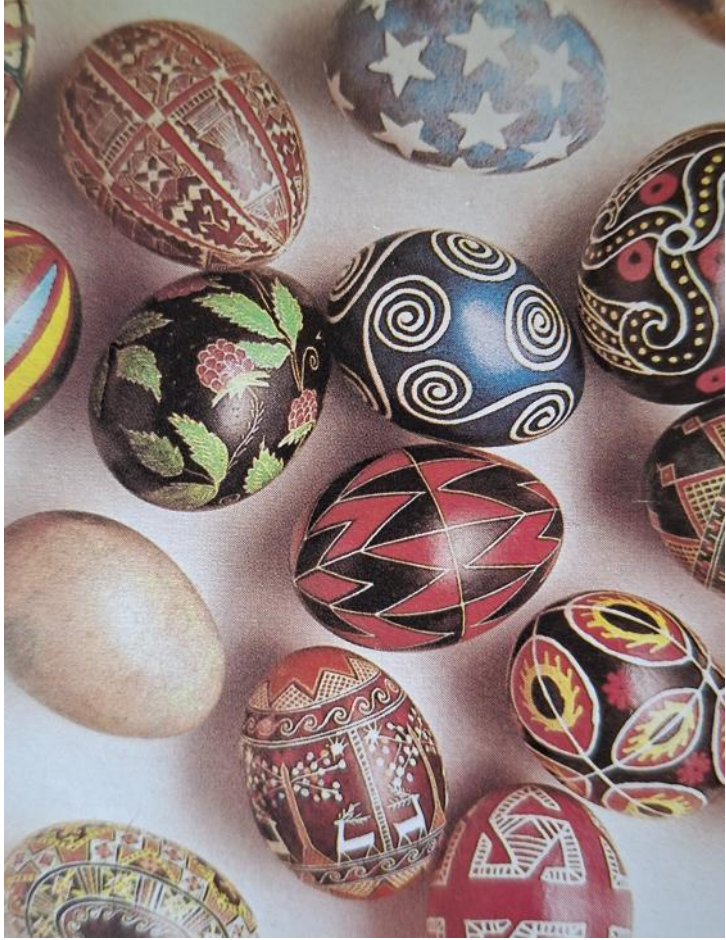
The Ukrainians, in particular, are famous for their decorated eggs which can resemble miniature mosaics (as pictured). They use uncooked eggs which are dipped, at various stages, in different vegetable dyes. Only a small part of the egg is coloured at a time, the other areas being masked with bees wax or cotton tape. So they follow quite an intricate process when decorating their eggs to produce symbolic designs that represent life, protection and nature.

If you want to achieve a complicated design for keepsake eggs it is best to use uncooked ones. Otherwise, eggs should be hard boiled and only white shelled eggs used too. In this way it is easier to get them to take on a green colour for example if boiled in spinach water, or red if boiled with red beetroot. But this is just one way of decorating eggs.

Other ideas include wrapping onion or shallot skins round the eggs and then wind on brown cotton to give an orange-brown mottled effect. Or place flower petals on damp eggs and then cover them with onion skin and keep in place with string or tape. The boiled eggs will then bear the imprint of both the petals and the onion skin.

Add a few drops of vegetable dye or food colouring to the water and you can dye the eggs blue, green or yellow. Sticking narrow strips of masking tape to the eggs can produce geometric patterns. Peeling off the tapes afterwards will reveal white patterns on a coloured background. Once done polish all decorated boiled eggs with a little olive oil.

If you have a go at doing this enjoy but take care not to crack any of them!



# Jesus Christ the Redeemer



Chance for sinners to be born again,  
so let us not our faith to be in vain;  
do we remember Jesus' mission?  
Do we remember his compassion?  
His promises do we remember?  
Indeed, he is truly our comforter.

Jesus Christ is our sins bearer,  
let us remember his healing power,  
that the lame got up and walked.  
Remember the five thousand he fed,  
remember he raised up many a dead,  
remember water into wine he turned.

So priceless and selfless is his love,  
to forgive our sins he sacrificed his life;  
remember the significance of Good Friday  
to redeem our sins on the cross he did die.  
Remember his hands unleashed stars in the sky,  
I confess, truly, Jesus Christ is the Lord divine.

*Written by Raj Chhetri between midnight and 1.30am in October 2010.*

# Recipe Corner

## Chocolate Marble Cheesecake

This is a great recipe should you have family and/or friends over during the Easter period. Not only does it taste wonderful, it feeds 16 people! You just need to make sure that the ingredients are at room temperature before you start so the two colours marble together easily.

### Ingredients for the base:

200g chocolate digestives

100g butter, melted

For the filling:

200g dark chocolate, broken into chunks

900g cream cheese

300g caster sugar

3 tbs plain flour

5 medium free-range eggs

2 tsp vanilla essence

200ml soured cream

Heat the oven to Mark 3 or 160°C.

Pour water into a roasting tin and put it in the bottom of the oven. This will help the baking process.

### For the base:

Grease a 23cm spring-clip tin and line the base and sides with baking paper.

Crush the biscuits in a plastic freezer bag to make crumbs.

Mix with the melted butter to evenly coat.

Press into the base of the tin with the back of a spoon and chill in the fridge.

### To make the filling:

In a bowl set over a pan of barely simmering water, melt the chocolate until smooth.

Set aside to cool slightly.

Beat the cream cheese with the sugar until completely smooth.

Add the flour, ¼ tsp salt, 4 eggs, the vanilla essence and soured cream until well blended.

Take out half of the mixture and set aside.

Whisk the melted chocolate into half the filling with the remaining egg.

Dollop alternate large spoonfuls of the 2 fillings onto the base and, using a spatula, marble the fillings.

Bake for 1 hour 10 minutes until firm with a slight wobble in the centre.

Cool completely in the oven and chill the cake overnight.



