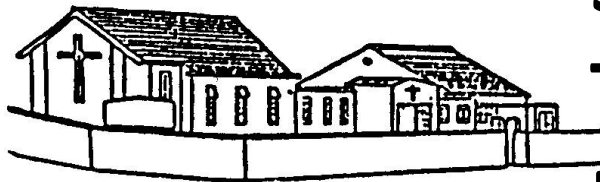




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Dear Friends

I am sure that many of you will know by now that I am about to embark on my second (and final) Sabbatical during my time as a Methodist Minister.

I know that some people struggle with the idea of Ministers taking a Sabbatical and I thought that it might be helpful to know why they are part of the requirement for Presbyters and Deacons. It is set out in detail in The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church. The main points are set out in Standing Order 744 which states that “...a presbyter or deacon in Full Connexion stationed in an appointment within the control of the Church shall (in the performance of his or her duties as a minister) at intervals undertake a sabbatical, that is a period of release from the ordinary duties of the appointment, in addition to normal holidays, for the purpose of pursuing an approved programme of study, research, or experience”.

(2) Normally the length of the sabbatical shall be three months.

(3) Special permission is required for any longer period.

(4) Before a Sabbatical is taken, the following require approval:

(i) the dates of release and return

(ii) the programme

(iii) arrangements for covering the ordinary duties of the appointment

(iv) arrangements for the pastoral support of the participant's partner and dependants

(v) an estimate of the expenses to be incurred in carrying out the approved programme

My Sabbatical starts on the 1st June 2024 and finishes on 31st August 2024. The programme to be followed is arranged

between the South East District Sabbaticals Advisory Group and the Local Sabbatical Support Group which is made up of people from around the Circuit. We have been working over the past few months to devise the programme which in my case has three elements:

- (a) Working with a Charity based in Worthing on the south coast who refurbish wheelchairs. This is something that I feel would enable me to explore what I might do when I “sit down” (retire) in August 2025. I like working with mechanical and electrical things and would like to put these skills to use and perhaps enhance my knowledge at the same time.
- (b) Continuing a process that began during my previous Sabbatical when I looked at the Minor Prophets. I have been through all of the books and have a good understanding of the story, but I would like to extend this by looking at hymns, songs and music that relate to these books. The other day I discovered that several years ago someone wrote a musical about the book of Hosea. The really strange thing is that I found out that I actually knew one of the songs! Anyway, I will introduce you to it in the autumn. It seems that this might be a prolonged and interesting piece of work which I will enjoy.
- (c) The third task is to trawl back through hours of video recordings that I have collected over the years in order to compile a series of videos for my family. This will add to the collection of short films that I have created for many of the children who have stayed with us over the years.

At the end of the process I will write a report for the District Sabbaticals Advisory Group which is also shared with the Circuit.

One of the roles of the Local Sabbatical Support Group is to make sure that arrangements are in place to cover my duties whilst I am away. Much time has been spent to ensure that tasks have been covered. I have also endeavoured to complete some tasks before heading off. Sue Burgoine will continue to work from the Office and will be able to deal with many issues. Rev. Kofi will cover pastoral support. I am grateful to him, other members of the Clergy, Local Preachers and Worship Leaders for help in filling in Preaching Plan for June to August 2024. You can also contact the Circuit Leadership Team with other queries. In addition to this, Rev. Sam Funnell, the Assistant District Chair and Rev. Vicci Davidson, Superintendent in Thames Valley Circuit are also available to assist as required.

Part of the responsibility of the Local Sabbatical Group is to meet with the whole family to provide support in accordance with the Standing Order.

You can see that a lot of work goes into setting up a Sabbatical and I am grateful for all that has been done to get to this point. I look forward to coming back in September to share what I have learnt whilst away with a view to supporting the Circuit over the coming year.

In the meantime, I hope that you have a blessed and peaceful summer with the opportunity for rest, relaxation as well as finding time to spend with family and friends.

God bless.

