CHURCH NEWS

A non-polluting 'bus' service on 'roads' with no pot-holes! Oh, the joy of Venice!

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Coming soon .....

KURC Church Weekend

H E R E ..... at your church

(so you can sleep in your own bed or overnight in the building)

20 – 22 July

COME for long as you can

and spend time together with all our congregations

All ages welcome **Talks translated into Korean**

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for

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Church Diary: July/August 2018

(for regular events, please see the programme of events, on page 27)

Sunday	1	July	10.00	Traditional Worship with Communion,
			11.30	All-Age worship
			13.00-17.00	Children's Contact Centre
			18.30	Reflective worship
Monday	2	July	10.00-12.00	Parents and Toddlers
Tuesday	3	July	20.00	Elders' Meeting
Wednesday	4	July	10.00-12.00	Tots' Praise
			13.10	Lunchtime Service
Thursday	5	July	20.00	International Friendship Café
Friday	6	July	13.00-14.00	Friday Prayers
Sunday	8	July	10.00	Coffee available
			10.30	All-Age Worship
			15.30-17.30	Messy Church
			18.30	Reflective Worship
Monday	9	July	10.00-12.00	Parents and Toddlers
Wednesday	11	July	10.00-12.00	Tots' Praise
			13.10	Lunchtime Service
Thursday	12	July	20.00	International Friendship Café
Friday	13	July	13.00-14.00	Friday Prayers
Saturday	14	July	10.00-12.00	Stay and Play
Sunday	15	July	10.00	Traditional Worship
			11.30.	All-Age Worship
			13.00-17.00	Children's Contact Centre
			18.30	Reflective Worship (with Communion)
Wednesday	18	July	10.00-12.00	Tots' Praise
			13.10	Lunchtime Service
Thursday	19	July	20.00	International Friendship Café

CHURCH WEEKEND: FRIDAY 20 JULY TO SUNDAY 22 JULY AT KURC

Friday	20	July	13.00-14.00	Friday Prayers
Sunday	22	July	10.00	Traditional Worship
			11.30	All-Age Worship
			18.30	Reflective Worship

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Wednesday	25	July	10.00-12.00	Tots' Praise
			13.10	Lunchtime Service
Thursday	26	July	20.00	International Friendship Café
Friday	27	July	13.00-14.00	Friday Prayers
Sunday	29	July	10.00	Traditional Worship with Communion,
			11.30	All-Age worship
			13.00-17.00	Children's Contact Centre
			18.30	Reflective worship
Monday	30	July	10.00-12.00	Parents and Toddlers
Wednesday	1	August	10.00-12.00	Tots' Praise
			13.10	Lunchtime Service
Thursday	2	August	20.00	International Friendship Café
Friday	3	August	13.00-14.00	Friday Prayers
Sunday	5	August	10.00	Traditional Worship
			11.30.	All-Age Worship
			18.30	Reflective Worship
Wednesday	8	August	10.00-12.00	Tots' Praise
			13.10	Lunchtime Service
Thursday	9	August	20.00	International Friendship Café
Friday	10	August	13.00-14.00	Friday Prayers
Sunday	12	August	10.00	Coffee available
			11.30	All-Age Worship

Copy for the September Church News to Jean Thompson by 12.00 -

			13.00-17.00	Children's Contact Centre
			18.30	Reflective Worship (with Communion)
Wednesday	15	August	10.00-12.00	Tots' Praise
			13.10	Lunchtime Service
Thursday	16	August	20.00	International Friendship Café
Friday	17	August	13.00-14.00	Friday Prayers
Saturday	18	August	10.00-12.00	Stay and Play
Sunday	19	August	10.00	Traditional Worship
			11.30.	All-Age Worship
			15.30-17.30	Messy Church
			18.30	Reflective Worship

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Wednesday	22	August	10.00-12.00	Tots' Praise
			13.10	Lunchtime Service
Thursday	23	August	20.00	International Friendship Café
Friday	24	August	13.00-14.00	Friday Prayers
Sunday	26	August	10.00	Traditional Worship
			11.30	All-Age worship
			13.00-17.00	Children's Contact Centre
			18.30	Reflective worship with Communion
Monday	27	August	10.00-12.00	Parents and Toddlers
			15.30-17.30	Messy Church
Wednesday	29	August	10.00-12.00	Tots' Praise
Thursday	30	August	20.00	International Friendship Café
Friday	31	August	13.00-14.00	Friday Prayers

