



Notices for Sunday 1st March 2026

We welcome you to our worship this Sunday. If you are a visitor, we hope to see you again. Refreshments will be served in the hall after Breakfast Church and before morning worship at 10.30am

This Sunday at at 9am

**BREAKFAST CHURCH
With the Team**

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10.30am HOLY COMMUNION

Preacher: Rev. Naomi Oates

Steward: Gwen Bartley

**Welcome Stewards: Christine Malins
and Wendy O'Leary**

Bible Reader: Christine Malins

Intercessions: Jacky Trice

Organist: Rob Wilding

Next Sunday 8th March at 10am

Preacher: John Hudson-Beddows

Steward: Laurel Townend

**Welcome Stewards: Ian Bartley and
Jacky Trice**

Bible Reader: Gwen Bartley

Intercessions: Laurel Townend

Organist: Rob Wilding

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CAFÉ CHURCH at 3pm

with Monica Wilding

Steward: Alan Wood

Prayer for our Worship on Sunday ...

Lord you are the God of truth and grace. We have come to praise you for the promise of new birth. Fill your servant Rev. Naomi with your Holy Spirit, that we may all have the joy and the power to begin again. In Christ's name. Amen.

The on-line circuit service will be 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=bmhvSlh2Nk45QUZXS2JubXgxbEiYdz09>

Messages from Rev. Naomi

Dear friends

Congratulations to Jacob

Many congratulations to Jacob, who was baptised on Sunday at our church. Jacob and his Mum Lynn have been attending for the past nine months, and recently joined us on the church weekend away, where Jacob expressed a wish to be baptised. They are hoping soon to move to Dover, and we will miss them greatly! It was a privilege to share this special day with Jacob and his family; Valerie joined us in order to make the promises on behalf of the church family.



Let's get ready to jumble - This Saturday!

Don't forget to join us this Saturday and pick up a bargain! There's the mammoth book sale and coffee morning at Larkfield from 10am - 12pm, and the jumble sale at Tonbridge Road from 10.30am - 12.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Next Prayer & Praise - Thursday 5 March 2pm

We'd love to welcome newcomers to 'Prayer & Praise' on Thursday 5 March at 2pm at St Mary's Old Church, Burham. This monthly gathering is an opportunity to pause, to breathe, and to spend around 45 minutes sharing in prayer, reflection, and acoustic worship songs in this stunning historic church. Wrap up warm if it's a chilly day!

Creative prayer journeys - Sunday 22 March

Our friends at Christ Church in Snodland are hosting a free afternoon looking at 'creative prayer journeys' on Sunday 22 March (see attached poster). Come and try your hand at pottery, labyrinths, prayer walking and creative prayer. The workshop includes a light lunch of sandwiches and sausage rolls.

Could you help?

Alison Hornsby has, at long last, been given a date for her operation, for which we are very thankful. She will need to get to the hospital in London on Friday 6 March, and would be most grateful if someone could give her a lift, as she will have luggage to bring with her. If you could offer a lift on Friday 6 March, please contact Alison on knittynoo52@gmail.com

Exploring vocation

The Methodist Church offers an 'Explore' programme for anyone wishing to explore church leadership, whether lay or ordained. The next cohort begins in May 2026. If you might like to join them, you can book <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/ministries/vocations/discerning-vocation/connexional-vocation-exploration-opportunities/exploring/> to join a taster session on 14 April 2026 at 7pm.

Calling all craftivists!

Are you a keen knitter or crocheter (is that a word)? Have you wondered if your crafts could change the world?

You might be interested to join the Methodist Church's monthly 'Wholehearted' online gathering on 10 March, to listen to Sarah Corbett, an award-winning activist and author, Ashoka Fellow and founder of the global Craftivist Collective. Her unique 'Gentle Protest' approach to activism and craftivism (craft + activism) engages people in slow, quiet, humble and kind activism and has directly helped change hearts, minds, policies and laws around the world combining campaign strategy, neuroscience, psychology and rooted in her Christian faith. Click [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wholehearted-monthly-tickets-](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wholehearted-monthly-tickets) to book.

