



## Notices for Sunday 6th October 2024

**W**elcome to our worship this morning. If you are a visitor, we hope to see you again. **Refreshments in the hall will be served after Breakfast Church and before morning worship at 10.30am.**

This Sunday 6th October at **9am**  
**BREAKFAST CHURCH** with The Team

Steward: **Alan Wood**

**10.30am**

**LOCAL ARRANGEMENT** with

**Brian and Jacky Trice**

Steward: **Gwen Bartley**

Welcome Stewards: **Peter and Margaret Cox**

Organist: **Rob Wilding**

Next Sunday 13th October at 10am

**Sunday Club with Helen**

Preacher: **Ransford Grey**

Steward: **Valerie Thornevell**

Welcome Stewards: **Brian and Jacky Trice**

Bible Reader: **Tricia Arnold**

Intercessions: **Brian Trice**

Organist: **Rob Wilding**

**CAFÉ CHURCH** at 3pm

with **Monica Wilding**

Steward: **Tricia Arnold**

**Lord, you call us to come to you just as we are. You declare that when we come with open hearts and with open lives you will never turn us away. Yet we also know that, only as we focus our hearts and minds on your will and allow you to infiltrate every corner of our lives, will we truly be able to worship you. We pray for Brian and Jacky leading our service, whom you have sent to bring your Word to us. Amen.**

The on-line circuit service will be led by **Rev. Bonni-Belle Pickard** at 10.30am. The link and service sheets can be found at: <https://www.nkmethodists.org.uk/news/invitation-to-worship-from-home.html>  
Those without the Internet can now dial in from a landline or mobile and listen to the service, using these simple steps:

Step 1: Between 10.15 and 10.30, dial 020 3481 5237 from a mobile or landline - this number is charged at the 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: <https://zoom.us/j/99987643710?pwd=bmhvSIh2Nk45QUZXS2JubXqxbEiYdz09>

## Rev. Naomi's Weekly Message

Dear friends,

I'm sure I'm not the only one who's been struggling this week with the strangeness of attending to ordinary, everyday tasks in the knowledge that the conflict in the Middle East is worsening and widening by the minute. In these days of smartphones and instant news alerts, we are more aware than ever of the detail of events taking place across the world - and yet we often feel powerless to bring about change.

I used to despise the hymn '[What a friend we have in Jesus](#)' - it seemed trite and overly simplistic. But then I discovered that Joseph Scriven, the author, had lived through deep tragedy. His first fiancée drowned the day before their wedding and, when he fell in love again, his beloved died of pneumonia when Joseph was just 25. When his mother was very ill on the other side of the world and Joseph, who had taken a vow of poverty, could not afford to visit her, he wrote this hymn. Joseph Scriven understood that, in the face of tragedy, when so much is out of our control, the most powerful thing we can do is pray. 'Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged - Take it to the Lord in prayer.' For nothing is impossible with God - and it is God's peace the world needs.

Some news and updates for the coming weeks...

### Breakfast Church - This Sunday at 9am

Join us for Breakfast Church this Sunday, when we'll be putting on the armour of God (Ephesians 6:10-18) and thinking about what it means to clothe ourselves with compassion and kindness (Colossians 3:12). Children (and anyone who wants to!) are invited to dress up in costume for the occasion - who will you be?

As always, we'll have a delicious continental breakfast, bacon butties, a play area for the little ones, and activities for all ages. If you haven't tried Breakfast Church before, why not give it a go - and invite someone along who might appreciate a more informal style of worship, with plenty of food!

### Messy Church - Could you help?

Our next Messy Church will be on Wednesday 30 October at 2.30pm, for children and their families. Monica will be on grandparent duties elsewhere, so Donna (whom many of you will know from Little Larks and the Welcome Hub) and I will be taking the lead. Monica's are big shoes to fill, so Donna and I need your help! If you could lend a hand on the day (setting up, serving refreshments, welcoming the families, helping with the activities etc) then I'd love to hear from you.

### Introducing our new Church Safeguarding Officer

Emily Kasongo has taken over from Gwen as our Church Safeguarding Officer (Adults), working alongside Tricia (our Church Safeguarding Officer with a focus on children and young people). Not all of you will have met Emily, who attends Little Larks and Breakfast Church with her family, so here she is to introduce herself:

*My name is Emily and I am new to the crew as of 1st September 2024 for the upcoming year. I'm currently on maternity leave having welcomed our 3rd baby to the world in January. For work, I am a Teacher in a local secondary school. Having moved to the area and been so warmly received by Larkfield, I moved my membership over from TRMC where my family previously worshipped for 3 generations.*

If you have any queries relating to Safeguarding at church, please contact [safeguardinglmc@gmail.com](mailto:safeguardinglmc@gmail.com)

