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Welcome to The Eastern End

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Dear Friends

Be Still and Know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth (Psalm 46: 10)

Earlier this year Jonathan contacted me about writing an article for this publication in addition to the general article that I provide which updates you with matters from around the Circuit. I enjoy writing these, but I do have a problem getting started. This letter is no different. I am sure that you will remember when you were at school and you went back after the long summer break, it was almost certain that in the English Class you would be asked to write about, "What I did this summer". I thought that maybe that was not a bad starting point for me. The expectation is that July and August are quiet months in the Methodist calendar because lots of Ministers are moving to new appointments, and alongside this, the fact is that people are away on holiday which makes it difficult to set up Church meetings. This has been the case and I am grateful for the reduced number of meetings that took place, even though a number of important meetings did need to happen and I am grateful for the people who assisted me on those occasions.

Pat and I have been able to get away to the coast at Bognor Regis and have spent some time working on the house that we have there and time on the beach playing with pebbles and flying a kite with the children in our care. Pat has been kept very busy with the fostering with regular trips to town each week.

A particular highlight over the summer was the celebration of the 90th birthday of my father, Ray. He had nearly one hundred guests and he had a very happy time.

By now many of you know that I enjoy listening to music and I also like to have a book on standby. Over the summer I have been able to listen to some Prom concerts and read a number of books. Two of the books that I have read feature a place that I like to visit which is "Brooklands". The first book is about Barnes Wallis who spent part of his working life at Brooklands. Although the bomb he designed to breach dams in Germany takes up a large part of the book, the rest of it tells an interesting story of a man who utilised his gifts and skills in so many different ways. His stated aim with the bomb he designed was to try and shorten both the length and the impact of the war. It is difficult to work out if this aim was achieved in guite the way that he had anticipated. Barnes Wallis was a family man who struggled with balancing the significant demands of his work and the legitimate call upon his time from his family who he adored, although it has been noted that he often needed his own space with peace and quiet. The other book I read was about the aircraft, Concorde. One third of each plane built was constructed at Brooklands and then shipped out for assembly elsewhere, and of course, one of the planes is now located there as a permanent exhibit. Mike Bannister was the Chief Concorde Pilot and his book explores the fascinating story of this plane and his involvement with it. At the end of the book he comments on the impact that his job had on his family as well as upon him.

One thing that fascinated me about Barnes Wallis and Mike Bannister was that they both had/have links with the Church. The question for me was where they found the time for it. The reality is that we make time for those things that we consider significant in our lives. Reading these books and enjoying summer 2023 has reminded me that we do need to find time for God; time and space. I hope that you have had a blessed summer and that you have been renewed in body, mind and spirit.

God bless.

Andrew

Dam Buster: Barnes Wallis: An Engineer's Life by Richard Morris Weidenfeld & Nicolson 2023

Concorde by Mike Bannister Penguin Books 2022



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Coffee Morning



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



After our summer break we returned on the first Thursday of September we also meet on the third of the month.

Our first meeting began with an interesting afternoon during which members brought along CD's that meant something to them. We will be continuing this idea at our next meeting. Over the coming weeks we hope to cover: Some more slides showing & Fauria of Ireland A visit from a local quilter A film afternoon A Christmas quiz, A calendar making session. We meet at Woodthorpe Methodist Church, Edinburgh Drive at 14:30. The following dates take us up to Christmas:

21st September, 5th, 19th October,

2nd, 16th November, 7th, 21st December

We would love you join us I to stay afterwards for tea & coffee and cake

Sandra Davis



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As our Church groups and lettings customers take a break during August, our building suddenly becomes less busy opening up opportunities for care and maintenance.



It's been five years since our wiring was upgraded and so this year a thorough inspection was required. A local contractor spent two days in the building and looked closely at things we very often take for granted. Some of the observations have been addressed with our own resources although there are some more technical "remedial" actions that are necessary. We're working with the electrician to plan this for the October half term.



