



Harlington *July* Methodist **2024** Monthly

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Hi all,

Summer is affecting services!

This **Sunday evening** (30th June) we have a **Service with Holy Communion** at 6 pm. This is because, next Sunday, the Circuit is meeting together at Dunstable Downs at 11 am for an Open Air Service (weather permitting—the wet weather fall back is to meet at the Square). This will be followed by a picnic (bring your own if you can, and if you can bring some to share then there will be something for those who can't bring any). That being the case there will not be either a morning or evening service next week, and there will be no Zoom or YouTube either.

Advanced warning—because of holidays there will not be Zoom or YouTube on the 28th July or 4th August. Normal services resume on 11th, but the link will probably go out quite late for that day.

I love summer and holidays. I particularly like going to other churches to worship God with them, while having the chance to see how they do things and having no responsibility for what is happening. Genesis describes God as having made the world in 6 days and resting on the 7th day. It shows how rest is seen as being necessary. The laws in Exodus include the Year of Jubilee, when the land is to be allowed to rest. We all need a time to get away from the usual round of things.



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I have recently seen a number of articles describing tourists as unwelcome. How do we behave when on holiday. Do we add something to the community, do we respect them, or do we expect them to fit in with our wants and needs? It seems that even places that are renowned as tourist centres can get too much of a “good” thing and aim to limit tourists.

If you are going away on holiday this year, have a good time and aim to make sure you will be welcome if you return. If holiday makers come to you, welcome them as you would hope to be welcomed. And if you are not going away, try for a holiday at home, put your feet up or do your own thing in whatever way helps you rest.

Clive

HARLINGTON MESSY CHURCH



Our next Merry Church will be on 20th July 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 July session will be holiday themed. When we go to the beach, or go out for a long walk, we often take a picnic with us. In the Storytellers Bible the story of the feeding of the 5,000 is headed “The Big Picnic” and that will be our key story.

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.

SARENGA HOSPITAL

KSN Hospital in Sarenga India have indicated that they no longer need glasses. They are now producing them locally. So please could you not send any more to Chris or Ivor.

However the refugees have indicated a real need for laptops or mobile phones. If you have any that are in good working order but no longer use please could you pass them on to either Chris or Rev. Claudia.

Many thanks

JULY DIARY

- 1st 1400 Crafternoon Tea
1900 TFT Band
2000 *Outside Booking Scott Hemsley*
- 2nd 1600 *Outside Booking Kristy Dance*
1945 *Outside Booking—PBGS*
- 3rd 1545 *Outside Booking—Emily—Child Singing,*
- 4th 1445 Bright Hour Fellowship
1630 *Outside Booking Extra—Emily Hancock*
- 5th 1830 626 Club
2015 TFT
- 6th
- 7th** 1100 **DUNSTABLE DOWNS CIRCUIT SERVICE**
1500 *Outside Booking—PBGS*
1800 **NO EVENING SERVICE @ HARLINGTON**
- 8th 1900 TFT Band
- 9th 1600 *Outside Booking Kristy Dance*
1930 Beer 'n Hymns
1945 *Outside Booking—PBGS*
- 10th 1545 *Outside Booking—Emily—Child Singing,*
- 11th 1400 Fellowship Group—Session 21—John 17—Jesus prays for us
1445 Bright Hour Fellowship
- 12th 1830 626 Club
2015 TFT
- 13th 1600 Cinema Club
- 14th** 1000 Morning Service - led by Worship Group—Action for Children
1500 *Outside Booking—PBGS*
- 15th 1400 Crafternoon Tea
1900 TFT Band
2000 *Outside Booking Scott Hemsley*
- 16th 1600 *Outside Booking Kristy Dance*
1945 *Outside Booking—PBGS*
- 17th 1545 *Outside Booking—Emily—Child Singing,*
- 18th 1445 Bright Hour Fellowship
- 19th 1830 626 Club
2015 TFT
- 20th 1600 Messy Church

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- 21st** 1000 Morning Service - Rev Claudia Lupi inc Communion
1500 *Outside Booking—PBGS*
- 22nd 1900 TFT Band
- 23rd 1600 *Outside Booking Kristy Dance*
1945 *Outside Booking—PBGS*
- 24th 1545 *Outside Booking—Emily—Child Singing,*
- 25th 1430 Fellowship Group—Session 22—John 18: 1—27—Trial & trust
1445 Bright Hour Fellowship
- 26th 1830 626 Club
2015 TFT
- 27th 1000 Coffee Morning
- 28th** 1000 Morning Service—Local Arrangement led by Cathy Sheehan
1500 *Outside Booking—PBGS*
- 29th 1900 TFT Band
2000 *Outside Booking Scott Hemsley*
- 30th 1600 *Outside Booking Kristy Dance*
1945 *Outside Booking—PBGS*
- 31st 1545 *Outside Booking—Emily—Child Singing,*

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 July are as below:-

- 4th - Stephen Turner Playing organ/Piano in the Church
- 11th - Garden Party at David & Sandra's
- 18th - Visit to Ashridge House Gardens
- 25th - Claudia to speak to us

