

Harlington Methodist Monthly

**JULY
2026**

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Hi All,

Looking at the diary dates, we can see that the end of July marks the start of the wind down for many things. Particularly, regular activities for Children and Young People will stop during the school summer holidays. Some other activities also stop in the summer, but not all of them.

One thing that only runs in the holidays is the summer Holiday Club, and, as you will see elsewhere, helpers are still needed for this.

The Methodist Church year is also running to its end, and this will bring the changes to the circuit and to our own minister that have been being discussed over the past year and more.

Some people like change, others do not. In the hymn "Abide with me", the phrase "Change and decay in all around I see..." occurs, and this link of change with deterioration is one which often seems to lie in the minds, at least, of the older part of the population. It's a funny thing but we often find it easier to see those things where change has made us worse off and not those where it has brought improvement.

The changes to the circuit will certainly cause some problems. We are just getting used to our minister having three churches, and our new minister will



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have three plus a wider circuit role as Superintendent. Will we just see that she will have less time to be with us, or will we find new benefits?

In the same way we need to find opportunities created by each other change, and work out how to use them. It will not be easy. For example new communications approaches require different skills from the old ones. We will have to learn them, and that takes time and a willingness to take on a challenge. We may well have to learn from new people and have to relinquish some of our old approaches.

However, God is love, and the willingness and ability to show love to God and our neighbours is the same skill, even if some of the exercise of that skill will change.

Clive

PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like the Prayer Chain to pray for you, or for someone you know, please contact any of the Stewards, and they will inform the rest of the Chain to add your prayer to the list.

When and if you are ready to change the prayer, or cancel it, again, please contact any of the Stewards, for the message to be passed on.

There are no limits to the number of people who can be on the Chain, so if you would like to be included in the Prayer Chain, please let Tina know.

LOCAL ARRANGEMENT SERVICES

We think we have covered all of the services this summer, but it is likely that, with one minister less and few new Local Preachers, there will continue to be LA services appearing on the plan. Keep thinking about ways you could help. Thank you.

Clive

LOCAL ARRANGEMENT SUNDAY 5 JULY

I am taking the service on Sunday 5 July and my theme will be Our Wonderful World. I am looking for hymns and photographs to fit this theme. If you have anything please let me know.

Cathy



BRIGHT HOUR FELLOWSHIP

Bright Hour meets at 2-45 pm in the Hall nearly every Thursday. They have an interesting variety of speakers who cover a wide range of themes, and you get tea and biscuits. Come along, or if you know anyone who would like to spend some time with us, spread the word. It's not just for Ladies.

Speakers/activities for July are as below. –

- 2nd – Rev. Joanne Sherwood
- 9th – Rev. Patrick Kandeh at his manse, 18, Malzeard Rd., LU3 1BD, leaving 2pm
- 16th - Ivor Mitchelmore
- 23rd - Visit to Clophill Lakes
- 30th - Sheila Norris + Keiko

STEWARDS

At our Annual Church Meeting we agreed that for the next year the stewards would be Clive, Tina, Mary and Sheila, with Martin continuing to be a steward until September.

The stewards have agreed that Clive will act as the Senior Steward for the next year.

The stewards have met twice recently. Amongst other things, we are putting together the Mission Plan we need to support what we do and enable us to apply for grants from the circuit and district, and we are making sure that we have completed much of the other “paperwork” that is required by organisations, particularly charities, these days.

JULY DIARY

- 1st 1100 ENERGY AUDIT
1545 *Outside Booking—Emily—Child Drama*
- 2nd 1445 Bright Hour Fellowship
1800 *Gestalt Theatre—Emily T-G*
1930 FINANCE & PROPERTY CTTE—ZOOM
- 3rd 1830 626 Club
2015 TFT
- 4th
- 5th** 1000 Morning Service led by Cathy Sheehan—Come & See
1500 *Outside Booking—PBGS*
1930 Circuit Service at High Street Leagrave
- 6th 1900 TFT Band
2000 *Outside Booking—Scott Hemsley*
1930 CHURCH COUNCIL on Zoom
- 7th 1430 Fellowship Group—Zoom—Ruth, Session 6
1600 *Outside Booking Kristy Dance*
2000 *Outside Booking - PBGS*
- 8th 1545 *Outside Booking—Emily—Child Drama*
- 9th 1445 Bright Hour Fellowship
1800 *Gestalt Theatre—Emily T-G*
- 10th 1830 626 Club
2015 TFT
- 11th 0900 *Outside Booking—Gestalt Theatre XTRA—Natalie*
1600 Cinema Club
- 12th** 1000 Morning Service led by Worship Group
1500 *Outside Booking—PBGS*
1800 Evening Service led by Rev Claudia Lupi inc Communion
- 13th 1400 Crafternoon Tea
1900 TFT Band
- 14th 1600 *Outside Booking Kristy Dance*
2000 *Outside Booking - PBGS*
- 15th 1545 *Outside Booking—Emily—Child Drama*
- 16th 1445 Bright Hour Fellowship
- 17th 1830 626 Club
2015 TFT

