

**MOTTINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH
MESSENGER
AUGUST 2018**

August

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Matthew 11: 28-29.



A HOLIDAY WITH JESUS

August is the month when schools are off and many of us go on holiday. The trouble is that holidays soon come to an end! Yet Jesus offers us a rest which has no end:

THE INVITATION: *'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.*

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.' (Matthew 11: 28-29). So, our holiday destination is Jesus Himself: *'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened.'* We can come just as we are, with all the burdens, weaknesses and sinfulness that we carry. Jesus doesn't offer a '10 steps programme' to deal with our issues; He simply offers himself!

THE PROMISE: Jesus promises us the gift of refreshing, sustaining and everlasting rest. When we go on holiday, we usually look forward to doing very little and yet this is not the kind of rest Jesus offers. His rest involves taking up his yoke and learning from him! A yoke was the wooden collar that ran across the shoulders of a pair of oxen and enabled them to work the fields. Jesus says to us: *'Come to me and get yoked to me. Make an act of loyal obedience and trust in me. And you will find a deep peace and satisfaction that you could never find anywhere else.'*

What's so amazing is that we can find rest by simply staying at home!



PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH IN NIGERIA

Christian death toll in Nigeria rises: 200 slaughtered in armed attacks.

The death toll from the latest attacks on Christian communities in Nigeria has risen to more than 200, according to reports from journalists in Plateau State.

In just one attack, herdsmen armed with guns and machetes have raided ten communities near the state capital, Jos, recently. According to reports, they burnt down every house in Nghar village and slaughtered more than 70 people.

Upwards of 200 people in mainly Christian villages are reported to have been murdered by heavily-armed Fulani herdsmen. There are ongoing claims that some of the Fulani may have been accompanied by soldiers.

Christian leaders accuse the military of standing by and failing to prevent the raids. Some even claim collusion by Islamist elements in the armed forces. 'These long-running attacks by Boko Haram and the heavily armed Fulani point to a strategy to drive Christians from the north of Nigeria.



REMEMBRANCE 100

This year is the centenary of the end of World War 1. On Sunday, 11th November 2018, people around the country will observe Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day. As well as reflecting on loss, the year also gives us the chance to look forward as we mark the end of World War 1 and pray for peace.

Remembrance 100 has been set up by HOPE, in partnership with a cross section of Christian denominations and ministries, to help churches mark the centenary of the end of World War 1.

Here are a few key dates:

4th August: On 4th August 1918 King George V met to pray with members of the Houses of Parliament. One hundred days later, the war ended. This year, the 4th of August 2018 will be the first day of 100 days of prayer across the country, running until Armistice Day in November.

21st/22nd September: there will be an event for peace in London's Trafalgar Square linked to the United Nations International Day of Peace.



AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Service of Worship

Sunday 5th August at 10.30am:

Preacher: *David Ball*

Prayer meeting

Wednesday 1st August at 7.30pm

At the house of Eddie and Dallas Green

Holy Communion Service

Sunday 12th August at 10.30am

Preacher: Jacqueline Quarmby

Service of Summer Celebration

Sunday 19th August at 10.30am

Led by worship leaders

Service of Worship

Sunday 26th August at 10.30am

Preacher: David Ball

All Sorts Craft Group

Tuesday 28th August at 10.30am for one hour

Saturday Youth Club

Every Saturday from 7-10pm for 9-14 year olds

**IMPORTANT
NOTICES!**

The following activities will not take place in August:

Messy Church

The Community Lunch

Good Companions

Churches Together bible study



Revd Terry Wright
September 2018

Revd Terry Wright is joining the circuit at the beginning of September as minister for Mottingham, Bromley Common, Petts Wood and Chelsfield Churches.

NOTE! On Wednesday 5th of September there will be a service of welcome at Bromley Common Methodist Church at 7.30 p.m. The District Chair will be there.

All welcome.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES IN THE CHURCH

-  **1ST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10.30am:**
Messy Church - This is preceded by breakfast
-  **1ST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7.30pm**
Prayer Meeting at Eddie and Dallas's home
-  **2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10.30am**
Good Companions
-  **4TH TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 10.30 - 11.30am**
All sorts craft group
-  **EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 12.30pm**
Community Lunch
-  **EVERY SATURDAY FROM 7 - 10pm**
Saturday Youth Club - for 9 - 14 year olds

METHODIST CHURCH CONFERENCE 2018

THE PRESIDENCY



The Revd Michaela A Youngson and Bala Gnanapragasam were inducted as President and Vice-President at the Methodist

Conference in Nottingham, on Saturday 30 June 2018.

Michaela Youngson has been one of the Chairs of the London District since 2012. With a passion for social justice and for developing strong ecumenical relationships, Michaela is committed to working within the diverse and rich context of the Connexion. She is a regular contributor to the BBC Radio 2 Early Breakfast Show's 'Pause for Thought'.

Bala Gnanapragasam believes strongly in mission and social justice. He serves on the board of Christian Aid and MHA (formerly known as Methodist Homes for the Aged). He is also a trustee of the London HIV/Aids Chaplaincy. He was the first Synod Secretary for the combined London District. Born in Sri Lanka, Bala came to the UK in the 1960s and has previously served as an elected councillor for the London Borough of Lewisham. He has also served as the Chair of University Hospital Lewisham.

WE PRAY FOR

Revd Alex Terrett as she takes up here new role in Beckenham and Bromley

Terry Wright as he prepares to move to our circuit

Maureen, and her partner, Roy, and the family

James

Janet

The Community Lunch

The Children's Saturday Club

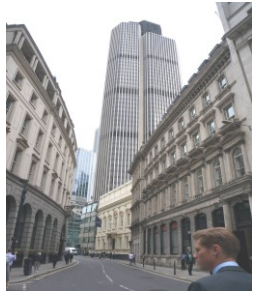
Messy Church

IN AND AROUND MOTTINGHAM

MOTTINGHAM LIBRARY IN AUGUST



FRIDAY 3RD AUGUST



Logos, leather sellers and a lion mask - An illustrated armchair walk through the financial quarter of the City of London on the streets between Bank and Bishopsgate- including some of the major finance companies and livery halls

Time: 6.15 - 7.45pm

CAKE AND BOOK SALE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CANCER RESEARCH UK

WEDNESDAY 8TH AUGUST

Coffee Morning

Come and learn about 'How Parliament Works'- A parliamentary representative will be giving an introduction to Parliament by explaining its structure and highlighting some key Parliamentary processes.

Time: 10.30-12 noon

Admission Free

Refreshments available

All Welcome - Why not bring a friend or two?



SUMMER BONANZA

There will be a book sale in the Library to raise money for Cancer Research UK

Dates: 30 July to 4th August

TOGETHER WE CAN BEAT CANCER SOONER



MOTTINGHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY/THE MOTTINGHAM FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS SOCIETY

SATURDAY 25 AUGUST 2018

Mottingham Horticultural Society Annual Autumn Show in conjunction with the Mottingham Floral Arrangements Society

Venue: Eltham College

Time: 2.30-5.00pm

The Mottingham Village Concert Band is playing

Further information available on <http://www.yourmra.org/>



NECP MURDER MYSTERY NIGHTS! - 17TH-18TH AUGUST

Do you love a good crime drama? Then come along to one of the New Eltham Community Production Murder Mystery evenings and solve the crime and bring the culprit (or culprits?!!) to justice!

Time: 7.30 pm

Place: New Eltham Methodist Church, 435-439 Footscray Rd, London SE9 3UL

Price: £12.00 per head. This includes a fish and chip supper

Contact: 020 8851 9881 or email necpneweltham@yahoo.co.uk

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