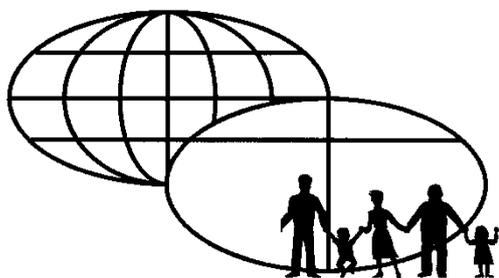


Summer 2017



New Eltham Methodist Church

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Worship Calendar for June/August 2017

4 th June	10:30am 12:30pm	Rev Juliet Ushewokunze Zimbabwe Methodist Fellowship
11 th June	10:30am 12:30pm	Rev Juliet Ushewokunze (HC) Zimbabwe Methodist Fellowship
18 th June	10:30am 12:30pm	Rev Jacqueline Quarmby Zimbabwe Methodist Fellowship
25 th June	10:30am 12:30pm	Worship Leaders (AA) Zimbabwe Methodist Fellowship
2 nd July	10:30am 12:30pm	Mrs Joan Mayes Zimbabwe Methodist Fellowship
9 th July	10:30am 12:30pm	Rev Duncan MacBean (HC) Zimbabwe Methodist Fellowship
16 th July	10:30am 12:30pm	Rev David Gillman Zimbabwe Methodist Fellowship
23 rd July	10:30am 12:30pm	Mrs Julie Gardner (AA) Zimbabwe Methodist Fellowship
30 th July	10:30am 12:30pm	Mr Ralph Brandhorst Zimbabwe Methodist Fellowship
6 th August	10:30am 12:30pm	Mrs Susan Cope Zimbabwe Methodist Fellowship
13 th August	10:30am 12:30pm	Summer Celebration Zimbabwe Methodist Fellowship
20 th August	10:30am 12:30pm	Mrs Heather Williams Zimbabwe Methodist Fellowship
27 th August	10:30am 12:30pm	Rev Duncan MacBean (HC) Zimbabwe Methodist Fellowship



Voting as an act of worship

I am a member of a generation (similar to those generations which follow) which does not join clubs of any sort. In the main, we have little time for formal membership. These generations are not 'brand-conscious'. We are willing to be part of something as long as it suits our needs or for as long as we are able to make a significant impact, but when things change, we will affiliate ourselves with another group that is a better 'fit'. This has significant implications for the future of churches (and all other volunteer-run groups too).

This change in approach also has implications for political parties. I, for example, am not a 'party' political animal. I am reasonably happy to change my party support in order to find the best fit for the time and for the immediate future. I will evaluate promises, performance and potential in making my choice. This may frustrate some people and it makes it increasingly difficult for the parties to predict an outcome to any great degree. Witness how many polls (internationally) have been completely wrong over the last few significant elections.

I base my political affiliation not on party principles, but on my religious and social principles. I seek a party that will best align our society with my Christian principles of justice, freedom and peace; with prosperity shared rather than hoarded by a few. I don't want something for nothing, but I do want there to be something for those who have nothing. I want prisoners, pensioners and refugees to be treated fairly and with dignity. I want children to be well educated, regardless of social upbringing and for education to be a priority, not a privilege with an accompanying stifling financial burden.

No single party can offer all these things, and that is the reality of it (please feel free not to send me political leaflets filled with heart-felt but meaningless promises).

So, I will vote for the party which will redress what (for me) are currently the biggest ills in our society. I will use my vote to try to usher God's kingdom into reality, knowing full well that this is not the end. I will still have to harass my local MP to get more done, more said and more care taken of those in need. But it is a start, a mark in the box of God's kingdom, a choice I have that is denied to many across the world. There is no separation between faith and politics in the polling booth - we define our understanding of God's kingdom through the political choices we make.

I have a suspicion that God is going to hold us as much accountable for where we choose to *mark* our crosses, as for whether we choose to *carry* our Crosses. For me, both are an expression of faith in action.

