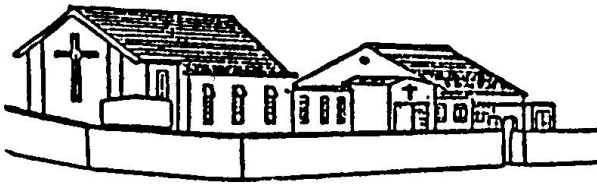




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Dear Friends



PARIS 2024



This is a summer of international sporting events. Many of us may not be that interested in the tennis, football, cricket, Formula 1 or

Olympic competitions that have and will be happening this summer. However they are part of the culture in which we live and witness to Christ and if we ignore them totally we may miss opportunities to be salt and light amongst those we live and work.



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GERMANY

Sport was also part of the culture of the Roman Empire into which the apostles proclaimed the good news of Christ. Although St Paul sought out the Jewish communities in each place he visited he preached the gospel to gentiles; Romans and Greeks living in the cities of the Roman Empire. They were as keen on sport as many are today. As well as the (original) Olympic Games held every four years in Greece there were others, of which the Isthmian games, held just outside the city of Corinth every two years were the most important.

There were competitions in athletics, discus, boxing, chariot racing (and more) plus in later years music and poetry. Romans and Greek men competed and women also took part in some races, including the chariot racing. At the Isthmian Games winners each received a wreath of pine branches. No Jew would have taken part; all the Games were linked to pagan worship and the male athletes competed naked (a different cultural understanding from ours!).

With the music and poetry I imagine a cross between the Olympic Games and



Glastonbury festival – or maybe an eisteddfod?

It is thought that St Paul, with his companion Titus, were in Corinth tent making, preaching and teaching the gospel in the years 49 and 51 CE, when the Isthmian Games were held. No wonder that he wrote in some of his letters to the churches using terms from athletics and boxing, comparing their calling as followers of Christ to running and competing in races, such as:

“ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.”

(I Corinthians 9:24- 27)

“I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:13-14)

And in Hebrews 12:1-3):

‘Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of

God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. “

These metaphors still speak to us today, whether we play or watch sport or stopped playing sports when we were at school.



I thank God for those who are gifted in sports of all kinds and for those who train and support them. I thank God for the pleasure of those who

will watch and be inspired by them. I pray for the faithful witness of all Christians competing in the Olympic Games in Paris and all sporting events this summer, with the challenges this brings them.

Most of all I pray that individually and as churches we will communicate and share the gospel of Christ; may we make disciple, guided by the Holy Spirit in making connections with our neighbours lives, interests and experiences. May we be inspired and given courage by St Paul's example.

Anne Dollery





Special Circuit Price £4

Normal Price £4.50

The Methodist Church Prayer Handbook for the connexional year 2024/25. A large print version is available.

The Handbook provides prayers and Bible passages for individual and group use to focus on the Methodist church developing its aims as a justice – seeking, evangelistic and inclusive church.

If you are wanting a copy please contact the Circuit Office (office@sfmc.org.uk) by Monday 5th August.



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There will be a Summer Fun Day at Edinburgh Drive on Saturday 20th July starting at 1.00 pm, run by Kingdom Living Church and including BBQ, bouncy castle, football, badminton, table tennis, basketball, karaoke and lots more.

Coffee Morning



Wednesday Morning

at Edinburgh Drive run by Kingdom Living Church

9.30 am – 12 noon,

EVERY Wednesday – Not meeting in August



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

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

Sandra Davis

WITH LOVE from Sweep

I watch you from my silent world
You are my life, my faithful friend
My needs are few, I just wait for you
To come home to me when your workday
ends

I lie close to you to give you warmth
and comfort, and sing my vibrating
words of love

You reward me with your tender touch
I feel so sad when oft I see you cry
I watch you helplessly, and wonder why
I lift my paw to touch your stricken face
My way of giving you a fond embrace
You understand my every whim and need



SWEEP

I look at you until you pay me heed
I cannot hear you when you call my name
But I will stay beside you just the same.

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BOOKWORMS @ Clarendon Road

BOOKWORMS on the second Thursday of month
(Next on Thursday 8th August), 15:30 – 16:30.

Children can choose 2 books each month to keep.
There is no charge.

We now have several families coming to choose their
books.

BOOKWORMS is open to anyone.

If you know of families who may benefit from coming,
please let them know.

We have books for toddlers to teens.



Time for Tea

2 - 4pm

every TUESDAY afternoon

(starting Tuesday 6th August)

where?