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- 18th 1030 Birthday Party—Lower Hall
1600 Messy Church
- 19th 1100 CIRCUIT SERVICE –DUNSTABLE DOWNS**
1500 *Outside Booking—PBGS*
- 20th 0900 **HOLIDAY CLUB**
1900 TFT Band
2000 *Outside Booking—Scott Hemsley*
- 21st **0900 HOLIDAY CLUB**
1430 Fellowship Group—Zoom—See article!
1600 *Outside Booking Kristy Dance*
2000 *Outside Booking - PBGS*
- 22nd **0900 HOLIDAY CLUB**
- 23rd **0900 HOLIDAY CLUB**
1445 Bright Hour Fellowship –MEETING OFFSITE
- 24th **0900 HOLIDAY CLUB**
- 25th 1000 Coffee Morning
- 26th** 1000 Sheila Norris
1500 *Outside Booking—PBGS*
- 27th 1400 Crafternoon Tea
1900 TFT Band
- 28th 1600 *Outside Booking Kristy Dance*
2000 *Outside Booking - PBGS*
- 29th
- 30th 1445 Bright Hour Fellowship
- 31st

LOCAL PREACHER'S ACCREDITATION SERVICE!

At 6.30pm on 5th July, the Circuit will get together for Andrea AlsMcClean's Accreditation Service at High Street Leagrave Church.

You are all cordially invited to this service, and if you would like a lift, please talk to one of the stewards.

Refreshments will be served after the service, for anyone who wants to stay.

This is a service we don't have very often in the Circuit, so please come if you can, and support your new Local Preacher. She will be preaching at Harlington in August!

OUTSIDE BOOKINGS—JULY

01st	1545	1830	Emily H—Child Singing/Drama
	1830	2000	Emily T-G—Adult Dance
02nd	1800	1900	Emily T-G—Gestalt Theatre
05th	1500	1700	PBGS
06th	2000	2200	Scott Hemsley—Band
07th	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine—Dance
	1945	2200	PBGS
09th	1545	1830	Emily H—Child Singing/Drama
	1800	1900	Emily T-G—Adult Dance
11th	0900	1315	Emily T-G—Gestalt Theatre Xtra
	1500	1800	Cinema Club
12th	1500	1700	PBGS
14th	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine—Dance
	1945	2200	PBGS
15th	1545	1830	Emily H—Child Singing/Drama
19th	1500	1700	PBGS
20th	2000	2200	Scott Hemsley—Band
21st	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine—Dance
	1945	2200	PBGS
22nd	1930	2030	Emily T-G—Adult Dance
26th	1500	1700	PBGS
28th	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine—Dance
	1945	2200	PBGS
29th	1930	2030	Emily T-G—Adult Dance

FELLOWSHIP GROUP

TUES at 2.30 pm. On Zoom every other week

Contact Tina (874481) for details of the joining link.

During June, we will be deciding our next study subject—the choices are Colossians and Philemon (where Colossians is 9 studies, and Philemon only 1) or the letters of Peter and Jude (1 Peter is 7 studies, 2 Peter is 4, and Jude is, again, just one.) We might do the two single studies over the summer.

If you would like to join us, please contact Tina for the Zoom link. See the Calendar for accurate dates.

THE FOOD BANK

The Food Bank collection is now back in operation and Cathy will be taking the items to the food bank about once a month. There is a collection box in the main entrance but she is happy to pick up from other places if needed. No fresh food is accepted. They are often short of the items marked **

Milk (long-life)

Fruit juice (long life) **

Pasta sauces (jar)

Soup

Tinned tomatoes

Tinned meat meals (e.g. Chilli con carne, beef stew, chicken curry) **

Tinned solid meats (e.g. Ham, corned beef) **

Tinned fish (e.g. Tuna, salmon, mackerel)

Tinned vegetables **

Tinned potatoes & instant mashed potato **

Rice & pasta

Tinned fruit **

Cereal

Rice pudding (tinned)

Tea bags & instant coffee

Jam

Snack noodles (pots/packets)

Crackers or savoury snacks **

Biscuits & snack bars

500g bag of sugar

Laundry products **

Toiletries

Pet food

CHANGE OF MINISTER

The plan for June to August is now out and Claudia's last evening service will be on 12th July. Her Circuit farewell will be at the Circuit Service on Dunstable Downs on 19th July.