Andrew & Pat



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Wednesday Morning

at Edinburgh Drive run by Kingdom Living Church
9.30 am – 12 noon,
EVERY Wednesday



We continue to meet each 1st and 3rd
Thursday of the month

In March Andrew led us in a Maundy
Thursday service in the church, telling us
interesting facts about the names and
derivation each day of Holy Week.

We wish Andrew a restful Sabbatical period.

What an interesting afternoon our poetry-sharing turned out to
be.

I retold a funny children's poem called , "My Tummy."

Reciting it, had previously earned me a house point at school, during our Friday poetry lessons. All the children in the class would be asked to vote for the best poem of the week and I found this poem in a Daily Mail annual and knew it would be popular.

It was and I earned the point!

Jo Doree amazed and delighted us with poems she read, from a collection of poems she had written at important times. One of which will be published in a forthcoming newsletter.

This week Jan and John Rice joined us for an afternoon of table top games.

We were hoping to play games outside however the weather wasn't suitable and the grass was long!

(Any volunteers to help cut it?)

It was a meeting filled with concentration, on one table and hysterical laughter on another as we battled away, with Graham and Maralyn final winners.

Dates for your diary

June 6 Quiz hosted by Maralyn

June 20 Jenny to give a talk- subject to be finalised

July 4 Graham's Scottish slides

July 18 Sing-a-long-Summer with Bobby

All are most welcome to join us at Edinburgh Drive on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 14.30.

Sandra Davis

MESSAGE FROM FURTHER AWAY:

"It's been nearly two years since my wife, Joyce, died. I've just heard from The Shooting Star trust that donations made in her memory by her friends and family are now nearly £3000. Many, many thanks."

Barrie Bullimore
From Gosport

Family Fun at 4pm

At the suggestion of one of our church families, in January, we started a short family-oriented service at 4pm on the last Sunday of the month at Woodthorpe Methodist, Clarendon Road.

The children who come are very young, most around two years old, but we all have a great time!

The service is usually based on the theme of the morning service but interpreted in a totally different way.

We have had videos – who can ever forget the ‘Cheeky Pandas’ – and songs with bubbles where we had a bubble machine.

We've searched for things and made people with play-doh.



Through stories we've learnt about being kind to people and how to share.

Although the service is aimed at young children, we all gain from the simple message. As it says in Matthew – “Anyone who does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it”.

Messy Church has now closed at Woodthorpe, but through this service and activities planned for the school holidays, we will keep in touch with our Messy Church families and hopefully meet with many others.

EDITION FOCUS

Emmanuel Church Eastbourne

www.emmanuekeastbourne.org.uk



This is the newly named, new-build Methodist/URC Church on the outskirts of Eastbourne, opened on 1st. September 2023, which replaced four churches in the area (2 Methodist and 2 URC). The Staines and Feltham Circuit made a generous financial

contribution to this project following an appeal from the District. Costs had increased due to Covid and unexpected difficulties were encountered during construction of the new premises, hence the appeal.

The new building is on the site of one of the former two URC churches, which was demolished, one of the old Methodist buildings now operates as a Pentecostal Church, and the other is being converted into a Mencap Centre; this was Greenfield

Methodist Church, where congregations met during construction of the new building.

We were in Eastbourne for a long weekend in April and attended the 10.30. service at “Emmanuel”. It involved a taxi ride from our seafront hotel and is situated on a climbing residential main road about half a mile out of the town. Much of the ground floor area is a car park, and the kitchen on that level will eventually, it is hoped, service a café in the foyer area. The worship area and various small rooms are on the first floor, accessed by stairs or lift. On entering the building we were met by Wesley, who wore a badge with the word “Steward” on it and directed us to the lift for our short ride to where the service was to be held. It is an area with much glass and is thus very light. There is no Junior Church, but two young girls, with their parents, were in the row in front of us, quietly drawing and colouring throughout the service. There are two ministers, one Methodist (Rev. Paul Tabraham) and one URC (Rev. Memona Shabhaz). Paul was leading that morning and included the “Commissioning of Pastoral Visitors” (23 altogether) in the act of worship. The message he brought was that the church consists of people with differing characteristics, backgrounds and abilities, but that we are one in loving Jesus, one in love for each other, and one in proclaiming our faith. with love, to those beyond the church. The congregation numbered around seventy; probably half were of retirement age and the remainder in their 30s to 50s.