Woodthorpe Methodist Church
Clarendon Road, Ashford, TW15 2QR

do come for
a social time with
tea and cake and



chat

you may bring
a board game



craft to do
knitting etc.

or anything you wish to do or share



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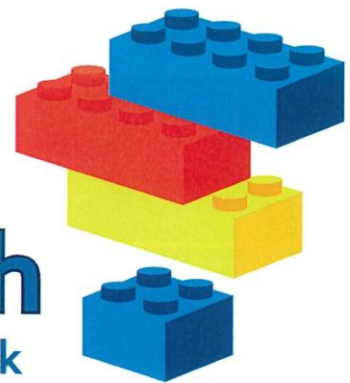
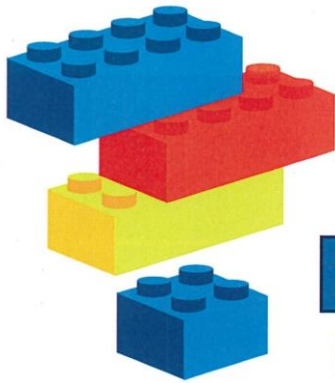
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Happy Birthday to Elsie in August and Maureen and Elina (5) in September



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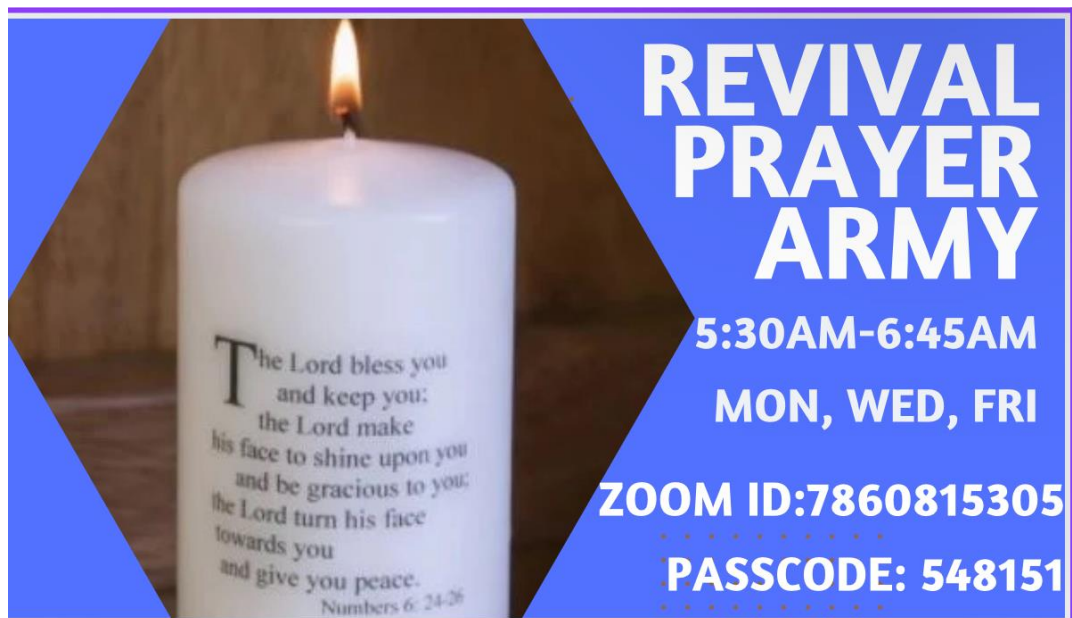
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Dear Friends,
Dear Church Family,
Greetings and blessings to you from God Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. May this new month be a season of new beginnings us all especially freedom from all satanic affliction and blockages. I have been running a prayer group called the Revival Prayer Army, we meet every Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 05:30 - 06:45. Its a charismatic prayer service, its goal is praying for revival to break out in our local churches and personal lives. The average attendance is between 55 to 70 people. Everyone is welcome. If you are interested in joining contact me and I will add you to our broadcast list.



SATANIC BLOCKAGES

1 Thessalonians 2:18

For we wanted to come to you—certainly I, Paul, did, again and again—but **Satan** blocked our way. [In Context](#) | [Full Chapter](#) | [Other Translations](#)

Paul blames Satan for hindering, stopping, thwarting and impeding him from returning to Thessalonica to preach and bless God's people, after he was chased out . Satan engineered circumstances to oppose Paul's journey. Paul said to the Thessalonians, You can't imagine how much we missed you! I, Paul, tried over and over to get back, but Satan thwarted us each time. Do you have any idea how very homesick we became for you, dear friends? we tried our very best to get back to see you.

For We Wanted To Come
To You—certainly I, Paul,
Did, Again And Again—but
Satan Stopped Us.

1 Thessalonians 2:18

BibleWordings.com

What hindrances, impediments has satan put in the way of your personal life, our families, our churches, our success, marital peace, matrimony, growth and progress? Sometimes Satan uses individuals to try and avert Gods plan and agenda. This was the case between Jesus and Peter.

[Matthew 16:23](#) Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, **Satan!** You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.” [In Context](#) | [Full Chapter](#) | [Other Translations](#)

The encouragement is for us to be aware of the spiritual struggle we are in, so that we don't open the door for Satan. Well meaning Peter was sabotaging Gods plan for

Jesus, which was the cross. Are there Peter's in our families? Churches? etc. let's not give the enemy a foot hold.