# Easter Poem

Buns, eggs and cards,  
is this what Easter means to us?  
Do we know the meaning,  
or just think it is a lot of fuss?  
Do we know what happened many years  
ago?  
Recall a cross, Jesus carried in pain,  
could only walk slow.  
Some things we cannot understand,  
try as we might,  
In time be sure, we will see the light.  
Easter, all He did for us, should we grieve?  
“No”, His suffering and resurrection, this example we need.  
Keep faith, pray, remember after darkness – light!  
And in time things will turn out right.



Joyce Ing (past member of KMC)

# GOD'S Shop

(A parable of sorts)

Isaiah 55 v1 By kind permission  
of Dave Hopwood

**Morning.**  
**Morning, is this God's shop?**  
**It certainly is.**  
**I don't see any prices on anything.**  
**No that's right.**

**Encouragement, hope, peace, mercy, reconciliation, kindness – no prices.**  
**That's right.**

**How are we supposed to know if we can afford these things?**  
**You can.**  
**How?**

**They're all free. All paid for.**  
**They're not cheap replicas of the real thing are they? They're not fake?**  
**Absolutely not, they cost a great deal.**

**Then who paid?**  
**A carpenter from Nazareth.**  
**Why?**

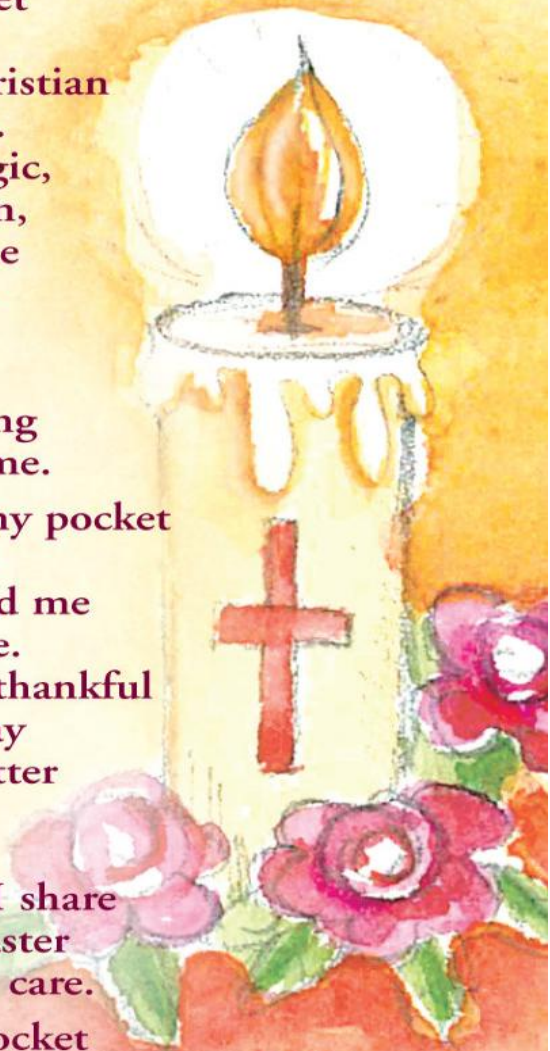
**It was his mission in life.**  
**What did he get out of it?**  
**Your friendship, your attention, your devotion.....**

# The Cross in my Pocket

I carry a cross in my pocket  
a simple reminder to me  
of the fact that I am a Christian  
no matter where I may be.  
This little cross is not magic,  
nor is it a good luck charm,  
it isn't meant to protect me  
from every physical harm.  
It's not for identification  
for all the world to see,  
it's simply an understanding  
between my Saviour and me.

When I put my hand in my pocket  
to bring out a coin or key,  
the cross is there to remind me  
of the price he paid for me.  
It reminds me, too, to be thankful  
for my blessings day by day  
and strive to serve him better  
in all that I do and say.  
It's also a daily reminder  
of the peace and comfort I share  
with all who know my master  
and give themselves to his care.

So I carry a cross in my pocket  
reminding no one but me  
that Jesus Christ is Lord of my life  
if only I'll let him be.



## KMC PENS FOR SALE

There is still a stock of pens available at only £2 each.

Royal blue, with black ink and a tablet stylus, each one has “Knaphill Methodist Church” written along the barrel.



To buy one or more ask one of the Stewards as soon as possible so you don't miss out!

*Unfortunately, we did not receive this in time to include in the Christmas Magazine but given all the great reports I heard about this service I wanted to include this item about it in this issue.*

### Dramatize Carol Service

Our carol service in December was a resounding success, with every seat filled by students from Dramatize, children from Blossoms Nursery, and members of the community. The festive atmosphere was elevated by the uplifting melodies of the Bisley Brass Band, creating a truly Christmassy ambiance. The harmonious blend of voices and instruments brought the true spirit of the season to life, leaving everyone with cherished memories. It was heartwarming to witness such a diverse group coming together, fostering a sense of unity and shared joy that truly embodies the spirit of the season.

**Karen Davies** (Director of Dramatize)



# CAMEO

*Come And Meet Each Other*

A yellow emoji with a smiling face, wearing a white coffee cup with a smiley face on it. The emoji is positioned to the right of the 'CAMEO' text.

**CAMEO** meets in Room 3 on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 2pm until about 3.30pm.

We have a mix of members – some from our church, some from Woodhill and other churches, some that have no affiliation with any church at all.

Our meetings usually include a hymn/song, a talk and always close with prayer followed by tea and biscuits. All welcome.