The warmer weather of August has proved to be a good time to care for the hall floor. The loan of an industrial floor scrubber from our cleaning contractor made the preparation all the more thorough, followed with a meticulous vacuum, the floor was ready to take a coating of Bourne Seal, allowing a

number of days for this to thoroughly dry before anyone came back to the building.

Cardiac arrest is a leading cause of premature death, with immediate treatment can be reversed, but it's vital it's recognised and acted upon in the first few minutes. Many lives can be saved. A disorganised electrical rhythm causes the heart to stop, the quicker this can be treated, the greater the chance of successful resuscitation. Lives can be saved by CPR and the use of a defibrillator.

Working with a local charity, Thames Valley Heartbeat, thamesvalleyheartbeat.org.uk and the Staines and Feltham Methodist Circuit, a public access defibrillator has been installed on the outside of our Church.



The highly visible and secure cabinet, complete with electrical connection to provide an identifying light, and heater, was funded by the Circuit and installed while our electrician was on site. With the lifesaving device inside the cabinet being provided to us as a gift from Thames Valley Heartbeat.



On 23 August Trustees for our Church met with Trustees from Thames Valley Heartbeat when Rev Dr Kofi Tekyi Ansah received the defibrillator and placed it inside the cabinet making it emergency ready.



While there are a number of defibrillators in premises around our Church, these are not all available 24/7. Registration of our device means that, in an emergency 999 operators can direct the public to the cabinet at the Church and give the code to access the device.

We were delighted to welcome the family and friends of Jessica Kukuwaah April Arthur to Church on 27 August when she was christened by Rev Dr Kofi Teki Ansah during a service when we heard about Jesus being baptised by John the Baptist.



On Sunday 17 September, Harvest was celebrated in Church. Our

Family & Parade Service in the morning was led by Pauline Shilston and huge

generosity was shown through gifts being brought along for the Manna Food Bank. When packed to be transported, the donations filled 8 carrier bags and 2 boxes.





After the Summer break, our BB meetings have returned to the Church on a Monday and Thursday evening. It's been great to move young people through the age groups and already we've welcomed two new boys, one in Company Section and one in Juniors.

On their first evening back, Company boys made bread to decorate the alter for Harvest Festival.





As part of a Mexican themed programme, Juniors made a five bean salad.



On Monday 2 October your Company will come together at the Church at 6:30 for the annual service of Enrolment. Support from our congregation for this service will be welcome.



Well for those who I haven't met yet in the Staines and Methodist Circuit - I am the Rev'd Andy Watkins and for the past 5(!!) years, I have been the minister at Christ Church Feltham, which is an ecumenical partnership between the Methodist and Anglican Churches! It has been a joy to be

part of this wonderful circuit and work with such incredible people.... I am especially grateful to Andrew Reed for all his prayer and support in getting this partnership up and running!

You may not realise this but I am not British by birth!

I was born in Australia, in a city just south of Sydney called Wollongong. At that time, my Dad was a minister in the Uniting Church (a denomination made up of the Presbyterians, Congregationalists and the Methodists in Australia!). As a child we move a couple of times as Dad ministered in different locations. We moved from Wollongong, to Canberra and then onto Orange, where my Dad became the school chaplain at Kinross Wolaroi School. It was in this rural centre, some 4 hours west of Sydney, that I grew up and become a follower of Jesus.

Back when I was in primary school, my parents and a couple of their friends decided that they need to create a new service at our local Uniting Church (called Wesley Church!) that would be more inclusive of the many children attending the church! So in the early 90s a congregation was birthed in the parish centre behind the church. The congregation flourished and many young people, including myself, found a place to belong in the church and more importantly, found faith in Jesus Christ.

At this church, over the years, I was given opportunity to lead music, preach and begin a host of different ministries - as a 16 year old I took all this for granted - isn't this what all churches do??? Apparently not! But I look back now with immense gratitude that my parents and their friends made a point of letting my friends and I get involved in all areas of church life. By the time I was 22 and had finished a teaching degree and was about to move to Sydney to begin my career as a primary school teacher, I was on the congregational council, I led the young adults ministry (of about 40+ young adults), was a regular preacher and very often lead the musical worship on my guitar.