## Rosemary's wedding

If you missed Rosemary's wedding (or would like to see it again!) you can now catch up with the videos of the ceremony and reception <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5XDMxXdrW24> and [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=upg9MbV\\_rj8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=upg9MbV_rj8)

## Calling all singers! Scratch      Messiah

I know that many of you love to sing - here's your chance to do so with many others from across the South East Methodist District. On 14 December at Reigate Methodist Church, there will be a District Messiah in celebration of the new organ. There will be a run-through at 2pm, followed by tea, and then the event itself at 6pm. They'll be singing the first section (the Christmas bits!) plus the Hallelujah Chorus. If you'd like to be involved, and are looking for others to travel with, do let me know.

For further information or to register your interest, please contact the Thames Valley Circuit Administrator, Sophie Thompson, on [thamesvalleyadm1n@gmail.com](mailto:thamesvalleyadm1n@gmail.com)

## Advent Bible study course

With the weather getting colder and the nights drawing in, it seems that Christmas is just around the corner! Some of you have expressed an interest in an Advent Bible study course - I'd like to offer something that all my churches can access, but I'm aware that folks won't want to travel far on a winter's evening. If you'd be interested in taking part, I'd be grateful if you could let me know whether you'd be happy to do so via **Zoom** on **Wednesday evenings during Advent**. If you'd like to take part, but couldn't do so in this way, please let me know.

Every blessing,

Naomi



**Messiah from Scratch**  
Come and Sing

Join us in singing the 1st section of  
Handel's Messiah (the Christmas bits  
plus Hallelujah Chorus)

14th December  
2 o'clock for rehearsals  
Afternoon tea, with sandwiches & cake  
6 o'clock for performance

Reigate Methodist Church  
53 High Street, Reigate  
RH2 9AE

Come and help us  
celebrate the new organ  
as we prepare for  
Christmas

Organist : Paul Leddington Wright  
Conductor : Vicci Davidson  
Soloists from the Bach Choir

For further information or to register interest, either as  
a choir or an individual, please email  
[rev.vicci@mail.com](mailto:rev.vicci@mail.com)

## **Church Council Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

The next meeting of the Church Council will be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the church. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting but elected members only may vote on any issue. All reports and notification of items for the Agenda should be sent to [margaretcox100@hotmail.com](mailto:margaretcox100@hotmail.com) by **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, please.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

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## **Jumble Sale, Saturday 19th October 10am till 12pm.**

Our Church Jumble Sale is coming up in a couple of weeks. We seem to have lots of jumble on the way, but we also need lots of help.

We will be setting up in the church hall from 2pm on Friday afternoon (18th), and then we'll be here again from 8.30am on the Saturday morning. If you can help set up at either times, or if you can help with the sale on the Saturday, or with the setting up, please let Monica know as soon as possible. Items for the sale must be clean and saleable please. They can be delivered any time on the Friday afternoon, or by arrangement with Monica.

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## **Christmas Wreath Workshop**

Trena, who is a trained florist, has generously offered to lead a Christmas wreath (artificial) making workshop as a fundraiser for our church. This will be on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 10 to 12pm in the Sycamore Tree. If you wish to attend, please book your place with Monica ([monicawilding@outlook.com](mailto:monicawilding@outlook.com) or 07704 105447) as soon as possible, so that we can organise all the materials. We will ask for a minimum donation of £10 for each person who attends, but you will, of course, be able to take your wreath home with you. Refreshments will be supplied, for which donations would also be appreciated. The Arty Crafty Christmas session wont now be happening on that date.

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## **The Eynsford Concert Band present**

A concert of music to commemorate Remembrance and the D-Day Landings, in the fabulous setting of Rochester Cathedral, the second oldest cathedral in England.

- **Saturday, November 2, 2024**
- **18:00 20:30**

**Rochester Cathedral England, ME1 1SJ**

Led by Eynsford Concert Band with choral support from West Malling Community Choir, the Canterbury for Ukraine Ladies Choir and the Brompton & Invicta Military Wives Choir

A poignant event with the standard bearers of the Royal British Legion as well as representation from the cadets of each of the services.

All proceeds in aid of the **Royal British Legion** and **Army Benevolent Fund**



# AUCTION OF PROMISES

**Bring and Share Supper**

**Raising funds for Larkfield  
& East Malling  
Methodist Church**



**Send your Promises by 3rd November to Gwen:  
[gwendoline512@btinternet.com](mailto:gwendoline512@btinternet.com)**

**List of available Promises available nearer the  
time. Bids in person or by proxy.**

Promises Form attached.

