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A Word from the Editor:

Is it just me or does Christmas come around more quickly as every year passes? Not that I am complaining – well not much – but then we shouldn't because it is at this time that we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Perhaps more in my mind is how busy life becomes, particularly in the lead up to Christmas. This is why I am particularly grateful to all those of you who have found the time to contribute an item for this issue of the KMC Magazine.



Inside this issue you will find everything from quizzes of various kinds to tease your brain, to details of the start of a new KMC venture for 2020 plus a profile on KMC's very own Christmas Fairy. Another highlight is the article written by Raj Chhetri about what happened when he attended his Citizenship Ceremony at County Hall. On behalf of us all at KMC I would like to extend our congratulations to Raj at this time. Raj has been a member of KMC for many years and I believe that our church would be that much poorer without him being part of the KMC family. Nothing illustrates this more than the very thoughtful item Raj has written concerning the comings and goings during a typical Sunday morning service at KMC. His experience and understanding of those who join us on a Sunday shines through and his words are an example to us all.

Finally, as the year 2019 comes to a close, may you have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of His love at Christmas and always.

Robin Spice, Editor.



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Message from Dave:

Dear Friends,

As we approach Christmas, I sometimes go by another name in our household: Ebenezer. I have something of a reputation for doing a regular 'Bah! Humbug!' routine at this time of year. I think it's the conveyor belt of services and other events in churches that has knocked the shine off the event for me over the years – although I have less reason to say that this year as the Worship Group is taking responsibility for the carol service and there is no midnight communion on Christmas Eve.



Debbie, on the other hand, is the complete opposite. (We are a textbook 'opposites attract' couple.) I think her theme tune could be Wizard's 'I Wish It Could Be Christmas Everyday'. She is the Custodian of the Decorations and looks forward to the annual voucher from Bourne Valley Garden Centre for fifty per cent off one new decoration. Plus, she has some fun outfits for her office celebrations, and by the time you read this they may have seen the light of day at the church bazaar.

But did you know there is a Christian festival in Advent called Blue Christmas? I don't mean the song popularised by Elvis Presley and others, there is an ancient festival by that name. It is also known as the Longest Sleep and is held on the longest night of the year. It marks the fact that Christmas is blue for many people, thanks to bereavement, poverty, disease, abuse, and other causes. When the festival falls on 21st December it coincides with feast of St Thomas the Apostle, and links are made between Thomas' struggle to believe in the Resurrection and the struggles of those grieving a loss.

This ancient tradition has been making a comeback in recent years. For the first time in a long time, some churches are holding Blue Christmas services as a way of offering something to those who find Advent and Christmas painful. My friend Bryn Haworth, the renowned Christian blues guitarist, has in the past few years performed Christmas Blues concerts with a similar aim.

Of course, there are ways in which we already build something of this concern into our celebrations, not least when we hold collections to support organisations working with people in need. But I wonder whether I can ask us to be even more conscious of those who will not share our joy this year – those who would rather hide away from everyone than join in the festivities. Let us remember that 'the light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has never overcome it.' Can we keep an eye out for someone with the Christmas Blues this year?

Your friend and minister,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave Faulkner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dave Faulkner

A Modern Take on the Christmas Story by Jeffrey Archer

He was born in a barn, his father a carpenter and his mother a decent enough woman but of no significance and they certainly couldn't have afforded to give the boy a private education. Yet as a teenager he was arguing the toss with his elders and betters in the Council chambers.

He never got a proper job, just roved around the countryside unshaven, living off bread and water and the occasional fish while offering his opinions to those who cared to listen. He became the manager of a football team known as The Disciples. Not one of them a star – in fact the 12th man rather let the side down by accepting a transfer fee of 30 pieces of silver to play for the opposition.

The authorities eventually arrested him as a rabble rouser but couldn't decide what to charge him with other than the fact he claimed he was the Son of God.

They strung him up with a couple of other criminals and when he finally gave up the ghost rather assumed that would be the last they would hear of him.

The Disciples were relegated at the end of the season – in fact the Captain denied on more than one occasion that he'd ever been a member of his team. When he died at the age of 33 there were no obituaries in the local press reporting his achievements. No glossy supplements highlighting his colourful career, no radio programmes to discuss his legacy and certainly no box sets recording any of his miracles. But then he never relied on focus groups to advise him on current trends, or advertising gurus to spend millions promoting his brand, or spin doctors to sharpen his image. And he didn't require social media to keep his followers up to date. So you could be forgiven for assuming he'd be forgotten in a few days. So how can one explain that over 2,000 years later, Jesus Christ is still the best known celebrity on earth? Could it just be that he was the Son of God?