Roger Barton's funeral

For those wishing to attend Roger Barton's funeral, here are the details from Shirley: 'The Committal Service for Roger will be held on Thursday 26th March at Vinters Park Crematorium at 1pm for family only. This will be live streamed and further details will be shared later. You are welcome to join the family at 2pm for a Thanksgiving Service at Holy Cross Church. The service will be led by Revd Robert Zachar. The wake afterwards will be held at Tudor Park Hotel and all are welcome. Donations in Roger's memory will support the work of Action for Children.'

Burham's window

I'm sure you'll be pleased to know that the beautiful stained-glass window from the Church in Burham has now been removed, replaced with clear glass, and stored safely ready to be installed in the redeveloped Union Street Methodist Church, as part of the Church in Burham's ongoing presence in the circuit.

Another slice of history from Jim!

Jim Bryant from Union Street has unearthed another slice of history relating to East Malling Methodist Chapel:

The East Malling Chapel

'The Society probably existed at a very early date. In 1823 there were 11 members, in 1845, 31, and in 1864, 17. Mr. Edward Plater who joined the Society in 1858, writes respecting the beginning of our cause in East Malling: "I have some memory of the first Mr. Casse, and of his ideas of its origin. The Rev. Mr. Holmes, Vicar of Billing, built and endowed the free school there. He was friendly with Wesley at the time, and Wesley is said to have preached in the school. Half of the Trustees were Wesleyans and half Churchmen, but the former were gradually replaced. When this was completed, preaching was prohibited and the Society hired a Hop Oast nearby." After great difficulty the site of the present Chapel was secured in 1844.

When the jubilee of the Chapel was celebrated in 1894 the Rev. William Day, of the Methodist Episcopal Church wrote from Rutherford, New Jersey, U.S.A.: "The little brick Chapel is, to me, the dearest building in all England, for it was in that my new life in Christ and for Christ began, on the tenth day of November, 1844, my seventeenth birthday. It was the holy Sabbath day. Well do I remember that day of days, and how its sacred hours were spent."

Every blessing,
Naomi

The Revd Naomi Oates
Eccles, Hextable, Larkfield & East Malling, and Tonbridge Road Methodist Churches
01732 875 072 / 07485 072 407
Rest day: Friday

COME AND JOIN US

On **Holy Saturday, 4th April**, people from our church, together with the other churches in Larkfield and East Malling will be joining together in outreach to our local community. We will meet first of all in our Sycamore Tree Centre at 9.30am to discuss the arrangements, volunteer for the various roles and pray for our witnessing, listening and giving. Then at 10am, we will walk or drive to Martin Square, where we will set up opposite Paydens Chemist. We will be a presence there until 12 noon.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

With others, you could go to the shops and businesses with trays of giveaways, in gratitude for the way they support and help our community. Passers-by will also be offered giveaways: hot cross buns wrapped in foil, wrapped chocolates, small Easter eggs, knitted or crocheted gifts, booklets about the meaning of Easter, leaflets listing the Easter Day services of our 3 churches or welcome cards with information about all the churches in the wider Malling area. You could sit and be willing to listen to people who may wish to share sorrows or joys or stories, and pray with them, if desired.

If you would prefer a less public role, please stay in the Sycamore Tree and warm up the hot cross buns in our oven and wrap them in foil. Anyone keeping a daily tally of steps walked, could ferry these buns to Martin Square! Surrounding these plans with prayer is also an essential role.

If you are coming, please wear your blue and yellow "Known and Loved" T-shirt (from our 2022 Mission) over something warmer; if you have a T-shirt but are unable to join us, please give your T-shirt in advance to Naomi, Valerie or Monica, for someone else to wear - it will be returned to you, later.

Please let any of these 3 people know that you are available to join in this Easter outreach, showing our gratitude and sharing our faith.

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Mobility Bill's Triathlon

Bill Roberts is planning to do a sponsored ride on his 3-wheeled cycle from our church to Aylesford Priory and back. This will be on Sunday 1st March, or if wet, the first fine Sunday afterwards. He will leave our church at the start of Breakfast Church and hopes to be back soon after the end of the 10.30 service. His ride will be in aid of **Maidstone Homeless Care**. If you are able to sponsor him to raise funds for this worthwhile charity, please look out for the sponsor form in the Welcome Area or around at coffee time.

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Muffins & More Programme

March 2026

3rd Favourite book

10th Coffee morning for GB

17th Unplanned

24th Unplanned

31st Holy Week, Easter craft or baking.

