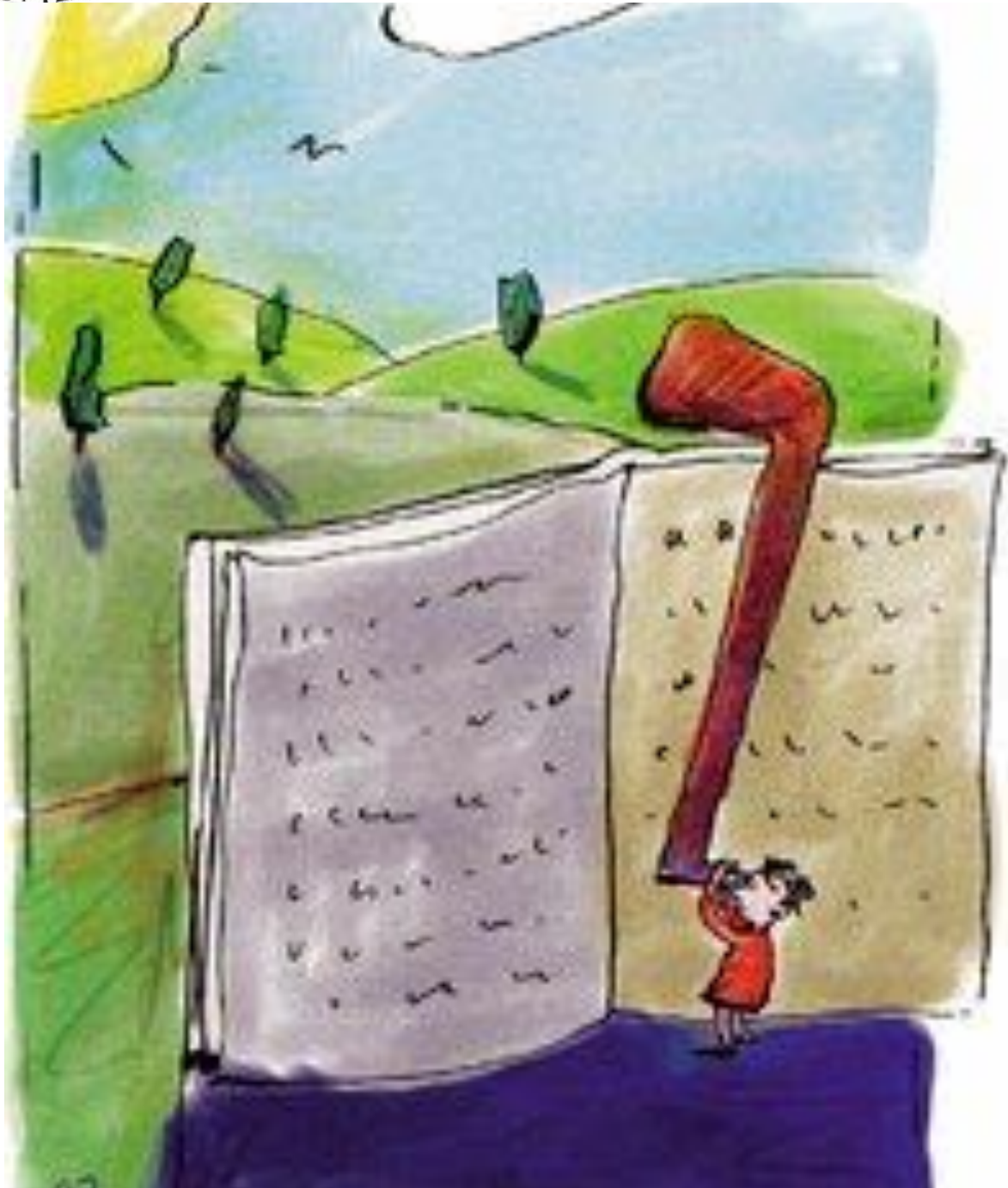




# CHURCH NEWS

## June 2017



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to see its relevance for the 21st Century***

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## ***Church Diary: June 2016***