Shalom, Duncan

MAGIC NIGHT

IN AID OF HAPPY CHILD INTERNATIONAL (UK)

WITH BEXLEY MAGIC SOCIETY

SAT 8TH JULY

Doors Open 6.00 pm

Close up Magic and Stage

Show 6.30 - 9.30 pm

TICKETS £10 & £4

(FOR CHILDREN)

(INCLUDES SUPPER)



BOX OFFICE

020 8859 9750 or email

church@newelthammethodist.co.uk

Venue: The Centre. New
Eltham Methodist Church
435-9 Footscray Rd SE9 3UL





Messy Church

Messy Church is almost at the end of its third year, a tremendous achievement and one that would not have been possible without the commitment and enthusiasm of those who support and deliver it.

The number of children attending each session can vary, with our largest attendance being around 20 children, typically aged between two and eight. It is pleasing to see a number of families attending Messy Church on a regular basis and we are keen to increase this number as well as the age range of children attending.

Messy Church would not be possible without the help we receive from those who come to run the crafts or help in other ways and we would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who has helped this year, either on a specific occasion or more regularly. Your help is very appreciated.

Our final session is a Summer Party which will include crafts, party games and a party tea.

The Messy Church Team



NEW ELTHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Footscray Road, New Eltham, SE9 3UL

Saturday 1st July, 4-6 pm



Join us to celebrate the summer! Make some fun crafts and join in our summer family party!

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

FREE ENTRY



A VERY GRAND HOTEL

I love musicals, but somehow this one had passed me by, so I had little idea what to expect. Even gleaned advance information from the programme was not to be, due to meeting and chatting to friends in the audience right up to the start of the show.

The overture revealed the presence of a very competent pit band, and when the curtains opened on the single fixed set, with the lights picking out the Art Deco gold motifs reminding me of London's Savoy Hotel, I really felt that applause was due for that act of creativity alone.

I loved the use of the many cast members constantly on the move, properly choreographed, to create the feeling of busyness and urgency. It took a while to pick out the developing stories as the various guests and staff interacted, but what a useful device it was. Even more fascinating was the use of musical underscore to punctuate the dialogue and move the story on to the next song. Very dangerous to attempt, with little room to cover any fluffs, but all accomplished with ease and aplomb. There were tricky time signatures and tempo changes throughout, so full marks to singers, MD and band. There were places where the music slightly overpowered the cast, but until we can provide a proper "pit", we accept these natural limitations.

I was also impressed by the way the lighting was used to highlight or darken parts of the stage to create the other hotel areas required to keep the story lines going. With just a few carry-on props, we instantly knew it was a bedroom, kitchen, reception etc., even the wonderful revolving door, constantly in view could be interior or exterior, daytime or night time or an entry and exit point for the guests.

For me, the real wow moment came with the Ballroom scene, when the words and music faded to silence, but continued in mime allowing dialogue to take over, so simple yet clever. The plot, although a mix of separate stories, developed at a steady pace, ensuring we were slowly drawn into the revealing of who was naughty and nice, gentle and violent, rich and poor, due life and death and of course good and evil. The idea of balancing opposites was effective yet not contrived, and came over strongly. After a really dark moment, the story lightened to lead us to a happy(ish) ending. Even the Doctor/Colonel (Kevin Doig), who at first seemed a menacing character managed an observer's viewpoint that was positive, and that whatever the world has for us, life goes on.

It is often a mistake to single out individual performers, but I'm going to do it anyway. In a cast of well-drawn and well played characters, Liz Penney (as ageing ballerina Elizaveta Grushinskaya) absolutely stood out. So often found in the orchestra in the pit, it was lovely to see Liz display her talents on a stage to remind us what we so often miss. I was equally impressed by Emily Rushton (as Frieda Flamm) and Martin Wells-Gaston (as Baron Felix), two young actors each delivering standout performances and who will, I am sure, be mainstays of future productions. And, among a host of well played minor roles, I must mention William Brilliant, Tom Gill and Katie Lander (as the Three Jimmys) who appeared to be having even more fun than we were. Technical talents were also displayed in abundance and director Rachel King must be applauded for the way she pulled everything so seamlessly together on the night.

