

# Harlington      *JUNE* Methodist      *2025* Monthly

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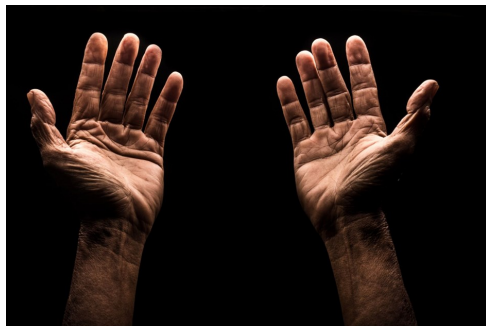
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Dear Friends, Neighbours, and Members of Our Community,

Whether you belong to a church, another faith tradition, or simply care deeply about the people around you, we are all connected by the same hopes: peace, resilience, and a sense of belonging. There is an ancient message, found in the Christian scriptures, that speaks clearly to us today. It encourages people to “walk with hope”, even when the road ahead seems hard, and to live “in a spirit of unity”, supporting one another with patience, kindness, and humility.



This message is not only for those within church walls—it’s a truth that transcends belief systems. It reminds us that, whatever our differences, we can choose to meet hardship with courage and to meet one another with compassion.

We know life is not always easy. Some among us face loss, loneliness, financial stress, or the quiet burden of simply trying to keep going. And yet, within this very village, there are daily acts of goodness—neighbours checking in on each other, volunteers giving their time, and strangers offering simple kindnesses. These small actions are signs of great hope. They are the fabric that holds us together. So let us continue walking forward—not

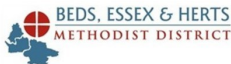
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alone, but together. Let us look out for one another. Let us speak gently, listen deeply, and disagree with respect. And above all, let us not lose hope. Hope is not the absence of struggle, but the decision to move forward despite it. Whether you find strength in your faith, in your family, in nature, in your friendships, or in a quiet moment to breathe—we honour that. And we invite you to join us, in whatever way is meaningful to you, in building a community rooted in compassion and courage.

With hope

Claudia



# EMPOWER

## **District gathering of lay folk**

**Wednesday 9th July 7.30pm - online**

**Speaker: Corin Pilling**

**Vocational Flourishing Officer (Connexional Team)**

**Open to all lay folk in any role either paid or voluntary,**

**and at whatever level Church, Circuit or District.**

**For more details and to register: email [DDE@BEHDistrict.org.uk](mailto:DDE@BEHDistrict.org.uk)**

## **HARLINGTON MESSY CHURCH**



Our next Merry Church will be on 21st June 2025 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 session is on parties, particularly in view of the date. What Biblical parties can you recall?

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.

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

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**

The collection taken during the Christian Aid Service this year amounted to £187.00

## **LOCAL ARRANGEMENT SERVICES**

There are an increasing number of Local Arrangements services on the plan. Although some churches have closed following the pandemic and some are working together, we have also lost a number of Local Preachers who have retired or died. We are also starting to see the reduction in full-time ministers. This means that it is getting harder to cover all the appointments on the plan, and we are seeing more LAs that we have not asked for. If you could help take part in preparing or leading an LA, please let one of the stewards know.

## **CHARITY FOR 2025**

The church's charity for 2025 is the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), as agreed in 2023. During the course of the year we will try to provide you with information about the work they do on the coast and in the seas around the UK.