**(for regular events, please see the diary of regular events, on page 25)**

Sunday	4	June	10.00	Traditional Worship with Communion,
			11.30	All-Age worship
			13.00-17.00	Child Contact Centre
			18.30	Reflective worship
Monday	5	June	10.00-12.00	Parents and Toddlers
			19.30	Eden Meditation
Tuesday	6	June	20.00	Elders' Meeting
Wednesday	7	June	10.00-12.00	Tots' Praise
			13.10	Lunchtime Service
Friday	9	June	13.00-14.00	Prayer Meeting
Sunday	11	June	11.00	All-age worship
			18.30	Reflective Worship
Monday	12	June	10.00-12.00	Parents and Toddlers
Tuesday	13	June	14.00-16.00	Quiz Afternoon
Wednesday	14	June	10.00-12.00	Tots' Praise
			13.10	Lunchtime Service
Thursday	15	June	20.00	International Friendship Café
Friday	16	June	13.00-14.00	Prayer Meeting
Saturday	17	June	10.00-12.00	Stay and Play
Sunday	18	June	10.00	Traditional Worship
			11.30.	All-Age Worship
			13.30-17.00	Child Contact Centre
			18.30	Reflective Worship with Communion
Monday	19	June	10.00-12.00	Parents and Toddlers
			15.00 & 20.00	Film Show showing historic moments in the life of KURC (see Page 15)
Wednesday	20	June	10.00-12.00	Tots' Praise
			13.10	Lunchtime Service
Thursday	22	June	20.00	International Friendship Café
Friday	23	June	13.00-14.00	Prayer Meeting
Sunday	25	June	10.00	Traditional Worship
			11.30.	All-Age Worship with Communion
			18.30	Reflective Worship
Monday	26	June	10.00-12.00	Parents and Toddlers
			15.30-17.30	Messy Church
Wednesday	28	June	10.00-12.00	Tots' Praise
			13.10	Lunchtime Service
Thursday	29	June	20.00	International Friendship Café
Friday	30	June	13.00-14.00	Prayer Meeting

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## ***Letter from Lesley***

Dear All,

'If you want to know who I am put your hand in my wounds'. These were the words of a scholar reflecting on his experience of bereavement. He was a theologian whose son had died in a mountaineering accident. Through the years he thought about what it meant. Then the resurrection encounter between Jesus and Thomas struck him.

Why did Jesus still have scars? His body surely could have been in any shape, any mark of perfection he wanted.

Why did Jesus have wounds when he was resurrected? When Thomas doubts the resurrection of Jesus he declares, 'unless I put my hands into his wounds'. (John 20) Jesus turns up the next day and offers Thomas the scars for his handling. His scars are what he uses to prove who he is.

'If you want to know who I am you must put your hand into my scars'.

The scars that we have have shaped the people we are. They are not a mistake but formational to the people that we are today. If you are going to put your hand in my scars then you have to know what they are. What are the scars of your life? Who knows them? Death is a public event. Much illness is public too. But what about the other stuff? The sadness? The unfulfilled dreams? The addictions? Who do we trust to share our scars with? And who will we gently touch to let them know they are not alone? Who will we be the hands of Jesus for? And who will we let be the hands of Jesus for us?

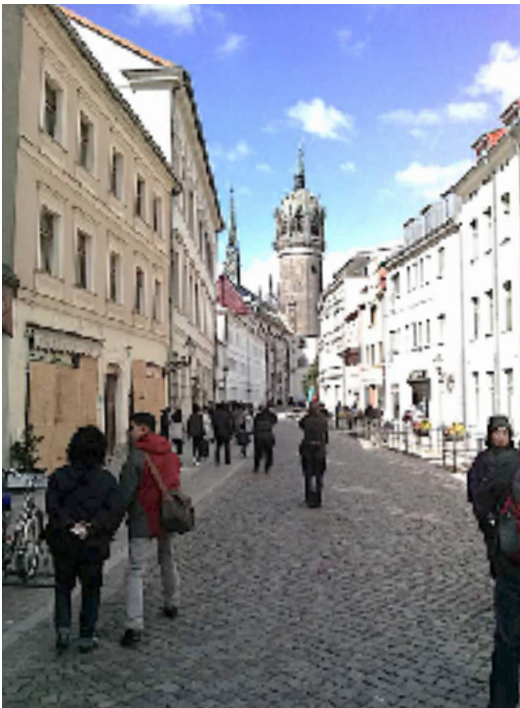
Yours

***Lesley***

## News from Suk In

Dear Friends

It's now springtime, but still very chilly outside. In the middle of April I flew to Berlin for the Presbyterian Church in Korea's European Missionary Conference. I was hoping for warmer weather (the last time I was in Germany it was 40 degrees) but unfortunately it snowed. The 120 delegates



met at a conference centre in Wittenberg. Wittenberg is of course very well known as the place where Martin Luther made his protest against the Roman Catholic Church exactly 500 years ago and began the process of the Reformation. There is naturally much activity in Wittenberg this year. The PCK Moderator attended the conference, and so did the Bishop of Wittenberg and the World Council of Reformed Churches mission director. Quite a few children were present and they were looked after by two volunteers from Korea.