The excellent Audio Visual system was operated by two men in the gallery at the back of the worship area. It is planned to put seats there in due course, which will increase capacity for services and events.

There were refreshments in a large hall afterwards and, having introduced ourselves and where we were from, Alistair (a member of the congregation) said a personal “Thank you” to this Circuit for its help, as did Paul Tabraham. We pass this on to you now, as you read this.

Michael took the opportunity to explore the rest of the building, discovering that the second floor had further small rooms for meetings and a large area where the children’s nursery (“Jenny Wrens”) meets during the week.

The garden borders are very neat and colourful, and the nursery children have a large part in looking after them as part of their activities.

Methodist Modern Art Collection. “New Vision”



From 19th May to 13th June, Tuesday to Sunday, the church is hosting an exhibition, consisting of items from the Methodist Modern Art Collection. It is entitled “New Vision” and is the first large outreach project for “Emmanuel”. Its flock was looking forward enthusiastically to this.

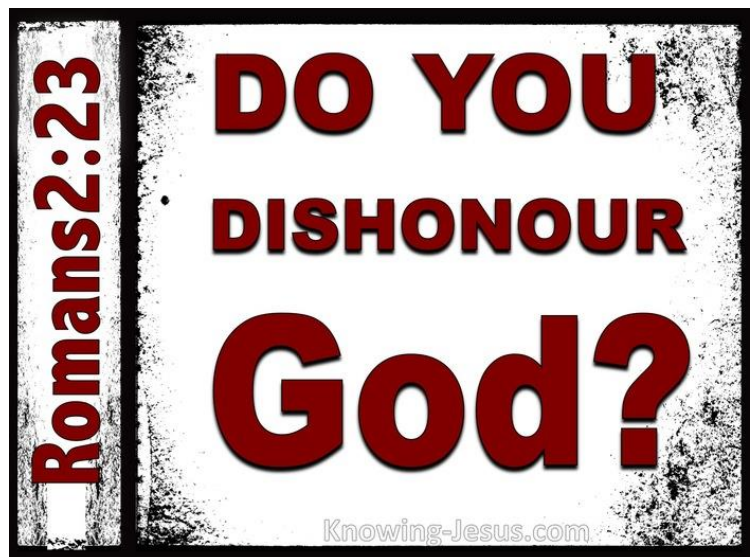
Michael and Barbara Bagg

Dear Friends,
Greetings and blessings to you and your family, our church family and our nation for breakthroughs. I declare June shall be unto us a month of divine breakthroughs in Jesus name. May I warmly invite all of us to support Roger Jones weekend, its fixing to be a great blessing. Let's pray for its success and invite our families, neighbours to connect to the Lord. Special thanks and blessings to Roz, the "E & O" team, and the choir behind the planning.

Honour vs Dishonour

John 4:44 : (Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honor in his own country.)

Jesus teaches an object lesson for the disciples and us today. Jesus is travelling from Judea into Galilee ([John 4:3](#)), after spending two days teaching the Samaritans of Sychar ([John 4:40](#)). He comments about the fact that, as a prophet he has faced a lack of honor from his hometown.



Why the dishonour? Scholars offer several ideas. The most reasonable is that Jesus is returning to the region of Galilee, but not to His local hometown of Nazareth. He returned to the town of Cana ([John 4:46](#)), where He had performed His first miracle ([John 2:11](#)).

This would put John's remark about a prophet's honor in context. Jesus is going to Galilee, the region, but bypasses His hometown of Nazareth, since the people there have no

particular interest in His message. Do you we have complete interest in all of Jesus' messages? Have you been offended by some of Jesus' teachings/ sermons?

