

# Harlington      June Methodist      2024 Monthly

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*John Chapter 14 Verses 23–28 If anyone loves me, he will keep my word; and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and dwell with him. He who does not love me does not observe my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but it is from the Father who sent me. I have told you these things, while still with you; but the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you. I leave you peace; I give you my peace. I do not give to you as the world gives. May your heart not be troubled or dismayed. You heard that I said to you: “I am going away and coming back to you”; if you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than me.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Chapter 14 of the Gospel of John begins with the phrase pronounced by Jesus: "do not be troubled in your hearts"; phrase that is also repeated in verse 27. What can this phrase mean for us today? Being aware of the fact that we are in good hands, those of God, and that God does not abandon us in the turbulence of existence, but accompanies us, consoles us, strengthens us, gives us back joy and a future.

This passage also highlights how the God of Jesus Christ is a plural God, who shows himself and approaches us in many ways and with many faces: Father, Son, Spirit. And the Holy Spirit is a kind of red thread that binds all these ways of God coming to us: the Spirit who manifests himself at the moment of Jesus' baptism, the Spirit who descends on the disciples gathered in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost, the Spirit that accompanies our being together today in the name of Jesus Christ.

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It is the same Spirit who provides us with the tools to face the world and be witnesses, in our time, of his death and resurrection. That Spirit who teaches, helps to remember, to love; guard and live his Word, guard it by living and loving.

"In my Father's house there are many mansions", Jesus said in verse 2. "We will come to him and make our home with him", he states in verse 23. The direction, the wind changes... God has many mansions, there he can certainly host and welcome with Him. But here it is stated that there is also the opposite movement: God reaches us and asks us to welcome him, to host him, to make us and our lives his home. He wants to put down roots in our lives and transform them into trees that bear abundant fruit for the entire world and his humanity.

This is the great and beautiful news of this day: we are the dwelling place of God, you are the temple of God, as the apostle Paul would say. No one and none of us is too small or inadequate that we cannot be the home of God. God wants to begin and begin again every day with you, dear brother and sister, with each and every one of us. May his peace, beautiful, strong, lasting, contagious, accompany you in joy and hope. Amen!

Love to you

Claudia

## **HARLINGTON MESSY CHURCH**



Our next Merry Church will be on 15th June 2024 at 4 pm which 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.

Our June theme will be Jeremiah, the prophet who said he was too young.

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.

## JUNE DIARY

- 1st
- 2nd** 1000 Morning Service - Come and See led by Martin Wallis  
1500 *Outside Booking—PBGS*  
1800 Evening Service led by Rev. Claudia Lupi, inc Communion
- 3rd 1400 Crafternoon Tea  
1900 TFT Band  
2000 *Outside Booking Scott Hemsley*
- 4th 1600 *Outside Booking Kristy Dance*  
1945 *Outside Booking—PBGS*
- 5th 1545 *Outside Booking—Emily—Child Singing,*
- 6th 1445 Bright Hour Fellowship
- 7th 1830 626 Club  
2015 TFT
- 8th
- 9th** 1000 Morning Service - led by Clive and Tina Salmon  
1900 *Outside Booking—PBGS*
- 10th 1900 TFT Band Practice  
1830 626 Club  
2015 TFT
- 11th 1600 *Outside Booking Kristy Dance*  
1945 *Outside Booking—PBGS*
- 12th 1545 *Outside Booking—Emily—Child Singing*  
1930 WORSHIP GROUP meeting—Zoom
- 13th 1430 Fellowship Group—Session 20—John 16: 16—33  
1445 Bright Hour Fellowship  
1930 CHURCHES TOGETHER Meeting
- 14th 1830 626 Club  
2015 TFT
- 15th 1600 Messy Church
- 16th** 1000 **FATHERS DAY** Service - Rev Claudia Lupi inc Communion  
1900 *Outside Booking—PBGS*
- 17th 1400 Crafternoon Tea  
1900 TFT Band  
2000 *Outside Booking Scott Hemsley*
- 18th 1600 *Outside Booking Kristy Dance*  
1945 *Outside Booking—PBGS*

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- 19th 1545 *Outside Booking—Emily—Child Singing*
- 20th 1445 Bright Hour Fellowship
- 21st 1830 626 Club  
2015 TFT
- 22nd 1600 Cinema Club
- 23rd** 1000 Morning Service led by Tina and Clive Salmon  
*1500 Outside Booking—PBGS*
- 24th 1900 TFT Band
- 25th 1600 *Outside Booking Kristy Dance*  
*1945 Outside Booking—PBGS*
- 26th 1545 *Outside Booking—Emily—Child Singing*
- 27th 1430 Fellowship Group—Session 21—John 17—Jesus prays for us  
1445 Bright Hour Fellowship
- 28th 1600 *Outside Booking Kristy Dance*  
*1945 Outside Booking—PBGS*
- 29th
- 30th** 1000 Morning Service led by Ivor Mitchelmore  
**1800 Evening Service led by Rev. Claudia Lupi, inc Communion**

### **BRIGHT HOUR FELLOWSHIP**

The Bright Hour Fellowship meets every Thursday afternoon at 2.45pm in the hall. Members have the opportunity to hear from a variety of invited speakers, share in the company of others and enjoy a nice cup of tea. Why not join us?

