

**New Eltham Methodist Church
Weekly Notices**

Sunday 23rd August 2026
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Prayer for the Week

A prayer that we might make Jesus' story our own

Storytelling Jesus,

You invite us to make your story, our story.

Your story reminds us God so loves the whole world.

Teach us, Jesus, your arts of storytelling, singing and dancing that open up paths of healing and renewal.

Help us, Jesus, to lean into and learn from your story; to make it our own, so justice, loving kindness and mercy may join hands around the world that God so loves. Amen.

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Church Office: Thursday & Friday 09:30am to 1:30pm (term time). Please submit weekly news to Joanne by **10 am Thursday**

Please 'like' us 'New Eltham Methodist Church



New Eltham Methodist Church Zimbabwe Fellowship. There are services in **SHONA** at this Church (12.30 - 14.30) each Sunday. For more details, contact 07707 310098 or 07944 881977.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Led by: Ralph Brandhorst

Steward: Paul Tickell – Musician: CD

Stewards Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn (StF) 20 "Be still for the presence of the Lord..."

Psalm 103: vv8-19

Reflection on psalm

Prayers: Prayer of Adoration (from MWB p.28 4A)

Hymn (StF) 331. "King of Kings, majesty..."

Introduction to reading

Reading: Matthew 16: 13-20

Address/ Sermon

Hymn (StF) 690 "The Church's one foundation..."

Prayers: of Confession Intercessions and the Lord's Prayer

Offertory prayer

Hymn (Stf) 351 In Christ alone...."

Blessing / grace

Following the service today please join us for a cup of coffee/tea in room 4



Pastoral News, please remember in your prayers

Lois F, Colette L, Kevin D, Nicky M, Olive H, James A, Sarah B, John B, Ming B, Archie B, Bob C, Anthony C, Louise F, Sta'Reign L and family, Elizabeth T, Vincent W and Alexandra B.

If you wish to have someone added or removed from the prayer list, please notify Joanne in the church office. Contact details on the cover.

Upcoming Services:

Date	Time	Leader/Preacher	Event
Sun 30 th Aug	10:30 am	Joint service at Emmanuel	
Sun 6 th Sept	10:30 am	Dawn Venn	
Sun 13 th Sept	10:30 am	Worship Leaders	
Sun 20 th Sept	10:30 am	Rev David Gillman	Holy Communion

Summer Break Notices - Warm Welcome Wednesdays will pause throughout August while refurbishment work continues. The restart date will be confirmed as soon as possible. Young Church is also now on summer break and will return on Sunday 13 September. During August, activity bags (pens, colouring pencils, paper and simple activities) will be available at the back of the church for children to use with adult supervision during the service.

Circuit Service – Tuesday 1st September.

Everyone is welcome from 6pm for refreshments, with the service beginning at 7:30pm. To help the Circuit Leadership Team prepare, please let Joanne in the office know if you're planning to come. Your reply really helps us make sure everything runs smoothly.

SOUL SPACE – Memory-Friendly Worship A gentle, welcoming space for anyone who would value a slower, more reflective style of worship. Join us for music, prayer, quiet moments, and time to chat over a cuppa.

Coffee & Cake: 10:30–11:30 **Service:** 11:30–12:15

Upcoming dates: 17 Sept • 15 Oct • 19 Nov • 17 Dec

Venue: Bromley Methodist Church, College Road, BR1 3NS

Contact: widmorecircuit@gmail.com | 07835 809967

Come as you are — you are always welcome.



NECP presents Agatha Christie's *and Then There Were None*. A chilling, twist-filled whodunit brought to life on stage. **23rd October, 7:30pm & 24th October, 3pm and 7:30pm – an unmissable event! Tickets on sale now: 01322 838 410**

Save the date:

- Charity Recital to raise funds for Smile of Hope - Sunday 4th October
- Harvest Festival – Sunday 11th October
- All Souls Service – Sunday 1st November, 4pm
- PSA Remembrance Service – Sunday 8th Nov
- Saturday 14th November – Christmas Fair
- NECP Winter quiz – Saturday 21st November
- Sunday 13th December – CTNE Carol Service, 6pm

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

See it, hear it, feel it — say it.

Your concern could help keep someone safe.