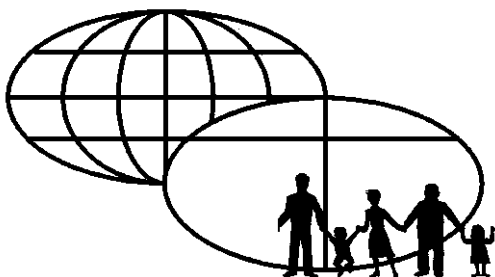


Spring 2019




New Eltham Methodist Church
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Worship Calendar for April/May 2019

- 7th April Fifth Sunday in Lent
10.30 am Mr John Sennett
12.30 pm Zimbabwe Methodist Fellowship
- 14th April All Age Service and Palm Sunday
10.30 am Mrs Julie Gardner
12.30 pm Zimbabwe Methodist Fellowship
- 19th April Good Friday CTNE Walk of Witness
10.00 am meet at Clare Corner followed by a service of reflection at NEMC at approx. 11.00 am.
- 21st April Easter Sunday Holy Communion Service
10.30 am Rev. Duncan MacBean
12.30 pm Zimbabwe Methodist Fellowship
- 28th April 10.30 am Miss Deborah Spinks
12.30 pm Zimbabwe Methodist Fellowship
- 5th May Holy Communion Service
9.30 am Rev. Duncan MacBean
(no 10.30 am Service)
12.30 pm Zimbabwe Methodist Fellowship
- 12th May 10.30 am Mrs Heather Williams
12.30 pm Zimbabwe Methodist Fellowship
- 19th May All Age Service
10.30 am Worship Leaders
12.30 pm Zimbabwe Methodist Fellowship
6.00 pm Rev. Duncan MacBean – CTNE Carol Service
- 26th May 10.30 am Rev. Duncan MacBean
 & Cameroonian Christian Women Fellowship
12.30 pm Zimbabwe Methodist Fellowship

The offence of Easter



I've recently read the poem 'Still I rise' by Maya Angelou. It is a tribute to an unbowed spirit, a person who would not allow the disrespect of others to shape her sense of self. The thing that struck me about the poem was how she recognises the scorn of others, the sense of offence that her very existence causes some people, but she refuses to allow them to affect her.

There is this sense in our celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. I believe, had Jesus died on the cross and simply stayed dead, there would be very little offence from others. Yet he had the gall to rise from the dead, to shrug off the final and universal life-sentence that faces us all, and to dare to preach, teach, lead and love again. I think it is this which is most offensive to some. It would have been far simpler had Jesus remained just a good man, a teacher whose philosophy of love had positive social value, but the proclamation of life after death, life in spite of death is too much for some to handle. It causes offence.

What are we to do, we who proclaim this risen Christ, this living-again Jesus? Do we speak in hushed tones for fear of causing offence to others with our story of miracle and resurrection? No. Our story of Jesus is incomplete without this miracle, this shrugging off of the usual, the normal. Our proclamation of Jesus does not finish with his sacrifice on a cross. Rather, it is brought to completion through his resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit to his followers. For some, this will always be a step too far, but it is integral to the story of 'Jesus and us'. It is in the resurrection of Jesus that we root our hope that our life in God will continue. It is in the resurrection of Jesus that we root our hope of an eternity spent being completely at peace.

Let people be offended if they don't like this claim. It is our meetings with the living Jesus that give us hope and strengthen our faith. It is in the miracle of resurrection that we find God's grace which allows for change, for us to become who we are created to be – a people made in the image of the living God. It is in the miracle of resurrection that we find freedom from the eternal death of sin.

Resurrection life is a proclamation of the power of life and love, found most fully in the person and nature of the triune God. To be offended by resurrection is, I believe, to diminish the power of God's loving desire to create and maintain life, and life in all its fulness. So, as Maya Angelou did, let those who will be offended, be offended, but don't allow their offence at the love of God in Christ to stop you rising again, standing firm in the hope and promise of life in God. Regardless of what the Sadducees, Pharisees, Romans, disciples or any others thought, Jesus rose and continues to rise in our proclamation of faith in a God who is love and life.

Shalom,

Duncan

Film Nights



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New Eltham Methodist Church



Wednesday 17th April at 7.00 pm

A young girl from the village of Magdala resists the traditional roles of women in society, and takes the opportunity to rebel by following the newly famous Jesus and his disciples.