Now, I don't list of these things to toot my own horn, but to say, as a young man, I just LOVED the church. I was passionate about it. I was convinced from my mid-teens that being a pastor/minister/church leader was what I was called to be (I just needed to get a degree and some life experience first!!)

Fast forward a little bit, In 2007, I found myself in London doing a short internship at Holy Trinity Brompton. This experience led to me moving to Melbourne to work for Alpha Australia. I'd probably still be in Melbourne now, if I didn't meet the wonderful Dizzy whilst in England, who is now my wife! I knew, if this relationship was to work (and I wanted it to!), I'd needed to NOT live on the other side of the world, so in 2010 I moved to England and married Dizzy and we established our life here in London.

We've now been married over 13 years, we have four children together and a Labrador puppy called Luna!

It was while I was back at Holy Trinity Brompton that I FINALLY responded to my sense of call to ordination in (to my surprise!) the Anglican Church. In 2015 I was ordained and served my curacy at St Stephen's Twickenham

AND in the 2018, Dizzy and I, in partnership with the Staines and Feltham circuit, and with a team from St Stephen's Twickenham, reopened Christ Church Feltham!

And can I say, serving with you, serving God and pastoring at Christ Church Feltham is my great joy.

Thank you for the friendship and for your partnership in the Gospel!

Andy Watkins.

Sou hville Methodist Church

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Happy Birthday to Primrose Mashabane Vilma Ortiz Cordes in October and to John Howliston & Maggie Netto in November

STARTING SATURDAY 7th October



Tuesday Afternoon Leisure Club

TALC meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 14:30 at Southville Methodist Church. At our meets we spend time doing various leisure activities including puzzles, quizzes, Jenga and sometimes going out on visits. In addition we are sometimes lucky enough to have visitors come and talk to us about a specific topic. All meetings of course include Tea and Chat!

Occasional we are lucky enough to have someone join us for a discussion on a special topic.

The next of these is A talk on **"Foods with a Local Connection"** by Tony Fredjohn from the Feltham History Society on 14th November 2023 at 14:30 This meeting is open to anyone who is interested. For further information please contact Robina Howliston 020 3674 8479



In the previous edition we report that on the first 2 days we had 29 and 49 children attend, some attending both. By the time we completed the fourth day we had 122 children attend.

It was great to see so many children attend with a parent / carer attend and

take part in the mornings of Family Fun craft activity.

We would like to thank all who helped in whatever way, either by praying for the event, providing biscuits for the children, helping to preparing in advance or kindly giving up 3 hours of their time on the day.

We are now praying that some of these may attend Brick Church starting on Saturday 7th October.

Jonathan Griffiths

From the Circuit Office & Beyond



Dear Friends

I am writing this letter shortly before the Circuit Meeting due to take place this evening. Occasionally it is worth reminding myself of the purpose of the meeting. They take place at least twice a year and our rules explain the responsibilities.

"The Circuit Meeting is the principal meeting responsible for the affairs of the Circuit and the development of Circuit policy. It shall exercise that combination of spiritual leadership and administrative efficiency which will enable the Circuit to fulfil its purposes as set out in Standing Order 500, and shall act as the focal point of the working fellowship of the Churches in the Circuit, overseeing their pastoral training and evangelistic work"

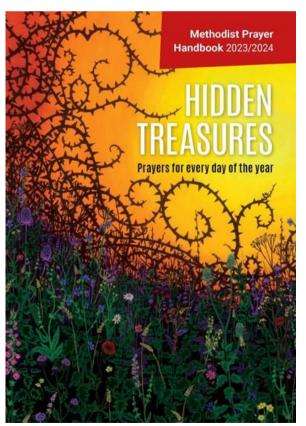
You will not be surprised to learn that there are many pages devoted to the role of the Meeting, but it is all focused on ensuring that the Circuit operates properly and effectively. I am grateful for the support given to me by the Circuit Leadership Team who in recent months have been assisted by other people especially in regard to finance and property. I would like to express particular thanks to Justin Camis, Verna Doe and Martha Love who have done a considerable amount of work on finance and property matters which should help to speed up the work of the full Committee. This support has been particularly welcome during the time that Jonathan Griffiths has been on Sabbatical.