Overall, a great show, well staged, well performed, with a Kurt Weill/ Sondheim feel to it, which can only be a good thing. Thank you NECP for letting me spend a grand evening at your Hotel.

Graham Bunce (with the Editor)

GRAND HOTEL IN PICTURES







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at 7:45pm on Tuesday 30th May 2017

For one night only

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at 7:30pm on Saturday 24th June 2017

a Chocolate Box of Variety

NEW ELTHAM REVUE

Tickets at £8 each, including tea and cake, can be booked through

the Box Office on 020 8856 3853

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If you would like to take part or contribute an item, please call Julian on 07831 523572

20th and 21st October 2017

Three generations of

Blackadder

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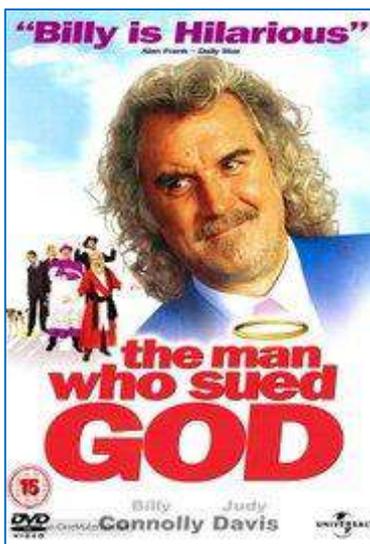


Impact Group

Film Club is one of our ideas to increase Church attendance and grow our membership and the first season of films will be starting in June. Film Club is open to everyone over the age of 12 (though some films will be 15+) and is a chance to watch a film, followed by refreshments and the opportunity to share your views on any or all of the issues raised by the film. We intend to run a Family Film Club for younger children on a Saturday afternoon from the autumn.

Film Club will usually run on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, starting at 7.00pm. The film will last for 90-120mins, to allow time for conversation afterwards and rolling home time at about 9.30pm.

The season starts with the following films:



Wednesday 21st June – The man who sued God

A comedy about a man (played by Billy Connolly) who decides to sue God after his fishing boat is destroyed by lightning and his insurance company refuses to pay out, declaring it to be an act of God. Encouraged by a journalist (Judy Davis) he takes God's representatives on earth to court in a heart-warming fight against the system, raising a lot of questions in the process

Wednesday 12th July – My sister's keeper

An inspiring film about a loving family challenged by a child's illness. Cameron Diaz, Abigail Breslin and Alex Baldwin star in the story of an 11 year old girl who is conceived to be a donor for her older sister who has life threatening Leukaemia. It explores the deep emotions and the conflicting rights of each sister – one to have her life saved and the other to have the right to control her own body and to refuse to be used as an organ donor.



Wednesday 9th August – Kinky Boots

A comedy about a man who turns around the fortunes of his father's ailing shoe factory in Northampton by starting a risqué new line in designer footwear, much to the chagrin of his workers, who aren't sure whether they appreciate his efforts to save their jobs or not!

Admission is free, but a small charge will be made for refreshments.

We hope to see as many of you as possible – and please feel free to invite your friends and neighbours!

Julie Gardner

God's Eye View

One of the more useful gifts of the modern age is Google Earth which, as well as being a boon to armchair travellers and those eager to secure irrefutable proof that their garden is so much nicer than everyone else's, gives us the opportunity to view well known locations from less well known perspectives. Pictured below are four prominent English Cathedrals, can you identify them?

[Answers in September]



A.



B.



C.



D.



Lark in the Park

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

Sidcup Place, Chislehurst Road, Sidcup, DA14 6BF

22nd July to 6th August 2017

Lark in the Park, which began with one small tent hosting evening gatherings and a kid's club over a single weekend, has now grown into an event that attracts over 400 volunteers and more than 3,000 children. And, from being just in one venue there are now youth events, fun days, a craft zone, an over 60s area, an open-air stage and lots, lots more.

