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Are you looking forward to a holiday?

In July, our Messy Church theme is often “holiday”, but not often in the sense that we mean it in the 21st century (or even in the 19th century, really). The bible says nothing about holidays – but it has quite a lot about Holy Days, and also about the need for people to have a break from work.



That is what Holy Days usually were – a break from work. If you were going to spend a week in a carefully constructed camp, while worshipping God, at a central location in your country, rather than living on a farm, or in a village or town, working at whatever you did to make a living, you were definitely having a break from work. The Feast of Tabernacles, or Booths (after the hutlets made of palm branches), happened in late September/early October, after all the harvests were in, and before the ploughing began, whilst all the neighbouring tribes were celebrating their harvests. Yes, there were similarities between the different festivals. Jews and pagans both made sacrifices to their gods, but for the Jews, the tabernacles were a reminder

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that God was with them even when they had no harvest to celebrate, that God had brought them safely through the desert to a new and fruitful land.

Three of the Jewish festivals were “pilgrimage festivals”, which meant that three times a year, all the men of Judaism would gather in Jerusalem for at least several

days. The story of Jesus getting left behind as a 12 year old at Passover suggests that at least some times, the whole family would go to the festival. Three times a year, therefore, employment would be abandoned for a Holy Day (or several Holy Days) in Jerusalem. A time of refreshment, time to do something different, but always focussed on God.

Are our holidays focussed on God? Is there time for God in our times of refreshment?

If you are having a break this year, I hope you have time to relax, turn off the alarm, and time to meet with God.

Tina



WiFi

WiFi is available in the Hall. Ask Clive for the code. Note that the system keeps information on the type of sites visited.

SUNDAY SERVICES PROCEDURES

1. If you suspect you might have COVID, or anything else infectious, please do not attend, but join us on Zoom or YouTube.
2. Hand sanitiser continues to be available.
3. Over refreshments we can all now sit round one table, although if the weather is good we may also put tables outside.
4. If you feel you need more distance, please feel free to keep apart.
5. If others require more distance, please respect this.
6. Windows can be opened for ventilation.

JULY DIARY

- 1st
- 2nd 1000 Morning Service Come and See led by Sheila Norris
1430 Outside Booking PBGS
1800 Evening Service led by Rev Claudia Lupi inc Communion
- 3rd 1400 Crafternoon Tea
1700 TFT Band Practice
2000 Outside Booking Scott Hemsley
- 4th 1600 Outside Booking Kristy Dance
1745 Outside Booking PBGS
- 5th 1545 Outside Booking Emily Hancock Child Singing
- 6th 1445 Ladies Bright Hour
- 7th 1830 626 Club
2015 TFT
- 8th
- 9th **1100 OPEN AIR SERVICE—DUNSTABLE DOWNS**
1430 Outside Booking PBGS
- 10th 1700 TFT Band Practice
- 11th 1600 Outside Booking Kristy Dance
1745 Outside Booking PBGS
- 12th 1545 Outside Booking Emily Hancock Child Singing
- 13th 1430 Fellowship Group—Session 16—John 14—Comfort
1445 Ladies Bright Hour
- 14th 1830 626 Club
2015 TFT
- 15th 1600 Messy Church
- 16th 1000 Morning Service led by Rev Claudia Lupi, with Communion
1430 Outside Booking PBGS
- 17th 1400 Crafternoon Tea
1700 TFT Band Practice
2000 Outside Booking Scott Hemsley
- 18th 1600 Outside Booking Kristy Dance
1745 Outside Booking PBGS
- 19th 1545 Outside Booking Emily Hancock Child Singing
- 20th 1445 Ladies Bright Hour
- 21st 1830 626 Club
2015 TFT
- 22nd 1600 Outside Booking - FILM CLUB 2
- 23rd 1000 Morning Service led by Tina Salmon
1430 Outside Booking PBGS

24th 1700 TFT Band Practice
 25th 1600 Outside Booking Kristy Dance
 1745 Outside Booking PBGS
 26th 1545 Outside Booking Emily Hancock Child Singing
 27th 1430 Fellowship Group—Session 17—The Secret of the Vine
 1445 Ladies Bright Hour
 28th
 29th
 30th 1000 Morning Service - local arrangements
 1430 Outside Booking PBGS

OUTSIDE BOOKINGS - JULY

DATE	FROM	TO	GROUP
2nd July	1430	1730	PBGS—Singing
3rd July	2000	2200	Scott Hemsley—Band
4th July	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine - Dance
	1945	2200	PBGS—Singing
5th July	1545	1800	Emily Hancock—Child Singing
9th July	1430	1730	PBGS-Singing
11th July	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine - Dance
	1945	2200	PBGS—Singing
12th July	1545	1800	Emily Hancock—Child Singing
16th July	1430	1730	PBGS-Singing
17th July	2000	2200	Scott Hemsley—Band
18th July	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine - Dance
	1945	2200	PBGS—Singing
19th July	1545	1800	Emily Hancock—Child Singing
22nd July	1600	1800	FILM CLUB 2
23rd July	1430	1730	PBGS –Singing
25th July	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine - Dance
	1945	2200	PBGS—Singing
26th July	1545	1800	Emily Hancock—Child Singing
30th July	1430	1730	PBGS-Singing

REVIEW OF THE MONTH

Our "Come and See" service followed a café format. Otherwise the services proceeded normally.

