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31st MARCH 2024

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE LED BY DR REVD. JONATHAN HUSTLER AT 10.30A.M.

- Please remember clocks go forward on Sunday morning at 1a.m. –

EASTER BREAKFAST PRAISE AT 9A.M. – PLEASE JOIN

WISHING ALL NMC FRIENDS, FAMILY, NEIGHBOURS & VISITORS A VERY BLESSED EASTER

TODAY - DISCOVERY PRAYER GROUP: Audrey is hosting a 'Discovery Prayer Group' during the weeks of Lent (and beyond), and she is inviting everyone to come and join her to spend one hour of prayer together as a church. During this hour, we will pray for our church, the world, and ourselves; and, we will also have the opportunity to reflect on the scripture in ways that help us in our personal and collective discipleship. **Our 'Discovery Prayer Group' will be on Wednesdays from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. at NMC in the lobby area of the church. All are welcome to come and be a part of this hour of prayer and scriptural reflection.**

Dear Friends - I would like to send out a reflection each week of Lent, which is sent out separately.

During my time on sabbatical between 2021/22, I centred myself in a season of focus prayer, reflection, reading and deeper Biblical Studies:

I was a member of *Our Daily Bread Ministries and Media Club*, and I received their DVDs, CDs, books etc., some of which I used to aid me in my deeper Biblical Studies, among other books on my bookshelf. I studied *The Seven Churches of Revelation*, by taking a closer look at the struggles of these New Testament ecclesiologies, in the hope that I can learn something of the essential lessons of Jesus' letters to these churches, and what may be some possible implications for contemporary church communities.

Over the Holy Season of Lent, I will be sharing some of my studies with you, in the hope that you will be inspired and encouraged in your relationship with Jesus."

God Bless, Audrey

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GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

There will be a joint 'Good Friday Service' at Wealdstone Methodist Church, Commencing at 12:00 noon. All are welcome to attend.

WALK OF WITNESS GOOD FRIDAY

Last year we walked to Holy Trinity from the War Memorial, via NMC.

This year everyone is asked to meet at Holy Trinity at 10.00 am on Good Friday and join the walk to NMC for coffee and hot cross buns.

After which the passion play will be streamed from Trafalgar Square at 12.00 noon. Please come and join us in church to watch the Wintershall Passion Play being livestreamed from

**Trafalgar Square from 12 noon. There will be tea/coffee & hot cross buns available. Thank you,
This event is a free event at Trafalgar Square. The nearest tube stations are Charing Cross, Piccadilly Circus & Embankment. If travelling to the event, please check travel updates on the day.**

EASTER SUNDAY

Our Easter Sunday Communion Service will be led by the Revd Dr. Jonathan Hustler, commencing at 10:30 a.m. **There will be an Easter Breakfast provided at 9am.**

At 9am Easter breakfast and communion in Oasis. If you haven't already let me or Shirley know that you will attend please can you do so, so that we can cater for everyone. We are also excited to say that there will be some traditional Armenian Easter breakfast items this year very generously provided by Karen (not Lane!) who has been worshipping with us for a few weeks now.

Easter Sunday

We would appreciate flowers to decorate the church and the cross for Easter Sunday.

If you would like to contribute, please bring flowers to the church on Saturday March 30th, 9.0am-10.30 am.

If unable to make this time, please bring flowers with you, to decorate the cross, to morning worship on Sunday 31st. at 10.30 am.

POLITE REMINDER: As a church we are called to demonstrate God's love in our walk with Jesus. Please remember to be respectful, considerate and mindful of others attending Sunday services. We often have bereaved, vulnerable persons/families including young people, children and visitors at times. Any personal issues, please speak to your assigned church friend first or ask for a steward on duty. The presiding minister or speaker on the day is often available at the end of the service to talk to or on an arranged basis. Many thanks for your understanding.

CONCERT AT PMC Harrow Apollo Male Choir Concert at Pinner Methodist Church supporting Karibuni Children on 20th April at 7.30p.m. Tickets £15, concessions £12. Scan the QR code on the poster/flyer or ring 01296-614-337 or email: anne.mills@karibuni.co.uk

FLOWERS Mothering Sunday flowers were appreciated and commented by Vanessa as **making the service extra special on such an important service.** Vanessa would like to thank all those who made the service feel welcoming and extra special with the roses handed out to all ladies.

If you feel you could contribute to NMC Flowers or Rota, please speak to Shirley who will be delighted to hear from you.

FOOD BANK your gifts, once again, were most generous and so appreciated.

The last Sunday before the April collection will be April 7th. Thank you in advance.

Reminder: Any tinned meat, fish, and / or fruit. (No baked beans please). Rice, Pasta, Jams, Toiletries, baby products etc. Very many thanks. Shirley

MHA CONCERT & DONATIONS those who attended the event advertised, enjoyed it greatly and send a note of thanks to all who made it happen, MHA are still taking donations for their charity. If you feel you can help further, please speak to Angela Flux or contact the MHA office Angela Flux and Julie Nevitt, Scheme Managers. Please ring the MHA Office on 01923 842494 Cheques should be made out to MHA Communities West London and Gift Aid forms are available to anyone who wishes to donate and is eligible to claim this.