Over the years, more churches from Sidcup and the surrounding area have become involved as well as many community groups and organisations. Last year volunteers from 39 different organisations rolled up their sleeves and joined in the fun.

The combination of dedicated leaders, committed volunteers and the thanks and praise of countless participants has meant LITP has grown and grown. Those who were babies/children at the first event have grown to be teenagers/young adults, with some now volunteering! This year LITP celebrates its 20th birthday and is one of the largest free Christian events in London.

Join us for one event or many. We'd love to see you.

For more information on Lark in the Park in Sidcup visit
www.LARKSIDCUP.COM

For information on Lark in the Park elsewhere visit
www.LARKINTHEPARK.COM

Lark in the Park is hosted by New Generation Church and Sidcup Baptist Church and supported by Churches Together in Sidcup.



Community Association of New Eltham

New Eltham Library Building, Southwood Road, New Eltham, SE9 3QT



Summer Fete

Saturday 8th July 2017

10:00am to 2:00pm

Craft, bric-a-brac, games, face painting, coffee shop and lots, lots more



**METHODIST
CENTRAL HALL**



WESTMINSTER



Brexit – The Impact & The Consequences

Saturday 24th June 24, 10:00am - 4:00pm

A panel discussion leading to a Christian response to Brexit organised by Westminster Women's Outreach and the Men's Fellowship at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster. All Welcome.

The panel will include the Revd. Rose Hudson Wilkin – Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons, Mr John Bowis – President of Health First Europe and former MEP / MP, Lord Griffiths of Pembrey & Burry Port – Superintendent Minister, Wesley's Chapel, the Rt. Hon Tom Brake and the Rt Hon Dr Denis McShane – Former Minister for Europe, and others.

Regular Events

CONTACT NUMBERS

Sundays	10:30	Morning Service Young Church (5-18 years)	020 8857 3786 020 8859 9750
	12:30	British Zimbabwe Methodist Fellowship	07867 525 715
Mondays	10:00	Diddie Dance (2-4 years)	07803 531 782
	19:30	Senior Youth Club (11-19 years)	020 8859 4932
Tuesdays	09:30	Bumps and Babies (new and expectant mums)	020 8859 4932
	14:00	Adult Social and Activity Group	020 8302 6829
	16:00	Tanya Dirrane School of Irish Dancing (over 4s)	07775 943 723
	16:45	Loopy Lou's Cheerleading, Hip Hop and Street Dance (4-7 years)	07967 346 797
	18:00	Loopy Lou's Cheerleading, Hip Hop and Street Dance (8+ years)	07967 346 797
	19:00	Black watch London Pipes & Drums	01322 234 236
	20:00	Loopy Lou's Funky Fitness (Adults)	07967 346 797
	20:00	Yoga Lily	07776 205 301
	20:00	New Eltham Community Productions	020 8300 9027
Wednesdays	10:00	Guavatree Crèche, Stay & Play	07500 043 801
	14:00	Badminton - non league	020 8850 7621
	17:30	3rd New Eltham Rainbows	020 8300 9027
	18:00	2nd New Eltham Brownies	01322 401 891
	19:30	2nd New Eltham Guides	020 8850 2346
	20:00	Zumba	07811 823 467
Thursdays	10:00	Guavatree Crèche, Stay & Play	07500 043 801
	14:00	(3rd Thursday of the month) Sidcup Active Retirement Association	07738 947 860
	20:00	Badminton - non league	020 8859 5856
	20:00	New Eltham Community Productions	020 8300 9027
Fridays	10:00	Guavatree Crèche, Stay & Play	07500 043 801
	14:00	Sidcup Active Retirement Association	020 8302 7182
	16:15	All the Arts Theatre School (3-17 years)	020 8850 2384
Saturdays	08:30	Weight Watchers	07880 617 066
	10:00	All the Arts Performers Academy	020 8850 2384

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