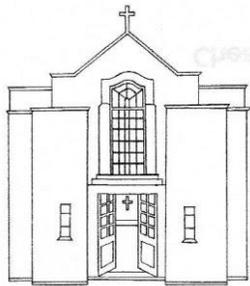


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# CHEAM METHODIST CHURCH

Cnr Church Hill Road and Chatsworth Road,  
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## NEWSLETTER

## JULY/AUGUST 2017

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**Church Charity Number:** SI 2655/2007

### SERVICES AT CHEAM METHODIST CHURCH

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Service</i>
2 July	10.30am	Rev Nik Wooller	13 Ordinary Holy Communion
9 July	10.30am	Mrs Val Imms (AfC)	14 Ordinary
16 July	10.30am	Rev Nik Wooller	15 Ordinary
23 July	10.30am	Rev Mark Williams	16 Ordinary
30 July	10.30am	Mr Alan Jameson	17 Ordinary
6 Aug	10.30am	Rev Anne Rusbridge	18 Ordinary Holy Communion
13 Aug	10.30am	Mrs Lucy Brown	19 Ordinary
20 Aug	10.30am	Mr John Dawson	20 Ordinary
27 Aug	10.30am	(Local appointment)	21 Ordinary

## A MESSAGE FROM REV NIK WOOLLER



Dear Friends

At this time of year numerous Methodist Ministers in the UK are preparing to leave for pastures new. Since this was my first appointment, I am relatively inexperienced compared to the majority, and so moving from my familiar stationing here in Cheam and Epsom to one in Scotland will be both a challenging and exciting time in my life's journey.

I was once given advice about saying goodbye. The advice ran: practice the three G's – be grateful; be gracious; and go!

Sounds like good advice to me as I prepare to leave CMC to take up my new role in the Angus, Perth and Dundee circuit.

I am grateful: for the joy of having been a part of Cheam Methodist church. From the beginning you welcomed me and my family into your fellowship and many of the relationships formed have been enriched and deepened through your friendship, hospitality and through the pastoral contacts, joyous and sad, of the last six years.

Thank you for your love, care, friendship and prayers.

Be gracious: I pray sincerely that you 'fare well' in the future. This is not a light good luck wish, but a prayer for inner strength to meet well the changing and often demanding events of life. I pray for you the prayer of Ephesians 3:14-21:

*For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

*Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

Go: I will no longer be the minister of Cheam from 30 July and will take up my new role as minister of Blagowrie and Perth from 1 September. I leave you in safe hands and wish both Gill and John every blessing as they minister alongside you all

Through August if you require a minister phone a steward. One of them will contact the Superintendent to ask a minister to contact you.

Thanks a million for the last six years, and if you're in Scotland feel free to pop round for a cuppa!

God Bless.

*Nik*

#### **EDITORIAL CHANGE**

Firstly, on your behalf, may I express our very grateful thanks to Tony Brett Young for editing the Newsletter for the past 4 years. We shall miss his writing flair and language skills and send our love and best wishes to him and Cynthia as they shortly embark on their move to Birmingham.

As the new editor of the Newsletter, I will be producing a 2-monthly edition at least to begin with. If I find I can give more time it may return to the usual once a month edition.

**Jane Wasbrough**

#### **FAMILY CIRCLE**

It is with deep sadness, I heard from Mary Bugden that Alan had passed peacefully away on Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>, in St. Judes Nursing Home. Alan had been very frail for many weeks and Mary had visited him the day before. Alan was a member of our church since 1953 and played the organ at services for many years. At one time he was our Church Treasurer, and carried out many other duties as well. Please pray for Mary, her sons David and Keith and all the family. We ask God for comfort, strength and peace, the peace which passes all understanding, at this time for them all. The funeral will take place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2pm at the North East Surrey Crematorium, Garth Road.

We were delighted recently to welcome Michaela and James Dawson with their new baby Emily and her big brother Oliver to worship with us. All the family are doing well and Oliver is very proud of his new sister.

At our Women's Friendly Hour meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June we had a surprise visit from Eileen and John Reynolds and their canine partner, Icarus. They had been visiting a school for autistic children. This was a great success and each child wrote a lovely letter to Icarus, each of which Eileen said she would treasure. All our ladies were very taken with Icarus too, and made a great fuss of him.

Another piece of good news is that one of our members, Joyce Nicholas, having been away from our meetings for over a year, was due to visit us at one of our June meetings

I have recently visited Joyce Cleator who had a hip operation in February and has had various setbacks. However with the help of friends and carers, she is getting stronger and also hopes to return to WFH when she is more mobile. Please remember both these members in your prayers.

