



Notices for Sunday 17th September 2023

We welcome you to our Service this Sunday. If you are a visitor, we hope to see you again.
Tea, coffee and squash will be served in the hall after the service.

Lord, it is a joy to be in your presence, it is an awesome experience to know you as the living God. Though you hold all creation in your hands you have promised to hold us in your love. Though you are great enough to inhabit eternity you have promised to live in the hearts and lives of those who put their trust in you. We pray: Make your presence known, and may our praises be empowered by the Holy Spirit. Amen.

This Sunday 17th September at 10 am

ALL AGE WORSHIP

Preacher: **Simon Rowe**

Steward: **Valerie Thornevell**
Welcome Steward: **Audrey Harris**
Bible Reader: **Tony Buddin**
Intercessions: **Tony Buddin**
Organist: **Rob Wilding**

Next Sunday 24th September at 10am

Preacher: **Rev. Bryan Tolhurst**

HOLY COMMUNION

Steward: **Wendy O'Leary**
Welcome Steward: **Ian Bartley**
Bible Reader: **Ben Hornsby**
Intercessions: Provided by **Jacky Trice**
Organist: **Rob Wilding**
Flowers: **Alison Hornsby**

The on-line circuit service on Sunday will be led by **Gill Le Boutillier-Scott** 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=bmhvSIh2Nk45QUZXS2JubXgxbEiYdz09>

A message from Naomi:

Luke and I wanted to say a big 'thank you' to all those who sent cards and good wishes and joined us to celebrate Abigail's dedication on Saturday 9 September. It's often said that it takes a village to raise a child, and it meant a lot to see so many people from Abi's own little 'village' gathered under one roof, promising to help care for her and to maintain an environment where she might come to know just how much God loves her. We are especially grateful to friends from Larkfield for hosting the service, and from Larkfield Community Church (where Luke and I are worshipping while I'm on maternity leave) for leading the music. The service was led by Rev Nic, with whom I attended 'vicar school,' and who had travelled from Congleton especially for the service. As an avid knitter herself, she spoke about Psalm 139 and the way that God knits each of us together according to a unique pattern, and yet somehow made in God's image.

We continue to be so grateful to each of you for this precious time to spend focusing on the girls. Please be assured of my prayers for you, and that I look forward to seeing you all once I'm back on Monday 30 October.



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Request from Revd. Naomi

In September Naomi is taking part in a sponsored swim for Housing Justice. If anyone is able to sponsor her, you can do so using this link

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/naomi-oates>

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More volunteers, please!

We have been fortunate to have a small number of members who have been willing to provide some cleaning assistance during the period when our regular cleaner, Michelle, is on holiday. However, due to work and other commitments this help cannot always be available at the time it is needed. It would make a really big difference if we could increase the number of volunteers willing to provide up to an hour and a half of light cleaning during Michelle's absence.

It is important, not only for our own comfort, that our premises are clean and tidy, but also to assist in promoting them to outside hirers.

Will you please consider if you can help in any way and speak to Margaret if you would like more information.

Thank you.

Coffee Morning

Muffins and More will be holding a Coffee Morning on Tuesday 3rd October from 10.30—12.00 in the Church Welcome area for the **RNLI**, the charity chosen by Monica and family in memory of Joy.

Larkfield and East Malling Methodist Church

HARVEST QUIZ



Saturday 7th October

At 6.00pm with Supper at 7.00pm

Suggested donation £8

Teams of 6 to be organised on the night.

If anyone can make an apple dessert, please let Gwen know.



Join our team!

Dear Church Leaders,

We are excited to announce that we are now accepting applications for a new Schools Worker to join our team. Do you know someone who has a heart for inspiring children and young people to explore Christianity? If so, please encourage them to visit our website and apply to join our team.

Our Schools Workers support the planning and delivery of all our activities across Maidstone, Medway and Swale. This includes our Collective Worship assemblies, Kingsquad lunchtime and afterschool clubs, Prayer Spaces and seasonal events.

The deadline for applications is 29th September although we anticipate closing the vacancy early if we receive a high number of applicants. For more information, or to apply, please [visit our website](#) where you will find a full job pack and application form.

Thank you for your support

Community Hub

The Community Hub is now open Mondays and Wednesdays, 10am to 4pm. Do call in for a cuppa, cake or light snack. Please see Monica if you would like to volunteer regularly or occasionally. Do encourage friends and neighbours to come along, especially anybody who is on their own.

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Dates for your diaries!

Rosemary has been able to arrange and confirm with Naomi a date for our **Autumn Church Council**. This will be held on Thursday 2nd November 2023 at 7.30pm and will be chaired by Naomi.

Praise before Lunch Remembrance, led by Naomi on Thursday 9 November at 12.30pm

Pastoral Meeting on 28 November at 2pm in the church

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The Larkfield Community Group invite you to a **MacMillan coffee morning** on Friday 29th September at the Dorcas Centre from 10.00-12.00.

Holy Trinity's Fundraising QUIZ NIGHT! Saturday 14th October at Larkfield Scout Hut
Arrive from 7pm for a 7.30p.m start. £5 a person – Teams of 6 Bring your own nibbles and drinks.
Contact Anita on 01732 845660 to book.