## **JUNE DIARY**

- 1st** 1000 Morning Service—Come and See led by Martin Wallis  
1500 *Outside Booking—PBGS*
- 2nd 1400 Crafternoon Tea  
2000 *Outside Booking—Scott Hemsley*
- 3rd 1600 *Outside Booking Kristy Dance*  
2000 *Outside Booking—PBGS*
- 4th 1545 *Outside Booking—Emily—Child Singing*  
1900 *Outside Booking—Life Church—Talk*  
1930 *Outside Booking—Emily T-G Adult Dance*
- 5th 1445 Bright Hour Fellowship
- 6th 2015 TFT
- 7th
- 8th** 1000 Morning Service led by —Local Arrangements  
1500 *Outside Booking—PBGS*  
1800 Evening Service led by Rev. Claudia Lupi, inc Communion
- 9th
- 10th 1600 *Outside Booking Kristy Dance*  
2000 *Outside Booking—PBGS*
- 11th 1545 *Outside Booking—Emily—Child Singing*  
1930 *Outside Booking—Emily T-G Adult Dance*
- 12th 1430 Thursday Fellowship Group—Sermon on the Mount—session 4  
1445 Bright Hour Fellowship
- 13th 1830 626 Club  
2015 TFT
- 14th 1600 Cinema Club
- 15th** 1000 Morning Service led by Rev. Claudia Lupi, inc Communio  
1500 *Outside Booking—PBGS*
- 16th 1400 Crafternoon Tea  
2000 *Outside Booking—Scott Hemsley*
- 17th 1600 *Outside Booking Kristy Dance*  
2000 *Outside Booking—PBGS*
- 18th 1545 *Outside Booking—Emily—Child Singing*  
1930 *Outside Booking—Emily T-G Adult Dance*  
1930 Churches Together in Harlington
- 19th 1445 Bright Hour Fellowship

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20th 1830 626 Club

2015 TFT

21st 1600 Messy Church

**22nd** 1000 Morning Service led by —Local Arrangements

*1500 Outside Booking—PBGS*

23rd

24th 1600 *Outside Booking Kristy Dance*

*2000 Outside Booking—PBGS*

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

*1930 Outside Booking—Emily T-G Adult Dance*

26th 1430 Thursday Fellowship Group——Sermon on the Mount—session 5

1445 Bright Hour Fellowship

2000 Finance and Property on Zoom

27th 1830 626 Club

2015 TFT

28th 1000 Coffee Morning

**29th** 1000 Morning Service led by Ivor Mitchelmore

*1500 Outside Booking—PBGS*

30th 1400 Crafternoon Tea

*2000 Outside Booking—Scott Hemsley*

### **BRIGHT HOUR FELLOWSHIP**

Speakers for June

5th - Claudia

12th - Nigel Bibbings

19th - Harlington Lower School to sing to us

26th - Tea Party at Jo's in Hitchin

### **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.

## **NEW BANK ACCOUNT**

The church has now opened a bank account with the Co-op Bank. If you pay money to the church by standing order or other regular means, or make occasional BACS payments, watch out for further details of the new account which will be coming soon. In the mean time we are keeping the existing account open to allow time for people to make the changes.

## **OUTSIDE BOOKINGS - JUNE**

01st	1500	1700	PBGS
02nd	2000	2200	Scott Hemsley Band
03rd	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine—Dance
03rd	1945	2200	PBGS
04th	1545	1830	Emily Hancock—Child Singing
04th	1900	2100	Life Church—Talk
04th	1930	2030	Emily T-G—Adult Dance
08th	1500	1700	PBGS
10th	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine—Dance
10th	1945	2200	PBGS
11th	1545	1830	Emily Hancock—Child Singing
11th	1930	2030	Emily T-G Adult Dance
14th	1500	1900	Cinema Club
15th	1500	1700	PBGS
16th	2000	2200	Scott Hemsley Band
17th	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine—Dance
17th	1945	2200	PBGS
18st	1545	1830	Emily Hancock—Child Singing
18st	1930	2030	Emily T-G—Adult Dance
22nd	1500	1700	PBGS
24th	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine—Dance
24th	1945	2200	PBGS
25th	1545	1830	Emily Hancock—Child Singing
25th	1930	2030	Emily T-G—Adult Dance
29th	1500	1700	PBGS
30th	2000	2200	Scott Hemsley Band