Thank you for continued prayers for Helen Freeman, Sally Brett Young and all those who are unable to worship with us including Helen Wright, Joyce and Bert Mealing and Frank Kemp. Also please pray for those having treatment or are facing the prospect of operations

Thanks to Audrey Saunderson who visits Lea Bradshaw, one of our WFH members as it is good to keep in touch with those who are in homes or hospitals. Please pray for Grace Hine and her family and all who have difficulty remembering.

I ask for your prayers too for our Leadership Team, and all those who carry out important duties week by week. The lovely flowers are appreciated by all those who receive them.

Pray for our minister Nik, and for all circuit ministers and preachers, especially Gill Long and John Dawson who will be looking after our Church congregation from September. Let us also pray for all ministers who will be moving to new circuits and God bless their work in His name, wherever they are called to go.

**Mary Freeman**

#### **FAMILY PRIDE**

We're always looking for items for the Newsletter and are pleased to share happy family news that we are proud to share on a regular basis. Maybe a school accolade, a sporting achievement, a career honour, community recognition, etc Here's some news from me:

*St Helier Youth FC held trials recently and out of 120 children currently in the football Little League, Joseph Wasbrough made the final 10.*

*Along with Year 6 children throughout the country, Sam Wasbrough completed his SATs recently. He also made it into Carshalton Athletic under 12's for this season. Well done boys.*

#### **CHURCH NEWS AND NOTICES**

The Circuit Farewell service for Nik will be held at Epsom Methodist Church on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 6pm. All are invited to attend.

Mr Chris Shaw has been appointed to the shared ministry at EMC with Rev Mark Wakelin.

## **Messy Church - Summer Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup> 3pm – 5pm**



This will be Nik's last Messy Church were a Butterfly'. As before there and challenges followed by a time of invited and of course...there will be cake!

and the theme is 'If I will be a mix of crafts worship. All are

For the future of Messy Church, I would like to assemble a small team to plan and organize the activities. If you feel you could be part of the team, please let me know. We hold three a year – Messy Christmas, Messy Easter and Messy Summer.

### **FAREWELL**



Cynthia and Tony Brett Young have asked us to pass on their thanks to all their dear friends at Cheam MC for their prayers and good wishes for their move to Birmingham. They have sent this message:

*As the time approaches for us to move to Birmingham we have been reflecting that our wonderful relationship with Cheam Methodist Church happened almost by accident. We were both brought up as Anglicans - but were married in a Methodist church by Cynthia's Godfather - and not long after moving to North Cheam were looking for a church where our second son James could be baptised. Through his work at London Transport, Tony met Rev Michael Meech who offered to perform the baptism at his church, which happened to be no more than 10 minutes' walk from where we were living. So began our connection with CMC.*

*There's no doubt It will be a wrench leaving what has been our church now for more than 35 years, and all the friends we have made here. You have all become such an important part of our lives, and we have valued so much your friendship and support over the years.*

*There are so many wonderful highlights: worshipping together, the outings and trips away, helping to plan the various church activities and fund-raising events, even the church working bees. We've been through our ups and downs as a church, but the closeness of all our members has always been a wonderful comfort and inspiration to us both.*

*It has been some years since we organised any coach outings for the church (leaving a couple behind in Oxford that time was probably the final straw) but perhaps some of our friends might like to think of Birmingham as a possible outing for the future - but someone else will have to organise it.*

*You will all be in our thoughts and prayers always.*

*With love, Cynthia and Tony*

## GARDEN FAIR



Undoubtedly, this year's Garden Fair was a tremendous success. We raised a record breaking total of £915.83. The plant stall alone raised nearly £250. We were once again grateful to Sainsbury's at North Cheam for donating a shopping voucher for the raffle. The weather was perfect, cream teas delicious and the outside area provided an extra dimension.



## THANK YOU

Over the years, some of our generous members have financed new hymn books, pew chairs, bible lectern, lettering for the exterior of the church, the office photocopier to name a few and possibly more that I'm not even aware of. Two of our members volunteered to finance the artificial grass and another member has volunteered to cover the cost of the hall decoration in August. Grateful thanks to all who contribute so generously and privately.

## SEEABILITY NEWS

The Wild Cats Dramatic Society will be presenting their latest production, 'La Reunion', on Wednesday July 19th at the Millennium Centre, Wesley Road, Leatherhead and on Wednesday July 26<sup>th</sup> at the Fairfield Day Centre, Leatherhead. Both start at 2pm and CMC members are warmly invited to either performance.



One of the members of the drama group, Phil Ogden, sadly passed away in May. Phil was a member of the dramatic society from the beginning in 2005 and he was a member of the Community Access group that regularly visits our church at Christmas and in the summer. The production in July is dedicated to him.