Jesus has just finished a conversation with a Samaritan woman, while the disciples were in town buying food. They came back and met Jesus talking to a Samaritan. The Jews despised and looked down on Samaritans. Racism was rife between Jews and Samaritans. As it turns out, this supposedly converted adulterous woman will bring many people to meet Christ. The disciples had brought no one. Who will come to meet Jesus because of your life and my life on earth? This is the ultimate purpose of our mission, let us pray and work to that effect in Jesus' name.

Honour: a decision to give priceless value to another human being just because they are created in the image of God. Love is putting that decision into action.

*John Trent
Daily Christian Quote Website*

IF GOD GIVES YOU A
FEW MORE YEARS,
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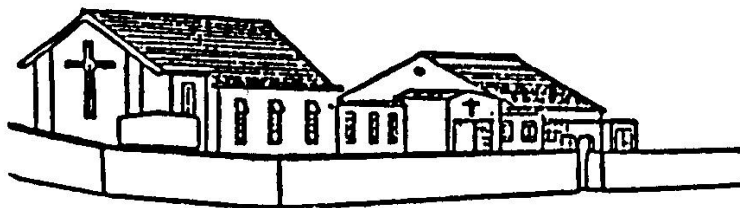
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Prayer: Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help us to honour the Lord, by breaking all racial barriers and barriers to welcoming all human persons to meet

Jesus Christ, through our lives and in our churches. Let the spirit of darkness that dishonours Jesus in our lives, churches and nation be bound now.

Rev Kofi Tekyi-Ansah



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CELEBRATIONS

We send warm greetings to our friends who have birthdays

during June to June Hughes, June Mumford, Carol McKenner & Chris Morton, In July we say happy birthday to Denise Regent and Doris Owen.

Hospitality was extended through a BBQ on Pentecost Sunday. Coinciding with a Parade Service led by Andrew Reed, more than 25 enjoyed fellowship in the Church garden over a hearty meal including luxurious carrot cake and homemade pavlova.

To celebrate our work with young people, the **Sunday School Anniversary Services** will be at 10:30 & **18:00** on Sunday 9 June. Pauline Shilston has accepted an invitation to lead both services but please note the slightly earlier time of the evening service.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

> the adventure begins here



7th North Surrey (Ashford Common Methodist) Company

Reflecting on photographs from the last couple of months of BB activities, we're reminded of the wide and varied programme offered by your dedicated and creative volunteers to our young people including baking, sunflower planting, and quizzes based on music and TVs The Chase.





Boys have also had opportunities to take part in activities away from the Church. 12 boys and four leaders were part of a group of 55 from across West London who descended on the Airport Bowl for ten pin bowling on 27 April.

On the following Monday, instead of their normal meeting at the hall our Juniors had exclusive use of the Rock Up climbing centre in Walton.



Looking forward to the (hopefully) more reliable weather of summer, our outdoor programme will begin for eight weeks from Monday 3 June.

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Happy Birthday to Rev Kofi Tekyi-Ansah in June.

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Big Breakfast Menu

Prices are a suggested minimum donation

2 x Toast & Preserves	£3.00
Cooked Breakfast & Toast	£7.00

Tea or Coffee included

Tea or Coffee Refills 50p per cup



Big Brekkie was a great success with 30 breakfast being cooked and £516.00 raised.

Thank you Marilyn and Maggie for all your hard work.