JULY/AUGUST FLOWER ROTA

July 1	Susan Gunasekera
July 8	Jenny Milner
July 15	Liz and Alastair Borthwick
July 22	Lesley and Ray Charlton
July 29	Margueritte Scott
August 5	Daphne Walters
August 12	Ann Phillips
August 19	Ursula and Allan Oscroft
August 26	John and Jan Troy

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Lesley's letter

Dear All,

We need to be looking at our society, our Church, ourselves and seeing what we can develop/improve. We need to come to it with a spirit of generosity and love.

It is not enough to tell others what the problems are or to criticise their best efforts. To sit in the stands on your hands while others are sweating to do their best is not the Christian path. To criticise the government and refuse to vote for example. To spend your time saying what is wrong with an organisation rather than working to try to change it and celebrating what is good.

Is it possible that the person who sent you that email, who failed to do the administrative task you asked, who shouted in a meeting, who did not call you, who turned up late, who is stingy with their money and attitudes, is a person who is doing the best they can?

A quote- "It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat." — *Theodore Roosevelt.*

Best wishes

Lesley

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Just in case you haven't already seen it and responded, this is Lesley's letter about Gift Week

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May 2018

Dear KURC members and friends,

Kingston United Reformed Church is a great church to be a part of. It is not heaven. It is made up of sinners. However, it is a gang of folk trying together to 'make the world an easier place to be good in'. Which is one definition of mission. That is people trying to do their best.

Some work on the assumption that the spiritual life is all about 'me'. My needs. My journey. That does not fit with what we see in Jesus. He does things not because they are easy or comfortable or what he wants. He does them because they are right. That surely is the guiding principle for the church.

We have been given this building in the middle of Kingston as a gift from God at work in generations who went before us. Our job is to use it for ministry and mission to the glory of God.

Not to do what we have always done, but in a new way for each generation to live and tell the truth we have discovered and are discovering.

All of our work costs money.

The Minister's time. The toilet rolls so that the people of Cocaine Anonymous can use the building to continue their path towards freedom from addiction. The gatherings of people who could easily become socially isolated in the foyer. The dancing which is an extension of this. The gamblers (GA) for whom room 25 is their 'holy ground'. The work with Korean people, north and south, which means we have sermons translated. The mission work with children and young people that leads to the development of new congregations to teach and show the truth about Jesus. The shower, so that people can be clean and some of them keep themselves in work while they are living on the streets. And loads of other parts.

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Who would not think all that was great?

Could you please give us money to help us to continue to make this work happen?

Could you please also do 3 other things?

1. Continue your regular financial giving and prayer for the Church's life.
2. Check that in your will you have given a gift to KURC and its work.
3. That you give your money in the most tax efficient way.

There will be a particular focus on these gifts of money in the week from 3rd to 10th June.

We have so much to be thankful for and we are blessed indeed.

Thank you for your part in this.

Cathy's Conversation

Do you still send postcards when you are away? I tend to send my holiday news through email attaching pictures that I have taken from my phone. I do sometimes send a postcard to my grandchildren, because I remember the joy of receiving post that was specifically addressed to me when I was a child.

These are young people that have video calls with their friends and are competent users of WhatsApp and Instagram. I heard today that one of them wants to join a group that is like a virtual room where several people can gather and chat. I thought that that is a bit like the foyer.

For me conversation is about sharing and reflecting. Sharing your joys, as in a postcard and maybe your worries as in sharing time to talk, perhaps in the foyer or indeed a virtual chatroom. Currently I am struggling with the notion of virtual chatrooms, probably because I haven't exposed myself to

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them. A long time ago I can remember a conversation about introducing colour to the TV and how it will damage peoples' eyesight! Times change and ways to ensure that we are connected with people develop. We didn't always have a website that is available 24/7.