### SeeAbility Visit

The Community Access group from SeeAbility will be visiting the church for light refreshments and a sing-song on Monday 3rd July at 10.00am. Everyone welcome.

## NEWS FROM MHA & RYELANDS

### Best Sunday for Ages

Everyone is welcome to attend a Circuit Service at Ryelands MHA, Wallington on Sunday 2nd July at 3.30pm to share with the residents and to give thanks for the support of the circuit both financially and through the work of volunteers.

### Methodist Homes Collecting Boxes

A request for all holders of MH collecting boxes to return them to me for emptying by the end of August please.

**Jenny Delafond**

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SUTTON & CHEAM

The last meeting of CTSC was held at CMC on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017. The meeting was chaired by Rev Mark Williams and attended by representatives from various churches in the area. Mark thanked everyone for attending and gave a warm welcome to Rev Felicity

Norris, who joined the meeting for the first time. Felicity gave a brief account of her work as a mission priest with responsibility for Ss Alban's and Oswald's churches in Cheam.

Rev Nik Wooller welcomed everyone to CMC and explained that she would shortly be

leaving the Sutton Circuit to take up two new positions in Scotland. The meeting thanked Nik and wished her every blessing in the future.

Mark gave a brief update on Sutton Community Works [www.suttoncommunityworks.org](http://www.suttoncommunityworks.org) and explained that their remit was mainly to look at how the church interacts with the community in Sutton. CW are soon to be involved in discussions with Christians Against Poverty – an organisation concerned with releasing people from poverty, debt, unemployment and addiction. [www.capuk.org](http://www.capuk.org)

The future of CTSC was discussed and various thoughts were shared. Everyone agreed that the united service held during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was generally well supported and should continue. Further discussions will continue at the next meeting due to be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Sutton.

### **Forthcoming events and meetings**

Summertime Special for Sutton Seniors (See next item)

An Engine Room meeting organised by Sutton Community Works will be held at 2.00pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Carshalton Beeches. The meeting is open to all.

The next Prayer Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Carshalton Beeches.

**Jenny Delafond & Jane Wasbrough**  
**CMC representatives to CTSC**

## **SUMMERTIME SPECIAL**



Organised by a group from Sutton Christian Centre, the Summertime Special for seniors in the borough of Sutton is as follows.....

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2.30pm at Chiltern Church  
*Music to stir the soul followed by a delicious cream tea*

- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2.30pm at St Andrew's Church  
*Old Time Music Hall with refreshments*
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 11am at Wallington Baptist Church  
*Holiday at Home Coffee Morning*
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 3pm at Carshalton Methodist Church  
*'A United Kingdom' (see fuller details in 'Cinema on your Doorstep')*
- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 5.15pm at Wallington Christian Centre  
*Tea followed by songs and hymns.*

All events are free but booking is necessary. Please take a leaflet at the back of the church with details of addresses and phone numbers.

### 'CINEMA ON YOUR DOORSTEP' – WELL ALMOST

As several of our members regularly attend the films at the Ruskin Hall, Carshalton, details will be published for the following months. Admission is free but donations are appreciated.

#### **8<sup>th</sup> July – 'A United Kingdom' – showing at 3.00pm and 7.30pm**

David Oyelowo and Rosamund Pike star in the film telling the true story of Seretse Khama, King of Bechuanaland (modern Botswana) and Ruth Williams, the London office worker he married in 1948. The film has a 12 certificate.

Their marriage, a true love story, was particularly notable because it took place in the face of fierce opposition from their families and the British and South African governments of the day.

Together Seretse and Ruth led the country through to independence in 1966 and he was the country's first president, until his death in 1980. During his presidency, the country underwent rapid economic and social progress.

**Come and see this wonderful film - the last film of the summer.**

### SUNDAY SERVICES IN JUNE

*This item is for us to think further about services the previous month. It will include reading references and some details from each service*

- **June 4<sup>th</sup>** - Rev Nik Wooller *Pentecost*

Reading: *Acts 2: 1 - 21*

The House group the following Wednesday considered and discussed why Pentecost (the birth of the church) receives a relatively low profile in our church year.

- **June 11<sup>th</sup>** - Mr John Dawson *Trinity Sunday*

Readings: *Genesis chapter 1 through to Chapter 2 verse 4a*

*Matthew 28: 16 – 20*

Of the many analogies to explain the Trinity, John gave the following..