Silent Night - A Christmas Story

Each year, on 24th December, a special passenger train pulled by a bright red electric locomotive heads out of the train station in Salzburg for a 30 minute trip to the village of Oberndorf in Austria. A multitude of languages can be heard as passengers from all over the globe become Christmas pilgrims, heading for the birthplace of the world's best loved Christmas carol "Silent Night" or *Stille Nacht* as it was originally called. Franz Gruber composed the music and Joseph Mohr wrote the lyrics.

At the same time, the Oberndorf streets are crowded with cars bearing license plates from neighbouring European Churches. The area filled with people who have raced along the autobahns to arrive in time for the special Christmas Eve "Silent Night" twilight service. Throughout the world, "Silent Night" which has been translated into more than 200 languages, is an anchor for Christmas celebrations. Its lullaby-like melody and simple message of heavenly peace can be heard from small town street corners in mid-America to magnificent cathedrals in Europe and from outdoor candlelight concerts in Australia to palm thatched huts in northern Peru.

The original church of St. Nicholas where "Silent Night" was first heard in 1818 was torn down in the early part of this century after sustaining damage from the flooding of the nearby Salzach River.

The Silent Night Chapel was erected on the spot in front of the main altar where Gruber and Mohr stood with the choir to sing the six-stanza carol. In a higher section of town, another church was built and the original pulpit and altars from the old church were moved there. At Christmas Midnight Mass, singers stand in front of the same altars and recreate the moment when the song heard around the world was first performed.

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin, Mother and
Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven
afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour is born
Silent night, holy night!
Son of God love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy
face
With dawn of redeeming
grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.

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A Christmas message for us all

Put your problems on probation
Run your troubles off the track
Throw your worries out the window
Get the monkeys off your back
Silence all your inner critics
With your conscience make amends
And allow yourself some happiness
It's Christmas time again.

Call a truce with those who bother you
Let all the fighting cease
Give your differences a breather
And declare a time of peace
Don't let your angry feelings taint
The precious time you have to spend
And allow yourself some happiness
It's Christmas time again.

Like some cool refreshing water
Or a gentle summer breeze
Like a fresh bouquet of flowers
Or the smell of autumn leaves
It's a banquet for the spirit
Filled with family, food and friends
So allow yourself some happiness
It's Christmas time again.

God of Surprises

Christmas can be a time of surprises and hopefully we will all experience a surprise or two this year. However God can surprise us all year round and this poem demonstrates just how He does this and why we want Him to.

God of Surprises,

When I think you are not present in my life,
you reveal yourself in the love of friends and family
and nurture me in your never-ending affection.

God of surprises,

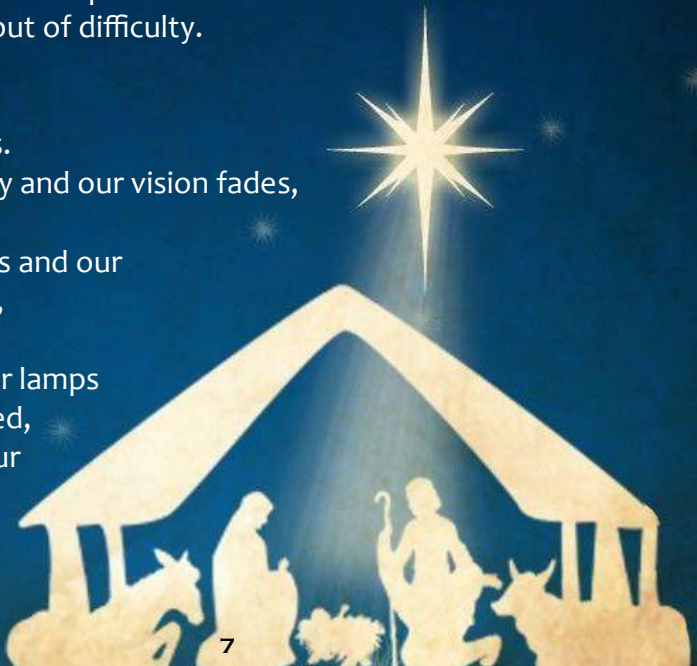
when we think you are not present in our community,
you labour to make us of one heart
and cause us to share gladly and generously.

God of surprises,

when people think you are not present in our world,
you bring home out of despair
and create growth out of difficulty.