One of things that the elders have been focussing on is personal data, which relates to a living individual who can be identified from that data. The elders' conversation has extended on how information is shared from meetings, including our church meeting. Like any meeting people might take personal notes to help them reflect on what has been spoken of. As this meeting is not recorded a minute taker has the job of presenting objectively notes taken during the meeting to remind you, and to be available for those who have been unable to be there, what was discussed and agreed. Here we try to give you access to these minutes in time to reflect on them. There is always time in the meeting for members to speak and seek clarification about the previous meeting.

This is our bumper edition, which will give our editing team some time off. How grateful are we that are willing to do this? Very, very, very.

Have a good summer, one and all.

Cathy Seymour

Christine Chippendale our new Church Treasurer introduces herself.

I'm pleased to take on the role as church treasurer. My career background was in banking. I held a position as an internal auditor in a private bank in the city for 33 years and this enabled me to develop a wealth of knowledge and experience in operational and risk management in the UK financial banking arena.

I am a self-motivated person and enter into this role with great enthusiasm. My primary goal is to bring the management of the church's Finance operations back in-house. This will improve the efficiency of processes and enable timely recording of the churches financial records. A new book keeper, Lisa Hunt has been also been appointed to work with me to fulfil this goal.

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I've already done a few sessions on the church coffee bar which has given me the opportunity to meet some members of the church and staff who have made me feel very welcome.

I look forward to working for the church in this role and meeting many more people.

Kind wishes

Christine Chippendale

Pastoral News June 2018

Praying for each other is something we can all do wherever we are.

We ask for your blessing on all those going on holiday in the coming weeks. May it be a time of relaxation with family and friends and bring renewal ready for the months ahead. We pray for Trudy and Aneesa as they look forward to new adventures in the coming year.

We pray for those known to us who are unwell or struggling with some problems at the moment. Shine your light in their darkness and help all those close to them offer what light we can in their time of need.

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
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News by e-mail should send an
e-mail to: tony.wenman@gmail.com

We pray for the Church News Editorial team, guide them as they find the best way to communicate what KURC is about to the members and friends. We pray for the international discussion group as they meet to support people in their conversational English; may your light shine through the support and encouragement they give to those who attend. We pray for all

those who are involved in the Parent and Toddler group; bless them as they support each other in caring for young children. May your love be known among them. We give thanks for the Wednesday lunchtime service and all those who lead and support it; though they may be few in number we rejoice in this opportunity for people to worship you. We pray for the Young People's Sunday groups; for the leaders and children; together may they learn more about you and may the children catch a glimpse of the wonder of Your love. Finally, we remember the work of the Marketing and Communication group and their role in promoting the premises and church; help them to find innovative and appealing ways to show what we offer here.

We pray for Lesley and Suk-In as they seek to spread your light among us; for the premises staff; for Sally and her work with young people and families and for Sulhee. In all they do for you and our church may your light shine and your glory be revealed through them. And may we all be given a clearer vision of your light in our lives.

Amen.

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Ted Bellingham leaves us after his studentship

Ted and Jane

Ted wrote to Lesley and the Elders:

I wish to place on record my sincere thanks for my wonderful time at Kingston URC. From the time we were introduced to the church both Jane and I felt welcome and the warmth of your fellowship towards us was tangible. At every turn we were made to feel part of the church family and included in whatever was going on.

I have experienced a good deal in the last nine months and have enjoyed tremendously my time spent in Tots' Praise and as Foyer Listener, as well as attending and leading Sunday worship. Highlights have included the 24 hour prayer vigils; the Christmas party; Messy Church; and those fortnightly Bible

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study sessions. To spend time in a busy urban church after my more staid URC life was certainly different and I can honestly say was refreshing. I take with me into my next ministry many of the things that I could have only learned while at Kingston and while working with Lesley.

Yesterdays' goodbyes were for us both more emotional than we anticipated, prompted by their sincerity and depth. I thank you so much for including Jane in these. She was truly touched by how her part was acknowledged and appreciated by so many. The generosity of your leaving gift was staggering and the many comments on the card were really touching.

So in short, a massive thank you for my time with you and for all the love and support you have shown over the last nine months. Kingston URC will truly always have a place in our hearts.

We will keep in touch and will let you know how things progress.

With our love

Ted & Jane

Have you told Lesley?