The theme of the conference was Romans 1 chapter 17: 'For the gospel reveals how God puts people right with himself: it is through faith from beginning to end. As scripture says, the person who is put right with God through faith shall live.' We discussed the role of the church in Korea and Europe. In Europe the churches are getting weaker from the point of view of membership, but this situation is evident in Korea too. Church activity is decreasing, as is missionary activity abroad. It is a big worry. The Korean missionaries generally work amongst Korean diaspora congregations, and these are decreasing too. Ravinder Salooja talked about the meaning of mission in Europe and the need for it to be involved with many different ethnic groups with varied cultures, outlooks, and religious beliefs. Then there is a wide range of social issues, especially refugees, acceptance, and the environment. The church needs to be very wise and sensitive to discern God's will. Bishop Johann Schneider mentioned Luther's revolution 500 years ago and what that protest means in today's perspective. He compared Luther and Calvin to the present day church protesting against the forces of materialism and atheism. The PCK Moderator, Sung He Lee stressed the relevance of Romans 1 v 17 and the

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power of faith. The church must be holy and keep faith. Leviticus 19 v 2 says: 'The Lord told Moses to say to Israel: be holy, as I the Lord am holy.'

After the conference I was able to visit Wittenberg Cathedral and saw the door to which Luther nailed his protest and I also looked round the Luther Museum. Then I went to Berlin, which of course is now unified after many years of division. This of course reminded me of Korea where the division between North and South is as deep as it ever has been. There seems no glimmer of hope, yet we are called by God to have faith and hope and trust, whatever the situation. The words of the hymn "Bind us together Lord" were constantly in my mind.

***Suk In Lee***

### ***Cathy's Conversation***

Recently within the church I have had several conversations on the subject of holidays that I would like to share.

People go away to visit friends and/or family. Some call that time a holiday and some do not.

Some people have holiday leave from work and are very happy staying at home and resting. Letting time pass.

Some people are almost frightened by the thought of a holiday. They worry that it will cost a lot and that their work schedule is such that taking time away from it just causes problems.

There are some members and friends in our church who are far too busy preparing for and taking their exams to swan off for a holiday this month.

Whatever your views of holidays are, I hope that you will be able to enjoy not working or being away from your usual routine, at least for a few days over the summer months.

This month we welcome our new Operations Assistant Joseph Neligan (who likes to be known as Joe) and we look forward to working with him as I know that he will make a valuable contribution to the day to day operation of the church.

***Cathy Seymour***



## ***Ann Macfarlane's Report to Church Meeting on 14 May, 2017***

Kingston Association for the Handicapped, as it was then known, was founded in 1947 by a world renowned architect, Wycliffe Noble. Early on in his career he and his wife Liz founded a social club for disabled people in Paddington. Wycliffe quickly saw the appalling housing conditions many disabled people were living in, realising many could not leave their home without help through lack of access. On moving to Sunbury he set up Kingston Association for the Handicapped with a few interested people. He was determined that disabled people would begin to have freedom of movement, choice and equality. His career focussed on access and he travelled the world advising other architects. He was part of a team who designed the Crystal Palace and won awards for his designs. He was brought up within a Salvation Army family, was drummer and guitarist with the Joy Strings, loved old cars and had a passion for sailing. Kingston Association for the Handicapped received a Kingston Borough Council Grant of £10 in 1948.

We had only voluntary staff and in the early 1980's were provided with office space here in what was then Keith Fisher's vestry and for which we paid a peppercorn rent. As Honorary Secretary I spent several happy and productive years here.

Now, all these years later, and after many traumas and with two name changes, Kingston Centre for Independent Living (KCIL) now has three full-time staff and seven part-timers. We focus on providing a regular newsletter, an information and advice service, running a support network for three hundred plus disabled people receiving direct payments in order to control their own lives, run a grants scheme for those who need help with extra disability costs associated with adult learning, equipment and holidays. We are in the process of setting up a history project with Kingston Arts Council and the Museum. We have a seconded worker from the Pocklington Trust who offers services for people with visual impairment. We are in the process of trying to re-establish an Access Officer Post which is much needed as Kingston's environment further deteriorates.

To end I want to return to our founder, Wycliffe Noble, who died a month ago after struggling for many years with dementia. His son Jan, a poet, wrote the poem (on page 10) that I would like to share with you.

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Tonight he calls to the moon.  
"Stay up there moon, stay where you are."  
The moon has other ideas.

Under its feet the lawn  
is a million silver smiles  
as the frost curls the grass blades

and he calls out again  
"Moon, I am here moon!"  
His brittle whiskers ice white

for this child in his eighty-ninth winter  
Christmas has come early  
and there is wonder still

in the milk of his grey retinas,  
a glow in the halo of his irises.  
For a moment his eyes are cloudless

and clear and in the lit up night  
he calls once more, "I can see you moon!"  
His lungs light with stars,

everyone a medal  
for this victory of sense,  
for he is lucid, for he is raving,

for he is talking to the moon  
and the moon, if not talking to him  
is listening, brilliantly.