**Barbara Humphries**

15th April	<b>Pete and Chris Whittington</b> - local preacher
6th May	<b>Members Afternoon</b>
20th May	<b>Rock Choir</b> - this will be held in the church so there will be lots of space for visitors
3rd June	<b>Duncan Twigg</b> - local artist
17th June	<b>Peter Jones</b> from Commonwealth War Graves Commission- 'Gardening the world'
1st July	<b>Dramatize</b> - Karen Davies
15th July	<b>Tea at Dramatize</b>

# In the Circuit Office, Merrow with Lucy Venmore!

Merrow Methodist Church opened in 1955 which means that last year they celebrated their 70th anniversary. The church is one of thirteen churches in the Wey Valley Circuit. This Circuit came into being in September 2016 and was the joining together of two circuits – Guildford and Woking & Walton-on-Thames. The Circuit commits to lead and support local churches in releasing the gifts of the Holy Spirit to allow modelling of Christ-like lives, so that the good news of God's love can be witnessed in all areas of worship, fellowship and outreach. For the record the Methodist Churches in the Circuit are: Addlestone, Godalming, Merrow, Walton-on-Thames, Woking, Byfleet, Guildford St Mary's, St Michael's Sheerwater, West Horsley, Cranleigh, Stoughton, Weybridge and Knaphill. The Rev "Uncle" George Quarm has been the minister with responsibility for Merrow, Stoughton, Sheerwater and West Horsley churches since 2021. This year he is moving to Basildon and will be much missed. His leaving service is on 19th July at Merrow, and he invites everyone who can to attend. One of the people he will be leaving behind is Lucy Venmore who is Paul Glass's PA and Administrative Officer for the Circuit and based at Merrow in the Circuit Office. Lucy took over from Sue Howson in 2023. Lucy has a legal secretarial background having worked for a number of law firms in London for the past 20 years or so. When she was made redundant in 2021, she





took some time out before looking for another job. Through a friend of a friend, Rev. Sam Funnell, Lucy heard about the vacancy at the Circuit Office, and you could say the rest is history.

Lucy hails from Kent and would you believe was born in the same hospital in Pembury as the Editor, albeit quite a few years apart! Lucy attended schools within her local area near Maidstone and then took a legal secretarial course at a college in Tonbridge for 2 years. At the age of eighteen, Lucy started work at a law firm in South Kensington. However, just 2 years later when she was asked by a friend if she would like to go travelling for 1 year, off she went and had the time of her life. First stop was Singapore where Lucy and her friend arrived without having booked any accommodation. In the end it wasn't a problem because luckily there were plenty of hostels to choose from.

They found this to be the case at every place they visited which included, Sydney & Cairns in Australia, the North and South Islands of New Zealand, Fiji, Hawaii, and California & Oregon on the west coast of the USA.

In Australia they had working visas and Lucy spent 3 months working for a law firm in Sydney. Then later on, travelling to Queensland, she and her friend worked on various farms where at one of them she was required to pick pineapples. Within the family she is now regarded as an expert on the quality of pineapples!

After hitchhiking around New Zealand, plus doing a skydiving tandem and a bungee jump, Lucy arrived back from Los Angeles to the UK and moved to a flatshare in Balham. The City of London beckoned and Lucy was successful in gaining employment at a law firm where she specialised in corporate finance work.

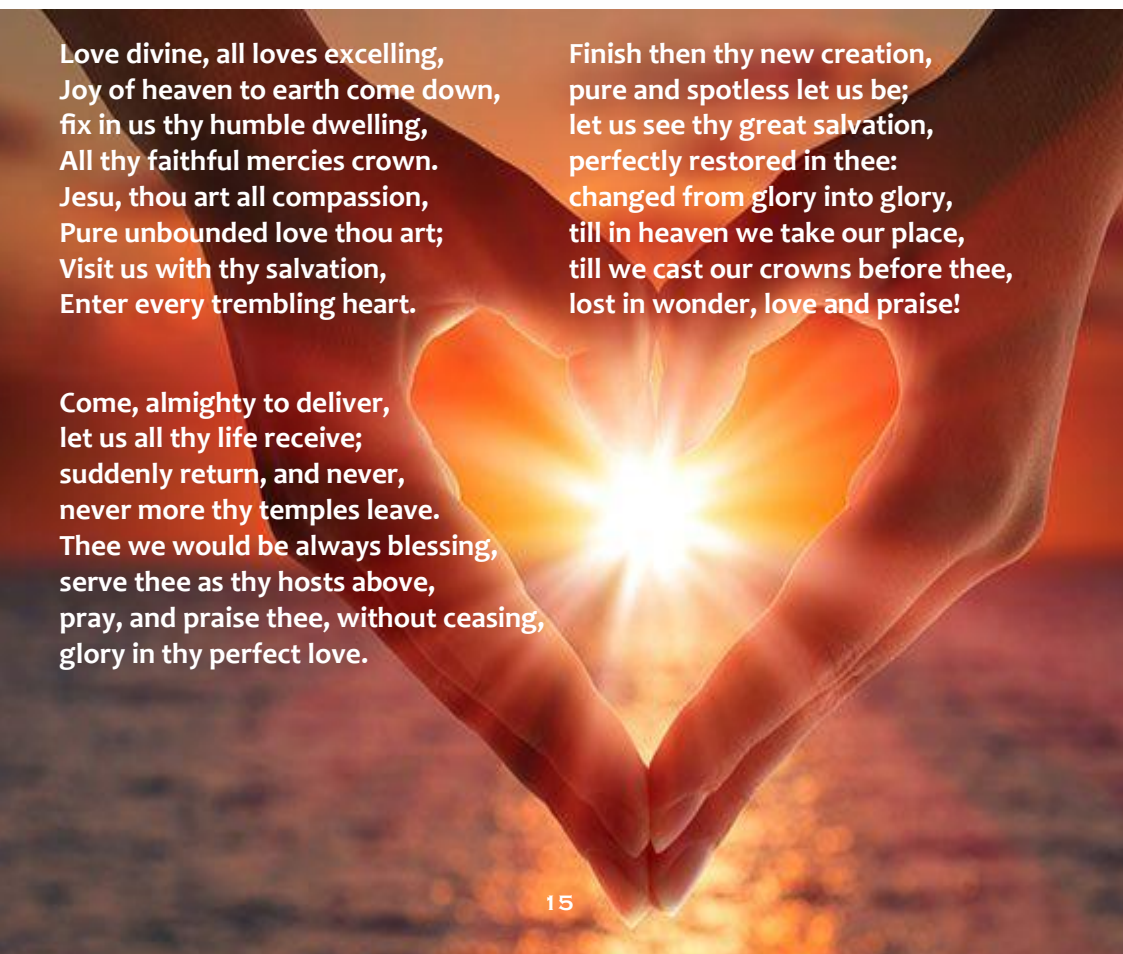
Unfortunately, her career in the legal world ended in 2021. A loss for them but, as it transpired, a gain for the Wey Valley Circuit!

