

# Larkfield and East Malling Methodist Church



# **Notices for Sunday 26th January 2025**

# **Prayer for our Worship today**

Loving God, help us as we worship to recognise that Christ is here amongst us.

Help us to glimpse your glory through him, to hear his voice through this service,
to feel his love through our fellowship,
and to see more clearly where we can serve him in the needs of the world,
Help us to live each day to the glory of his name. Amen

### **Our Sunday Services**

Sunday 26th February

10am: Morning Worship with Sunday Club

**Preacher: Ransford Grey** 

Steward: Valerie Thornewell Bible Reader: Jonathan Hornsby

Intercessions: Jacky Trice

Welcome Stewards: Audrey Harris, Janet Roche,

Organist: Rob Wilding

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

9am: Breakfast Church, led by Rev. Naomi,

with "Radish", Christian magician

Steward: Alan Wood

10.30am: Morning Worship

Own arrangements service with Sylvia and

Valerie

Steward: Gwen Bartley

Welcome Stewards: Jacky and Brian

**Organist: Rob Wilding** 

The Online Service for today, 26<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am will be led from Third Avenue Methodist Church

The link and service sheets can be found at: <a href="https://www.nkmethodists.org.uk/news/invitation-to-worshipfrom-home.html">https://www.nkmethodists.org.uk/news/invitation-to-worshipfrom-home.html</a>

Those without the Internet can dial in from a landline or mobile and listen to the service, using these steps:

Step 1: Between 10.15 and 10.30, dial 020 3481 5237 from a mobile or landline - charged at standard national rate.

Step 2: When requested, enter the meeting ID (742 958 8134) followed by #

You do not need a 'participant ID' - just press #. Between 10.15 and 10.30 there will be an opportunity for those dialling in to chat; the lines will be muted at 10.30 so everyone can listen to the service. If you have a laptop, iPad or phone, you can also get into the service on these devices with just one click using the following link: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/99987643710?pwd=bmhvSlh2Nk45QUZXS2JubXgxbElYdz09">https://zoom.us/j/99987643710?pwd=bmhvSlh2Nk45QUZXS2JubXgxbElYdz09</a>

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday 26 January 4pm: St Peter & St Paul's Church, Leybourne. Churches Together in Malling United Service. Everyone is invited to join us for this celebration to mark the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme will be "Do you believe this" from John 11:26. Refreshments will be available after the service.

# **Breakfast Church**

**Our next Breakfast Church,** on Sunday 2 February, will look a little bit different! Some of you will remember Radish, a Christian magician who joined us for an event during the Known & Loved Mission Week in 2022. She'll be joining us again for Breakfast Church in February, to share the good news of Jesus through magic and entertainment. It should be great fun! Do join us at 9am for continental breakfast and bacon butties before our exciting time of worship and praise.

# **Events coming up soon**

Friday, 31st January –

January Fund-raiser

# Dinner and Talk: Hilarious Adventures of a School-Journey Leader by Monica Wilding

6.30pm, £10 per person to Church funds. Please book your meal with Monica by Wednesday (29<sup>th</sup>)

# Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund-raiser Special Valentine's Day, Music from the 60s.

Come along to listen or dance to your favourite 60s tunes. Can you still do the twist? Hot Supper, £10 per person, please buy your tickets in advance

# From Sylvia:

# **Expressions Movement in Worship**

Next sessions in the Church Hall: 10th and 24th February 2.00 – 3.30 pm

#### **Church Council**

Our next Church Council meeting is planned for Thursday 13th February at 7.30pm. Please send your reports for this meeting to Margaret by **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** at the latest.

#### Rev. Naomi's Weekly Message:

Naomi has been on leave this week, so there is no weekly message, but here are some items from last week's message.

#### Safeguarding training

I'm attaching the Safeguarding report from last night's Circuit Meeting. If you hold a position in the church, I'd be grateful if you could take a moment to consider whether your DBS check and/or Safeguarding training need to be renewed. If you're not sure, have a chat to your Church Safeguarding Officer. If you need a new DBS, do let me know - if you need to renew your training, there are dates in the attached paper.

# **Next Prayer & Praise session**

The monthly Prayer & Praise session at St Mary's Old Church in Burham will return next month to its usual slot on the first Thursday of the month. All are welcome to join us on Thursday 6 February at 2pm for around 45 minutes of gentle worship, sharing and reflection in this very special location.

### **REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT LARKFIELD**

#### **Sundays**

First Sunday: **Breakfast Church at 9am, Morning worship at 10.30am** Second Sunday: **Sunday club for children and young people at 10am** 

Café Church – second Sunday at 3pm

Third Sunday: **All Age Worship at 10am** Fourth Sunday: **Sunday Club at 10am** 

#### **Mondays**

**Welcome Hub in the Sycamore Tree - 10am to 4pm -** Come and spend a short time or all day with us, with free refreshments, things to do and a warm welcome.

Girls' Brigade- 5pm to 8.30pm, term time only, contact Val Burnage for details - larkfieldgb@gmail.com

#### **Tuesdays**

Tuesday Muffins & More 10.00am—2.00pm contact Gwen Bartley or see Notices for details

Sycamore Tree Craft Group 2.00 – 3.30 every Tuesday Afternoon in the Sycamore Tree (Term Time Only),

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**Little Larks Toddlers' Club** 1.30—3.00pm, term time only, contact Monica Wilding for details

Boys' Brigade term time only, contact Liz for details at larkfieldgb@gmail.com

#### **Thursdays**

Chuckles Fellowship Group: Thursdays from 2 to 3.30pm in the church hall

Thursday Dial-in services on the first Thursday of the month

## Prayers for this week. We pray for:

- Rev. Naomi, Luke, Rachel and Abigail, as they are reunited after Naomi and Luke's week away.
- We pray for Ransford leading this morning's service.
- For Ian Bartley and Trixie Anderson who are in hospital. Also for Christine and Monty Malins and others who are unwell.
- We pray for those who have recently lost loved ones. Enfold them in your love and help them to feel your presence.
- For those recovering from operations and those still waiting for their treatment, and those struggling with pain.
- We pray for all working in the NHS at this time of pressure and stress.
- For all who have lost their homes, or had to leave them, in the terrible fires in California.
- Those struggling with poverty and hunger, or finding it difficult to keep warm in their homes.
- > Our Welcome Hub, for the guests and the volunteers, that all will find a welcome there.
- The people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and war-torn areas of the Middle East and elsewhere. We pray that cease-fires will hold and lasting peace-treaties be put in place.
- > Our church for growth, in faith and numbers, and we ask God's blessing on each and everyone of us, that we might fulfil our calling to be the people of God working for Him.

Thank you, loving Lord, for all your love, care and concern for each one of us. Thank you that we can always trust you, our strength and our defender. Amen

#### **Online Daily Prayers**

Valerie will be preparing the on-line prayers next week. If you have a prayer or thank you, please email her at valerie 17@hotmail.com

#### **Prayer Wheel**

If you wish for a prayer in an emergency, you can email Monica on 07704 105447 or email monicawilding@outlook.com

**Church Website** - the website address is larkfieldmethodist.org Contact Martin White at quantum.martin@btinternet.com to include an item on the website.