It steps in from the garden  
through the kitchen window  
bringing its silent reply and you must know

the moon never comes of its own accord:  
it comes only when it is called and  
tonight he is calling to the moon.

**Jan Noble**

## ***Pastoral News***

We can pray for each other at any time which is why, alongside those in particular need, we include groups of people linked with our church.

Out of care for people's privacy,  
since January 2012 the list of Personal Concerns  
has been deleted from the web edition of Church News  
Anyone wishing to receive the full edition of Church  
News by e-mail should send an  
e-mail to: [tony.wenman@gmail.com](mailto:tony.wenman@gmail.com)

Church and church-linked groups in our prayers this month are: Child Contact Centre; Friday dance group; Organ group; those on the Sunday Coffee rota and the Faith Advancement group. (If you don't know what the group is or who it includes look in the church manual or ask!)

### ***Prayer***

Lord God,

As with the couple on the Emmaus road sometimes in our sorrows or busy lives you walk beside us but we do not recognise you there. Give us eyes and hearts that are open so that we do not miss you as you walk with us.

We ask for your presence with those who mourn. Comfort them as they grieve and give them your peace. Stand beside those who are in hospital or unwell at this time. Surround them, their families and friends, with your love and supporting arms. Walk with those coping with long term problems. May they know the blessing of your support and companionship.

We thank you for the work of all those involved in the Child Contact centre, rejoicing in the support they seek to provide to divided families. As she steps down from the coordinator role we give thanks for the work of Jean Thompson in establishing the Child Contact centre and coordinating its activities, and we rejoice with her that a new management structure is now in place. We thank you for the Friday dance group and the friendship and fun they share together. We pray for the work of the Organ group as they plan for the future of music in our church; give them wisdom and insight. We give thanks for all those who serve refreshments each Sunday, may they know the value of what they do. We pray for the Faith Advancement group as they seek new ways for us to explore and share our faith together, inspire them with new ideas.

Finally, we pray for our ministers, Lesley and Suk-In as they lead us. Be close to them and give them the assurance of your presence as they lead us.

**Amen.**



***JUNE FLOWER ROTA***



June 4	June Davis
June 11	Barbara Parker
June 18	Ina Atherton
June 25	??????????????????

Could you arrange some flowers, in oasis or in a vase?  
Would you like to donate money for flowers  
which Janine or I could arrange for you?

If the answer to either of the above is yes, please ring me,

**Steve Wenman on 07802 413026**

## ***International re-union in Tokyo 22 April 2017***



Sue and John Watts with Sumiko and Haruo Akimoto who attended KURC 25 years ago!

The bride and groom, Matthew and Hidemi, arrive at the reception. See the full story in the next edition of Church News! View pictures in full colour at:

[http://www.kingstonurc.org/kurc\\_eventsnews.html#churchmag](http://www.kingstonurc.org/kurc_eventsnews.html#churchmag)





## ***Coming soon to a cinema in Eden Street...***

One always dreams of finding treasure hidden away in the attic. That is exactly what Steve and Tony Wenman recently found in theirs: not a lost Rembrandt, but about eight hours of cine film, dating back to the 1930s, taken by Reg Thorogood, Steve's father. Reg was for many years a Deacon and Sunday School leader of Kingston Congregational Church, which became Kingston United Reformed Church 1972. KCC features largely in the films, that also show family holidays in Britain and Europe, life around Kingston, and events at or connected with our church. They are of almost Pathé News quality with handwritten titles - but no sound of course! Miraculously the films have not deteriorated, but it was felt wise to convert them to digital format.

The '***Church events***' and the '***Kingston and environs***' footage has now been edited on to two separate DVDs and we are proposing to show these twice on:

**Monday 19 June  
at 15.00 and 20.00  
in the Training Room.**

**Entry is free with a retiring collection for Church Funds.**

So what will you see? Several church weddings from 1934 to 1967 (it might even be YOURS!), Sunday School outings and conferences, a church holiday to the Holy Land in 1937, Boys Brigade camp on the Isle of Wight in 1948..... You will definitely see people you know, though you may not recognise them of course! Then there is footage of the opening of Kingston Power Station in 1948 (featuring the Boys Brigade), the frozen river Thames at Kingston in 1940, a Coronation garden party in Surbiton in 1937, the Crystal Palace burning down in 1936, steam trains at Surbiton station, the Queen's visit to Kingston in 1961, a very young Petula Clark at the Surbiton Chamber of Commerce Fete in 1949, a drive on the M1 at 110mph (shortly after it opened in 1959), the Epsom Derby in the mid-1930s, Helen Wills Moody playing at the Surbiton Lawn Tennis Championships, and much, much more! For anyone with the slightest interest in history, this is utterly fascinating and unique material and not to be missed!