Over the summer months we have been able to undertake a full review of the items on the Property Consents website as well as preparing some of the paperwork for new ventures all around the Circuit. These include work on the three manses, audio visual facilities at Staines which will be of benefit to all Churches around the Circuit, preparation of an application to the South East District to support the work of the Village Centre and initial preparation of paperwork for initiatives at Christchurch, Feltham and for Edinburgh Drive at Woodthorpe Methodist Church.

Various project have been completed and these include the infra red heating units at Egham United Church and the installation of solar panels at Clarendon Road. The replacement fire alarm system at the Village Centre is installed and operational.

You may know that Roger has looked after the Circuit accounts for more years than he cares to remember. More recently Jonathan has assisted him in this role, but it is clear that further assistance is required. At the moment we are considering various options. If you could help or if you know of anyone that I might approach, do please let me know.

God bless. Andrew



The Methodist Prayer Handbook for 2023/2024 is now available. If you would like a copy please contact Pauline Shilston email pauline.shilston@sfmc.org.uk or 07729236623 . They are £4.

The title of this year's handbook is Hidden Treasures and it certainly does contain some. There are prayers for every day of the year. It can be used daily or as a source of prayers whenever they are required. There are lectionary readings and a hymn and psalm. All

in all it is a very useful and flexible source of devotional material used in many countries for individual and corporate worship.

I invite you to explore the Hidden Treasures.

Pauline Shilston

Dear Church Family,

Greetings and blessings to you and your love ones, this new month of October.

Special thanks to everyone working too hard for Christ in our churches. A warm invitation awaits you and your friends on the 14th October for a memorable harvest concert by the messenger choir. For more information see next article thanks to everyone preparing for this event to make it a huge success. I warmly invite you to come along with your non-church friends and family. They will be truly blessed. May the grace of God come down upon us as torrential rains for exploits through Jesus.



THE NECESSITY OF TESTIMONIES AND THANKSGIVING "Don't ignore" During my devotions on the 5th September, the Lord showed me a statement "Don't ignore testimonies". Don't ignore your healing, financial, relational etc

testimonies. Some churches create room in their Sunday services for people to share Gods goodness in their lives. You can also share your stories to encourage our church family.

SCRIPTURE:

And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole. – Luke 17:17-19.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Testimonies are the proofs of our gratitude to God. When our Lord Jesus was on earth, He healed many people that were afflicted with various kinds of sicknesses and diseases. There was a time ten lepers cried unto Him for healing (Luke 17:12-19). He was merciful unto them and healed them but only one of them returned to give thanks to God. In our society today, just like the remaining nine lepers that failed to return the glory to God, many people know how to pray, fast and cry to God because of a particular challenge of life, but forget to glorify God when their problem is solved.

God delights in testimonies and thanksgiving; He wants us to bless His Name when He does something for us. What then are the necessities of testimonies and thanksgiving?



- Testimonies are proofs of gratitude to God.
 When we give testimonies of God's act of goodness publicly and give Him thanks for His works, it shows that we are grateful to God.
- 2. Testimonies are necessary because they prove the faithfulness

and reliability of the Almighty God. Thanksgiving confirms that God is reliable. So, when you withhold testimonies, you are withholding glory from God.

Remember this: Testimonies are the proofs of our gratitude to God.

ASSIGNMENT(S):

- 1. Make up your mind to give God praise for every kind of mercy He has shown to you.
- 2. Publicly testify of God's acts of kindness and goodness in the assembly of the saints(church services).