Our new minister, Revd. Doreen Koffie-Williams, will be welcomed to the circuit on 6th September with a service at the Square at 6pm. It would be good to have a good representation from Harlington. Closer to the time we will discuss transport for those wishing to attend

PRAYER TIME

At the 2025 annual church meeting it was proposed that we all try to pray at the same time at 8am or 8pm but from wherever we happen to be at the time.

Here are some suggested topics for prayer at 8.

Sunday services and our preachers

Bright Hour Fellowship

Crafternoon Tea

Messy Church and leaders/helpers

626 Club and leaders/helpers

TFT and leaders/helpers

Those who come into the building for other things

Open the Book

Our Minister

All those unwell

The Village and the other churches

New people moving in to the village, particularly on the new estates

People leaving the village

Things we do outside the church building

Meet the Village follow up

New Project team

The Circuit

Stewards

Our new minister

Students taking exams or waiting for results

Children changing schools over the summer or going to university



PRAYER MANUALS

The new Methodist Prayer Manual will start at the beginning of the new Connexional year, September.

If you would like me to order a copy for you, please let me know by 16th August.

Tina

REVIEW OF LAST MONTH

Our services last month included Claudia's final morning service. After the service we had a farewell cake from Stella with our tea or coffee.



Bright Hour has continued to meet.

626 Club is into summer activities and is going to Bury Orchard whenever the weather permits.

TFT also is meeting outside when possible. The band is practicing for the Lower School Summer Fayre.

Our last Messy Church was well attended. We looked at sharing, and made cheese pull-aparts, baskets, donkeys, and worked out how to eat jelly beans with long-handled spoons.



Open The Book continues at Sundon and Harlington, although this half term

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can be disrupted by other school activities

Crafternoon Tea continues to meet, although with the weather this hot, how much we will achieve is debateable! There are several members who bring the simplest of their ongoing projects to do at meetings, as if they bring something complicated, it has been known for them to discover errors when they get home, and the work has to be done again. This is an age-old problem—look up Penelope, the wife of Odysseus!

Fellowship Groups: the Tuesday afternoon group has an item separately—for detailed information see that. We will meet over the summer if there are enough of us able to be present!

Film Club did not meet in June

The planning for the Holiday Club is well underway, and it is already fully booked.

HARLINGTON MESSY CHURCH



Our next Merry Church will be on 18th July 2026 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 normal format is to do activities such as painting, cooking, and making things until 4.45 pm, then have a Celebration which includes singing and further activities, usually ones it is easier to do at home and that are less messy 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.

Merry Church is always on the third Saturday. If you can help at any of these, or would like to help with the planning, please let Clive or Tina know so that we can arrange things most efficiently. If you stay to the end you get tea!

Our theme for July will be holiday based.

Clive and Tina

WORSHIP
FOOD
FELLOWSHIP
ACTIVITIES

WITH A CELEBRATION AND
FAREWELL FOR
REV CLAUDIA LUPI

DUNSTABLE DOWNS

Circuit Service

19

July
2026

Dunstable Downs,
Dunstable Road, LU6 2GY

11AM START

BRING A CHAIR, PICNIC AND FOOD TO SHARE

The **Methodist** Church 

ISSUE #69

Welcome to the latest edition of our monthly magazine/notices. Deadline for items for the **AUGUST 2026** edition will be **THU 17TH JULY** for things for the diary to Trevor, or general articles and pictures of things being done by our church community to me by Tuesday 22nd June 2026. It is still possible to send late notices. These will normally be tagged on to the end of the circulated weekly service.

COLLECTIONS

During the pandemic we stopped passing the collection plate during services and many people set up standing orders to pay their collection directly into the bank. However, there are a few people who still prefer to pay by cheque and cash and some visitors leave money in the collection plate by the door. At the Finance and Property meeting on 21 January we agreed we would reintroduce the taking up of the collection during the service.

There is, of course, no obligation to put any money in the plate so it is ok to just pass the plate along the row. If you would like to give your collection using an envelope scheme please let Cathy know.

Stewards will, as before, be responsible for taking up the collection and counting it after the service.

Cathy

ROTAS

DATE	STEWARD	FLOWERS
05 JUL	am Mary pm no service	Helen
12 JUL	am Cathy pm Tina	Kate
19 JUL	Dunstable Downs	
26 JUL	Madeline	Setterfields