So look out for further details, come and wallow in nostalgia, and support the Church Funds.

***John Fisher, Steve Wenman, Tony Wenman***

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## **TWO CHALLENGES!**

***Firstly, PLEASE check that your entry in the Church Handbook is complete and correct.***

If it is **not complete and correct**, or if it is **not in the Handbook at all and should be** (because you are a member or a friend), please let me know straight away at ([tony.wenman@gmail.com](mailto:tony.wenman@gmail.com) or by phoning 07802 413231), and say whether you are a member or a friend, so that I can put your (correct) details - for example address, phone number, e-mail address - in the new edition which should be out soon.

***Challenge set by  
Tony Wenman***

***Secondly, see if you can find 22 books of the Bible in the following paragraphs.***

In these remarkable paragraphs are hidden the names of 22 of the books of the 66 books of the Bible. To find them you don't need to be a pro. Verbs and nouns will bring a sudden revelation of the truth as you keep looking them over. You may get in a jam, especially since the books are not capitalised but if you search in a humble attitude and have the courage necessary to endure a little normal aching of the head, it will be E.Z., rather fun in fact. So go ahead and tackle the job!!

I must warn you it is a lulu ... keeps some people looking so hard they peter out and fall asleep in their chairs, but one lady says she brews coffee to keep alert and she just flies from answer to answer.

I admit it usually takes a good while to find some of the names. Then they are loud lamentations when you see how simple some of those actually are. Yes, there will be numbers of possibilities that may require judges to determine but in all you will find it to be a most fascinating puzzle.

***Challenge set by  
Jane Townsend***

## ***KURC Thursday Lunchtime Recitals***

The next three Thursday lunchtime recitals in our church will be as follows:

### **May 18th**

Sa Lang Kim (piano) will play Schubert's Piano Sonata in A minor, Bloch's Piano Sonata and Liszt's Valse de Faust.

### **June 29th**

David Elwin will give a piano recital (programme to be announced)

### **July 20th**

Katya Lazareva will give a viola recital (programme to be announced)

Sulhee and Julia hope to give a violin and piano recital in August

All recitals start at 12.30 and last about an hour. Admission free, with a retiring collection.



**JONAH**

*A night of musical theology.*

*David Benjamin Blower performs his folk musical of The Book of Jonah, followed by a guided discussion about the challenges of enemy-love in today's divided world.*

**And the Politics of Enemy Love**

*Sunday 15th June 2017, 7pm.  
Kingston Quaker Centre  
Fairfield East, Kingston KT1 2PT  
Suggested donation of £10*



## ***Children's Theology (Part 2)***

We adults tend to use language about God in our talking to children without thinking about what it means to them - and sometimes without thinking what it really means to us! Here are the rest of the examples of children's thinking published last month that might make us smile, and should also make us wonder how we can help them develop their understanding of God, and our own.

14. Dear God, please send Dennis Clark to a different summer camp this year. - *Peter*
15. Dear God, maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other so much if they each had their own rooms. It works out OK with me and my brother. - *Larry*
16. Dear God, I keep waiting for spring, but it never did come yet. What's up? Don't forget. - *Mark*
17. Dear God, my brother told me about how you are born but it just doesn't sound right. What do you say? - *Marsha*
18. Dear God, if you watch in Church on Sunday I will show you my new shoes. - *Barbara*
19. Dear God, is Reverend Coe a friend of yours, or do you just know him through the business? - *Donny*
20. Dear God, I do not think anybody could be a better God than you. Well, I just want you to know that. I am not just saying that because you are already God. - *Charles*
21. Dear God, it is great the way you always get the stars in the right place. Why can't you do that with the moon? *Jeff*
22. Dear God, I am doing the best I can. Really - *Frank*  
And, saving the best for last . ...
23. Dear God, I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday night. That was really cool. - *Thomas*

*PS: ..... and as you sit there reading, smiling and perhaps thinking,*

*"But they are only children,"*

*remember that Matthew 19:14, Mark 10:14 and Luke 18:16 all remind us that Jesus said, "Suffer little children ..... for of such is the kingdom of heaven."*

***Only children ??***

***Editor.***

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## ***A True Story***

When Mum died I was left with a three bedroom bungalow and two spare bedrooms. Somehow it seemed wrong to have a lovely bungalow to myself, so I spoke to God about who he wanted me to look after next? Within a month Suk In brought Ji Eun (Jane) to stay for two weeks of her summer holiday. She came for two weeks and stayed for eight years.

