



Notices for Sunday 9th November 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 9th November at 10am

Remembrance Sunday

Preacher: **David Newell**

Steward: **Valerie Thornewell**

Welcome Stewards: **Janet Roche and
Audrey Harris**

Bible Reader: **Jacky Trice**

Intercessions: **Tony Buddin**

Organist **Rob Wilding**

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3pm Café Church with Monica Wilding

Steward **Valerie Thornewell**

Next Sunday 16th November at 10am

Preacher: **Monica Wilding**

Steward **Gwen Bartley**

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

Bible Reader: **Gwen Bartley**

Intercessions: **Jacky Trice**

Organist: **Rob Wilding**

Flowers: **Gwen Bartley**

Prayer for our Worship today

Lord, we have come to remember you and your great love. We have come to remember your mercy and truth. We have come to remember your grace and your power. We have come to remember to give you thanks and praise. **We have come to remember.**

The on-line circuit service will be at 10.30am by **Rev. Naomi Oates**. 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>

Rev. Naomi's Weekly Message

Dear friends,

On Saturday, I'll be in Derby for the Joint Public Issues Team's conference, entitled 'For Goodness Sake!' - a gathering for Christians who long for justice. Topics will include 'using our money for good,' eco-justice, the rise of the far right, refugees, poverty, and social action. A couple of the talks will be livestreamed on Saturday, so you can watch online, <https://jpit.uk/conference>

Or why not check out the rest of the Joint Public Issues Team's website - JPIT is a partnership between the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church, designed to help the churches to work together for peace and justice through listening, learning, praying, speaking and acting on public policy issues. If you've ever wanted to contact your MP about a social justice issue, but not known where to start, or wondered what the church thought about issues like migration or the cost-of-living crisis, you can find loads of useful resources <https://jpit.uk/>

Some news and updates for the coming weeks...

Remembrance Sunday

My thanks to those of you who will be leading worship this Sunday, as we mark Remembrance Sunday. I'll be at the War Memorial in Eccles at 10.45am (the service will continue after 11am in the church) and then at the War Memorial in Burham at 2pm. I'll also be leading the circuit online service, in which you can hear seven people from Larkfield and Tonbridge Road share their thoughts on what peace means to them. The service will go live at 10.30am on Sunday, and can be watched on demand any time afterwards. Many thanks to Martin, Valerie, James, Nellie, Isaac, Audrey and Chiddie for their contributions. You'll be able to find the link on social media or <https://www.nkmethodists.org.uk/news/worship-from-home>

Service of Remembering - Sunday 23 November 3pm

You are warmly invited to a Service of Remembering at Larkfield & East Malling Methodist Church on Sunday 23 November at 3pm. This gentle, reflective service is intended for anyone who has lost a loved one. There will be the opportunity to listen to music, say prayers, and light candles. Please let me know if you would like me to include a particular piece of music or reading in memory of a loved one. Also, if you would be willing to help serve refreshments after the service, I would be glad to hear from you.

Donation in loving memory of Noel

The church has received a very generous donation of £500 in memory of Noel, Wendy's beloved husband who sadly died last year. Noel touched many lives, and was unfailingly generous in his attitude to others (as those of us who received one of his incredible curries will attest!). This immensely kind gift in memory of Noel will enable us, as a church, to continue seeking to bless the local community, as Noel did in so many ways.

Hurricane Melissa

All We Can, in partnership with the Methodist Church in Britain, is responding to the devastation caused by Hurricane Melissa across the Caribbean. All We Can is also working closely with our regional partner, the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas (MCCA), who are coordinating emergency relief efforts for affected communities. Funds raised will help provide essential supplies such as food and shelter materials to those most in need. You can find out more and donate to the appeal <https://www.allwecan.org.uk/appeal/hurricane-melissa/>

Gaza

Andy Dye, Director of Global Relationships for the Methodist Church, recently made a visit to the Methodist Liaison Office in Jerusalem, where he met with partners in the West Bank. He has written [this helpful blog](#) about how we can continue to respond to the situation in Gaza, in light of the fragile ceasefire.

Street Pastors

I've attached the latest newsletter from the Maistone Street Pastors - why not make yourself a cuppa and have a read?