PRAYER: O LORD, deliver me from a life of ingratitude. Give me the grace to continually praise Your Name, in Jesus 'Name.

Staines Harvest Supper – An Invitation Saturday 14th October

Harvest Supper with the Messenger Choir

We are honoured and delighted that the famous Messenger Choir led by Emmanuel Tutonda will be joining us at Staines from their base in Beckenham, Kent, to give a concert for our Harvest Supper this year, and **everyone in the Circuit is warmly invited**.

The Messenger Choir comes with a message - spreading God's love through words and song. Our own Staines Choir will be joining with them for part of the programme. After the concert, we will all eat our Harvest Supper together with the Messenger Choir members.

This is a great outreach opportunity, so bring your friends.

Tickets at £10 include concert and 2 course Harvest Supper.

To book, e-mail <u>roz.sendorek@btinternet.com</u> or text on 07712 816163. Numbers will be limited, so do book early.



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MONDAY	Term Time	Boys' Brigade Anchor Section / Junior Section	17:30 / 18:30
THURSDAY	Term Time	Boys' Brigade Company Section	19:00
SUNDAY	Weekly	Morning Worship & Sunday School	10:30
		Evening Worship	18:30

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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	After Church
		everyone is welcome, bring some food to share!	

SOUTHVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

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TUESDAY 2 nd		TALC (Tuesday Adult Leisure Club)	14:00 - 16:00
		Revival & Prophetic Prayer Service	09:00
SUNDAY Weekly		Prayer and Praise	10:00
		Morning Worship	10:30

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MONDAY	Weekly	Drop-in 10:00–12:00		
	Fortnightly	Bible study on Zoom	20:00	See Meetly
WEDNESDAY	Weekly	Holy Communion	10:00	See Weekly Notices for
THURSDAY	Monthly	WOT (Women on Thursdays)	14:00-16:00	Details
SUNDAY	Weekly	Parish Communion in church	09:45	Details
	Monthly	Morning prayer on Zoom	09:30	

WOODTHORPE METHODIST CHURCH

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MONDAY	Clarendon Rd	Weekly Term Time	Rainbows (Aged 5 – 7)	16:30 - 17:30
			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	Clarendon Ladies Group	12:00
		(Not at Church)		
	Edinburgh Dr.	Weekly	Coffee Morning (KLC)	09:30 -12:00
	Edinburgh Dr.	Last Wednesday of	Messy Church	15:30 – 17:30
		month		
THURSDAY	Zoom	Weekly	Bible Study	10:00
	Edinburgh Dr.	Weekly	Fellowship	14:30
	Clarendon Rd	Last Thursday of	Messy Church	15.20 17.20
		month		15:30 – 17:30
SUNDAY	Clarendon Rd	All except last Sunday	Morning Morshin	10:30
	Edinburgh Dr.	Last Sunday	Morning Worship	10:00



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

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:

Half Term activities.

Youth Organisations (Scouting, Guiding, Boy Brigade)

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

All those that work and are training:

in and study in our educational establishments with the young and old in our communities. in our Emergency Services in our Hospitals & Community Health Care in our Social Care in our mental health services

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 Philippa Read – District Safeguarding Officer

All those in the ministry of God:

Ministers, Chaplains, Local Preachers and Worship Leaders and those in Training including those Preaching and leading worship in our churches Margaret Ash **Rev Andrew Reed Pauline Shilston Rev Anne Dollery** Sheila Hassan **Rev Rudy Tan** Rev Kofi Tekyi-Ansah Carol McKenner Andrew McLuskey

> Paul Murphy Jonathan Perkins **Rev David Priddy**

Rev Julie Underwood Rev Andy Watkins Graham Wells Mary Windo



If you know of anyone or of any circumstance requiring our prayers, phone Bobby (from Woodthorpe) 01784 251944 or *Email: prayer@easternendnews.org.uk* If you would like to be added to the prayer chain please phone or email



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