The June Messy Church was well attended with all the Caveney grandchildren being present. The others enjoyed meeting people they usually only saw on the screen. We looked at the last part of St. Paul's life from his return to Jerusalem to his journey to Rome, and the shipwreck on



Malta. The children made bread, snakes, purses for money, boats, armour for roman soldiers and painted stones (although not quite how they were supposed to!)

626 Club has continued strongly. We are now getting out onto Bury Orchard whenever possible.

TFT hosted the Ultimate Frisbee contest again this year, and won for the second year running.

The Fellowship Groups continue to meet, as does Ladies Bright Hour.

STEWARDS NEEDED

At our last Church Council we were reminded that we need more volunteers to be Church Stewards. We try to keep to the Six Year Rule, but before much longer all the current stewards will have been in post more than six years. Could you be a Steward? Talk to Martin, Clive, or Tina.

ISSUE #31

Welcome to the latest edition of our monthly magazine/notices. Deadline for items for the **AUGUST** edition will be **THU 20TH JULY** for things for the diary to Trevor, or general articles and pictures of things being done by our church community to me by Thursday 27th July 2023. It is still possible to send late notices. These will normally be tagged on to the end of the circulated weekly service.

HARLINGTON MESSY CHURCH

Our next Messy Church will be on 15th July at 4 pm and will be live/Zoom/ Streamed. If you would like to join us, either as a participant or a helper, please feel free. People may well be needed to help small children.



As you will have seen already, our usual theme for the July Messy Church is holiday, in one shape or another. Do remember this is “messy” church and therefore there is usually at least one messy activity!

There will be a number of things to do, some involving things to eat.

Our normal format is to do activities until 4.45 pm, then have a Celebration which includes singing and further activities, usually ones it is easier to do at home. This is streamed and recorded.

Then at 5.30 pm we have tea.

By the way, the past celebrations are still on YouTube.

LADIES BRIGHT HOUR—Speakers for July

6th Helen James

13th Trip to Stockwood Park

20th Rev'd. Joanne Sherwood

27th Rev'd Claudia Lupi

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS SERVICE

We are planned to have a Local Arrangements Service on 30th July. Unfortunately Tina, Clive and Martin are away the. If you would like to help with this LA, speak to Clive and we can then plan it in advance

ROTAS

DATE	STEWARD	FLOWERS	Could you be a vestry Steward? Have a word with Tina.
02 July	am John pm Tina	2nd Nellie	FLOWER ROTA You will see that we have no-one providing flowers for the 23rd or 30th. Could you fill one of them? Jo
09 July	No service here	No service here	
16 July	Jo	16th Setterfields	
23 July	Cathy	Vacant	
30 July	Mary	Vacant	

DUNSTABLE DOWNS OPEN AIR SERVICE

You will see from the calendar that there is no service here on the 9th July. That is because there is a Circuit Service on Dunstable Downs.



Do come along and join in the worship, and bring a picnic for an extra time of fellowship with people from around the circuit afterwards. If you need a lift, talk to a steward.

NOTICES Details of items for the Notices should be delivered to Trevor Caveney at hmc.bookings@ntlworld.com.

DEADLINE for inclusion in August edition is **THU 20th JULY**

CHURCH BOOKING DIARY

PLEASE check with Trevor before adding any dates.

Prayer Chain number: Dorothy Preston 874841

Church Website: www.harlingtonmethodist.church

Church YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTMWR_QCxujkh1zHjTFcoJw

FACEBOOK

Don't forget the church has a Facebook page. You can use this for communicating, and it's very good for showing pictures. If you want to join the group, contact Martin. Remember, the more people who use it and who belong to the group, the more useful it becomes.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE CHURCH FAMILY



Pick up your pen, pencil or keyboard and share with us what you are doing in your life and as part of the Church.

Please feel free to send me items of interest, messages, birthdays, anniversaries or anything else you might wish to share for inclusion in future editions of these E-notices. Keep safe.

Trevor & Mary

CONTACT MAGAZINE

The latest edition is available at <https://harlingtonvillagemagazine.org>

Paper copies will also be available.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

'The calling of Harlington Methodist Church is to respond to and celebrate the Gospel of God's presence. In all of our activities we seek to serve Harlington and the wider world. Most of all we aspire to honour and serve the living God.'