Every blessing,
Naomi

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*A few snaps from Breakfast Church on Sunday, when we were thrilled to welcome **Megan and Jason** as members of the church.*

The next Breakfast Church will be at 9am on Sunday 7 December, and will be our annual 'scratch nativity' - no rehearsal required! Come along, choose a costume, and get stuck in (if you want to - or just enjoy the bacon butties and a cuppa if not!).



THE WELCOME HUB CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Saturday 15 November, 10am to 12noon

Coffee morning and Christmas Crafts

Preparing crafts for the Christmas Tree Festival
over coffee and homebakes

Monday 24 November, 10am to 4pm

Welcome Hub 3rd Birthday Celebrations

with Bring-and-Share-Lunch from 12 noon
and “Christmas Afternoon Tea Hamper” raffle

Monday 22 December from 12 noon

Welcome Hub Christmas Dinner

For Welcome Hub guests regular and occasional
Book your place now for this very special Christmas event.

Café Church **at Larkfield**



Sunday 9th November 2025

at 3pm

**Join us in praising God
with Songs and Stories,
Tea, coffee, cake and conversation.
Everyone welcome!**

Shoe Boxes

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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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.

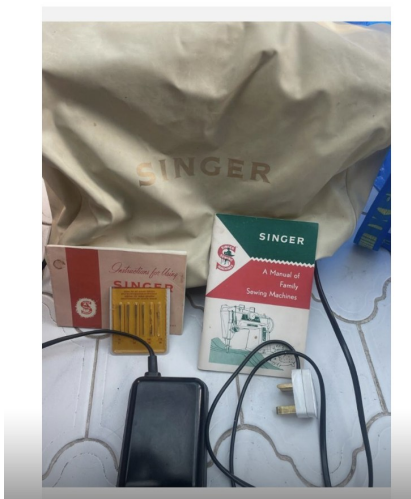
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Vintage Singer Sewing Machine Available for Donation

Tracey Murray is generously offering a Singer sewing machine from the 1970s. This machine is in working order and would make a wonderful addition to any crafting room, either as a functional tool or as an attractive centrepiece.

If you are interested in acquiring this sewing machine, Tracey kindly asks that you make a donation to the church. The machine is available for collection from the Poets Estate in Larkfield, near Tesco. The sewing machine is quite heavy, so please be prepared when collecting.

For further information or to arrange collection, please contact Tracey on 07770 372506. If she is unavailable, kindly leave a message.



Larkfield and East Malling Methodist Church, ME20 6PN

Christmas Tree Festival 2025



Saturday 13th December, 11am to 5pm

Sunday 14 December, 12 noon to 5pm

**Come and enjoy our trees
and follow our Nativity Story Trail**



Tea, coffee, cakes and light lunches (small charge).

Christmas gifts and cards.

No entrance fee, but donations welcome for Church Funds.



Carols amidst the Christmas Trees

Sunday 14th, 3pm until 4.30pm

with refreshments mid-way

Singing your favourite carols

(let Monica know your choice by Sunday 7th)

Contact Monica on 07704 105447 or monicawilding@outlook.com



Christmas Fayre

Please note: Parking on the day will be available in Holmesdale Secondary School on Malling Road, across the road from the Christ Church. Parking at the church will be reserved for anyone with mobility/ accessibility requirements only.

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Dates for your Diaries.....

Muffins & More

Next Tuesday is Remembrance Day so please bring along to Muffins & More your poems and prose for remembrance.

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Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 9 November, our 10am service will be a Parade service led by David Newell as we mark Remembrance Sunday. Then, at 2pm, there will be an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Burham, led by Rev. Naomi Oates and Rev Nicky Rawlins.

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Service of Remembering

This November, there will be a special service of Remembering for those who have lost loved ones led by Rev. Naomi. This gentle, reflective service will be an opportunity to remember those who have died, to light candles, and to give thanks for their memories. The service will take place on **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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The Peninsular Big Band

29th November 7pm at Wouldham All Saints Church. Ticket price £10 per person.

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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 T'oddlers' 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.

Let us pray to the great God of heaven who made us and sustains us.

We pray for:

- ◇ **Rev. Naomi**, and her family, **Luke, Rachel and Abigail**;
- ◇ **David Newell** who will be leading our service of Remembrance 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 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, Ukraine and other trouble spots around the world;
- ◇ 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.

As you fill our hearts with heavenly joy we pour out our love and praise to you, our living God. Amen.

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 . If you have a request for prayer and permission for it to be included, please contact her at

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.