Lucy works part-time, that's 20 hours a week either in the office in Merrow or at home. She reports to Paul and has quite a range of responsibilities. It includes producing the Preaching Plan every quarter. Lucy says putting together the quarterly Preaching Plan is like painting the Forth Bridge. One is no sooner

finished than the next one needs to be started. Putting together the Wey Forward newsletter is another quarterly task. The weekly Circuit Letter is her responsibility plus the Circuit Directory which lists all the churches in the Circuit, together with the names of those who hold positions within each church. It is published every September at the start of the Methodist year.

Record keeping is an essential part of the job which needs to be meticulous given the number of churches. There is also an element of HR, recruitment and training within Lucy's remit too, which involves liaising with respective departments in the Methodist Church. Finally, there is managing Paul's diary, and supervising the regular circuit meetings. Although very busy, Lucy enjoys the work and the flexibility it affords, which helps a great deal and also means she can be around for her son.

As a youngster Lucy sang in a church choir so is very familiar with a number of hymns. Her favourite is *Love Divine all loves Excelling* because, for her, the words speak of hope, positivity, joy, grace and are altogether completely uplifting.

A pair of hands, one from the left and one from the right, are shown from the wrist down, holding a glowing heart shape. The heart is bright yellow and orange, with a sunburst effect emanating from its center. The background is a soft, warm sunset or sunrise sky with orange and red tones. The hands are positioned as if they are gently cradling the heart.

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise!

Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

# WE NEED YOU!

## KMC Needs You!

As you will know plans are being made to decide how best the church buildings should be redeveloped to ensure their sustainability for us and future generations. This is because we cannot afford to maintain the structure as it currently stands and so doing nothing is not an option.

Overseeing this project will be the Leadership Team. However, there are not enough members of this team to ensure the efficient and effective running of the church and all that entails, together with the responsibility of getting the redevelopment project off the ground.

If there are more Stewards the work of the church can be shared amongst more people and the burden will be less for each individual to bear.

With time, and of course money, the church buildings can be redeveloped. However, without people to help manage the project could mean it will take much longer to complete. We would ask that you think carefully about this matter.

Please feel free to talk to one of the Stewards about this if you wish to. They look forward to hearing from you.



Linda Todd, Steve Gurd, Robin Spice

# KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH:

## *My Spiritual Home from Home*



My name is Graham Anthony Warr. I was born at home on 15th August 1947 in Bromley, Kent to Charles and Patricia Warr who were both Salvation Army Soldiers at Bromley Temple Corps. I was dedicated there on 21st September. From a very early age I attended Sunday School until June 1954, when we moved to Dorset. Mum had been appointed Caretaker of a Congregational Chapel, and we lived in the vacant Manse. Dad worked locally on a farm and then the railway.

We attended the Chapel almost every Sunday – 11.00 am Morning Worship, 3.00 pm Sunday School and 6.30 pm Evening Worship. In my mid-teens I took over pumping the organ from my older brother; (two services every Sunday) for 15 shillings a year.

As there were no facilities for young people at the Chapel I became a member of the Methodist Youth Club in an adjacent village. I participated in the Salisbury Circuit Youth Art and Crafts Festival – I gained Certificates in the Tenor Solo and Folk Song competitions. In the Public Speaking Competition – I chose my hobby - Railways as the subject. Little did I know, then, that God had planted a seed, as I came 1st out of 12 participants.

In 1964 Dr Beeching closed the local railway line, and we moved to Lymington. I became a Member of the Methodist Church on April 17th 1966. I was running the Youth Club, organising activities and leading worship. Then God clearly called me to preach when a film we were showing in a small chapel broke and couldn't be repaired. The Holy Spirit inspired me to tell the end of the story. A Local Preacher had been at the service and told Rev Frank, my Minister, what had happened and said I had potential.

Thus, I became a Local Preacher on Note then a Local Preacher on Trial. I was preaching almost every Sunday at Chapel across Dorset and the New Forest. I had no relevant qualifications for further study, but Rev Frank arranged for me to attend Cliff College in Derbyshire. Mum went back into teaching to subsidise the fees. In September 1968 I started nine months of intense Bible study, and every Sunday practised my preaching in surrounding churches and chapels. I

took part in Missions in Nottingham, Sleaford, Skipton and Barnsley. God clearly called me to teach. I graduated from Cliff in June 1969, then God led me to apply for work experience in the 'Railway Children's Home in Woking. I worked with groups of boys and, also, met a young Swiss lady, Christine and we were married in 1974 in the Lutheran Parish Church at Landiswil in Switzerland. When we returned, we started a family group of boys, aged 7 – 12 years. They were joined in 1976 by our daughter Daniela (Dan) and in 1979 by our son Bernhard (Bern). From the children's home I would go out to preach in the Circuit when not on parenting duty.

Due to the declining numbers of children, we eventually left the Home to live in Goldsworth Park. Christine returned to nursing and I continued teaching in Surrey and later Lambeth, as a Deputy Head, then Vice Principal. Since retiring, I have been a school governor.

According to my records I preached at Knaphill for the first time on 18th November 1971 - I still remember the warm welcome! It was a deeply spiritual experience. Since then, I have frequently preached at KMC - through many good, and sometimes sad occasions- often accompanied by my puppet friends. Whilst I am still a member at Trinity, I do indeed feel spiritually at home at KMC too.

**Graham Warr**



## Lift Me Up

Lift me up, Risen Lord,  
from the darkness within  
to the light of your presence.