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THURSDAY	Term Time	Boys' Brigade Company Section	19:00
SUNDAY	Weekly	Morning Worship & Sunday School	10:30
		Evening Worship	18:30

CHRIST CHURCH FELTHAM

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TUESDAY	1 st Tuesday	Feltham History Group	19:45
WEDNESDAY	Weekly Term Time	Stay and Play	10:00
	Weekly	The Furnace - worship together and pray for Feltham	19:45
SUNDAY	Weekly	Informal Service with Kids Groups	Door Open 10:00
	3 rd Sunday	Community Lunch everyone is welcome, bring some food to share!	After Church

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TUESDAY	2 nd	TALC (Tuesday Adult Leisure Club)	14:00 – 16:00
SATURDAY	1 st	Brick Church	10:00 – 11:30
SUNDAY	Weekly	Revival & Prophetic Prayer Service	09:00
		Prayer and Praise	10:00
		Morning Worship	10:30

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	Fortnightly	Bible study on Zoom	20:00	
WEDNESDAY	Weekly	Holy Communion	10:00	
THURSDAY	Monthly	WOT (Women on Thursdays)	14:00-16:00	
SUNDAY	Weekly	Parish Communion in church	09:45	
	Monthly	Morning prayer on Zoom	09:30	

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			Brownies (Aged 7 – 10)	17:50 - 19:30
			Guides (Aged 10 – 15)	19:00 - 21:00
TUESDAY	Zoom	Alternate weeks	Bible Study	20:00
WEDNESDAY	Clarendon Rd	2 nd Wednesday (Not at Church)	Clarendon Ladies Group	12:00
	Edinburgh Dr.	Weekly	Coffee Morning (KLC)	09:30 -12:00
	Edinburgh Dr.	Last Wednesday	Messy Church	15:30 – 17:30
THURSDAY	Contact Graham	Weekly	Bible Study	10:30
	Edinburgh Dr.	1 st & 3 rd Thursday	Fellowship	14:30
	Clarendon Rd	2 nd Thursday	Bookworms	15:30 – 16:30
	Clarendon Rd	Last Thursday	Messy Church	15:30 – 17:30
SUNDAY	Clarendon Rd	All except last Sunday	Morning Worship	10:30
	Edinburgh Dr.	Last Sunday	Morning Worship	10:00
	Clarendon Rd	As advertised	Fun Family Worship	16:00



For the families and friends of those that have passed away since the last publication:

Alma Brown, Phyliss Edwards, Rosemary Harwood, Margaret Jackson
(member of Staines Methodist Church and Circuit Steward),
Roy Savage.

If there are people in communities that you would add to this list please give these to your church contact to pass on for the next edition!

All those involved in holiday activities & outreach work:

Planning Lent and Easter activities.

Youth Organisations (Scouting, Guiding, Boys Brigade)

Church Groups (Lego Church, Messy Church, Brick Church, Prayer Groups)

All those that work in the following areas:

In our educational establishments
with the young and old in our communities
our Emergency Services

Hospitals, Community Health & Social Care and mental health services
All the Hospital Chaplains at Ashford and St Peters and West Middlesex

The Extended Circuit Leadership Team during Rev Andrew Reed's Sabbatical:

The 7 Ministers
The 5 Circuit Stewards

The South East Methodist District Team:

Rev David Hinchliffe – District Chair
Rev Sam Funnell – Western Area Assistant District Chair
Wendy Cory – District Administrator
Rev Nick Oborski – Synod Secretary
Claire Coles - District Safeguarding Officer

Please remember those leading Worship in our churches in our part of the Circuit (Woodthorpe, Ashford Common, Southville, Christ Church Feltham, St Dunstan's Feltham) during the months of June – July:

Rev Anne Dollery, Rev Desmond Eghardevba, Rev David Hinchliffe, (Roger Jones), Carol McKenner, Paul Murphy, Jonathan Perkins, Rev David Priddy, Pauline Shilston, Rev Rudy Tan, Rev Kofi Tekyi-Ansah, Rev Julie Underwood, Rev Andy Watkins, Graham Wells, Mary Windo and all those leading Own Arrangements services.

(Details correct at time of going to press)

We also pray for All Ministers, Chaplains, Local Preachers, Worship Leaders including those undergoing training around the Circuit and beyond.



If you know of anyone or of any circumstance requiring our prayers, phone Bobby (from Woodthorpe) 01784 251944 or
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