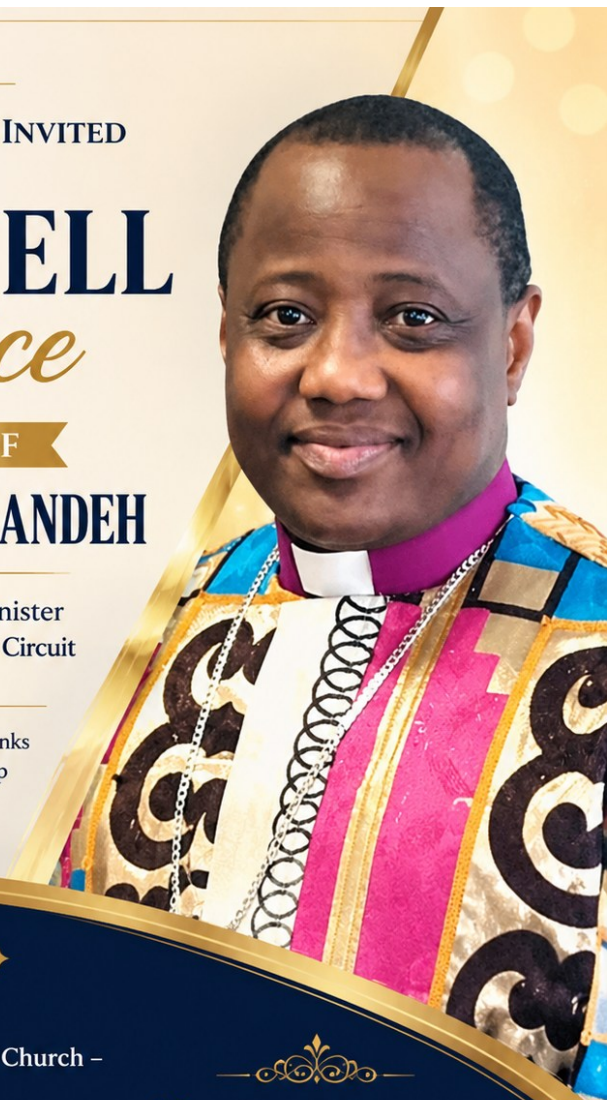
Could you be a vestry Steward? Have a word with Tina.
The Flower Rota for 2026 is available. Could you fill any spaces? Speak to Doreen.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO A
FAREWELL
Service

IN HONOUR OF
REV. PATRICK KANDEH

Circuit Superintendent Minister
South Bedfordshire Methodist Circuit

Join us as we celebrate and give thanks
for his faithful ministry, leadership
and dedicated service.



SERVICE DETAILS



VENUE:
St Margaret's Methodist Church –
The Olive Branch
Montrose Avenue
Luton, LU3 1HT



DATE:
Sunday, 2nd August 2026



TIME:
4:00 PM

“ *The Lord bless you
and keep you;
the Lord make His face
shine upon you and
be gracious to you.* ”

— Numbers 6:24–25 —

HOLIDAY CLUB

There is now a sign-up sheet for those able to help with Holiday Club. If you can help, please put your name on the sheet.

DISTRICT PRAYER LIST

The District Mission Enabler produces a prayer list for the whole district. I was going to put it in the monthly, then I discovered it is 4 pages long. If anyone would like me to email them the list, please let me know.

TECH TRAINING

If you are interested in training on any aspects of the tech we use in the church, please let me know, and I will arrange a session. This will usually be at a Coffee Morning, but could be at a different time to suit. Clive

ROOM BOOKINGS

PLEASE can all leaders and secretaries of hirers/users of the premises, keep me fully updated of dates, times, additions, cancellations, variations or any other reason so that I can be sure that the bookings diary is accurate and up to date.

Failure to update could lead to no heating, unplanned double booking or even a lost booking opportunity as examples. Outside hirers have also been requested to ensure their bookings are up to date.

Thank you for your assistance.—Trevor—contacts on page 16.

CHURCH BANK ACCOUNT

The church bank account is now with the Co-op Bank. If you pay money to the church by standing order or other regular means, or make occasional BACS payments, the details are:

Name: Harlington Methodist Church

Sort Code: 08-92-99

Account Number: 67420034

DUNSTABLE FOODBANK

From: Info Dunstable Foodbank <info@dunstable.foodbank.org.uk>

Date: 22 June 2026 at 11:43:30 BST

To: Cathysheehan06@gmail.com

Subject: Thank you for Dunstable Foodbank!

To all at Harlington Methodist Church,

We are writing to send our thanks to you all for the amazing donation that you recently collected for Dunstable Foodbank.

The people we help at the Foodbank are some of the most vulnerable families in our community and your donation will enable us to continue supporting them.

As in previous years, the number of people we provide food parcels for has increased again, and we expect the need will continue to grow as we continue through the year. Therefore, we are very thankful to everyone who donates to the Foodbank as it means that we will have enough food to continue the work that we do, helping those who are most in need through difficult times.

Thank you again from the team at Dunstable Foodbank - we wish you all the best.

Kind regards,

[Diane Ravilious](#)

Operations Team

Dunstable Foodbank

NOTICES Details of items for the Notices should be delivered to Trevor Caveney at the.caveney@ntlworld.com AND t315485@gmail.com
DEADLINE for inclusion in August 2026 edition is THU 16th 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

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 are also available.

WIFI

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

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.'