Lesley has been encouraging us to learn hymn words, favourite prayers, Bible verses by heart. This so we are better equipped spiritually for the inevitable – the final phase of our lives on earth.

There are other ways in which we can and should prepare.

And then there are other decisions, many more difficult to think and talk about

- Considering our options re our medical care and treatment,
- Investigating the options re organ donation, leaving our body for scientific medical research and/or for teaching students in medical training ie perfecting their medical knowledge and techniques, and consideration of the practical implications.
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- And very important, of course, is talking about these matters with our family and/or friends, making our wishes clear and deciding what would be the jointly agreed preferred plan if circumstances allow.

And don't forget to tell Lesley!

These thoughts were prompted by the experience I have had while sharing the final phase of life of friends with their families

Teresa James

Inter-faith relations.

Natasha Reid submitted this letter that she had received. She explains: -

This was sent to me today by a Muslim girlfriend from Tanzania. I am not an expert in many aspects of theology, but the main message of this - that we all belong to the same God - is coming loud and clear.
Peace be with you all.

Yours

Natasha

"Big Lesson for Christians and Muslims:

by Robin Scott MP

(Labour MP in Victoria shared this on his Facebook page)

Jesus and Muslims are more alike than different.
Muslims follow Jesus in actions and love him in their hearts.
Please read that which I have discovered.

Robin

1. Jesus taught that there is only One God and Only God should be worshipped as taught in Deut 6:4, Mark 12:29.
Muslims also believe this as taught in the Qur'an Sura 4:171.

2. Jesus didn't eat pork as taught in Leviticus 11:7, and neither do Muslims as taught in the Qur'an Sura 6:145.

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3. Jesus greeted with the words “as salaamualaikum” (Peace be with you) in John 20:21. Muslims also greet each other this way.

4. Jesus always said “God Willing” (inshallah), Muslims say this too before doing anything as taught in the Qur’an Sura 18:23-24.

5. Jesus washed his face, hands, and feet before praying. The Muslims do the same.

6. Jesus and other prophets of the Bible offered prayer with their head to the ground (see Matthew 26:39). Muslims do that too as taught in the Qur’an Sura 3:43.

7. Jesus had a beard and wore a throbe. It is Sunnah for Muslim men to do the same.

8. Jesus followed the law and believed in all the prophets, (see Matthew 5:17). Muslims do too as taught in the Qur’an Sura 3:84, and 2:285.

9. Jesus’ mother Maryam dressed modestly by fully covering her body and wearing a headscarf (hijab) as found in 1 Timothy 2:9, Genesis 24:64-65, and Corinthians 11:6. Muslim women modestly dress the same as taught in the Qur’an Sura 33:59.

10. Jesus and other prophets of the Bible fasting up to 40 days (see Exodus 34:28, Daniel 10:2-6, Kings 19:8, and Matthew 4:1- Muslims do so also during the month of Ramadan. Muslims are required to fast the full obligatory 30 days (see Qur’an 2:183), and others take it a step further by fasting an additional 6 days to increase their rewards.

11. Jesus taught to say “Peace to this house” when entering it (see Luke 10:5), and to also greet the people in the house with “peace be unto you”. Muslims do exactly what Jesus did and taught. When we enter our homes and the homes of others we say “Bismillah” and also greet with "as salaamu alaikum” (peace be upon you) as taught in the Qur’an Sura 24:61.

12. Jesus was circumcised. Circumcision is 1 of the 5 fitrah in Islam, so Muslim men are required to be circumcised. According to the Bible in Luke 2:21, Jesus was eight days old when he was circumcised. In the Torah, Allah/God stated to the Prophet Abraham that it is an “Everlasting covenant” (see Genesis 17:13). In the Qur’an Sura 16:123 Muslims are required to follow the religion of Abraham. The Prophet Muhammad said, “The Prophet Abraham circumcised himself when he was eighty years old.”

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13. Jesus spoke aramaic and called God ”Elah”, which is pronounced the same as “Allah”. Aramaic is an ancient, Biblical language. It is one of the Semitic languages that also include Hebrew, Arabic, Ethiopic and the ancient Assyrian and Babylonian language of Akkadian.