Lift me up, Risen Lord,  
from despair and depression  
to hope and love.

Lift me up, Risen Lord,  
from the hidden places within  
to the peace of your presence.

Lift me up, Risen Lord,  
from the fears of today  
to the challenges of tomorrow.

Reach down to me  
that I may know that nothing  
can separate me from your  
love.

# Clothes 4 U

On Saturday 21st February, C4U was open and we are pleased to say was well used. Some of our visitors who come are regulars, whilst others are visitors for the first time. Nearly everyone found clothing for themselves or for their children.

Each month now our clothing bank sessions can be very busy and Jane and I would like to thank our helpers who sort through the clothes that have been donated to us.

Currently we need more donations of clothes, especially for teenage boys and young men, women's clothes (plus sizes) and school uniforms.

If there is anyone who is able to help out one Saturday afternoon a month, or even just occasionally, it would be great to hear from you, as there can be times when we need extra help.

If you feel you can give some of your time, please let Helen know and she can tell you more about what is involved.

Many thanks.

**Helen Brice and Jane Ing**

**MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING**

**AND SALE**

**BOOKS, DVDs, JIGSAWS, CAKES, BRIC-A-BRAC & MORE**

**KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH HALL**

**4th Saturday every month (except December)**

**10am to Noon**

**Christian Aid Week: 10th – 16th May 2026**

This year the focus for monies raised during Christian Aid Week is supporting families in Kenya to escape the cruel grip of urban poverty.

Our support could help mothers in Nairobi

who face the daily struggle to feed their children.

By funding urban farming projects alongside specialist training from Christian Aid's partner Beacon of Hope, parents can be helped to fight food insecurity, grow fresh vegetables in small city spaces and earn an income to support their families.

This May, we are invited to help mothers like Fridah Moraa who lives in a crowded informal settlement so she can protect her children from hunger and grow a more hopeful future.

I am seeking help and donations for all the usual activities that I arrange every year. That is, church and online collections tailored to Knaphill, house to house and delivery only collections around the village, and a collection in church. There will also be a street collection, outside Waitrose at Goldsworth Park, on Saturday 9th May, for which I will need volunteers.

Please do let me know if you can help this year. It would be much appreciated.

Many thanks.

**Lynda Shore**



# Willing Hands Across Continents



Several ladies at KMC are members of the Trefoil Guild in Goldsworth Park and one of the members in the Guild is from South Africa. This lady asked if any Trefoil members could knit beanie hats for AIDS orphans in various parts of South Africa.

The project is known as “Willing Hands Across Continents” and was started 5 years ago when some members of the Trefoil Guild in Woking started knitting beanies (small hats /caps) to be sent to South Africa for AIDS orphans.

One of the members conveyed the first consignment of hand-knitted beanies in her luggage when she travelled to Johannesburg for a holiday. On arrival Lions International in Johannesburg distributed them and then emailed photos of the children with big smiles wearing their new beanies (as pictured).

Following this, the ladies continued knitting and one hundred beanies were sent to Johannesburg with another passenger. Enthusiasm grew and so as a consequence did the number of people who on hearing about the project began sharing patterns for both baby clothes and beanies and started knitting.

Now 18-20 kgs of hand-knitted garments are sent every 6-8 weeks to Cape Town and Johannesburg, in the luggage of air passengers who are willing to take them.

A recent letter of thanks was received from the Lions Club in Johannesburg and is reproduced at the end of this article.

As a result of my telling some ladies at KMC that babies often leave the maternity homes wrapped in newspaper because their mothers have no money, they immediately offered to knit some items as well.

I would like to thank Christine, Sue and Helen B for the items they have made and also Gill who does not knit, but supplies us with some wool instead.

If you would like to participate in the project, the pattern for the beanie is reproduced on page 23.



## Beanie Pattern/Newborn Beanie Pattern

With 4,5mm needles and DK wool cast on 52 stitches (46 for smaller size).

Cast on loosely for stretch.

Work 6 - 10 rows in Rib.

Change to 4mm needles

and knit 10 rows in stocking stitch or pattern of your choice.

### Shaping

K3 K2 tog repeat to end

K1. Purl

K2 K2 tog repeat to end K1.