CRAFT FAIR AT NMC Thank you to all who baked and served at the Craft Fair. The wonderful sum of £327.50 was raised. An amazing effort and very generous giving of time, talents and energy! **The next Fair for any who can support will be on April 6th and then 4th May, 1st June 10a.m. – 2p.m.**

LITTLE ACORNS on Mondays, TERM TIME ONLY, from 9.30am at NMC for babies, toddlers and pre-school children. For more information contact Julia or Daphne.

Every Tuesday - Take Yourself Out Tuesdays (TYOT) @ Ruislip Methodist Church 10am – 12noon. Save on your heating and use ours! At a loose end? Popping to the shops and fancy a cuppa? RMC are on the U1, E7, 278 bus routes or just around the corner from the high Street - drop in for a free drink and a warm welcome.

NEWSLETTER NEWS next week will be the start of a pause to the circulation of the newsletter including mail outs. All notices will be announced in services on Sundays. If you are a church friend who has a member that receives a mail out, please make regular contact to ensure notices are given. Please send all newsletter notices by **next Wednesday 1pm to jessicaghatora7@gmail.com** or **text message or call & leave a message on: 07902-067-946.** Remember all newsletters are uploaded onto the church website

Important Dates For your diary:

STARDUST BIG BAND CONCERT for Christian Aid

Stardust Big Band Concert. Please come along

and enjoy the music on **Sunday 12th May, 6.30-8.30pm** in the church and help raise money for Christian Aid. The tickets are £10 for adults and £6 for children and students. **(Tickets will be £12 on the door.) You can buy them from Karen or Shirley after Sunday services, 11.45am-12.15pm in the vestibule. Refreshments will be available in the interval.**

A MESSAGE FROM ANGELA If any members of the NMC church want to join MHA Communities West London as supporters, members or volunteers and receive the newsletter each quarter please contact the office number or speak with Angela Flux on any Sunday she attends. See the staff page of the newsletter for telephone contact details. Angela would ask the church to pray for the work and the opportunities it affords for us to reach out and serve our community, and particularly our new partnership with St Helen's School where Edward Walter is Deputy Head.

DISCOVERY GROUP DETAILS Cheryl and Shirley's Discovery We meet fortnightly on zoom at 3 pm on Thursdays. New people welcome. Contact Cheryl or Shirley for zoom details. **For log in details contact asq28@icloud.com.**

Sue & Daphne's Discovery Group runs on Thursdays fortnightly at 7pm on zoom. Starting this Thursday. If you would like to join, please speak to Sue or Daphne for further details.

Many thanks to Angela Flux who is currently asking the views of those who attended Andrew Pottage's home group for their views about when and where we meet. **Anyone wishing to join in a face to face bible study can speak to Ray or Angela Flux. Ray currently leads a study group opportunity on a Monday afternoon between 2-3pm in Betty's room at Emmanuel, this is open to people from any local congregations.** Angela's group will be hosted in the homes of those who elect to join it on a fortnightly basis, time and day yet to be determined.

May all who attend continue to grow in their relationship with God, and may you be conformed more and more into the image of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ROLES AT NMC: Northwood Methodist Church is urgently in need of more volunteers, to ensure that we can continue to properly function as a church. The Leadership Team is working hard to ensure that we can continue to manage our finances well, so we value your prayers, as we endeavour to make good progress in finding the best way forward. **If you think you can assist in any way with the Treasurership at NMC, the Leadership Team would love to speak with you.**

These are the vacant roles that need filling at NMC urgently:

- **Church Council Secretary**
- **Church Friends Coordinator**
- **Church Treasurer**
- **Gift Aid Secretary**
- **Article for Northwood Residents Association (coordinator)**
- **Property & Finance Committee members & chair**
- **NMC Weekly News Letter Distributor**

Please speak with Audrey or Sue Lloyd if you think you would like to offer yourself for one of the above roles. Thank you.

OUR MINISTER'S LETTER AT LENT

Dear Friends,

The holy season of Lent is here again when we pay closer attention to the 'temptations of Jesus' to find strength and courage for our own lives, as we seek to be better disciples of Jesus. Lent can be a very challenging time for us because we are invited to look inward and deal with ourselves with the help of the Holy Spirit. It is also a time when we are invited to look outward toward others with love and compassion and to treat others as we would want to be treated. This looking inward and outward is designed to transform us more and more into the image of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our journey through Lent doesn't need to be onerous, because genuine relationship with God is a delight. However, our journey through Lent to the heart of our Christian faith — Easter, requires us to be intentional in our relationship with God, to better appreciate God's transforming grace offered to us in Jesus Christ.

I encourage us all to take this personal journey through Lent beginning on 'Ash Wednesday', all the way through to Holy Week, and to receive God's love afresh, as we engage with the scriptures, prayer, and acts of faith, both individually and collectively. There is a joint 'Ash Wednesday Service' at Wealdstone Methodist Church, commencing at 2:00 p.m. This service will include Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes. All are welcome to attend. There will also be a joint 'Good Friday Service' at Wealdstone Methodist Church, commencing at 12:00 noon. All are welcome to attend. As we journey through Lent to Easter, may this be our prayer:

God, my light, and my salvation,
illuminate my life,
that I may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and, looking on your beauty,
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ my Lord.

Revd. Audrey D Browne