This was an adventure. I knew nothing about the Far East and, to be honest, the only thing we had in common was that we were both females. I was faced with a steep learning curve. I have to tell you I loved every moment; Jane was easy to love and to look after, although there were moments, as you can imagine! When she went away to college I missed her, and then Chris Wheeler took up residence in the small room. That was almost as steep a learning curve as he came from North England and I knew very little about the North either.

After he left, it was time for Jane to marry and for a few months her fiancée lived in the small room. That was fun. As Martyn meanwhile had married He Yeon, I began to consider myself a bit of an expert on South Koreans.

As soon as Jane was established, and her room was free, Stuart moved in. He has become part of my life and I dread the day when he decides he has had enough and moves on. He's been with me ever since. The small room has offered a place to stay for my sister who visits regularly from Florida. Some of my sons, at various times when their wives were mad at them, sought sanctuary; I rescued a young Sri Lankan lad who was suddenly homeless and home sick so I was able to send him home and then Rufina turned up. She is from Trinidad so another very steep learning curve! (Brenda Ives picked her up in the Foyer and passed her on!) Finally Suji came and stayed while she completed a Masters degree. I miss her, and currently the room stands empty.

Why am I telling you all this? Because I have learned so much, and received such joy, from my lodgers. Each of them in their own way has worked their way into my heart. Now here's the thing. Have you got a spare room or rooms? I'd like to challenge you to take the risk and invite a stranger, who has nowhere to stay, into your home. I can tell you it won't always be easy, but it will be very worthwhile and you may get invited to South Korea and taken to Japan!

***Pat Brooks***

## ***Maltese thoughts***

Apparently Maltese is the only Semitic language that uses the Roman alphabet. This may be a source of fascination to linguists and trivia addicts but is of little help when faced with a barrage of it during the packed Ash Wednesday service that I attended in the fishing port of Marsalforn. On that occasion, my comprehension of proceedings was limited to a few words that had clearly been imported from nearby



Italy and the Benedictus and Agnus Dei of the Mass, which happened to be in Latin. Despite the language barrier, I found the service deeply moving if only because it gave a remarkably clear insight into Malta and the religious faith of its people. Christianity continues to have a major impact on the life of this archipelago at the edge of Europe with its population of only 400,000 and few natural resources other than the crystal clear Mediterranean Sea. All over Malta, magnificent churches stand as monuments to the deep and abiding faith of its people.

Not that Malta is short of other monuments. Ancient ruins abound. These are not so much indicators of faith as proof positive of the archaeological fraternity's seemingly limitless capacity for shameless guesswork. As I am not much of a fan of amorphous piles of stone that may or may not have been left by the Phoenicians, the Romans, the Greeks, The Royal Engineers or persons unknown, I found my attention wandering to matters of more current significance such as walking tracks and fish markets. In particular, the fish market at the coastal village of Marsaxlokk<sup>1</sup> with its extraordinary variety of sea creatures ranging from perfectly normal looking piscine shaped objects to sea urchins and weirdly mottled eels tempted me to test the fish buff's mantra "the uglier it looks, the better it tastes". It works for me!

As many of our readers will know, Malta was awarded the George Cross for its unyielding resistance to Axis bombing during the Second World War. What may be less well known is the fact that it was the most heavily bombed place on earth during that conflict - not even London during the blitz had as much weight of ordnance dropped on it. A trip round the cramped air raid shelters hewn out of solid rock shows just how these extraordinarily courageous "ordinary folk" coped so stoically and heroically in adversity.

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<sup>1</sup> The letter X in Maltese is pronounced a bit like "sh" in English.

Today, Malta is at peace. The bombers from Sicily have long since given way to passenger jets dropping nothing more dangerous than tourists but the island's fine post war architectural heritage is still under threat from the burgeoning demand for hotels and housing. Lovely old villas are being replaced at an alarming rate by tasteless modern monstrosities that resemble life size versions of my grandson's efforts with Lego. Only the capital Valetta is immune from the wrecking ball, presumably because it is a UNESCO world heritage site and cannot allow developers carte blanche without losing its cash lifeline.

For so small a country, Malta is a land of surprising contrasts. I have memories of quaint villages and brash modern resorts, superb country walks and traffic choked streets, fascinating traditional restaurants and horrendous looking fake English pubs (which I chose to observe solely from the exterior) but above all I have fond memories the genuine friendliness of the people and the chance to escape from some of the more horrific aspects of what we in Britain like to call progress.