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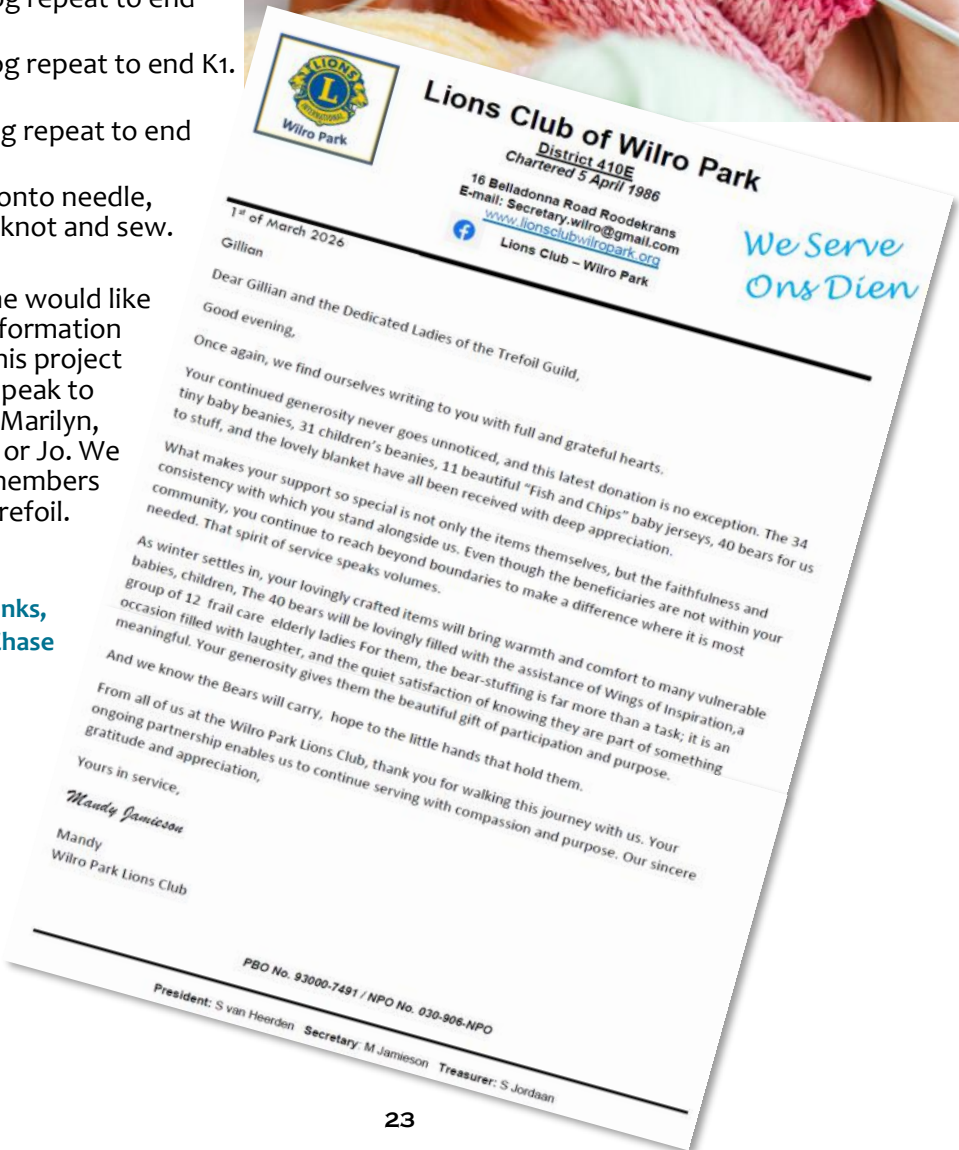
K1 K2 tog repeat to end

K1.

Thread onto needle,  
pull up, knot and sew.

If anyone would like more information about this project please speak to Shirley, Marilyn, Helen C or Jo. We are all members of the Trefoil.

With thanks,  
Shirley Chase



# At Home with: Helen Chamberlain

It is time to focus on another KMC stalwart who kindly invited me to her lovely home in Knaphill for this interview.

Helen has been worshipping at KMC for over 40 years and during that time has done a number of jobs at KMC, of which more later. Suffice to say here that there is always one place she can be found on a monthly basis and that is helping run the very popular cake stall at our coffee mornings.

Born in Chester, her father was a civil servant. When Helen was only a few years old the family moved to Belmont, near Sutton because of his job, where they lived in a prefabricated home (known as prefab for short) of which Helen was very proud, her mother less so. But this was just after the war when there was a shortage of housing and prefabs could be erected very quickly and relatively cheaply.

Later the family including her older brother moved to a new home in Walton-on-Thames which is where Helen went to school and attended the Sunday School, Youth Club and Young Person's Fellowship at Walton Methodist Church. It was the Youth Club where Helen met her future husband, Tony.

From 1958 – 1965 Helen was a pupil at Woking Grammar School for Girls. She then applied to various universities as did Tony. Leeds was Helen's third choice and Tony's fifth choice and as fate would have it they both ended up going to Leeds. Their union was obviously meant to be!

Helen studied French with German which was a 4-year course that included a year in France teaching at a school. The school was in Brittany and was for students who intended to make teaching their career. Looking back, Helen does not know how she was able to meet this challenge but she did. And this despite it being the year (1968) when there were widespread protests, strikes and civil unrest which became one of the most significant social uprisings in modern European history. It brought the country to the brink of revolution and involved millions of workers.

Due to a postal strike, Helen was unable to communicate with her family at all during this period of almost 2 months. However, it transpired that the British Council informed her parents of how she was doing although Helen had no knowledge of this at the time. Her mother wrote a letter to Helen every day and when the unrest was over she received a huge bundle of letters all in one go!



Helen subsequently returned to Leeds for her last year and graduated successfully. However, not knowing what she was going to do for a job, the local Careers Office suggested either teacher training or librarianship. The latter appealed, so Helen took a postgraduate course at the School of Librarianship, part of Leeds Polytechnic (now Leeds Metropolitan University). During that year, in 1970, Helen and Tony got married. When the course was over, Helen was delighted to be offered a job in the Library of the School of Librarianship and this without even having an interview. After a year here she was offered a job in the main library of the Polytechnic itself.

Meanwhile Tony did a PhD which took 3 years following which he secured employment at Portsmouth Polytechnic. Luckily for Helen there was a vacancy in the Library there, so they moved to Portsmouth and bought a house where they lived for 4 years. During this period they had two daughters, Claire and Jo.

Tony was subsequently offered a job at the University of Surrey so he had a daily commute each day. However, this situation was not really sustainable for either of them and eventually they moved to a house in Goldsworth Park.

Whilst this was a sensible move, it was not ideal as Helen, at that time, did not drive and it was a long walk to the schools in Knaphill. So it was for this reason that the family moved to the village, to a house much nearer the schools and where Helen lives to this day. Helen subsequently passed her driving test at 48!

When the children were young they attended the Mother & Toddlers group at KMC and Helen also cleaned the church two mornings a week. She was also a dinner lady at the First School.

As the girls became more independent, Helen was persuaded to take a job in the library of a research centre on Woking Business Park. This brought about Helen's first encounter with computers. However, after two years she was made redundant but luckily she very quickly found another job at Brooklands College in the Library there, where she remained for 17 years. At that time the Library only had one computer which all the students had to share and be supervised. Although supervising the students was something of a challenge, as Helen had received computer training in her previous job, she was more than qualified to do it and overall thoroughly enjoyed her time there.

It was during this period that sadly Tony became ill and subsequently died at the age of 56. Helen is thankful that she had the College job as it proved to be a good distraction at a time that was very difficult for all the family.