God of surprises

you are ever with us.
When the days go by and our vision fades,
keep surprising us.
When our hope dims and our
patience wears thin,
keep coming to us.
Teach us to keep our lamps
lit and to be prepared,
that we may see your
loving presence
among us.



Christmas Alpha-Numericals

Can you spot the phrases associated with Christmas from the following clues?

To get you started the answer to No. 1 is shown alongside the clue.

All the answers can be found at the end of this Magazine. Good luck!

1	3 W M	<i>Three Wise Men</i>
2	12 D of C	
3	4 G in a C C	
4	3 S C S in	
5	7 J of M	
6	W 3 K of O a	
7	8 R in The N B C	
8	6 S to a S	
9	D 26 is S S D	
10	31 D in D	
11	364 G in the T D of C	
12	70 M from N to B	
13	J 1 is N Y D	
14	4 S on a C	
15	24 W on an A C	
16	J 6 is E	
17	5 G R	
18	1 C on a C	
19	2 L on a T	
20	9 L and C	
21	4 C N O for the B	
22	1 F on a C T	
23	17 Y that O C B C	
24	1 P in a P T	
25	D 25 is C D	

Ho! Ho! Ho!



THE LOST PURSE

A lady lost her handbag in the bustle of Christmas shopping. It was found by an honest little boy and returned to her. Looking in her purse, she commented, "Hmmm.... That's funny. When I lost my bag there was a £20 note in it. Now there are twenty £1 coins."

The boy quickly replied, "That's right, lady. The last time I found a lady's purse, she didn't have any change for a reward."



THE GIFT

Thanks for the electric guitar you gave me for Christmas," little Chris Cody said to his uncle the first time he saw him after the holidays. "It's the best present I ever got."



"That's great," said his uncle. "Do you know how to play it?"

'Oh, I don't play it," the little fellow said. "My mum gives me a pound a day not to play it during the day and my dad gives me five pounds a week not to play it at night!"

CHRISTMAS IN THE COURTROOM

It was Christmas and the judge was in a merry mood as he asked the prisoner, "What are you charged with?"

"Doing my Christmas shopping early," replied the defendant.

"That's no offence," said the judge. "How early were you doing this shopping?"

"Before the store opened," countered the prisoner.



NO ROOM IN THE INN?



A boy wanted to be Joseph in the Sunday School pageant. He was cast as the landlord and objected loudly, but to no avail. When the pageant was presented, Mary and Joseph knocked on the door and asked him if he had a room for them. The boy smiled and said, "Yes, sure. Lots of room. Come on in!"

A Seasonal Quiz

Can you find the 12 seasonal **Wintery words** that complete these Bible texts? (All from the NIV)

Write your answers in the spaces provided

“See! The _____ _____ is past” (Song of Songs 2: 11)

“Honour is not fitting for a fool” “like _____ _____ in summer.”
(Proverbs 26: 1)

“She _____ _____ him in cloths ...” (Luke 2: 7)

“The breath of God produces _____ _____
and the broad waters become _____ _____” (Job 37: 10)

“A day of _____ and blackness” (Zephaniah 1: 15)

“My head is drenched with dew, my hair with the _____ _____ of
the night.” (Song of Songs 5: 2)

“The bed is too short to stretch out on, the _____ _____ too narrow
to wrap around you.” (Isaiah 28: 20)

“Like swarms of locusts that settle in the walls on a _____ _____
day.” (Nahum 3: 17)

Jehoiakim’s body will be ... “exposed to the heat by day,
and the _____ _____ by night.” (Jeremiah 36: 30)

“Not a man will be left with you by _____ _____.”
(2 Samuel 19: 7)

“He destroyed their vines with hail,
and their sycamore-figs with _____ _____.” (Psalm 78: 47)

Now, re-arrange the letters from the boxes
to find a ‘Title’ from a ‘seasonal reading’ from the Book of Isaiah.

Christmas Cracker of a Joke!

Where does Father Christmas like to enjoy a mixture of badminton, horse riding and subtropical swimming? **Santa Parcs!**

What did Adam say the day before Christmas? **"It's Christmas, Eve!"**

What did the stamp say to the Christmas card? **"Stick with me and we'll go places".**

Where does Father Christmas go when he is sick? **To the elf centre!**

What is every parent's favourite Christmas carol? **Silent night.**

Who doesn't eat at Christmas? **The turkey, as it is always stuffed!**



Our Greatest Need at Christmas

If our greatest need had been information,

God would have sent us an educator.