New members are always made very welcome. No need to book ahead, just come along! We look forward to seeing you soon.

Speakers for June are as below:-

- 6th. June - Children singing from Sundon Lower School
  - 13th. June - Sheila Norris talking about Bangladesh
  - 20th June - Alan & Christine Parfit on Gilbert and Sullivan
  - 27th. June - Rev. Claudia Lupi
- Helen James



## OUTSIDE BOOKINGS - JUNE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>GROUP</u>
2nd June	1500	1700	PBGS
3rd June	2000	2200	Scott Hemsley—Band
4th June	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine—Dance
	1945	2200	PBGS
5th June	1545	1830	Emily Hancock—Child Singing
8th June	1600	1900	Cinema Club
09th June	1900	2100	PBGS
11th June	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine—Dance
	1945	2200	PBGS
12th June	1545	1930	Emily Hancock—Child Singing
13th June	1930	2130	Churches Together meeting
16th June	1900	2100	PBGS
17th June	2000	2200	Scott Hemsley—Band
18th June	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine—Dance
	1945	2200	PBGS
19th June	1545	1930	Emily Hancock—Child Singing
25th June	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine—Dance
	1945	2200	PBGS
26th June	1545	1830	Emily Hancock—Child Singing
30th June	1500	1700	PBGS

<b>DATE</b>	<b>STEWARD</b>	<b>FLOWERS</b>
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02 June	am Madeline pm Martin	Lesley
09 June	Dorothy	
16 June	Tina	
23 June	John	
30 June	am Madeline pm Tina	Doreen

**Could you be a vestry Steward? Have a word with Tina.**  
**The Flower Rota for 2024 is available. Could you fill any spaces? Speak to Doreen.**

## REVIEW OF THE MONTH

We had a well attended United Service for Christian Aid Week. This was led by Carol from the Life Church with Robert from St. Mary's preaching. The collection for Christian Aid was £132.20.



Another memorable service was the Local Arrangements at the end of April, which was led by Cathy, when she interviewed Stella about her life and faith.

All these services can be watched again on the Harlington Methodist Church YouTube channel; look under "live".

Also at the end of April was the Local Preachers and Worship Leaders Celebration held at the Square, at which Tina received a certificate for 40 years as a Local Preacher and Clive received one for 25 years as a Worship Leader. (The service can be seen on the Square's YouTube channel.)



One thing that we do at 626 Club is to help teenagers who are doing their DofE award by enabling them to help at 626 for the Community Service element. It was good to have one of them come back to visit, having just come back from Buckingham Palace where she had been presented with her DoE Gold by Prince Edward the Duke of Edinburgh.



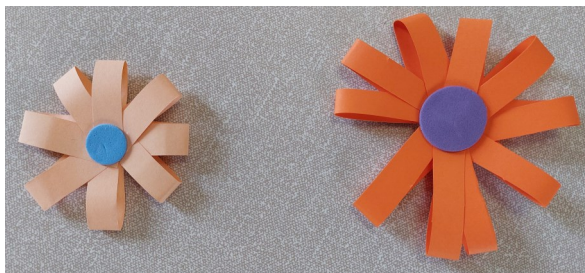
Our recent Messy Church included 12 children and 5 parents plus 5 helpers. We



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thought about Pentecost and made windmills, flames, cake for the church's birthday and gift decorations.

The Bright Hour and other fellowships have been meeting.

Natasha was baptised at her church in Scotland

We had a class visit from the Lower School.

TFT has been meeting; one of their sessions featured Internet Security.

Film Club was our first "Multiplex" attempt. We had one film downstairs for the younger children and another upstairs for the teenagers. We are working on the blackout!

## **DUNSTABLE DOWNS OPEN AIR SERVICE**



This takes place on 7th July 2024, and starts at 11 am, but try to arrive a little earlier to allow time to park and so we don't get a queue going into the car park. This will be followed by a picnic together; you are asked to bring your own food, but if you can also bring a little extra to share with anyone unable to

bring their own, so much the better. If you are not a National Trust member, the cost of parking will be £3.50.