***Finlay Forbes***

## ***The Royal Star And Garter Fête Saturday, 1 July 13.30 – 16.30***

Many of you will know that Kingston United Reformed Church has a link with the local Royal Star and Garter Home which is now based at the top of Upper Brighton Road, Surbiton, by providing bi-monthly ecumenical services in which members of the Church take part.

In 1915 Queen Mary charged the British Red Cross Society with the task of finding a “permanent haven” for soldiers returning from the battlegrounds of the First World War. On 14 January, 1916, the first ten residents moved into the then developing Star and Garter building on Richmond Hill. In 1926 a Chapel was also provided by The Archbishop of Canterbury. In 1979 the Queen visited the Home and the Charity was given the working title “The Royal Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen”. In 1990 the Queen granted the Richmond Home a Royal Charter with that same full title. In 1964 Princess Alexandra became President and still frequently visits the Home. Royalty have always continued to support the home and consequently, when the Richmond site was sold, certain parts of the building had to remain, rather than be redeveloped, because they were initially given by Queen Mary for the use of residents.

Selling the Richmond Star and Garter premises enabled a new home to be opened in Surbiton in 2013 for the remaining Richmond residents. The new Surbiton Home, which won the Health Design Award 2014 for the best dementia small category home, has marquetry flooring, a grand piano, a bar for the clientele, and many external and internal outings/quizzes are arranged which go on daily.

The annual Fête is on **Saturday July 1st from 13.30 – 16.30**. The Fête is to be opened by the Mayor of Kingston. You may view parts of the interior of the building and the herb garden, outdoor garden and patios for the residents. There will be many stalls such as a Pimms stall, cake, raffles, bottle Tombola stalls, a variety of music, children’s activities including a flight simulator, teddies to win, face painting, Radio Jackie, Refreshments and many other stalls.

**Do Come.**

**All ages catered for.**

**It will be fun as well as supporting a good cause.**

**The bus routes that stop close to the Star and Garter Home are:**

**71, 465, K1 and K2.**

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Kingston  
Mental  
Health  
Parliament



## **Kingston Mental Health Parliament**

### **Integrity is our Motto – ALWAYS**

We provide a monthly drop in service and everyone is welcome to use this service. We are here the **first Wednesday and last Tuesday of each month**, to provide advice, support, information and a listening ear around issues or concerns, you may have with the Mental Health services or any other type of service provided within the borough.

People have been visiting the drop in service and raising a range of different issues and concerns they have around Mental Health.

Quotes from users of our service.

“I feel much better after talking to you”

“Thank you for being so helpful and kind today”

“I found out some very useful information today”

**Location** – United Reformed Church, Eden Street, Kingston KT1 1HZ

**Time – 10am-12 noon.** (Free tea/coffee & biscuits provided)

If we are unable to help you we may be able to sign post you to an organisation or group who may be able to support you further.

Email [jay@mindinkingston.org.uk](mailto:jay@mindinkingston.org.uk) or [simon@mindinkingston.org.uk](mailto:simon@mindinkingston.org.uk)

Or phone **0208 255 3939** if you would like more info.

**The Southern Synod Retreats Fellowship  
of the United Reformed Church will be holding a**

## **Quiet Day**

**on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017 10-4pm**

**at Bexley United Reformed Church**

**Our Facilitator will be : Rev Lesley Charlton**

Cost £8 Members, £10 non-members

(bring packed lunch, drinks provided)

**This Fellowship is open to all who want to deepen their relationship with God through prayer, reflection and silence and who would value the encouragement of others.**

Our Quiet Day usually commences with arrivals between 10am and 10.30am when tea/coffee, etc are available. Initially we usually gather together in a group and our Facilitator will start with a time of worship or devotions and then give us some 'input' on a theme she has chosen which may take about 15 minutes or so after which we find a quiet place to sit (or walk) where we can meditate and pray, possibly write notes or a prayer, a poem/psalm, read passages from the Bible, draw - whatever we feel prompted to do. A time may be given to gather together again or we may choose to have a silent lunch - decided on the day.

Drinks will be available on a 'help yourself' basis all day - please don't stand on ceremony!

At Bexley there is a very small car park and, as with most churches, other activities will be taking place and the car park will be full until about 11am. There are 3 pay and display car parks in Bexley all within a 10 minute walk of the church and after 11am cars could be moved into the car park. There is also free parking available in some of the local streets. The church is only 10 minutes from Bexley mainline station and the 132, 269 and 229 buses stop close by. If you are a Blue Badge holder you can of course park on the yellow line on the main road outside.

Anyone is welcome to join us for the day - you do not need to join the Fellowship - so if you are free on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June and just want to turn up please do so. Do bring your lunch (although there is a bakers and other shops very close by), a notebook/pen/pencil or anything you think you may find helpful. There are Good News Bibles in the pews.