Helen retired in 2012. She recently returned to the College with a colleague only to find that the Library barely exists. The advent of the internet had seen to that!

In the past few years, Helen has been ticking off items on her bucket list. These have included holidays to the Baltics, going on various European river cruises and a tour of China. Helen feels now that this was possibly the last long-haul holiday she will take.

Helen's two daughters live a distance away, one in Exeter and the other in Christchurch where her grandchildren live who are now 12 & 14. Despite the

distance she is pleased to say she sees all her family quite regularly.

At KMC Helen has been a Communion Steward for ever and is a regular on the tea rota. She is also on the readers' rota and the photo is of Helen doing a sterling job last November on Remembrance Sunday, reading one of the longest, if not the longest reading ever undertaken at KMC about the Good Samaritan and being a good neighbour. Helen says it took a great deal of concentration and was not helped by two people leaving the service whilst she was reading. She tried not to take it personally! Helen also organises the annual Christmas tea party with Liz Funning, assisted by an amazing team of helpers. Along with other members of KMC, Helen is a member of the Trefoil Guild, an organisation for ex guides and guiders. This is why Helen is wearing her uniform for Remembrance Sunday in the photo.



Helen has three favourite hymns. Firstly, the hymn based on the prayer of St Francis of Assisi "*Make me a channel of your peace*". Helen & Tony went to Assisi on holiday before the area suffered an earthquake in 1997. Helen found Assisi to be a very positive and inspiring place.

*Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:  
O Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Secondly, the communion hymn "*Now let us from this table rise*". In particular, Helen highlights the last verse which she finds spiritually inspirational.

*Then grant us courage, Father-God,  
to choose again the pilgrim way  
and help us to accept with joy  
the challenge of tomorrow's day.*

And finally, not at all wishing to be morbid, Helen chose the hymn which she would like sung as she goes out at her funeral, "*You shall go out with joy*".

*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,  
and the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy and the trees of the field shall clap,  
shall clap their hands,  
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,  
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,  
and you'll go out with joy.*

Helen is very grateful to the KMC family for their friendship and support over the years, and prays that God will guide us in the future direction which we as a Church must take at this time.

# Peace



We live In a world of chaos and trouble,  
of worry and mess and muddle,  
but in this world Jesus has promised us his peace.  
Not the peace that comes from everything  
being tidy and sorted and alright,  
but the peace that comes from knowing  
that he is with us and within us,  
always walking beside us,  
his kindness and presence there  
to guide and to strengthen and support us.  
The peace that comes from all he has done for us,  
the peace that he paid for on that cross,  
and the peace that rose like the dawn  
on that resurrection morning.  
Peace I leave you, he says,  
my peace I give you,  
not as the world gives it,  
but as my father gives it.  
The peace of knowing that we are held  
in the palm of his hand,  
and that our lives are founded now  
on the rock of his salvation.  
Even though the storms come  
and the winds of life batter us,  
we have him and he has us.