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Muffins & More
are holding a
Coffee Morning

*to support 1st Larkfield Girls' Brigade
girls attending summer camp*

Tuesday 10th March
10.30am to 12.00 noon

in The Sycamore Tree cafe
Larkfield Methodist Church

Diary Dates

Taize Service

Richard Young has arranged the following date for a Taize service to take place in Yalding church on Sunday 22nd March at 6.30pm.

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World Day of Prayer service - Friday 6th March at 10.30

This year the service has been prepared by Christian Women from Nigeria, and will be held at **St James the Great Church in East Malling**. Everyone is welcome to this service, which is always a very special time of worship and fellowship. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Parking is behind the King & Queen pub, or in the East Malling Village Hall car park. A poster and flyers are attached to advertise the event.

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All Saints with Christ Church Ladies Event Saturday 7th March 9am- 12.30pm:

She Is Called: a relaxed and welcoming time to gather, reflect and encourage one another.

The morning will begin at 9.00am with a delicious cooked or continental breakfast, offering a chance to chat and connect. This will be followed by a thoughtful and enriching time of worship, talks and reflections, with craft woven into the morning as a gentle and creative way to engage with what we hear and reflect on God's call in our lives. During our break time there will be the opportunity to browse a small selection of 'homemade' stalls, as well as time to relax, talk and enjoy fellowship together. The morning will finish at 12.30pm.

This promises to be a wonderful morning of fellowship, love and encouragement. Please do invite friends and family — all women are very welcome.

Tickets are £10 each and must be purchased in advance to help with catering. They are available: By emailing snodlandchurch@gmail.com or Directly from the 'Here for You' Community Hub at Christ Church, Malling Road in Snodland which is open on Mondays 9am -12pm and Wednesday 10am -12pm for anyone wanting to pop in for a drink and a chat at the same time. When booking please inform us if there are any dietary needs. Book early to avoid disappointment. All bookings must be made by Tuesday 3rd March for catering purposes. Parking on the day will be available at Holmesdale School just across from the church. The church car park will be reserved for those with access requirements.

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Quiz Nights

Holy Trinity Larkfield are holding a Quiz Night on **Saturday 14th March** in the Scout Hut, New Hythe Lane. 7 for 7.30pm start.

Book as a team or individuals—£5 per person, max. of 6 to a team. Call to book 01732 845660

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Quiz Night at St. Luke's Methodist Church ME1 2BQ

Saturday 7th March 7 for 7.30pm—See attached poster



**World
Book Week
Coffee Morning
and
Mammoth
Book Sale**



Saturday 28th February, 10am to 12pm

in the Church Hall

**Also Children's Books and Toys,
DVDs, CDs and Puzzles.**



**Come and find a good read,
or 2 or 3 or a bundle,
and enjoy coffee, cookies and other treats.**



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 - Monday March 23rd and Monday April 27th 2.15 pm to 3.45 pm.

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.
Resumes with a party on 6th January.

Sycamore Tree Craft Group – Sycamore Craft Group will recommence on 13th January from 2.00pm to 3.30pm. **No craft during half term.**

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 from 8th January 2026. Speak to Christine Malins for more information.

Happy Birthday to Marion Connor on 1st, Ian Bruce on 4th and Sandra Buddin on 5th March.

As God's people let us pray to him now:

We pray for:

- ◇ **Rev. Naomi**, and her family, **Luke, Rachel** and **Abigail**;
- ◇ **Breakfast Church** and the Team this Sunday;
- ◇ **Rev. Naomi** leading our Communion Service on Sunday;
- ◇ 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 completed their life on earth, that they may be brought to peace and everlasting joy;
- ◇ Those people throughout the world who have endured and lost family members as a result of war, natural disasters, earthquakes, fires, hurricanes, floods and violence, and have been scattered far from their homes and loved ones;
- ◇ We remember those in positions of authority and influence in this country and in all societies, that needs may be noticed and addressed, good values upheld and all people respected;
- ◇ 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.

We give you thanks and praise for the endless love and patience you show us; whenever we turn away, please turn us back to you. Amen.

Prayer Wheel - If you wish for a prayer in an emergency, you can call Christine on 07934 384 974 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 jajlegend@googlemail.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 lettingslmc@gmail.com or telephone him on 07971 738 685.