

Harlington Methodist Monthly

**JUNE
2026**

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Hi all,

We have just been through the hottest May days and nights since records began. We had the driest April with less than half the normal rainfall. We have water companies without enough water to supply their customers. Yet we still have people complaining that nett zero is too expensive and unnecessary.



I know that it is impossible to directly “prove” that one thing is linked to the other and that climate change is down to the actions of people, and I found it interesting that the previous record was in 1944, quite a while ago, but I can’t help wondering about people.

When I was teaching management, there was one quality improvement methodology that had a feature I really liked. It was the question about what happened if we did nothing. I always want to say, “What will it cost us if we do nothing?”

As an eco-church, we are expected not to stop when we have gained a particular certificate, but to continue to see what we need to do. Science and technology develop. What was good in past years is no longer adequate now. Did you know, for example, that A rated appliances from years ago are

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only now given an E rating? To stand still is to fall back. "Alice through the looking glass" comes to mind.

Ecology is not the only area where this comes happens. We all, even the older ones of us, need to let our understanding grow and develop. We need to constantly move closer to God, and to understand our fellow human beings, reflecting how society has changed and is changing, even if we neither like nor want the changes. We need to be able to bring people closer to God, which is difficult if our knowledge of God is not good and we don't relate to the people we want to communicate with.

I'm not saying we all need degrees in theology and sociology. In fact I often feel that the people who relate and communicate best are the ones with a simple experience of God. We do, however, need to be willing and able to tell of our experience.

The village is expanding, but as most of the people moving in are from the missing generations, they will not come to us just because we exist. We need to provide something they can understand is of God. This is our challenge.

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

Martin and Cathy have done a swap on services. He is now taking 7th June and she is talking 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



BEER AND HYMNS



The next Beer and Hymns will be held at the Carpenter's Arms on Tuesday,



30th June 2026, starting at 7.45 pm.

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.

JUNE DIARY

- 1st 1400 Crafternoon Tea
1900 TFT Band
- 2nd 1600 *Outside Booking Kristy Dance*
2000 *Outside Booking - PBGS*
- 3rd 1545 *Outside Booking—Emily—Child Drama*
1930 *Outside Booking—Emily T-G Adult Dance*
- 4th 1445 Bright Hour Fellowship
1830 *Gestalt Theatre—Emily T-G*
- 5th 1830 **No** 626 Club
2015 TFT
- 6th
- 7th** 1000 Morning Service led by Martin Wallis—Come & See
1500 *Outside Booking—PBGS*
1800 Evening Service led by Rev Claudia Lupi inc Communion
- 8th 1900 TFT Band
2000 *Outside Booking—Scott Hemsley*
- 9th 1430 Fellowship Group—Zoom—Ruth: session 5
1600 *Outside Booking Kristy Dance*
2000 *Outside Booking - PBGS*
- 10th 1545 *Outside Booking—Emily—Child Drama*
1930 *Outside Booking—Emily T-G Adult Dance*
- 11th 1445 Bright Hour Fellowship
1830 *Gestalt Theatre—Emily T-G*
- 12th 1830 626 Club
2015 TFT
- 13th 1600 Cinema Club
- 14th** 1000 Morning Service led by Rev Claudia Lupi inc Holy Communion
1500 *Outside Booking—PBGS*
- 15th 1400 Crafternoon Tea
1900 TFT Band
- 16th 1600 *Outside Booking Kristy Dance*
2000 *Outside Booking - PBGS*
- 17th 1545 *Outside Booking—Emily—Child Drama*
1930 *Outside Booking—Emily T-G Adult Dance*
- 18th 1445 Bright Hour Fellowship 1830 *Gestalt Theatre—Emily T-G*

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- 19th 1830 626 Club
2015 TFT
- 20th 1600 Messy Church
- 21st** 1000 Morning Service led by Clive and Tina Salmon
1500 *Outside Booking—PBGS*
- 22nd 1900 TFT Band
2000 *Outside Booking—Scott Hemsley*
- 23rd 1430 Fellowship Group—Zoom—Ruth: session 6
1600 *Outside Booking Kristy Dance*
2000 *Outside Booking - PBGS*
- 24th 1545 *Outside Booking—Emily—Child Drama*
1930 *Outside Booking—Emily T-G Adult Dance*
- 25th 1445 Bright Hour Fellowship
1830 *Gestalt Theatre—Emily T-G*
- 26th 1830 626 Club
2015 TFT
- 27th 1000 Coffee Morning
- 28th** 1000 Morning Service led by Chris Berry
1500 *Outside Booking—PBGS*
- 29th 1400 Crafternoon Tea
1900 TFT Band
- 30th 1600 *Outside Booking Kristy Dance*
2000 *Outside Booking - PBGS*

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. Consider coming 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 June are as below.—

- 4th - Tea Party at Jo Golby's (leaving 2pm for 2.30pm)
- 11th - Alan and Christine Parfit
- 18th - Sue Blain
- 25th - Rev. Claudia Lupi

