



Notices for Sunday 26th October 2025

We welcome you to our service today. If you are a visitor, we hope to see you again. Refreshments will be served in the hall after morning worship.

This Sunday 26th October at 10am

**Local Arrangement with
Jacky and Brian Trice**

Steward: **Gwen Bartley**
Welcome Stewards: **Alan Wood**
Organist: **Rob Wilding**

Next Sunday 2nd November at 9am

Breakfast Church with The Team
Steward: **Valerie Thornevell**

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10.30 am Holy Communion
Recommissioning Pastoral Visitors

Preacher: **Rev. Naomi Oates**
Steward: **Alan Wood**
Welcome Steward: **Christine Burchett**
Bible Reader: **Christine Malins**
Intercessions: **Laurel Townend**
Organist: **Rob Wilding**
Flowers: **Sue Lidstone**

Prayer for our Worship today

Lord, coming into your presence is like coming home! It is here that, again and again, we have met with you, rejoiced in your love and found the strength to continue our journey. We thank you for Jacky and Brian who have brought your Word for us. By your Holy Spirit equip them with the power to share that Word. Amen.

The on-line circuit service will be led by **Third Avenue** 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=bmhvSlh2Nk45QUZXs2JubXgxbElYdz09>

Visit by our MP Tris Osborne

We were delighted to welcome MP Tris Osborne to the Welcome Hub on Monday. We had a great chat over brownies and bread pudding, about the use of food-banks and warm spaces across the constituency, and about what churches can do to foster unity in a society that can seem increasingly divided.



The Hub is open in the Sycamore Tree at Larkfield & East Malling Methodist Church from 10am - 4pm on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Hot and cold drinks, home-made cakes, and friendly chat, all for free.



Shoe Boxes

If anyone would like to make up, boxes are available from Muffins, or add to a Samaritan's purse shoebox please either bring your contributions to Muffins, the knitting group or contact me. Please bring completed boxes to the church by 10th November as we need to take them to the collecting point that week 11th to 16th November. Thank you. Gwen Bartley

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Action for Children

Martin & Irene would like to thank everybody for their contributions this year. Despite fewer people using cash transactions these days our donations are up and together we raised £325. Well done everyone!

In view of their imminent move (still no date yet), Martin and Irene are ready to hand over their Action for Children duties to someone to take over. If you could help with this worthwhile undertaking, please contact Martin or Irene (or if they have moved, Naomi)

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Spaces available on First Aid course

If any of you are looking for First Aid training, The Vine in Maidstone has spaces available at a course on Thursday 6 November from 10am - 2pm on Boughton Lane. The suggested donation is £35 per person. If you would like to book a place, please contact Sue (sue.creasey@thevineuk.net).

Churches Together in Malling— Ladies Day

Wednesday 3rd December, 10.15am to 2.45pm, at Mulberry House, Chelmsford Road, High Ongar, Essex CM5 9NL.

Price of £26 includes tea/coffee from 9.45am and a 2-course lunch. Call to book: 01277 367124 or email admin@nctuk.org.

Chris will lead a day of creative reflection on the theme of Living Water, taking the story of the woman at the well encountering Jesus, as the inspiration for the day. Chris will bring an art stall of cards and prints for sale as well as a mini exhibition of paintings to illustrate his talk. This event also involves some practical 'have a go' input, for those who consider themselves creative and those who don't!

Chris is a part-time artist, evangelist, storyteller and an ordained Baptist minister. He is a former president of the Baptist Union of Great Britain. Chris is married to Ruth and they live in rural Cambridgeshire.

The poster for 'The Big Quiz Night' is set against a blue background with a white cloud. It features illustrations of a yellow fish, a seagull, a woman in a blue dress, a man in an orange shirt, and a small house on a hill. The title 'The Big Quiz Night' is written in large, bold, blue letters. Below the title, the date 'Saturday 15 November' is written in blue. The time '7.30pm doors open at 7pm' is written in blue. The venue 'Brookfield Junior School Hall' and 'Swallow Road, Larkfield' are written in black. The price '£5 per person' is written in bold black, followed by 'Maximum of 8 per team' and 'Bring your own drinks and nibbles!' in black. At the bottom, the email 'admin@larkfieldcommunitychurch.co.uk' is provided. The footer includes the website 'tearfund.org/quiz', contact information for Tearfund, and a small Tearfund logo.

The Big Quiz Night

Saturday 15 November

7.30pm doors open at 7pm

Brookfield Junior School Hall

Swallow Road, Larkfield

£5 per person

Maximum of 8 per team

Bring your own drinks and nibbles!

For more details, email: admin@larkfieldcommunitychurch.co.uk

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Dates for your Diaries.....