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## Children's Pages

# THE EASTER STORY

## WORD SEARCH

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JESUS

MARY

ANGEL

EMPTY TOMB

GOOD NEWS

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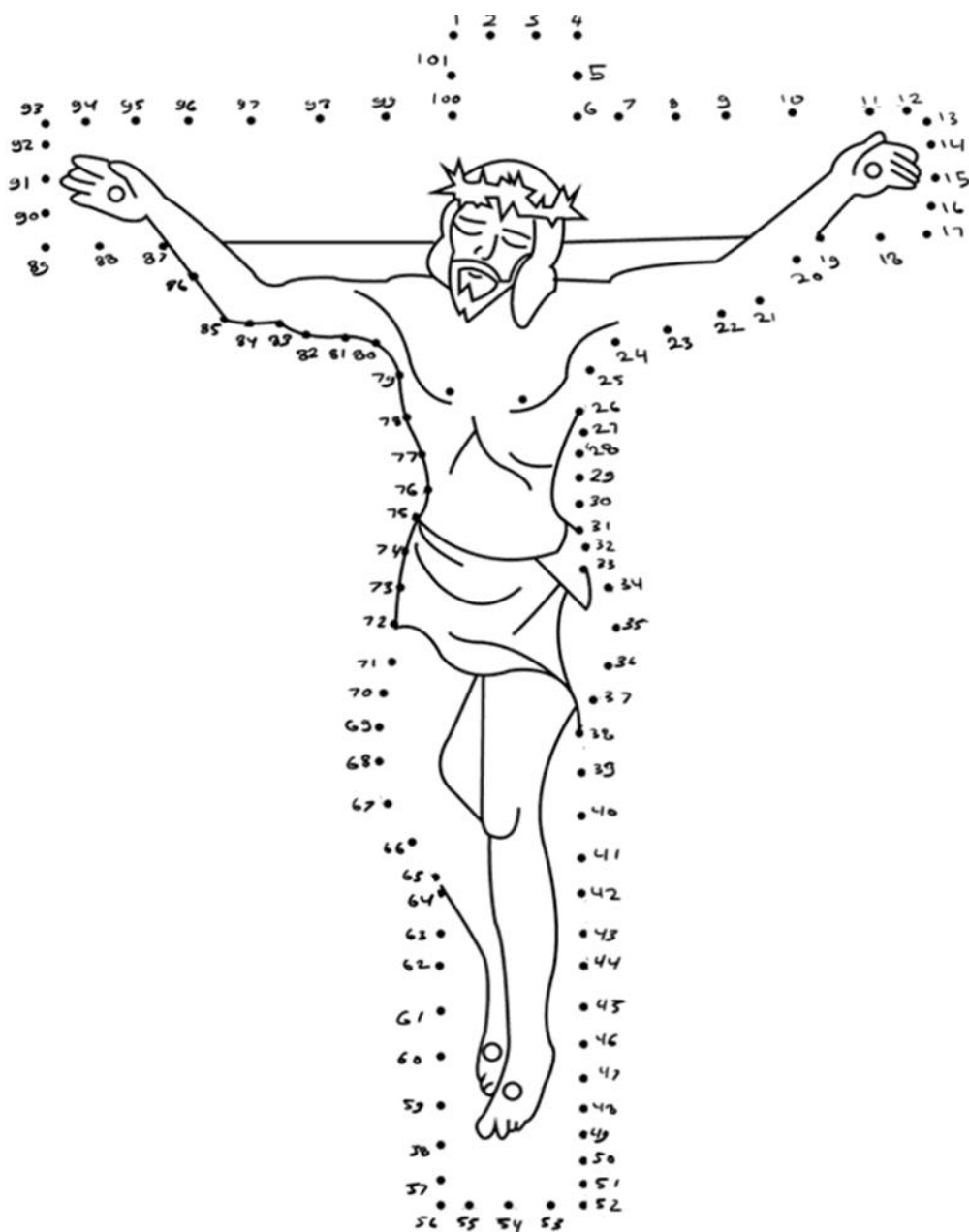
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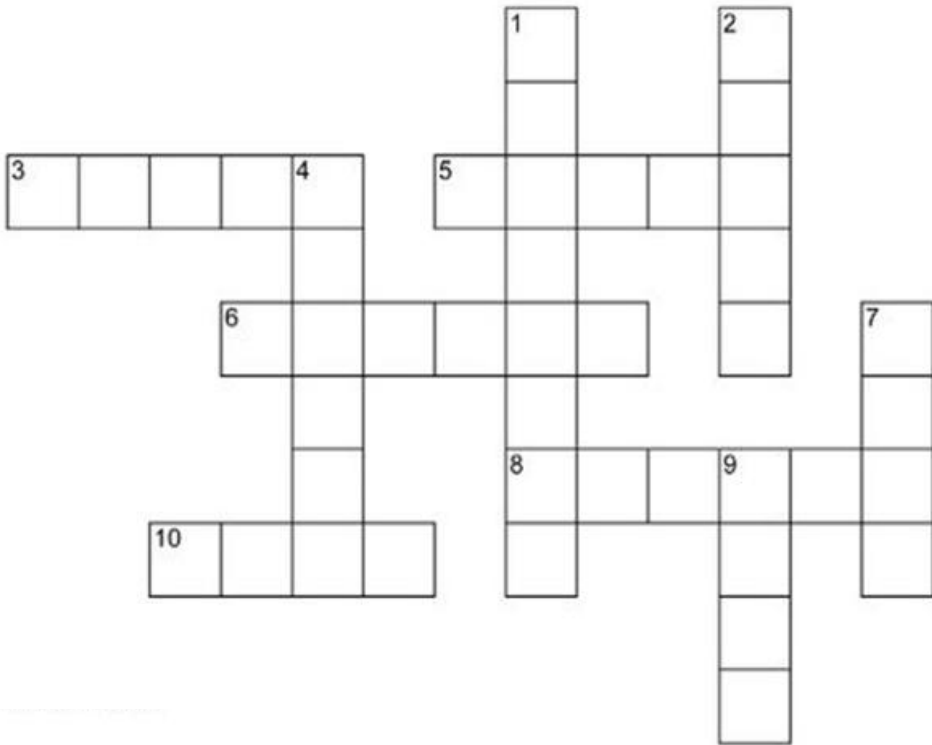
# GOOD FRIDAY

## DOT-TO-DOT



# EASTER

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- 3 This was left behind in the tomb  
 5 Jesus died on this  
 6 The body of Jesus was prepared after his death and they put what on it  
 8 Holiday we celebrate for Jesus rising  
 10 Jesus died on a cross for our what

### DOWN

- 1 Mary thought Jesus was this  
 2 Who rose from the dead on the third day  
 4 This was folded up in the tomb  
 7 She looked in the tomb to find Jesus gone  
 9 Jesus was placed in this after his death

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

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

The sermons are Bible based and are sometimes themed over several weeks. Holy Communion is generally on the 2nd Sunday of every month. After the service everyone is welcome to join us for refreshments; a time for a chat and to get to know each other.

We have a special Family Area at the back of the church with things for children to do. For further information see the notice boards outside the church or contact: [admin@knaphillmethodist.co.uk](mailto:admin@knaphillmethodist.co.uk)

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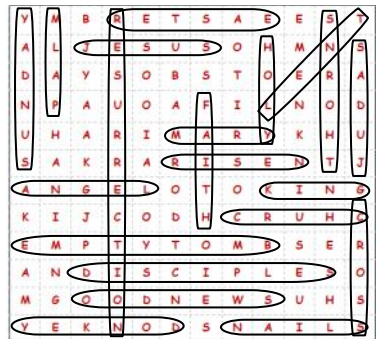
However, we recognise some contributors may be uncomfortable with being mentioned, particularly on the internet.

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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## WORD SEARCH ANSWER *(see page 28)*



## CROSSWORD ANSWERS *(page 30)*

**Across:** 3. Linen 5. Cross 6. Spices

8. Easter 10. Sins

**Down:** 1. Gardener 2. Jesus 4. Napkin 7.

Mary 9. Tomb



# Services @ KMC

29th March

10am

Palm Sunday

## EASTER @ KMC

Thursday 2nd April 7pm

Holy Communion with Paul Glass

Friday 3rd April 10am

Good Friday Walk of Witness

*Starting at St Hugh of Lincoln Church at 9.45am and walking to Holy Trinity Church (Woodhill) for a service at 10.30am, followed by refreshments*

5th April 10am

Holy Communion with Allan Taylor

12th April 10am

Morning Worship with Paul Glass

19th April 10am

Morning Worship with Graham Warr

26th April 10am

Morning Worship with Hugh Bowerman

3rd May 10am

Morning Worship

10th May 10am

Holy Communion with Paul Glass

17th May 10am

Morning Worship with Jane Briggs

24th May 10am

Morning Worship with Graham Pearcey

31st May 10am

Morning Worship with David Paterson

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