If you can help with setting up the service and taking down, please let Clive or Nigel Bibbings know. Help is needed to put up the (big) gazebo, and also for car parking, stewarding and handing out service sheets. The gazebo team needs to be there from 9 am!

*Note that we will not have an evening service on that Sunday but will have one on the previous Sunday, 30th June.*

## High Street Legrave Methodist Church

### 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

22-23 June 2024



Come and help us  
celebrate!

#### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

3 to 5pm - Display on  
the History of High  
Street Legrave.  
Refreshments  
available.

7 to 8pm - Anniversary  
concert in the Church  
Hall. Refreshments  
served from 6pm.

#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

11am Anniversary Service led by the Revd Nicola Briggs, followed by a  
Bring and Share Lunch in the Church Hall.

*"Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
Let all the peoples praise you." (Psalm 67:3)*

### STEPHEN PARKINSON

Stephen's funeral will take place on 7th June 12.30 at The Square.

### FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

The two Thursday Fellowship groups still meet, every other week.

At 10.30 am. Live. Please contact Helen/Sandra for dates and location.

At 2.30 pm. On Zoom. Contact Tina (874481) for dates and details of the  
joining link.



## **ISSUE #42**

Welcome to the latest edition of our monthly magazine/notices. Deadline for items for the **JULY** edition will be **THU 20TH JUNE** 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 June 2024. It is still possible to send late notices. These will normally be tagged on to the end of the circulated weekly service.

## **WRITE FOR THE MONTHLY**

Do feel free to write something for future editions of the monthly. It could be news of things you are doing, cries for help, a reflection or similar. Maybe, during the holiday season, you will feel inspired by the location or something to communicate with the fellowship here.  
Clive

## **WIFI**

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

## **FLOWER ROTA—2024**

Doreen has kindly agreed to manage the flower rota for this year and a copy is on the notice board in the hallway.

Regular bookings have already been added BUT please check to see if any have been missed.

**PLEASE** check the list often to see if you can fill a space. Unable to provide the flowers? No problem—just make a donation to Doreen and she will sort out a flower display on a 'blank' date.

## **THE COLLECTION PLATE**

A young lad was attending his first morning service along with his dad, when it came to that part of the service when the collection plate was passed around. The young lad watched carefully. As it approached his row, he tugged his dad's sleeve and whispered. "It's OK dad, you don't have to pay for me—I'm under 5 so I'm FREE!

## **GENERAL ELECTION**

A General Election has been announced for 4th July 2024. While we knew there had to be one by January 2025, the actual announcement seems to have taken many by surprise. However, material is already coming out from the Methodist Church, and from the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) who are formed from The Methodist Church, The United Reformed Church, Baptists Together and The Church of Scotland. I include some of this material here, but if you want to know more please go to the various websites.



### **A prayer on the announcement of a General Election**

Loving God,

Now that an election has been called, hear my prayers for our country and the campaign ahead.

I pray for those who are standing for election, for their safety, and for their willingness to listen and to speak.

I pray for truthfulness and kindness to prevail as the issues are debated.

I pray that each of us will be inspired to use our voice and our vote for your goodness and glory.

Inspire me, God, to Love, to Pray and to Vote.

Amen.

*(From the Methodist News for 23rd May)*

### **A prayer for voters**

Loving God, we face a choice.

Be with us as we consider the options, weigh the arguments and assess the claims and the candidates.

But also prompt us to listen:

to the voices on the margins

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to the cry of the earth  
and to those who reach a different conclusion to us.

God, we pray that you would stimulate our minds, stir our hearts and sanctify our choosing.

Help us also to remember your command to love our neighbours both during and after this election.

Amen

(JPIT)

The JPIT have identified the following 6 issues:

Poverty

Asylum and Refugees

Environment and Climate Change

The Economy

Peace and Conflict

Politics

as things you should be considering and asking questions to candidates about in the coming weeks. For each of these headings they have further material and questions available.

The following Bible quotes were used by JPIT on previous election material:

*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

[Micah 6:8]

*Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

[Romans 12:17-18]

*Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.*

[Philippians 4:8]

**NOTICES** Details of items for the Notices should be delivered to Trevor Caveney at [t.caveney@ntlworld.com](mailto:t.caveney@ntlworld.com) OR [t315485@gmail.com](mailto:t315485@gmail.com)

**DEADLINE** for inclusion in June edition is **THU 20th June**

### **CHURCH BOOKING DIARY**

**PLEASE** check with Trevor before adding any dates or events.

**Prayer Chain number:** Dorothy Preston 874841

**Church Website:** [www.harlingtonmethodistchurch.uk](http://www.harlingtonmethodistchurch.uk)

**Church YouTube channel:**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTMWR\\_QCxujkh1zHjTFcoJw](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.'*