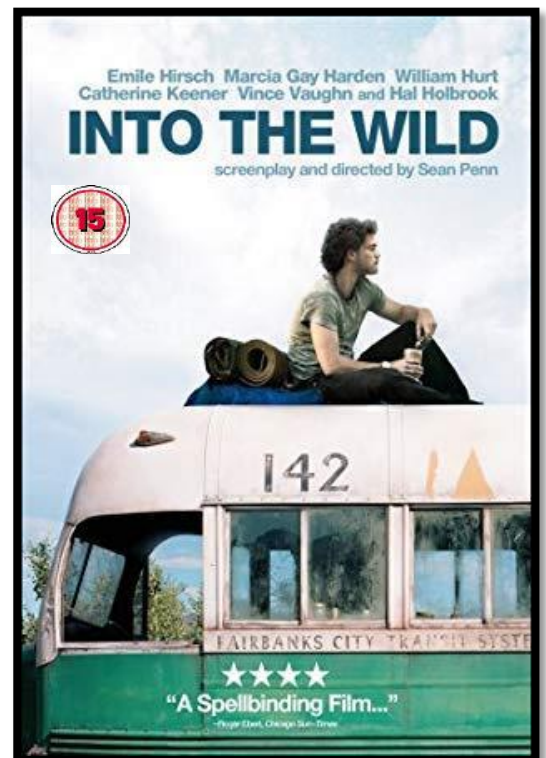
Running time 1hr 20m.

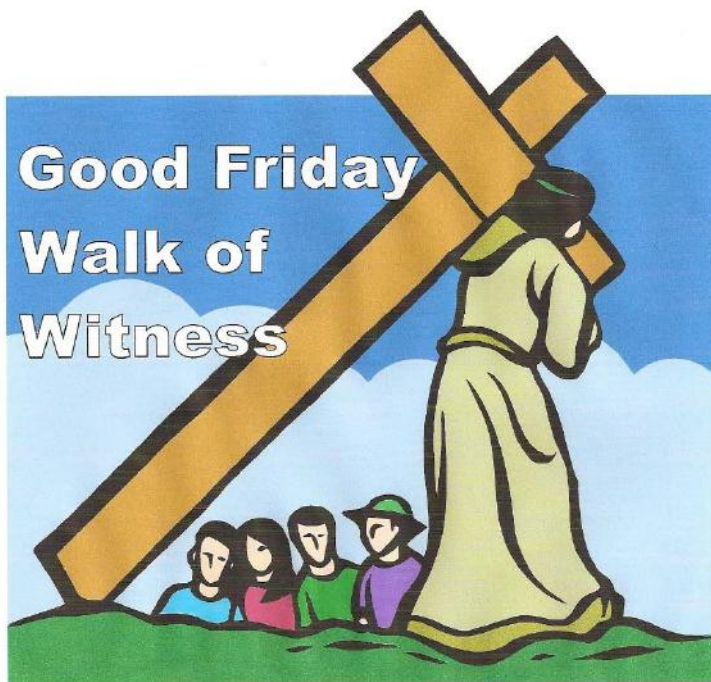
Wednesday 15th May at 7.00 pm

After graduating from Emory University, top student and athlete Christopher McCandless abandons his possessions, gives his entire \$24,000 savings account to charity and hitchhikes to Alaska to live in the wilderness. Along the way, Christopher encounters a series of characters that shape his life.

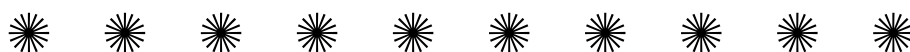
Running time 2 hrs 28m.

All welcome to come along and enjoy the films which will followed by a short discussion and light refreshments. The films are is free but there will be a small charge of £1 for refreshments. Bring a friend!





The Churches Together in New Eltham Walk of Witness will start at Clare Corner on Friday 19th April at 10.00 am followed by a service of reflection at the Methodist Church at approximately 11.00 am. Refreshments following the service. All welcome.



CHURCH AGM

A reminder that this year's Annual General Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 12th May. This will commence with coffee, tea and biscuits after the 10.30am service, to be followed by the meeting at 12 noon.



New Eltham Community Productions invite you to join us for our Spring Musical, the fabulous musical set in the New York of Damon Runyon's humorous and sentimental tales of gamblers, hustlers, actors and gangsters, few of whom go by their ordinary names, preferring instead colourful nicknames such as "Nathan Detroit", "Benny Southstreet", "Big Jule", "Harry the Horse" and "Good Time Charley"!

