



Harlington Methodist Monthly

**September
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Hi all,

August is the holiday season, as witnessed by the absence of things happening around the church, or village. One of the things I like about being on holiday is going to a church where I have no responsibilities for anything. Over a period of years Tina and I have been to a number of churches in different parts of the country and generally find them welcoming and interesting in the different ways they do things.

But the church we went to this summer was one of my least favourite churches. It has never felt particularly welcoming to visitors. We have not been there for several years, because of Covid. It has changed! They have a Deacon who's job is to work with and welcome holidaymakers. They received 15 new members on our first Sunday. They had a group of teenagers going to a Christian youth camp. They were organising beach pastors (someone had just given them 50 buckets and spades).

People and churches can change to meet new situations (although I understood the shudder when Tim talked of 150 children attending Messy Church). We will soon have more people in the village, two new communities. How will we reflect this? What will we need to do to be a place of welcome, and to help them form and belong to community?

We may wish to think of this, particularly during the Prayer Weekend.
Clive



SEPTEMBER DIARY

- 1st** 1000 Morning Service **Come & See** led by Martin Wallis
1500 Outside Booking—PBGS
1800 Evening Service led by Rev Joanne Sherwood inc Communion
- 2nd 1900 TFT Band
- 3rd 1600 *Outside Booking Kristy Dance*
1945 *Outside Bookings—PBGS*
- 4th 1545 *Outside Booking—Emily—Child Singing,*
- 5th 1430 Fellowship Group—Session 21—John 17—Jesus prays for us
- 6th 1830 626 Club
2015 TFT
- 7th
- 8th** 1000 Morning Service led by Colin Quine
1500 Outside Booking—PBGS
1800 **Evening Circuit Hybrid Service** led by Rev. Margaret Newman
- 9th 1400 Crafternoon Tea
1900 TFT Band
2000 *Outside Booking—Scott Hemsley*
- 10th 1600 *Outside Booking Kristy Dance*
1945 *Outside Bookings—PBGS*
- 11th 1545 *Outside Booking—Emily—Child Singing,*
2000 Worship Group Meeting
- 12th 1445 Bright Hour Fellowship
1945 Preachers & Leaders Service
- 13th 1830 626 Club
2015 TFT
- 14th 1600 Cinema Club
- 15th** 1000 Morning Service led by Rev Claudia Lupi inc Communion
1500 Outside Booking—PBGS
- 16th 1900 TFT Band
- 17th 1600 *Outside Booking Kristy Dance*
1945 *Outside Bookings—PBGS*
- 18th 1545 *Outside Booking—Emily—Child Singing,*
- 19th 1430 Fellowship Group—Session 22—John 18: 1—27—Trial & trust
1445 Bright Hour Fellowship
- 20th 1830 626 Club
2015 TFT

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21st 1600 Messy Church

22nd 1000 Morning Service led by Peter Baker
1500 Outside Booking—PBGS

23rd 1400 Crafternoon Tea
1900 TFT Band
2000 Outside Booking—Scott Hemsley

24th 1600 *Outside Booking Kristy Dance*
1945 Outside Bookings—PBGS

25th 1545 *Outside Booking—Emily—Child Singing,*

26th 1445 Bright Hour Fellowship

27th 1830 626 Club
2015 TFT

28th **PRAYER WEEKEND**

1000 Coffee Morning
1800 Outside Booking—Elaine Hughes/Flitwick Singers

29th 1000 Joint Morning Service—Local arrangement
1500 Outside Booking—PBGS

30th 1900 TFT Band

OFFERINGS

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



OUTSIDE BOOKINGS - SEPTEMBER

1st Sept	1500	1700	PBGS
3rd Sept	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine—Dance
3rd Sept	1945	2200	PBGS
4th Sept	1545	1830	Emily Hancock—Child Singing
8th Sept	1500	1700	PBGS
9th Sept	2000	2200	Scott Hemsley Band
10th Sept	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine—Dance
10th Sept	1945	2200	PBGS
11th Sept	1545	1930	Emily Hancock—Child Singing
14th Sept	1600	1900	Cinema Club
15th Sept	1500	1700	PBGS
17th Sept	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine—Dance
17th Sept	1945	2200	PBGS
18th Sept	1545	1830	Emily Hancock—Child Singing
22nd Sept	1500	1700	PBGS
24th Sept	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine—Dance
25th Sept	1545	1830	Emily Hancock—Child Singing
28th Sept	1800	2200	Elaine Hughes—Flitwick Sings
29th Sept	1500	1700	PBGS

ROTAS

DATE	STEWARD	FLOWERS
01 September	am Tina pm Tina	Kate
08 September	am pm	
15 September	John	Madeline
22 September	Cathy	Christine & Alan Parfitt
29 September		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

Our services continued through the month. Thanks to Cathy for taking the Local Arrangements at the end of July. Because of holidays we could not run Zoom or YouTube on that week or the following week, but these were back for the rest of the month. It was good to have Tim Haines leading our worship which included an update on the work in Houghton Regis.

Crafternoon Tea continued during August and was well attended. Not everyone goes away during the summer.

Practically everything else of our own activities paused for the summer.

One big thing was that we hosted the wedding of Bernadette Flatters to Rev. Nigel Bibbings. This was because they wanted a smaller church with the fa-



cility to live stream. Flowers were arranged by Julie from Kensworth who went to town, inside and out.

FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations to Wendy, who is now a Great-Grandma!

Her grandson Will and his wife Shiho, who live in Sweden, have a baby daughter, Lyra.

(from Dorothy)

HARLINGTON MESSY CHURCH



Our next Merry Church will be on 21st September 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 September session will be in the harvest period, so we will be thinking about the natural world, creation and harvest. An important area of thought is our responsibility for God's creation. 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, as are the fully recorded sessions we did in lockdown.

BRIGHT HOUR FELLOWSHIP — September Speakers

12th Patrick Kandeh to speak to us.

19th Tea Party at Jo Golby's in Hitchin.

26th Claudia to speak to us.



PRAYER WEEKEND

This will run from Thursday 26th to Sunday 29th September, finishing with the United Service at 10 am here in the Methodist Church. Watch out for notices/sign-up sheets.

HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

This takes place on 14th September. We will need people to be around for callers. You may also like to take part to raise funds for the Church and the trust.

SIMPLIFIED ZOOM

It would be useful to have some others around for when I am on holiday who can at least operate Zoom. With the fixed camera we can operate a simplified Zoom only system. If you would like to learn how, let me know.

Clive

ISSUE #45

Welcome to the latest edition of our monthly magazine/notices. Deadline for items for the **OCTOBER** edition will be **THU 19TH SEP** for things for the diary to Trevor, or general articles and pictures of things being done by our church community to me by Thursday 26TH September 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

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.

WIFI

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

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

DEADLINE for inclusion in Octobet edition is THU 19th September

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.'