Family-friendly events on Friday 31 October

On Friday 31 October, a couple of our sister churches in Maidstone will be holding some fabulous events for young children. The Vine is hosting a 'Bright Lights' Narnia-themed party, with games, crafts and hot dogs, from 4.30pm - 6.30pm (details on the attached poster). The girls and I will be heading to St Luke's for their hugely popular 'Light Trail' from 5-7pm (free, but you'll need to book a slot). All the details can be found <https://www.stlukesmaidstone.church/event/lighttrail/>

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Services of Remembering

In November, across the churches Rev. Naomi serves, there will be two special Services of Remembering for those who have lost loved ones. These gentle, reflective services will be an opportunity to remember those who have died, to light candles, and to give thanks for their memories. The services will take place on the following dates, and all are welcome:

Sunday 2 November at 4pm at Tonbridge Road Methodist Church (with friends from Union Street)

Sunday 23 November at 3pm at Larkfield & East Malling Methodist Church.

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Domestic abuse awareness webinar - Thursday 27 November

The Methodist Church has organised a domestic abuse awareness webinar on Thursday 27 November from 9.30am - 12.30pm. This webinar will seek to increase understanding around control and coercive behaviour, the challenges of leaving an abusive relationship, and how churches can respond well to domestic abuse, ensuring that there is help available for victims/survivors.

You can find the details and sign up <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/domestic-abuse-awareness-registration-1474390464569?aff=oddttdtcreator>.

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HMP Maidstone Carol Service - Tuesday 16 December 5.30pm

I know that several of you really value the opportunity to attend the annual carol service at HMP Maidstone. This year's service will take place on Tuesday 16 December at 5.30pm; please see the attached for further details, including about how to book your place.

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Taize Service

Richard Young has arranged the following dates for Taize service. All to take place in Yalding church on a Sunday at 6.30pm.

9th November

7th December

22nd February

29th March.

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REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at LARKFIELD

Sunday

First Sunday in month **Breakfast Church** at **9am** Morning worship **10.30am**
Second Sunday **Morning Worship** at **10am** – **Café Church** at **3pm**
Third Sunday **All Age Worship** at **10am**
Fourth Sunday **Morning Worship** at **10am**

Monday

Welcome Hub, Come and spend a short time with us, with free refreshments, things to do and a warm welcome.

Expressions Dance - Expressions Dance (please contact Sylvia)

Girls' Brigade 5.00—8.30pm Term time only, contact Val Burnage for details.
larkfieldgb@gmail.com

Book Club - Contact Brian Trice for details.

Tuesday

Muffins & More 10.00am—2.00pm contact Gwen Bartley or see Notices for details.

Sycamore Tree Craft Group – Sycamore Craft Group meet every Tuesday from 2.00pm to 3.30pm. Term time only.

Wednesday

Welcome Hub. Come and spend a short time with us, with free refreshments, things to do and a warm welcome.

Little Larks Toddlers' Club Wednesdays except school holidays 1.30pm—3pm. Contact Monica Wilding for details.

Boys' Brigade 6pm - 7.15pm and 7pm - 8.15pm for aged 11+ Term time only
Contact: Liz Morgan: 1larkfieldbb@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=bmhvSlh2Nk45QUZXS2JubXgxbElYdz09> (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. Speak to Christine Malins for more information.

Happy Birthday to Gwen Bartley on 30th October

Let us pray to the God who made us and sustains us.

We pray for:

- ◇ **Rev. Naomi**, and her family, **Luke, Rachel** and **Abigail**;
- ◇ **Sunday worship** at 10.00am with **Jacky and Brian Trice**;
- ◇ **Third Avenue** as they lead this Sunday's on-line service at 10.30am;
- ◇ The Boys' and Girls' Brigade and young people of our church, may they grow in faith and love of you;
- ◇ Our church friends recovering from illness, operations or procedures and those waiting for treatment or struggling with pain;
- ◇ We pray for those who have recently died commending them to the joy and safe-keeping of your love;
- ◇ 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;
- ◇ The people of Gaza and Ukraine;
- ◇ Those who are struggling with poverty or loneliness, or other difficult issues;
- ◇ Those we know in care and nursing homes;
- ◇ 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;
- ◇ 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.

Loving Father, we give you thanks and praise for the wideness of your mercy, and the personal attention of your provision for us.

Prayer Wheel - If you wish for a prayer in an emergency, you can call Christine or email cvmalins@gmail.com

Next week, the on-line prayers will be brought to you by James Brown. If you have a request for prayer and permission for it to be included, please contact him at jailegend@gmail.com

Church Website - the website address is: larkfieldmethodist.org Contact Martin White at quantum.martin@btinternet.com to include an item on the website.

Church Notices Please contact Christine at cvmalins@gmail.com if you wish to have an item included in these Notices.

Hall and Sycamore Tree Hiring—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 or telephone him on 07971 738 685.