If you have any concerns/queries please phone  
**Kathy Shaw on 01322 557656.**

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## **READINGS for JUNE 2017**

### **LONGING TO BELONG**

#### **Belonging to God**

Thursday 1 June - Psalm 42

Friday 2 June - Isaiah 56:1-8

Saturday 3 June - Joel 2:23-32

#### **One in the Spirit**

Sunday 4 June - Acts 2:1-21

Monday 5 June - Romans 8:18-25

Tuesday 6 June - Psalm 33

Wednesday 7 June - Mark 10:13-16

Thursday 8 June - John 14:1-7

Friday 9 June - Romans 15:1-16

Saturday 10 June - Peter 2:1-10

### **THE CREATIVITY OF THE TRINITY**

Sunday 11 June - Genesis 1:1-5

Monday 12 June - Ezekiel 37:1-14

Tuesday 13 June - John 3:1-17

Wednesday 14 June - Psalm 104:24-35

Thursday 15 June - John 17:20-26

Friday 16 June - 2 Corinthians 13:11-end

Saturday 17 June - Matthew 28:16-20

### **ISAIAH 1-39**

#### **Whom shall I send?**

Sunday 18 June - Isaiah 1:1-8, 11-17

Monday 19 June - Isaiah 2:1-5

Tuesday 20 June - Isaiah 3:16 - 4:1

Wednesday 21 June - Isaiah 4:2-6

Thursday 22 June - Isaiah 5:1-7

Friday 23 June - Isaiah 6:1-13

Saturday 24 June - Isaiah 7:1-17

#### **The people who walked in darkness**

Sunday 25 June - Isaiah 9:2-7

Monday 26 June - Isaiah 11:1-10

Tuesday 27 June - Isaiah 12:1-6

Wednesday 28 June - Isaiah 14:3-20

Thursday 29 June - Isaiah 24:1-16

Friday 30 June - Isaiah 25:1-9

Saturday 1 July - Isaiah 35:1-10



## ***Regular Weekday Activities***

### **Monday:**

- 10.00 Parents & Toddlers (during school terms)  
 15.30 Messy Church (last Monday monthly)  
 19.30 Eden Meditation (first Monday monthly)

### **Tuesday:**

- 14.00 Activity Afternoon for Foyer Guests (second Tuesday monthly)

### **Wednesday:**

- 10.00 Tots' Praise (during school terms)  
 13.10 Lunchtime Service  
 14.00 & 19.30 Faith Studies - check date & frequency of short courses

### **Thursday:**

- 13.00 Eden Meditation (first Thursday monthly)  
 19.00 International Friendship Café  
 19.30 Line Dancing

### **Friday:**

- 13.00 Friday Prayers  
 14.00 Dancing with Lyn (Ballroom & Latin American Dancing)  
 22.00 All night prayers and Street Pastors (until 04.00)

### **Saturday:**

- 10.00 Stay and Play (third Saturday monthly)  
 22.00 All night prayers and Street Pastors (until 04.00)

**You can keep in touch with all our worship and activities through our website at [www.kingstonurc.org](http://www.kingstonurc.org).**

You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

### **How to contribute to Church News:**

Contributions on matters of reflection and opinion as well as reports of activities are welcome.

Copy for Church News must reach the editor, **preferably by e-mail**, no later than midday on the second Sunday of the month.

**The next copy deadline is 12 noon on Sunday, 9 June 2016**

**Editor: Bron Robinson**

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## ***Kingston United Reformed Church - Information***

A warm invitation is given to all who read this magazine  
to come and share in our services and activities

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### **Our Sunday Services:**

#### **10.00 – Traditional Worship**

(with communion first Sunday  
monthly)

#### **11.30 – Interactive Worship**

(with communion on the last Sunday  
monthly)

#### **18.30 – Reflective Worship**

(with communion on the third Sunday  
monthly)

On the **second Sunday** of each month a  
combined service at 11.00 replaces the  
10.00 and 11.30 services

**Tea and coffee** are served between  
the 10.00 and 11.30 services, before  
the 11.00 service on the second  
Sunday and after the 18.30 service

During the 10.00, 11.00 and 11.30  
services there are **group activities for  
children** of all ages. Visiting children  
are welcome to take part.

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**Coffee and Tea:** Our foyer is normally open every weekday and Saturday from  
11.00 until 14.00 for coffee and tea. **The Sanctuary** is also open daily for **private  
prayer** with access via the foyer.

**Need to talk to someone about a problem or concern?** There is sometimes a  
designated listener available in the Foyer; if not, please speak to the coffee server  
or contact Lesley Charlton.