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## **An Appeal from Alison Hornsby**

Can you help? - We've been let down by my nephew, and his parents, (who was going to stay at our house to look after the cats, while we are on holiday). We now have no-one to do it. Clare Boxall usually does but she is away with work so can't this time.

We wouldn't expect anyone to stay, but would need (if there is anyone available) someone to come in Monday eve (14th Oct), as we will have fed them before we go away, then Tues, Wed and Thursday eve, and Fri morning, the 18th Oct, (we will be home by lunch time on the Fri).

If we can't find anyone Neill or Jonathan will have to stay behind and not come on holiday.

Thankyou.

Alison.

## Dates for your diaries

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October** - Meeting of the Church Council at 7.30pm in the church.

**Saturday 19 October**, 10am to 1pm. **Good Old-fashioned Jumble Sale** Book the date and start saving your jumble. Please, could you let Monica know if you can help on the day.

**Saturday 23rd November - Auction of Promises** at 7pm in the church hall.

**Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 December: Christmas Tree Festival, “60 Trees for 60 Years”.**

**Sunday 8 December**, 1.30pm onwards **“60 Carols and Christmas Songs for 60 years.”**

## Sunday 6th April 2025 - General Church Meeting

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**Informal Prayer & Praise** gathering - around 45 minutes of worship songs, story-sharing and prayer on the first Thursday of the month at 2pm at **St Mary's Old Church in Burham**.

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**Country Lunch** - now at the **Old School Community Centre in Burham** at 12.30pm on the third Thursday of the month. Join us for soup, crusty bread and crumble (and great company!) for only £3.

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Taize Service all on Sundays at 6.30pm in Yalding church led by Richard Young

10th November

8th December

9th March

13th April

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## Help our Fundraising and enjoy an evening at the Theatre

Larkfield and East Malling Methodist Church has become a local fundraising partner of the Willington Players, who perform a variety of plays in the Spring and Autumn at The Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone.

From **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> until Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November**, Terrence Rattigan's much loved World War II drama *Flare Path* will be performed. Performances from Tuesday to Friday start at 7.30pm and on Saturday at 3pm. (See attached flyer)

For the adult ticket price of **£17.00**, our church would receive **£7.36** for every ticket we sell! Please email Valerie Thornewell on [valeriet\\_17@hotmail.com](mailto:valeriet_17@hotmail.com), or simply tell her, how many tickets you would like. Tell your friends, family and neighbours.

In addition, Frederic's Bistro offers ticket holders a 2 course dinner for only £15, before the performance. Contact: [www.fredericbistro.com](http://www.fredericbistro.com) 01622 297414.

## REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at LARKFIELD

### Sunday

First Sunday in month **Breakfast Church** at **9am** Morning worship **10.30am**  
Second Sunday **Sunday Club for children and young people** at **10am**  
Third Sunday **All Age Worship** at **10am**  
Fourth Sunday **Sunday Club** at **10am**

**Café Church** second Sunday of the month at 3pm.

### Monday

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

**Expressions Movement in Worship** – contact Sylvia for more information

**Girls' Brigade** 5.00—6.30pm then 6.45—8.30pm Term time only, contact Val Burnage for details. [larkfieldgb@gmail.com](mailto:larkfieldgb@gmail.com)

### Tuesday

**Muffins & More** 10.00am—2.00pm contact Gwen Bartley

**Sycamore Tree Craft Group** – in the Sycamore Tree 2.00 – 3.30



### Wednesday

**Welcome Hub** 10am to 4pm in the Sycamore Tree.

**Little Larks Toddlers' Club Wednesdays** except school holidays 1.30pm—3pm

**Boys' Brigade** 6pm - 7.15pm and 7pm - 8.15pm for aged 11+ contact Liz Morgan: [larkfieldbb@gmail.com](mailto:larkfieldbb@gmail.com)

### Thursday

**Dial-in services** on the phone or internet on the first Thursday of the month at 10.00am. All are welcome to join in.

Step 1: At 10am dial 020 3481 5237 from a mobile or landline.

Step 2: When requested, enter the Meeting ID 999 8764 3710 followed by #

Step 3: When requested, enter the Passcode 345080 followed by #

You do not need a 'Participant ID' - just press # 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: <https://zoom.us/j/99987643710?pwd=bmhvSlh2Nk45QUZXS2JubXgxbEiYdz09> (In case you need it, the Meeting ID is: 999 8764 3710 and Passcode: 345080)

**Chuckles Fellowship Group:** Join us for games, refreshments or just to chat between 2 to 3.30pm in the church hall .

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Larkfield and East Malling  
Methodist Church