The Aramaic”Elah” and the Arabic “Allah” are the same. The Aramaic “Elah” is derived from the Arabic “Allah”, and it means “GOD”. “Allah” in Arabic also means”GOD”, the Supreme GOD Almighty. You can easily see the similarity in their pronunciation so this concludes that the God of Jesus is also the God of the Muslims, of all mankind, and all that exist.

(Do share to promote religious understanding & peace in the world)

”Are you getting old?

Can you:

(1) Multiply any number by ten without electronic assistance?

(2) Construct a sentence without using "like" as a synonym for “said"?

(3) Resist the urge to add "janota meen" to the end of an oral statement?

(4) Sit for ten minutes without being overcome by an irresistible desire to play with a smart phone?

(5) Add up a restaurant bill in your head?

(6) Switch on any electrically powered piece of kitchen equipment manually?

(7) Write better English than the average journalist?

(8) Walk half a mile without headphones attached to your ears?

(9) Tell the difference between a noun, a verb and an adjective?

(10) Complete any of the following actions without using a smart phone or feeling the need to have one in your hand?

- Cross from one side of the street to the other
- Walk 200 yards in the same direction along a pavement
- Pay your supermarket bill

- Order food in a restaurant
- Eat food in a restaurant
- Push a supermarket trolley
- Buy a train ticket from a ticket office
- Settle an account in cash
- Complete a train journey lasting less than 20 minutes?

If you can - you are definitely getting old!

Finlay Forbes.

Review from the KURC Book Club: 'That Other Voice: In Search of a God who Speaks' by Graham Turner

This is an enjoyable, relatively short book on a complex subject which is able to be read quickly. It is the antithesis of philosophical argument or scientific research. By definition the topic is subjective and anecdotal but the author is a journalist with many years experience behind him and well used to collecting and sifting stories. If you are of a certain age, you may remember him as he was the BBC's economics correspondence in the 1960s.

'That Other Voice' tells the story of a journey by Graham Turner in search of an answer to the ultimate spiritual mystery: whether God, or a higher power of some kind, can communicate with us directly. He has taken an ecumenical approach talking to Christians, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists and Hindus. He has interviewed an impressive array of noted persons: the Dalai Lama's brother in his Himalayan home, former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, a community of Sufi Muslims, a Hindu orthopaedic surgeon, and leading Rabbis Lord Jonathan Sacks and Jonathan Romain. He discovered that some people from each of these faiths had experiences which they consider to be assistance from a higher power although not all of those interviewed would call it "the voice of God." Clearly each person interviewed had unique experiences but the author found some similarities. They all said that "the life-changing voice"

was unexpected and uninvited. It required complete honesty and was a call to dedicated service.

In order to collect his material, the author travelled round India, to Jordan and in Britain. He also relates his own experiences of receiving directions. The author's daily routine includes a quiet time each morning. Interestingly he received encouragement from a Carmelite monk who described the quite time each morning as "the highest form of prayer", listening as opposed to talking/petitioning. During these quiet times he would jot down ideas which came to him and frequently these ideas would address a problem which had been concerning him. However, none of his "voice directions" was linked to his quiet times. They would occur during the day, usually when he was under stress.

The author does not claim to have "proved" that God exists, or that He/She is capable of communicating with us but these stories will resonate with many people who seek guidance in their life. In Christianity the group which most nearly formalises this approach is the Quakers but many of us will know people who regularly seek God's guidance through prayer and will not doubt the voracity of the stories told in this book. The question to the reader is: "Have you heard the voice of God?"

We continue to meet on the third Tuesday of the month at Katie Frost's home as from 19.30. Do join us.

Peace in our time, please!

Dear Reader,

I have pleaded for this before, many years ago, but the 'problem' has become even more disturbing since the beginning of this year. When I first mentioned noisy chatter in church before and after services, I got no-where, and gave up. But it was easy then. I had a job to do that required so much concentration that it was usually possible to put the noise to one side and get on with my job, which entailed me sitting apart from the main body of the congregation, shielded by the organ console. Occasionally I made use of the fact that my job entailed making sounds that could compete with the noisy gathering congregation, and occasionally even brought about a reduction in the chatter.