OUTSIDE BOOKINGS—JUNE

02nd	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine—Dance
	1945	2200	PBGS
03rd	1545	1830	Emily H—Child Singing/Drama
	1830	2000	Emily T-G—Adult Dance
04th	1930	2030	Emily T-G—Gestalt Theatre
09th	1500	1900	Cinema Club
07th	1500	1700	PBGS
11th	2000	2200	Scott Hemsley—Band
09th	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine—Dance
	1945	2200	PBGS
10th	1545	1830	Emily H—Child Singing/Drama
	1830	2000	Emily T-G—Adult Dance
11th	1930	2030	Emily T-G—Gestalt Theatre
14th	1500	1700	PBGS
16th	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine—Dance
	1945	2200	PBGS
17th	1545	1830	Emily H—Child Singing/Drama
	1830	2000	Emily T-G—Adult Dance
18th	1930	2030	Emily T-G—Gestalt Theatre
21st	1500	1700	PBGS
27th	2000	2200	Scott Hemsley—Band
23rd	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine—Dance
	1945	2200	PBGS
24th	1545	1830	Emily H—Child Singing/Drama
	1930	2030	Emily T-G—Adult Dance
25th	1930	2030	Emily T-G—Gestalt Theatre
28th	1500	1700	PBGS
30th	1600	2000	Kristy Burgoine—Dance
	1945	2200	PBGS

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

HOLIDAY CLUB

The holiday club is going ahead from 20 July to 24 July. We are looking for some help at some of the sessions and we are collecting items for craft. We already have 4 adults covering the whole week but ideally would like 6 people so we can use all the rooms and carry out all the planned activities.

Kitchen from 10:30am to 2:00pm

This involves providing a drink & biscuit for everyone twice a day (mid morning/afternoon)

Making lunch for all the teenager and adult volunteers (sandwich, crisps, fruit, drink & snack) for the lunch time break. The children bring their own lunch.

Help at the Craft Table 9:00am to 1:00pm



Cathy is responsible for all craft activities but some of the younger children often need some help. Each day has a theme. Some of the craft is taken home and some used to decorate the Church for the summer.

General help 9:00am to 1:00am or 12:00pm to 4:00pm.

As well as craft we have games and activities throughout the day and need some cover for the two overlapping shifts. The morning shift and afternoon shifts overlap at the lunch break. If the weather is good we often go up to Bury Orchard for some of the afternoon.

Craft stuff

We are collecting the plastic milk bottle lids and 500ml drink bottles (including lid) for some of the craft activities. If you have any other unwanted craft material Cathy is happy to collect it from you.

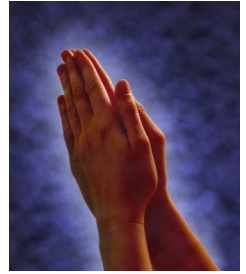
If you are able to help in any way please speak to any of the team:

Emily, Cathy, Nicky, Steve, Martin, Sheila or Clive.



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
- 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

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

Thank you to everyone who did this year's Count Your Blessings. You raised £380 in total for Action for Children and this has now been paid over. A special thank you to Tina who had to write out the list of blessings now everything is done online.

Thank you again

Stella



REVIEW OF LAST MONTH

The last service in April was a Communion Service led by Roger Owers. May started with a "Come and See". This service was enlivened by the internet going down part-way through the service. Following a period of blind panic while I tried to get things working without disrupting the service, it came back for Zoom, but YouTube had to wait till I could post a recording with all the errors corrected! The next week there was a break from tech as we had a United Service for Christian Aid Week hosted by Life Church in the Parish Hall. On May 17th, Frederick Cole brought his sons, with their trumpet and euphonium. Our morning Communion for May was on Pentecost Sunday, this also being the Pastoral Visitors Dedication.

Bright Hour met during the month.

626 Club has met each week. Club has been a bit quiet in terms of numbers this month, although some of this is down to holidays.

Amongst other things, TFT baked scones this month. I hope they tasted as good as they looked judging by the pictures they posted on Facebook.

Messy Church in May fell between Ascension and Pentecost. These



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are regular topics, the difficulty being to find new or not too recently used activities for them.

Here are a selection of pictures of activities for Ascension and Pentecost, including flames, flame cakes, candles like big birthday candles for the church, paper



planes for wind, and plate puppets for Peter talking to the crowd. We didn't take pictures of the flame wheels, but you can see these on the celebration video.

Open The Book has continued at Harlington and Sundon. We have taken the Easter story up to Pentecost and will be looking at other stories in the last half term.

Crafternoon Tea has continued to meet fortnightly. We don't have "a membership", we just have lots of people who come, some every or nearly every time, and others who come when they don't have anything else to do—like the garden, or minding the grandchildren. However, recently we had over 20 people at one session, and we had to rearrange the tables to accommodate them. All are welcome to come!

Fellowship Groups—The Tuesday afternoon group is trying to finish our study of the book of Ruth, but for various reasons, we still have two sessions to go.

The April Coffee Drop-in coincided with the Circuit get together, and was fairly quiet.

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Having had a break in April, Film Club resumed in May with the Minecraft Movie.

The New Project Group have started planning for the summer Holiday Club—more information is contained elsewhere.

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

HARLINGTON MESSY CHURCH



Our next Merry Church will be on 20th June 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 June will be sharing.

Clive and Tina

ISSUE #67

Welcome to the latest edition of our monthly magazine/notices. Deadline for items for the **JULY 2026** edition will be **THU 18TH 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 25th 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
07 JUN	am Mary pm Tina	Lesley
14 JUN	Cathy	Dorothy
21 JUN	Steve	Kate
28 JUN	Madeline	Doreen

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.

CHANGE OF MINISTER

The plan for June to August is now out and we know that Claudia's last morning service with us will be on 14th June and her 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

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

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.

Is there anything you would like to share with our Church community?

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 July 2026 edition is THU 18th 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

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.'