If our greatest need had been technology,

God would have sent us a scientist.

If our greatest need had been money,

God would have sent us an economist.

If our greatest need had been pleasure,

God would have sent us an entertainer.

But our greatest need was forgiveness,

So God sent us a Saviour.



Christmas is Forever

Christmas is forever, not for just one day,

For loving, sharing, giving are not to put away

Like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.

The good you do for others is good you do for yourself.

I Love Christmas Time!

I love Christmas time, and yet,

I notice this each year I live;

I always like the gifts I get,

But how I love the gifts I give!





How well do you know your Christmas Carols? Try this quiz to find out!

1. What are the missing lyrics? Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is ?

light **bright** **right** **white**

2. Once in Royal David's City was originally written as a poem by Cecil Frances Alexander, but who wrote the music?

Henry John Gauntlett **Hector Berlioz** **Felix Mendelssohn**
Frederic Chopin

3. Advent carols are sung in the preparation for the coming of Jesus. Which of the following are Advent carols?

O Come, O Come, Emanuel **Away in a Manger**
This is the Truth sent from Above **Joy to the World**

4. What are the missing lyrics? O Little Town of Bethlehem, How ? we see thee lie.

small **sweet** **still** **safe**

5. The tune to Joy to the World has been rearranged by many modern composers but who were they inspired by?

Johann Christoph Bach **George Fredric Handel**
Alessandro Poglietti **Antonio Vivaldi**

6. Featuring in the popular Christmas film Home Alone, Carol of the Barn is a firm festive favourite. Which language was it originally in?

English **Ukrainian** **Italian** **French**

7. What are the missing lyrics? O Come all ye faithful, joyful and ?

jubilant **triumphant** **elated** **victorious**

8. How many verses are there in Away in a Manger?

Four **Two** **Six** **Three**

9. Who originally wrote the lyrics for Hark the Herald Angels Sing?

Felix Mendelssohn **Charles Wesley**
George Frederic Handel **Johann Sebastian Bach**

10. What are the missing lyrics? Ding dong merrily on high, in ? the bells are ringing.

Bethlehem **paradise** **heav'n** **bliss**

A Hymn of a Christmas Present

Few of us who join on Christmas Day in singing “Christians awake, salute the happy morn” have any idea that we owe this magnificent hymn to a young girl called Dolly.

Dolly Byrom and her father John, lived in Manchester, more than a century and a half ago. John Byrom was an English poet, the inventor of a revolutionary system of shorthand, and later a landowner.

One day shortly before Christmas, Byrom asked his daughter what she would like for a Christmas present, and Dolly, knowing that her father sometimes wrote poetry, replied “please write me a poem”.

When she came down on Christmas morning she found on her plate a piece of paper – (which is still preserved in the Library of Cheetham’s Hospital, Manchester) – on which was written a poem, headed “Christmas Day, for Dolly”.

Soon after, John Wainwright, the organist of Manchester Parish Church, now its cathedral, saw this poem and composed for it the tune “Yorkshire”, which we know so well.

Later Byrom and his daughter were woken up by the sound of singing outside their windows; it was Wainwright with his choir singing Dolly’s hymn.

Christians, awake, salute the happy morn
Whereon the Saviour of the world was born.
Rise to adore the mystery of love
Which hosts of angels chanted from above
With them the joyful tidings first begun
Of God Incarnate and the Virgin’s Son.
Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,
Who heard the angelic herald’s voice, “Behold,
I bring good tidings of a Saviour’s birth
To you and all the nations upon earth;
This day hath God fulfilled His promised word;
This day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord.



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ANSWERS to Christmas Carol Quiz on page 12: 1. bight. 2. Henry John Gauntlett. 3. O Come, O Come Emanuel. 4. still. 5. George Frederic Handel. 6. Ukrainian. 7. triumphant. 8. Three. 9. Charles Wesley. 10. heav'n.

A new KMC venture – Café Culture

A group of eight met in Woking for lunch on 1st November. We spent a couple of hours chatting and enjoyed a good meal at Bill's.



Towards the end it was suggested we did this again

and we unanimously agreed. We are not meeting in December as most of us will be busy. However, early in the New Year our next venue is to be The Wheatsheaf on Chobham Road in Woking (just round the corner from Trinity Methodist Church). Come and join us at 12 noon for 12.30 on Friday 17th January. Just let Sue Findlay or Eileen Lane know you are coming. There will be a reminder of this event in The Notices nearer the time.

The Benefits of Eating Together

It looks like the new lunch club venture is onto something!