Helen James



OUTSIDE BOOKINGS - JULY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>GROUP</u>
1st July	2000	2200	Scott Hemsley—Band
2nd July	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine—Dance
	1945	2200	PBGS
3rd July	1545	1830	Emily Hancock—Child Singing
4th July	1630	1930	Emily Hancock Extra
7th July	1500	1700	PBGS
09th July	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine—Dance
	1945	2200	PBGS
10th July	1545	1930	Emily Hancock—Child Singing
13th July	1600	1900	Cinema Club
15th July	2000	2200	Scott Hemsley—Band
16th July	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine—Dance
	1945	2200	PBGS
17th July	1545	1930	Emily Hancock—Child Singing
23rd July	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine—Dance
	1945	2200	PBGS
24th July	1545	1830	Emily Hancock—Child Singing
29th July	2000	2200	Scott Hemsley—Band
30th July	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine—Dance
	1945	2200	PBGS
31st July	1545	1830	Emily Hancock—Child Singing

<u>DATE</u>	<u>STEWARD</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>	
07 July	No services at the Church	Not required	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.
14 July	Cathy	Dennis Ward	
21 July	John	The Setterfields	
28 July	Cathy		

REVIEW OF THE MONTH

This month has been marked by the number of Local Arrangements services. We have thought about a number of themes in our services, including the general election.

Messy Church in June looked at Jeremiah. Jeremiah was young when he was called to be a prophet. He was called to act out a number of his prophecies, so you get the story of the potter, and the story of the linen shorts. He opposed the King, and you get the torn scroll and the dry cistern. You also



get God saying he will write his law in our hearts. Our activities covered the well and the spiders and snakes at the bottom of it, the River Euphrates where Jeremiah buried his shorts, the fire where the scroll was burned, the potter, etc. Have a look at the other things in church.

626 Club has been able to go onto Bury Orchard now that we have some sun. Kite flying seems to be popular, and we even had enough wind to get some of the more difficult kites to fly.

TFT is also going outside when weather permits.

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Bright Hour Fellowship continues, as do the other Thursday groups
Crafternoon Tea has met twice, and is well attended.

Film Club showed two films again. If people would like to bring back the evening films for an older group let me know and we can see how it might work.

Our Coffee Drop-in also continues to raise money for our supported charity, Brain Tumour Research.

METHODIST CONFERENCE

The Methodist Conference is currently taking place in Leeds (27 June – 3 July)

The following are given as among the highlights:

Online Church and Online Communion

God For All: The Connexional Strategy for Evangelism and Growth

The Beckly Lecture

(What would it take to end poverty in the UK? Building connections, breaking chains, and making food banks history?)

Christian Aid renewed partnership

Singleness

3Generate – The voice of children and young people of the Methodist Church in Britain 2023

50th anniversary of the ordination of women as presbyters

Please include the Conference in your prayers.

FRONT FLOWER TUBS



Thanks to Doreen for keeping these looking good.



LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

All the circuit churches have a higher number of Local Arrangements services than usual this quarter. There are a number of reasons for this, but the result is that we have had two LAs this month, both of which Tina and Clive have taken and we have one next month which Cathy is taking.

Cathy writes: Hi All. it is local arrangement on Sunday 28 July and I am down as steward. We also don't have an organist. I need to put a service together and need some help. If you would like to choose a hymn, reading or can help me on the day please let me know. Cathy. 07816932744

If you can offer to help Cathy please get in touch with her. There is every likelihood that this will continue to happen in future. Could you help with other services when they arise?

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!

There are no services here on that day..

"It's about time we quit playing church in these services that start at eleven o'clock sharp and end at twelve o'clock dull." - Vance Havner

ISSUE #43

Welcome to the latest edition of our monthly magazine/notices. Deadline for items for the **AUGUST** edition will be **THU 18TH 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 25th July 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.

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.

GENERAL ELECTION

Thankfully the General Election will soon have happened. I have reprinted the prayer from last month.

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

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)

We don't know who will win, but whoever wins we will still have a right and duty to persuade the incoming government to reflect our love of God and our neighbour.



OFFERINGS

Hi All

Can I ask you all to review your giving to the Church. We have lost a few regular givers because they have sadly passed or moved away and our collection income is down by 12% on last year. Our costs continue to go up including the circuit assessment which is going up by 4% next year.

If you are unable to increase your giving that is OK. I just ask that you take a moment to review it .

Thanks in advance

Cathy 07816932744





Beer & Hymns

Summer

Tuesday 9th July 7.45pm

(charge your glasses from 7.30pm)

The Carpenters Arms,
Harlington

NOTICES Details of items for the Notices should be delivered to Trevor Caveney at t.caveney@ntlworld.com OR t315485@gmail.com

DEADLINE for inclusion in August edition is **THU 18th July**

CHURCH BOOKING DIARY

PLEASE check with Trevor before adding any dates or events.

Prayer Chain number: Dorothy Preston 874841

Church Website: www.harlingtonmethodistchurch.uk

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.'