This musical romantic comedy tells of the high-rolling gambler Sky Masterson who falls in love with the prudish missionary Sarah, the showgirl Adelaide dreaming of the perfect married life with the crap game manager Nathan who always seems to fall just short of her expectations. Featuring many memorable tunes ("Luck Be A Lady", "Adelaide's Lament", "I've Never Been in Love Before", "Sit Down You're Rockin' The Boat"), come and join us for an unforgettable evening's entertainment and discover the lengths a 'guy' will go to when he truly loves a 'doll'. This is one not to be missed! Tickets are £12 and can be obtained by ringing Rachel on 020 8851 9881 or via the website www.necp.org.uk.

We hope to run raffles in aid of the church's charity Pump Aid at each performance and would be grateful for any suitable prizes and/or help to run the raffles and the Coffee Bar refreshments. Do look out for the Sign Up sheet on the coffee bar noticeboard which will be put up soon. Thank You!

NECP
Proudly Presents...



GUYS AND DOLLS

A Musical Fable of Broadway

based on a Story and Characters of Damon Runyon
Music and Lyrics by FRANK LOESSER Book by JO SWERLING and ADE BURROWS



9th - 11th May, 2019

7:30PM

Reserved Seating Tickets £12

Online booking through Ticketsource
(booking fee applies)

The Centre

New Eltham Methodist Church
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This musical production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI Europe. www.mtishows.co.uk



NEW ELTHAM METHODIST CHURCH

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Moses in the Bulrushes



**ALL
FAMILIES
WELCOME**

Saturday 18th May, 4-6 pm

Join us to hear the story of Moses in the Bulrushes and make some fun crafts.

We will finish the session with a family tea.

**For further information please email:
church@newelthammethodist.co.uk or telephone 020 8859 4932**

FREE ENTRY

Messy Church is supported by New Eltham Methodist Church although any donations on the door are gratefully received to support our craft activities.



Save
the
Date



Saturday 22nd June

NECP invite you to another of our popular 'Strictly Come Dancing' evenings, look out for the poster and details of how to book.

Saturday 6th July

Back by popular demand, another Barn Dance raising funds for Pump Aid with caller Mark - more details available soon but meanwhile do put the date in your diary.



Saturday 16th November

Our annual Grand Christmas Bazaar.

Regular Events

			CONTACT NOs.
Sunday	10:30	Morning Service Young Church (5-18 years)	020 8857 3786 020 8859 9750
	12:30	British Zimbabwean Methodist Church	07867 525715
Monday	10:00	Didi Dance (2-4 years)	07944 623338
	10:00	Ready, Steady, Toddle! (18 months-4 years)	07771 747219
	14:00	Jigsaw Group (2 nd & 4 th Mondays of the month)	07810 201818
	17:30	Okinawa Shotokan Karate Academy	07723 535353
	19:30	Senior Youth Club (11-19 years)	020 8859 4932 (call Mon 6.30-9.00 pm)
Tuesday	09:00	Monkey Music	020 3865 8524
	14:00	Adult Social and Activity Group	020 8302 6829
	16:45	Loopy Lou's Cheerleading/Hip Hop/ Street Dance (4-7 years)	07967 346797
	18:00	Loopy Lou's Cheerleading/Hip Hop/ Street Dance (8 years +)	07967 346797
	20:00	Yoga Lily	07776 205301
	20:00	New Eltham Community Productions	020 8300 9027
Wednesday	09:30	Good Dog Obedience Training	07809 828 108
	14:00	Badminton	020 8850 7621
	18:00	2 nd New Eltham Brownies	0800 169 5901
	19:30	2 nd New Eltham Guides	0800 169 5901
	20:00	2 nd New Eltham Rangers (fortnightly)	0800 169 5901
	20:00	Zumba	07811 823467
Thursday	14:00	Sidcup Active Retirement Association (3 rd Thursday of the month) ↑	020 8302 5880
	18:00	Key to Success 11+ Tutoring	07896 114044
	20:00	New Eltham Community Productions	020 8300 9027
Friday	09:30	Good Dog Obedience Training	07809 828 108
	14:00	Sidcup Active Retirement Association	020 8302 7182
	16:15	All the Arts Theatre School (3-17 years)	020 8850 2384
Saturday	07:30	Weight Watchers	07880 617066
	10:00	All the Arts Performers Academy	020 8850 2384

For further details see our website: www.newelthammethodist.org.uk

Easter blessings

