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**14th May 2023**

**SUNDAY SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE LED BY MR WOODS AT 10.30 A.M.**

**REVIVAL PRAYER GROUP** Wednesdays at 5pm in person - in the Family Room - a chance to come and pray for the church. A chance for brief worship, prayer and fellowship. All Welcome.

**LITTLE ACORNS** Doors open on **Mondays (term time only, EXCLUDING Bank Holidays)** at **9.30am** for toddlers, young children, parents, carers, grandparents & guardians. For more information contact Julia or Daphne.

**SPONSORED WALK** Karen and Cicely are planning to go on the Paul Strickland scanner walk on Monday May 29th. If anyone would like to sponsor us we will have forms available on the next three Sundays. Many thanks.

**A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM HAZEL:** 'These past 3 weeks, no doubt you have been dismayed at the news from Khartoum, Sudan about the civil war raging there and in other areas including Darfur. The future of the country as a whole is, at the moment, at stake. Our church and its members have been faithful supporters of KIDS FOR KIDS, a charity I have volunteered for the whole of its 22 year existence. International aid agencies have had to flee for their lives from Khartoum and Darfur. Kids for Kids can continue its work in Darfur carried out by local staff and community volunteers despite the danger to them also. Attached is, understandably, an Emergency Appeal from KIDS FOR KIDS, which, should you feel moved to respond to, shows details of how to do so. I have been associated with Sudan since its independence in 1956 and never, until now, has a shot been fired or a bomb dropped on Khartoum, a warm, friendly, gentle city which I have visited many times and also Darfur. Should you wish to know more about the country or current situation I would be happy to talk to you?' Please see the poster attached with more information

**NORTHWOOD CRAFT FAIR** If you haven't experienced this before, the **next Craft Fair is on Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 10am – 2pm in the Church Hall.** Lots of handmade arts, crafts, gift ideas including a plant stall. Discover local and national talent all under one roof. You can have breakfast, stay for amazing homemade cakes and coffee, then snack lunch-time fare, teas, coffees, refreshments, cake sale, snacks & bites available in the Oasis coffee shop. All welcome.

**OUR NEXT CHURCH LUNCH**, when the Rev. David Dickinson will lead our service, is on **Sunday June 11th.** If you would like to come please could you **let Cicely know by Wednesday June 7th.** A "sign up" sheet will be available in the vestibule. Thanks.

**A CELEBRATION ON 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE FOR NMC CONGREGATION TO JOIN** "we will celebrate one year of being in Northwood Methodist Church having our assembly there. We are inviting NMC congregation to join us on that day. We also would like to extend our time from 4:00-8:00 on that day to include fellowship afterwards"

**MARRIAGE COURSE** The Marriage Sessions is a brilliant way to invest in your relationship. **This online course will be hosted by Tim and Kate Meathrel at Emmanuel Church and will run via zoom from 8.00-9.30pm on Thursday 27th April, 4th, 11th and 18th May.** You can eat beforehand, or plan to have food ready for 8pm, grab a glass of something and sit down, breathe,

relax and enjoy some wonderful teaching and opportunity to talk with your spouse. This is the ultimate date night in the comfort of your own home! So why not book up now and take some time to invest in your marriage. The course is suitable for everyone; for those whose marriages are in a great place and for those who are struggling; for those who've been married for 1 year or 50 years. There is always more to learn about our spouse and ways to strengthen our marriages, The four sessions explore: Cherish – the forgotten vow and how to keep your love alive, Connect – understanding each other and the art of communication, Collaborate – dealing with pressure points and handling conflict well, Commit – love is a choice when the going gets tough. To book your space please sign up here: <https://emmanuelnorthwood.churchsuite.com/events/avsmqbch> For more information please speak to Tim & Kate or email [tim.meathrel@ecn.org.uk](mailto:tim.meathrel@ecn.org.uk)

**Discovery Group. From Thursday June 8th Shirley's Discovery Group** will meet in the Vestibule 3-4pm during the summer months and continue every two weeks. New friends welcome. The new topic will be 'Parables'.

**MHA Communities West London - previously Northwood Live at Home in 2023 MHA is celebrating 25 years of a community scheme operating in the Northwood and surrounding areas.** MHA nationally are encouraging In June MHA Sunday is on 11 June and the theme this year is "There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its parts make up one body" I **Corinthians 12: 12-17.** MHA West London helped to profile the importance of younger people and older people enjoying times together and it was filmed at Northwood Methodist church and our members and volunteers featured in an article in the Heart and Soul magazine. Please see link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rraDjqHwKtc> **Resources for MHA Sunday and fundraising are available from MHA website MHA communities West London 01923 842494 Scheme managers Angela Flux & Julie Nevitt**

**CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS June 24/25<sup>th</sup>:** There will be two lists to sign in the vestibule to let us know if you are able to attend either or both these events. **Closing date by June 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**100 YEAR EVENTS-DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Church Photograph - we are looking to take a church photograph to go on the wall one Sunday after church - please look out for the date soon. Saturday June 24th at 1.00 pm, BBQ for all church members plus invited guests from amongst those who use our premises.**

**Sunday June 25th at 4 pm** Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for all our church members and their families plus special preachers and invited guests associated with NMC over the years.

We hope you will be able to give your support to these events as we celebrate our Centenary.

**Sunday 2nd July at 4pm - Andrew's farewell service (this will be a Circuit Service), Sunday 9th July – Andrew's final service at NMC with Holy Communion**

**FOOD BANK** Please bring your donations before the next delivery to the Food Bank Centre on Friday May 12th. Thank you for your continued, generous support for this. All donations are welcome in this difficult time. For a list of items needed please speak to Shirley or a church steward. Collection bags/boxes are at the back of the church.

**WELCOMING VERY SOON** our new minister, Audrey Browne who joins NMC in September 2023. Let us keep her in prayers as she prepares to join the church family and serve Northwood and the surrounding areas.

**NEWSLETTER** Please send all newsletter notices by Wednesday 5pm to [jessicaghatora7@gmail.com](mailto:jessicaghatora7@gmail.com) or for those not on email, please **text message or call and leave a message on: 07902-067-946.**

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