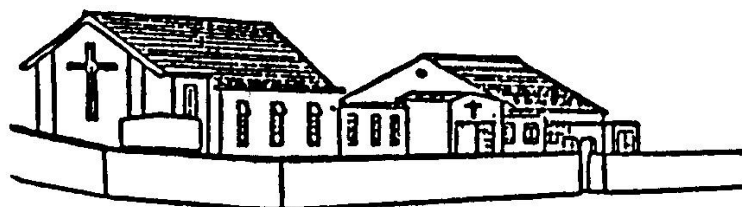
PRAYER

MY FATHER, MY FATHER,
IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST
LET EVERY SATANIC BLOCKAGE
AND STUMBLING BLOCK IN THE
WAY OF MY LIFE, MY FAMILY,
OUR CHURCHES, OUR NATION
AND NATIONS, BE CLEARED BY
THE FIRE OF GOD AND BY THE
BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST.



Happy new month

Rev Kofi Tekyi-Ansah



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CELEBRATIONS We send warm greetings to our friends who have birthdays during August David Chambers, Mary Tsatsa, Kait Sanger, Giles Sanger, Lesley Tocock & Juliet Ushewokunze, In September we say happy birthday to Adrian Chambers, Paul Vermeulen & Andrew Janes.

On Sunday 9 June Pauline Shilston lead our morning and evening services to celebrate the anniversary of our continuing work with children and young people through our Sunday School.

For a number of months, the Church Council has been discussing opportunities to draw more families into our fellowship. Among the physical actions we're working on is the update of our audio and video equipment which will take a significant investment. The Staines and Feltham Circuit have already agreed to support with a generous sum, and we are waiting to hear from a grant making body for the bulk of the funds we need. If we're successful, we hope to have new equipment installed before the end of the year.

Of the spiritual activities we've agreed, one includes working with the local Christian Charity FACT. Simon Shutt has been

working with the Church Council and has agreed to lead a new type of Service on Sunday 11 August.



Sunday 11th August

10.30am

Intergenerational Worship

Led by Simon Shutt

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Simon Shutt
FACT Director



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THE BOYS' BRIGADE

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7th North Surrey (Ashford Common Methodist) Company

Through July and August BB activities have taken place outdoors at Meadhurst Primary School, each evening ends with everyone coming together in prayer.



Good weather was enjoyed each week, that is excluding the week when wet games were planned. Through the good grace of the Premises Manager, we were able to move seamlessly into the school hall.



On one evening, the older boys were given the opportunity to enjoy the slides and waves in the Coral Reef pool at Bracknell, and we were able to help them by meeting a proportion of the cost.



Across the BB, there's equipment available to borrow to help enhance weekly programmes, this year we used the inflatable human table football kit to great effect.





As part of the church's wider work with FACT, Simon Shutt has help us with a couple of our Summer devotions – both occasions included fire!

In our final reflection of the session, we listed just some of the activities young people have had the opportunity to participate in during the last year. We're blessed with a wide range of skills and talents across our leaders.

Animals	Fireworks	Marching	Rugby
Baking	Fitness	Marshmallows	Snooker
Battleships	Football	McDonalds	Teamwork
Bible Stories	Frisbee	Breakfast	Teddy on a zip wire
Bowling	God	Mexico	Ten
Chinese	Harvest	Music	Commandments
Climbing	Hockey	Nativity	The Chase
Cricket	Hot Chocolate	Paintball	The truth
Dodgeball	Hot Dog	Pancakes	Torches
Easter Eggs	Jesus	Party	Women in history
Egypt	Lego	Poo	Word games
Film Making	Lies	Poppies	

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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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MONDAY	Clarendon Rd	Weekly Term Time	Rainbows (Aged 5 – 7) Brownies (Aged 7 – 10) Guides (Aged 10 – 15)	16:30 – 17:30 17:50 - 19:30 19:00 - 21:00
TUESDAY	Clarendon Rd	Weekly (from August)	Time for Tea	14:00 – 16:00
	Zoom	Alternate weeks	Bible Study	20:00
WEDNESDAY	(Not at Church)	2 nd Wednesday	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

*Will re-start in September *



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

Maureen Burrows, Eileen Butler (Gill Welland's mother), Kieran Chalkley, Bernadine Doran, Diane Gamble, Rosemary Harwood.

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:

All those prepare holiday activities this summer.

Youth Organisations and Church Groups (Lego Church, Messy Church, Brick Church, Prayer Groups) preparing for the start of the new year in September

All those that work in education as they for the start of the new academic year.

Those valued people that work:

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 Circuit Leadership Team and all those preparing for stationing in 2025 that has now started:

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 August – September:

Rev Anne Dollery, Desmond Eghardevba, Rev Sam Funnell, Sheila Hassan, Carol McKenner, Paul Murphy, Jonathan Perkins, Rev David Priddy, Rev Andrew Reed, Simon Shutt, 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 prayer for All Ministers, Chaplains, Local Preachers, Worship Leaders including those under going 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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