Now, for me, the organist job is over, apart perhaps from the occasional 'appearance' at the organ console. Now I sit in the congregation. Often, because my wife Steve is busy with the children, I sit on my own. I can do

nothing about the noisy chatter before and after the minister leads the service, except try to ignore it. I sit there before the service thinking, “Why have we all come into church - the so-called ‘worship space’?” The true answers to the question are probably as numerous as the people present. My own answer is that I have come into church to reflect on the life I have lived and to decide how it measures up to the standards of my faith. I try to do that in silence, and often the organ/piano music provided helps - if I am allowed to listen to it. That is hard to do when, all around, people are chatting about all sorts of things - late buses, shopping, children, school, and of course the weather. Sometimes I am shocked when peals of laughter suddenly ring out. Occasionally people even want to say “Hello” to me. That is fine, friendly, even a sign of Christian caring, but it interrupts my reflections, the worship that I came specially into the sanctuary to offer.

KURC is a sociable community as well as a religious community. Its premises allow for social meetings, particularly in the Foyer or the Mayo Hall, and people develop friendships there. I am most grateful for many such friendships that I have formed over the past 50+ years, and I am particularly grateful to Steve, who lured me with her loveliness into this church, for the most valued and loving friendship of all. Celebrating the “worthship” of God, however, seems to me to require times of peace and quiet in which to reflect, and perhaps music and the word of God in the worship space help that process. Please let our gathering to worship and leaving worship contribute to that “Peace of God that passeth all understanding.”

In terra pax, et in sanctuario!

Tony Wenman

Bethany Birley sent your editor the following thought-provoking piece. If you read it, do think carefully about the last line of the article and ask yourself the question, “Who is Satan?” ***Ed.***

Genesis according to the Dietitian

1. In the beginning, God created the Heavens and the Earth and populated the Earth with broccoli, cauliflower and spinach, green and yellow and red vegetables of all kinds, so Man and Woman would live long and healthy lives.

2. Then using God's great gifts, Satan created Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream and KrispyCreme Donuts. And Satan said, "You want chocolate with

that?" And Man said, "Yes!" and Woman said, "and while you're at it, add some sprinkles." And they gained 10 pounds in weight. And Satan smiled.

3. And God created the healthful yogurt that Woman might keep the figure that Man found so fair. And Satan brought forth white flour from the wheat, and sugar from the cane and combined them. And Woman went from size 6 to size 14.

4. So God said, "Try my fresh green salad." And Satan presented Thousand-Island Dressing, buttery croutons and garlic toast on the side - and Man and Woman unfastened their belts following the repast.

5. God then said, "I have sent you heart-healthy vegetables and olive oil in which to cook them." And Satan brought forth deep fried fish and chicken-fried steak so big it needed its own platter. And Man gained more weight and his cholesterol went through the roof. God then created a light, fluffy white cake, named it "Angel Food Cake" and said, "It is good." Satan then created chocolate cake and named it "Devil's Food."

6. God then brought forth running shoes so that His children might lose those extra pounds. And Satan gave cable TV with a remote control so Man would not have to move to change the channels. And Man and Woman laughed and cried before the flickering blue light and gained more pounds.

7. Then God brought forth the potato, naturally low in fat and brimming with nutrition. And Satan peeled off the healthful skin and sliced the starchy centre into chips and deep-fried them. And Man gained yet more pounds.

8. God then gave lean beef so that Man might consume fewer calories and still satisfy his appetite. And Satan created McDonald's and its 99-cent double cheeseburger. Then said, "You want fries with that?" And Man replied, "Yes! And super-size them!" And Satan said, "It is good." And Man went into cardiac arrest.

9. God sighed and created quadruple bypass surgery.

10. Then Satan created Cuts to the Health Care System.

Bethany Birley

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KURC members get a musical treat

On Friday 8th June, ten members of KURC went to St James Piccadilly to hear Haeun Kim give a lunchtime cello recital. Haeun, who is currently studying at the Royal Academy of Music, was accompanied by pianist Cheongbin Yu and played works by Prokoviev, Debussy and Schubert. The audience numbered well over 200. Needless to say, Haeun's performance was of quite exceptional quality and still lingers in the memory. Thank you Haeun!