## REVIEW OF LAST MONTH

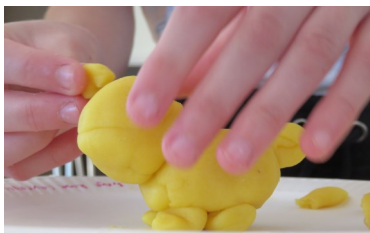
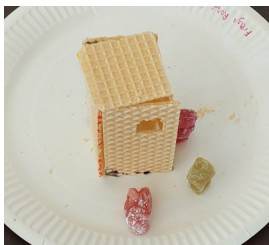
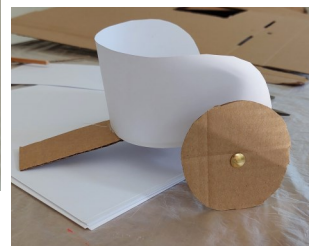
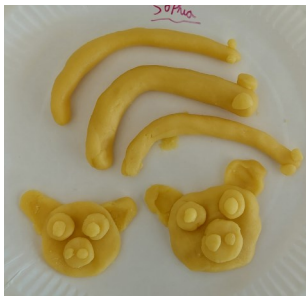
Our last service in April was an LA which I had to take as everyone else was preaching elsewhere or away. As I can't do the tech and lead, I asked Oliver and Steve T-G to do the tech, which they did very well. The first Sunday in May was a Come and See as usual, led by Tina and me. It had been suggested that this could be a bit more "Messy Church", so we added an activity, now displayed on the wall. Christian Aid Week United Service followed at St. Mary's, with us leading the worship with the Christian Aid material and the Life Church providing the preacher. Rose Agnew had to take over this role quite late on as Carol was unwell. The third Sunday was normal in comparison. Steve Rogers based his service on Peter's visit to Cornelius.

We had two families at Messy Church, which was a bit quiet, but our theme of the Early Church led nicely into Steve's service the next day. We started at



Pentecost and went on to Peter and John healing the lame man, Paul's conversion, Peter, as above, and Phillip and the Ethiopian. We also talked about Eutychus falling asleep during Paul's sermon. So we did shadow painting for the Holy Spirit coming, marzipan "unclean" animals to eat later, a

chariot for the Ethiopian, a high window for Eutychus to fall out of, and in the Celebration we coloured in pictures of a Roman soldier and



made a basket to lower Paul out of Damascus. Then we had tea.

626 Club has met each week, our numbers have been a bit variable this year.

TFT has met during term time, and contributed to the VE Day celebration on

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Bank Holiday Monday. The band was missing Hazel and Martin who were playing with the Steadfast Band (National BB) celebrating the liberation of the Channel Islands. TFT have also been rebuilding the bug hotel, part of the church eco-actions.

Coffee Morning was somewhat quiet as it clashed with the Circuit Listening Day. It is always difficult to avoid all clashes.

Film Club showed Wild Robot

Bright Hour met each Thursday.

Fellowship Groups have continued.

Open The Book has been meeting at Harlington and Sundon most weeks.

### **MISSION MONTH 24TH MAY—28TH JUNE**

Mission Month is starting. We are waiting for a leaflet giving details, and we will put posters of some of the events (where available) on the notice boards.



## **CHURCH “NEW PROJECT” GROUP**

At our Annual Church Meeting we discussed the amount of legacy money we had, and how we needed to start using it for evangelism in the village. To this end Cathy, Sheila, Steve and Clive agreed to be part of a group to discuss and implement, with the agreement of the Church Council as appropriate, ways of expanding our effectiveness as a church in the village. This is particularly in the light of the expansion of the village, but not forgetting that new people can move into old houses.

Those on Church Council will be aware that one project we are looking at is a holiday club at the beginning of the summer holidays. Emily has volunteered to run this, and been co-opted onto the group. The draft poster is shown here.

Another thing we are looking at is to actually start the Internet Café we talked of before the pandemic. We are looking to trial this in June, just to see if there any serious problems, and then to run it one day a week when we have ironed out any issues. The idea is to provide a venue for those who usually work from home. We hope to work with the Hub and Spoke if serious catering (more than coffee and biscuits) is needed.

Another idea is to have a village “Freshers’ Fair” for new people to meet the village. We hope to run this at the September Coffee Morning, and invite all village organisations to have tables where they can tell visitors about themselves. It will also raise funds through refreshments for our charity.

We believe all these are possible without overstretching ourselves at present.



