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7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024

**SUNDAY SERVICE LED BY SUPERINDENDENT LENITA CONRADIE AT 10.30A.M.**

**WISHING ALL NMC FRIENDS, FAMILY, NEIGHBOURS & VISITORS A VERY BLESSED EASTER - CHRIST IS RISEN**

**DISCOVERY REFLECTION & PRAYER** We are taking a break on the first two Wednesdays in April and will resume on Wednesday 17th April at 4:30 p.m. in the foyer, when we will talk about the way forward.

**NEWSLETTER NEWS** this 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. Remember all newsletters are uploaded onto the church website [northwoodmethodistchurch.org](http://northwoodmethodistchurch.org)

**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone concerned with decorating the church and supplying the Easter breakfast. Much Appreciated.

**THIS SATURDAY 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 6<sup>th</sup> and then 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup> June 10a.m. – 2p.m.**

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

**The last Sunday before the April collection will be April 7<sup>th</sup>. 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

### **Revd Dong Hwan Kim's Farewell Service**

Revd Dong will be leaving the Circuit this year, so to celebrate his time with us, the Circuit is holding a Farewell Service at **Ruislip Manor Methodist Church** on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April** at **4pm**, which will be followed by refreshments.

If you are interested in attending, **please inform the Circuit Office** via email or on 01895 622 758, so we can get a good estimate of the number of attendees.

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

**STARDUST BIG BAND CONCERT** for Christian Aid

**Stardust Big Band Concert.** Please come along and enjoy the music on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:anne.mills@karibuni.co.uk)**

### **Annual Plant Sale at Ruislip**

Join **Ruislip Methodist Church** for their annual bring & buy Plant Sale, hopefully in some drier weather! You can look forward to plants, jewellery, cakes, and refreshments on offer (cash sales only). The sale will be in support of Action for Children, a charity which helps provide safer and happier childhoods all over the UK. Taking place on **Saturday 4th May, at 10:30am** lasting until 12pm, it will coincide with Ruislip's church anniversary weekend. All are welcome

**MHA FUNDRAISING 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.

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto: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.**

### **A PRAYER FOR A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

**Heavenly Father, thank you for the opportunity to have a new start.**

**Too many times, I have strayed from my relationship with you. In times of distress and worry, I chose to try and handle things on my own.**

**Moments of frustration, anger, and sadness have flooded my body. In those conflicting times, I chose to stay away from you.**

**I neglected to seek your help. Father, forgive me. You are the way, the truth, and the light.**

**I ask you once again to guide me on the path to a new start in life.**

**Please cover me with your love, protection, and mercy. Please allow me to show your love to others as I begin a new day.**

**Thank You, Father, for your love and forgiveness.**

**Thank You for searching and finding me again. (Deuteronomy 31:8)**

**Thank You for never leaving me alone. In Jesus' Name, Amen.**