On the corner of London Rd  
and New Hythe Lane, ME20 6PN

Fundraising for our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

# *Good Old-fashioned Jumble Sale*

*Saturday 19 October, 10am to 12noon*

*Good clothing, shoes, bags, kitchenware, bric-a-brac,  
books galore, children's toys, CDs, DVDs etc.*

*Hand-made gifts,*

*Funky Fusion Gifts and Accessories*

*Sellable items only, please!*

*Come and grab a bargain!*

*Entrance Donation £1, including free cuppa.*

*Refreshments for sale*

*Good quality, clean, sellable donations  
can be dropped off at the Methodist Church Hall  
between 2 and 5pm on Friday 18 October.*

*Contact Monica on 07704 105447 for more details.*





Larkfield and East Malling Methodist Church

# Christmas Tree Festival

## “60 Trees for 60 Years”

**Saturday 7th December, 10.30am to 4.30pm**

**Sunday, 8th December, 11.30am to 1.15pm**

Help us celebrate by bringing a tree, on behalf of yourself, your family or your group, please contact Monica, [monicawilding@outlook.com](mailto:monicawilding@outlook.com) or 07704 105447.

**Trees don't all have to be big!**  
**Small craft trees, knitted trees, pictures or models will be great!**  
**Trees will be displayed in the Church, Welcome Area and Hall**

**Tea, coffee and cakes will be served.**

**Christmas gifts and cards for sale.**

Donations will be welcome for Church Funds.



## “60 Carols for 60 Years”

**Sing along with us amidst the Christmas trees.**

**Sunday 8th December 1.30 to 5.30pm approx.**

**Come and go as you wish. Afternoon tea at 3pm.**

We continue to celebrate our Church's 60th Anniversary with an extraordinary Christmas Songs of Praise as we sing carols old and new.



If you'd like to sponsor a favourite carol, please let us know.

Donations will be welcomed towards our Church Funds.



**Happy Birthday to Tracy Lambert on 8th,  
Lesley Connor on 9th and Ian Bartley on 12th October**

**Knowing that God hears our prayers, let us share our concerns with him for our Church and for the world.**

**Lord, we pray for:**

- ◇ **Rev. Naomi (our Minister)** and her family, **Luke, Rachel** and **Abigail**;
- ◇ **The Breakfast Church Team this Sunday at 9am** and for our Local Arrangement service at 10.30am being
- ◇ **Rev. Bonni-Belle Pickard** leading the on-line circuit service this Sunday at 10.30am;
- ◇ Those people throughout the world who have endured and lost family members as a result of war, natural disasters, earthquakes, hurricanes, floods and violence, and have been scattered far from their homes and loved ones, be enabled to live again in peace and happiness;
- ◇ We pray for the brigades and young people of our church, may they grow in faith and love of you;
- ◇ The folk of Burham may they find suitable venues to continue worshipping you;
- ◇ Those who are struggling with poverty or loneliness, or other difficult issues;
- ◇ For volunteers and guests at our Welcome Hub;
- ◇ Folk whose lives are filled with pain, anxiety, despair or undergoing hospital treatment;
- ◇ Those we know in care and nursing homes;
- ◇ We pray for those who have died recently and for those grieving for loved ones. Enfold them in your love and let them become aware of you beside them;
- ◇ Our friends who are housebound and unable to leave their homes and no longer join us for worship, we pray for the knowledge of your love to wrap warmly around them;
- ◇ Doctors, nurses, all who work for the NHS, carers in homes and those who visit patients at home;
- ◇ Folk living in: Osprey Walk, Owen Close, Papyrus Way, Partridge Avenue, Perch Close, Pike Close and Pikey Lane;
- ◇ 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, Lord, for being there beside us. Amen**

**Prayer Wheel** - If you wish for a prayer in an emergency, you can email Monica on 07704 105447 or email [monicawilding@outlook.com](mailto:monicawilding@outlook.com)

**On-line Prayers** - This coming week the on-line prayers will be prepared and sent out by **Helen**. If you have a request for prayer, you can contact her on: [hrwarren@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hrwarren@hotmail.co.uk)

**Church Website** - the website address is: [larkfieldmethodist.org](http://larkfieldmethodist.org)  
Contact Martin White at [quantum.martin@btinternet.com](mailto:quantum.martin@btinternet.com) to include an item on the website.

**Church Notices** Please contact Christine at [cvmalins@gmail.com](mailto:cvmalins@gmail.com) if you wish to have a notice included.

**Hall and Sycamore Tree Hiring**—Please contact Mike Winsor to book the Church Hall or Sycamore Tree. All planned church meetings or activities should be notified and booked through him to avoid the possibility of double booking. You can email Mike at [winsor.michael@gmail.com](mailto:winsor.michael@gmail.com) or telephone him on 07971 738 685.