The poster is a colorful collage with various icons: a kite, a target, a megaphone, a piano, a basketball, and puzzle pieces. The text is arranged in a central, bold font with some elements in yellow speech bubbles or boxes.

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CHURCH, LU5 6LR**

## **ISSUE #54**

Welcome to the latest edition of our monthly magazine/notices. Deadline for items for the **JUNE** edition will be **THU 19TH 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 26th June 2025. It is still possible to send late notices. These will normally be tagged on to the end of the circulated weekly service.

## **FLOWER ROTA—2025**

Doreen has kindly agreed to manage the flower rota again for 2025 and a copy is on the notice board in the hall-way.

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.



## **TECH TRAINING**

I am trying to sort out a date for refresher training for the Sound System and for simplified Zoom, but a lot of things are happening at present and the May Bank Holiday is still with us. I will suggest some dates as soon as I can. However, it has been great to have Steve and Oliver operating the equipment and to have Oliver's assistance with rigging and clearing away.

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.

## **NIGEL BIBBINGS' FAREWELL**

Dear All

If anyone wishes to make contributions towards a farewell gift for Nigel Bibbings who is retiring in the summer, these can be made via the Circuit Account.

Please ensure contributors use "Bibbings Gift" in the payment reference.

The South Bedfordshire Methodist Circuit

Co-op Bank

Sort Code 08-92-99

Account number 65436897

Thank you

Jenny

The Farewell Service for Nigel Bibbings will be held at Eaton Bray at 4pm on 3rd August. There will be a 'Faith Tea' after the service – teas, coffees and soft drinks will be provided in the Schoolroom. All churches are invited to bring food, but please label all items appropriately regarding allergies / sensitivities BEFORE donating them.

## **PRAYER TIME**

The annual church meeting proposed that we all pray for the future of the Church. It was proposed that we all try to do it at the same time at 8am and 8pm but from wherever we happen to be at the time.

Here are some suggestions for prayer topics.:

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

Things we do outside the church building

Holiday Club

New Project team



## **CIRCUIT LISTENING DAY**

More than 100 people from all over the Circuit turned up for the Circuit Listening Day held at Newlands Church (formerly Wigmore). After a time of worship, led by Tim Haines, discussions were held based on four questions:

What should we focus on as churches and circuit?

What is God asking us to do?

How can we grow spiritually and help our community?

What do we need to keep and what could we change to do better?

What, parts of church and circuit life are important?

What might be holding us back from doing what God wants?

How can we work together more as churches?

What could we do together to make our churches stronger?

How can we support each other better across the circuit?

If we were starting fresh today, how could we organise ourselves to do God's work best ?

What could we learn from this idea to help us move forward?

How can we make sure our decisions are based on prayer, not just practical needs?

There were a number of people with the task of listening, and groups also made notes of their discussions. I hope to receive a summary of the conclusions from this interesting day.

## **ROTAS**

DATE	STEWARD	FLOWERS	<b>Could you be a vestry Steward? Have a word with Tina. The Flower Rota for 2025 is available. Could you fill any spaces? Speak to Doreen.</b>
01 June		Lesley	
08 June	am	Doreen	
	pm		
15 June		Helen	
22 June		Kate	
29 June			

WORSHIP  
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# DUNSTABLE DOWNS

## *Circuit Service*

**13**

July  
2025

Dunstable Road,  
LU6 2GY

**11AM START**

BRING A CHAIR, PICNIC, AND FOOD TO SHARE

The **Methodist** Church

It is estimated that some 20,000 people are currently involved, one way of the other, in working in diamond mining to earn a living. One of the main diamond mining areas is to be found in Tongo Fields, Sierra Leone.

In 2011, Evangelist Dennis Mannah was appointed by the local ufm missionaries on behalf of the International Miners Mission (IMM) to head up the work of outreach to the mining community.



You are invited to meet  
ufm Missionaries  
Lamin and Jayne Dumbuya  
at the  
Harlington Methodist  
Church Hall  
on  
Wednesday 4th June  
at 7.00pm

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Refreshments

**A Churches Together in Harlington Event**





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

**DEADLINE** for inclusion in July edition is **THU 19th 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.'*