There will be a **Family Quiz Evening** in the Wesley Hall at Gravesend Methodist Church, on Saturday 7th October starting at 6.45 p.m. £8.00 per person. The price includes a Ploughmans Platter. Please bring your own nibbles & soft drinks – (sorry, no alcohol), To register a team: Please register by emailing : roberthardy33@gmail.com

Allington Baptist Church invite you to an evening with Christian comedian **Andy Kind** on Saturday 14th October from 7—9.30pm with light refreshments provided. Tickets cost £10 per person or £15 per couple, or £7 for under 18s. For tickets, please contact Martyn Colley on 07835 390466.

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Churches together in Malling forthcoming events:

Aline Ongley says that on **Sat Sept 23rd** the **Medway Singers** will be performing at Aylesford Church. They are a small local choir, who perform a range of music from some classic choral through to more modern, such as music from Abba and the Beatles. The event will be preceded by a **cheese and wine reception** at **6.30pm**. Performance will start at **7.30pm**. Tickets **£10 each** and are available from Aline on 07771 636872 or a.ongley@tiscali.co.uk

Gwen Worcester is publicising a **Clarinet Recital:- Journey to South Americas** at Wouldham Church on Saturday 16th September at 12pm Tickets £8 children under 10 come free. Purchase tickets at nsinclairstrong@gmail.com

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at LARKFIELD

Sunday

First Sunday in month **Breakfast Church** from **9am—10.30am**
Second Sunday **Sunday Club** at **10am**
Third Sunday **All Age Worship** at **10am**
Fourth Sunday **Sunday Club** at **10am** plus **Messy Church**
Café Church second Sunday of the month at 3pm.

Monday

Larkfield Community Hub, 10am to 4pm in the Sycamore Tree. Come and spend a short time or all day with us, with free refreshments, things to do and a warm welcome.

Expressions Dance in September: 11th and 25th Zoom Dance 2.30 – 3.30 pm
18th September—Dance in Person in the Church Hall 2.00 – 3.30 pm

Girls' Brigade 5.00—6.30pm then 7.00—8.30pm Term time only, contact Val Burnage for details

Tuesday

Muffins & More 10.00am—2.00pm contact Gwen Bartley

Sycamore Tree Craft Group will recommence Tuesday 5th September – 2.00 – 3.30 pm (term time only)
All invited, all crafts, to this Knit and natter.

Wednesday

Larkfield Community Hub 10am to 4pm in the Sycamore Tree.

Little Larks Toddlers' Club is having a little rest for the time being. Hope to be back soon.

Boys' Brigade term time only, contact Tracy Lambert for details.

Thursday

Dial-in services on the phone or internet monthly at 10.00am.

Chuckles Fellowship Group: meet each Thursday from 2 to 3.30pm.
Contact Christine for details.

All are welcome to join in the following events:

Tuesdays between 8.30 - 10pm: Zoom Bible study <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86393041488>

Wednesdays between 7.30 - 9pm: Zoom Prayer meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/121873130>

Thursdays between 6.30 - 8.00pm: Accountability group. In person at King's Reach School, St. Hilary's House, Reculver Walk, Maidstone ME15 8SW or join on Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/260631405>

Sundays between 1.45 - 3.00pm: Time of Worship. In person at King's Reach School, or join on Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/260631405>

Our Prayers for this week. We pray for:

- ◇ **Rev. Naomi, Luke, Rachel and Baby Abigail**
- ◇ **Simon Rowe** leading our **All Age Worship** this Sunday;
- ◇ **Family** and friends of **Delphine**, comfort them as they mourn for Delphine;
- ◇ Richard's brother-in-law, **Roland**, unwell in hospital;
- ◇ We remember those who have died, and we think especially of **Joy**, and pray for **Monica, Rob, Peter Michael** and family who miss her;
- ◇ The folk of Morocco who have lost loved ones in the earthquake and the dreadful loss of life in Libya as a result of the floods;
- ◇ Those who are struggling with poverty or loneliness, or other difficult issues;
- ◇ For volunteers and guests at our Community Hub;
- ◇ The people of Ukraine who have lost loved ones in the war, those caught up in the conflict and those trying to find refuge in another country. We pray for peace and reconciliation;
- ◇ Folk whose lives are filled with pain and anxiety and despair;
- ◇ Folk in care homes, together with friends and all residents and staff in Lawson House;
- ◇ Our friends who are housebound and unable to leave their homes and we think especially of **Ian Bruce** as well as **Don and Jill Beevis**;
- ◇ Doctors, nurses, all who work for the NHS, carers in homes and those who visit patients at home.
- ◇ Folk living in Addison Close, Ashton Way, Auden Road, Austen Way, Barrie Drive, Bates Close and Beech Road;
- ◇ 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.

Thank you, heavenly Father, for your long-suffering patience with us. Amen.

Valerie will be preparing the on-line prayers next week. If you wish for a prayer to be included, please contact her at: ValerieT_17@hotmail.com

Prayer Wheel - If you wish for a prayer in an emergency, you can email Monica on 07704 105447 or email monicawilding@outlook.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 on email cvmalins@gmail.com if you wish to have a notice included.

Hall and Sycamore Tree Hiring

Please 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.

Cashless donations

Many thanks to Martin, who has arranged a system for those who join us at church and wish to make a donation, but don't have cash with them. If you have a smartphone, you can now scan a QR code and donate quickly and easily online. You will find posters with the QR code around our church buildings.