

**New Eltham Methodist Church
Weekly Notices**



Sunday 26th April 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Prayer for the Week



A prayer that we might be God's forever

God of love, awaken our souls. God of power, protect us in temptation. God of forgiveness, cleanse us by the blood of Christ. God of saints, let us share in their inheritance. God of rest, let us be yours for ever. Amen.

Mary Gilbert, daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Gilbert (died 1768, aged 16)

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Church Office open Thursday and Friday 09:30am to 1:30pm (term time only).
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.

The Methodist Church

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Led by: Maggie Ayres

Steward: Paul Tickell – Musician: Frances Barrett

Welcome and call to worship.

Hymn STF. 363. My Jesus, my Saviour.

All Age Worship
Prayers of adoration and confession.
Reading. Acts 10. Verses 34,35,36
Comment

Hymn. STF.256 When I needed a neighbour.

Reading. John 10 verses 1-10.
Sermon.

Hymn STF 481 The Lord's my shepherd

Prayers of intercession and the Lord's prayer.
Offertory prayer

Hymn. STF 15 The splendour of the king.

Blessing and dismissal.

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



Pastoral News, please remember in your prayers

Colette Lyons, Kevin Doig, Nicky Mullooly, Olive Hunt, James Alabi-Boorman, Sarah Bartlett, John and Ming Broomhead, Archie Brown, Bob Chapman, Anthony Cox, Louise Field, Sta'Reign Lee and family, Elizabeth Tiplin, Vincent Woon and Alexandra Brilliant. Please keep Marianne in your thoughts as she rests peacefully in her care home.

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 3 rd May	10:30 am	Joan Mayes	
Sun 10 th May	10:30 am	Worship Leaders	Zoom – Christian Aid
Sun 17 th May	10:30 am	Rev Duncan MacBean	Holy Communion
Sun 24 th May	10:30 am	Rev Faal-Heim	

Methodist Safeguarding Training – Foundation Module. Sunday 3rd May at 12pm
 Next week, Laura will be joining us to deliver Foundation-level safeguarding training in person. This is a great opportunity to complete the training together rather than online, so please let me know if you need to attend.

If you're unable to attend, the training can be completed online on the following dates: 11th and 21st May; 3rd, 15th and 23rd June; and 2nd, 6th and 15th July 2026 (7:00pm–8:30pm).

Safeguarding is...
Everyone's responsibility
 If you:
 •See something
 •Hear something
 •Or have a feeling
 that something is not right within the church...
Please speak up as soon as possible.
 Full contact details for reporting any safeguarding concerns are displayed on the noticeboards at the entrance to the church premises.
 Your concern could help keep someone safe

Fundraising Update: We are delighted to announce that we raised £152 from the raffles at Saturday's Murder Mystery events in aid of Smile of Hope. We're getting close to our target now—thank you everyone for your support! Geraldine

Volunteer Vacancy
Chairperson: Joy's Kitchen
 Joy's Kitchen - a busy and popular community café based at Beckenham Methodist Church is looking for a new Chairperson from September 2026

- The role involves overseeing non day-to day café activities, such as chairing quarterly café committee meetings, making funding applications and preparing reports
- Would suit someone who has previous charity committee work experience and/or is looking for experience in this field

For further information, full role description & application form - email: JKChair26@gmail.com
 Closing date for applications - 15 June '26/ Interviews week commencing 22 June '26

NECP invite you to learn
Latin & Ballroom
 For one night only learn to dance like a pro with expert guidance from Hilary and friends
 Saturday 16th May
 7-10pm
 £10 per person (£5 under 18s)
 Light refreshments provided, bring your own non-alcoholic drinks.
 To book:-
01322 838410
 The Centre, New Eltham Methodist Church, 433 Footscroy Road, New Eltham, SE9 3UL

Beating the Bounds is an ancient English tradition where parishioners walk the boundaries of their parish to help preserve knowledge of its limits. Dating back to before the Norman Conquest, it combines history, community, and prayer, and was traditionally held around Ascension Day.

All Saints has advised that the Deanery "Beating the Bounds" walk will take place on **4th May**, starting at **10am** from **Holy Trinity Church, Eltham**, walking via St Luke's and St Barnabas, and finishing at **St John's, Eltham**, with refreshments at each stop. The walk is planned to take around 2 hours, and all are warmly invited to join.

Good luck if anyone is taking part, or knows people taking part in the London Marathon! We wish them strength, perseverance, and a joyful finish—especially those running for charity. You're an inspiration to us all.