John Fisher

We are extremely fortunate in the musical talent we have within our community to enhance our worship at KURC from time to time. On this occasion we say “Thank you” for Haeun’s musicianship. ***Ed.***

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THE ROYAL STAR AND GARTER FETE

SATURDAY 21ST JULY

1 – 4 P.M.

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READINGS for JULY/AUGUST 2018

3 Welcoming
Sunday 1 July Leviticus 19:33–34
Monday 2 July Ephesians 2:13–22
Tuesday 3 July Genesis 18:1–8
Wednesday 4 July Ruth2:1–14
Thursday 5 July Luke 10:38–42
Friday 6 July Acts 18:1–3
Saturday 7 July 1Corinthians 16:5–11

THE CREATIVE SPIRIT
1 forming and dancing
Sunday 8 July Genesis 2:15–23
Monday 9 July Psalm 139:7–18
Tuesday 10 July Exodus 35:20–35
Wednesday 11 July Proverbs 8:22–36
Thursday 12 July 1 Chronicles 15:25–28
Friday 13 July Psalm 135
Saturday 14 July 1 Corinthians 6:9–20

2 speaking, singing, and playing
Sunday 15 July Psalm 33
Monday 16 July 1 Samuel 16:14–23
Tuesday 17 July Luke 1:57–80
Wednesday 18 July Psalm 137
Thursday 19 July 1 Corinthians 14:26–32
Friday 20 July Luke 1:39–56
Saturday 21 July Psalm 150

COLOSSIANS
1 The fulness of God
Sunday 22 July Colossians 1:1–8
Monday 23 July Colossians 1:9–14
Tuesday 24 July Colossians 1:15–20
Wednesday 25 July Colossians 1:21–23
Thursday 26 July Colossians 1:24–29
Friday 27 July Colossians 2:1–7
Saturday 28 July Colossians 2:8–15

COLOSSIANS
2 Clothed in a new self
Sunday 29 July Colossians 2:16–19
Monday 30 July Colossians 2:20–3:4
Tuesday 31 July Colossians 3:5–11
Wednesday 1 August Colossians 3:12–17
Thursday 2 August Colossians 3:18–4:1
Friday 3 August Colossians 4:2–9
Saturday 4 August Colossians 4:10–18

LAUGHTER - THE BEST MEDICINE
Sunday 5 August Proverbs 17:22
Monday 6 August Genesis 17:15–22
Tuesday 7 August Job 42:10b–17
Wednesday 8 August Jonah 3
Thursday 9 August John 1:43–51
Friday 10 August 1Corinthians 12:12–27
Saturday 11 August Numbers 22:22–35

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WHO CARES?

1 A God who cares

Sunday 12 August Psalm 65:9–13
Monday 13 August Psalm 139:1–6
Tuesday 14 August Exodus 6:1–9
Wednesday 15 August Psalm 146
Thursday 16 August Leviticus 19:15–18
Friday 17 August Job 38:25–29
Saturday 18 August Psalm 131

2 When no one cares

Sunday 19 August Luke 18:1–8
Monday 20 August Job 3:1–11, 20–26
Tuesday 21 August Ps 88:6–18
Wednesday 22 August Luke 8:26–39
Thursday 23 August Luke 13:31–34
Friday 24 August Ps 31:9–18
Saturday 25 August Job 39:1–8, 26–40:2

3 A community of care

Sunday 26 August Ezekiel 11:14–20
Monday 27 August Psalm 133
Tuesday 28 August John 21:9–19
Wednesday 29 August Psalm 48
Thursday 30 August Acts 6:1–7
Friday 31 August Romans 14:13–23
Saturday 1 September 1 Corinthians 8:1–13

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Regular Activities

Sunday:	As well as regular Sunday services, Messy Church is held once a month.Please see this month's Church Diary towards the front of this issue for this month's date.
Monday:	
10.00	Parents & Toddlers (during school terms)
19.30	Eden Meditation (first Monday monthly)
Tuesday:	
14.00	Activity Afternoon for Foyer Guests (second Tuesday monthly)
Wednesday:	
10.00	Tots' Praise
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.
You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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

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If you would like more information on giving to KURC, please ask any elder.

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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.