*'The church father, Augustine, described the Trinity in terms of love. He said that God the Father was the lover, The Son was the beloved and the Holy Spirit was the love between them.'*

*'Let's think of an apple. An apple is an apple. There is no part of the apple that isn't apple. We can think of the skin as God the Father who protects us. We can think of the flesh as God the Son who became flesh. We can think of the seed as the Holy Spirit who gives us life and lives inside us.'*

- **June 18<sup>th</sup>** – Revd Barnabas Alexander

Readings: Psalm 100

Luke 11: 14 – 28

The transfer from the Kingdom of Darkness to the Kingdom of Light. Jesus said 'The Kingdom of God is within us.'

- **June 25<sup>th</sup>** – Mr Richard Smith

Readings: Genesis 21: 8 – 21

Matthew 10: 24 - 39

What is our commitment to Jesus and to our church? Are we willing to take a risk with our money, our privacy, our time and our energy?

<b>PRAYER TOPICS FOR JULY AND AUGUST</b>
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Continued prayers for the aftermath of the horrific fire in Grenfell Tower.

#### JULY

- Pray for all children leaving school for the next stage of their education.
- Pray for all students taking exams
- Pray for those moving to new homes – Cynthia, Tony, Nik and her family.

#### AUGUST:

- Pray for all students who will be starting new schools, colleges and universities in September.
- Pray for those away on holiday that they will returned refreshed.
- Pray for Methodist ministers beginning new appointments.
- Pray for students receiving the results of their GCSE and A levels.

## CHURCH FLOWERS

June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Lilies Donation
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Lilies Donation
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Lilies Donation
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Audrey Saunderson IMO her husband, Len

If you wish to donate money for flowers to be displayed in church on any particular Sunday, please enter your name on the Flower Calendar and give your donation to Audrey. If you know of anyone who is unwell or would appreciate receiving flowers that have been displayed in the church, please let Mary Freeman, Jenny Delafond or Sue Blake know. All donations to the Flower Fund, no matter how small, are gratefully received.

## SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Recent Sunday morning contributions have been:

June 4<sup>th</sup>: £207.20

June 11<sup>th</sup>: £193.20

June 18<sup>th</sup>: £174.50

June 25<sup>th</sup>: £166.50

- . Please make sure that before you put your envelope in the Sunday collection bag it has your own number written on it.

## WHO'S WHO

### Minister

Rev Nik Wooller. (Telephone: 01372 743182; Email: [revnik@live.co.uk](mailto:revnik@live.co.uk))

### Pastor

Mr John Dawson - from September

( E-mail: [john@nonsuchcottage/me.uk](mailto:john@nonsuchcottage/me.uk) )

Nik is available by appointment during July and John from August. Anyone who wants to talk about pastoral or other matters, including baptisms, weddings and funerals, please contact as appropriate.

### Church Leadership Team

Church members elect the leadership team to be responsible for the day-to-day running of the church and to help develop policy. The team is....

David Worthington (8644 5160), Brian Kingswood (8641 0016), Jane Wasbrough (8641 4304), Mary Freeman (8644 3999), Audrey Saunderson (8644 6911), and Charles Ponnuthurai (8644 3367).

**Hall bookings** - Audrey Saunderson 020 8644 6911

The content in the *Newsletter* is the responsibility of the Church Leadership Team. Articles, news, ideas and comments can be emailed to Jane Wasbrough on [jane.wasbrough@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.wasbrough@btinternet.com)

**The deadline for the September/October Newsletter is Friday 25 August**

<b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</b>
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**July**

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| Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> 10.30am      | Church Anniversary and baptism  |
| 3.30pm                           | MHA Circuit Service at Ryelands, Wallington   |
| Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> 10.30am      | SeeAbility Community Access group<br>summer visit   |
| Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> 10-11.30am  | Cheam Tots – parent/carer and toddler group   |
| Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm      | Women’s Friendly Hour – Tony Brett Young<br>‘My 40 years in Cheam’                        |
| Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> 8pm          | House Group at Audrey Saunderson’s home,  |
| Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am      | Action for Children Sunday  |
| 3 – 5pm                          | Messy Church – Summer.  |
| Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> 10-11.30am | Cheam Tots – parent/carer and toddler group<br>(The final meeting until September)        |
| Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm     | Women’s Friendly Hour - Members Afternoon   |
| Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am  | Rev Nik Wooller’s final service at Cheam<br>followed by a celebration and farewell buffet |
| Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm     | Women’s Friendly Hour – Rev Nik Wooller   |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> 8pm      | House Group at Mary Freeman’s home  |
| Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 6pm      | Circuit farewell service for Nik at Epsom   |
| Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> 2pm        | Women’s Friendly Hour – Garden Party  |

## **August**

No meetings this month. WFH resumes 5<sup>th</sup> September, Tots resumes 12<sup>th</sup> September.  
Repairs and decorating of the hall during August.

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