Research has revealed that the more often people eat with others the more likely they are to feel happy and satisfied with their lives. This would appear to be confirmed by other research produced by the Royal Voluntary Service that a million people in this country are not eating properly. But they are not bingeing on junk food or following dodgy diets. No, instead they are skipping meals or relying on convenience foods because they are lonely. They simply cannot face cooking and then eating alone.

Humans are gregarious creatures and down the millennia eating – the sharing of available food – evolved into a social event. Mealtimes brought people together, established bonds between individuals and provided an opportunity to discuss problems. Is it any wonder therefore that so many older people, in particular, become depressed if they lose this vital interaction with others? Whether this is because of husbands, wives, friends passing away and/or sons/daughters living at a distance, the net result can be the same if people who are on their own are not able to interact with others by sharing a meal.

The only solution to loneliness is companionship and friendship and this is definitely one of the best ways to beat this growing epidemic. Oxford University research confirmed that people who eat socially are more likely to feel better about themselves and have a wider social network of providing social and emotional support.

So why not consider joining this new venture in January. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Sue & Eileen are waiting to hear from you!

E X T E N D E D

(SUNDAY MORNING) WORSHIP

‘Extended Worship’ at KMC came about as a means to provide an opportunity to develop and celebrate a ‘closer and more open relationship with God’ on His Day: perhaps, even, to rediscover some of its holiness.

Visits to churches where worship significantly engaged participants, consistently revealed that an extended time of praise and prayer, through, and supported by, music, seemed to ‘heighten an awareness of God’, generate an awakened ‘spiritual state of mind’, and prepare ‘Christ-filled hearts’ which were more ‘ready to receive’ (the message of God’s word) later in the service.

This ‘praise and prayer time’ was anything from 15-40 minutes in length, and although led - by a worship leader and/or group – encouraged ‘spontaneous’ responses from the congregations.

The Broadway Group felt that this sort of enhancement was something that KMC needed, that it could benefit the church’s worship life, and the Worship Group took on the responsibility of planning and facilitating this.

To date, ‘Extended Worship’ has now occurred on four occasions at KMC: 30th June & 6th October (with Graham Warr leading the service); 28th July (Elizabeth Gurd); 25th August (Rosemary Lee).

Each time, this has taken the form of half an hour, or so, - from about 9:30am - of ‘background’ worship through the sound system – usually CD’s - with the opportunity for people to have coffee and chat in the Welcome Area, or sit in the worship area and listen/join in. This music has been especially chosen to focus on the theme(s) highlighted for the service by the person leading it, and the ‘final’ song in this section has been one sung previously at KMC, to provide a way in, and ‘flow into’, the next section.

The second part – starting at 10am-ish (the idea is to not have hard ‘breaks’ within the whole period of this worship, but to allow it to build and flow) - consists of about 15-20 minutes of praise songs, again linked to the theme(s) – led by the Worship Group, and including both known and new songs, either to a CD track or ‘live’ music, as is best

appropriate to the song. These are suitable for the congregation to sing/learn – more previously known songs are used here - and these are interspersed with prayers of praise and adoration, so far, led by people in the WG.

These first two ‘sections’ are all about focussing on God; coming before Him, acknowledging Him; meeting with Him; praising Him. As the first lines of the verse of a well-known song says:

“We have come into this place, and gathered in His name to worship Him ...

“So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him, and worship him ...

“He is all my righteousness, I stand complete in Him and worship him ...

“Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name and worship Him ...”

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The service has then continued with material chosen and prepared by the service leader.

The aim of Extended Worship is to provide ‘up-lifting’, in what has been referred to as ‘sheer worship’: uplifting of God - in celebration of all He is, and does – and, consequentially, an up-lifting of our hearts as we worship Him.

It provides a way to allow people to be involved in expressing their need and desire to worship God, and to feel ‘alive’ with the words and music, as the Holy Spirit relates and inspires: to ‘realise’ the words and sentiment Paul wrote to the Ephesians ...

“Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, “

Ephesians 5:19 ANIV

... which, in turn, echoes the call of the Psalmist ...

“I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart;

I will tell of all your wonders.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in you;

I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.”

Psalms 9:1-2 ANIV



The Worship Development Group recently reviewed the Extended Worship so far: there has been much positive feedback from the congregation, and some enthusiasm from those leading, and keen to be involved in this sort of more ‘flowing’, open worship.

So it has been decided that we would continue to provide and evolve this style of worship.

Development would include:

- ✠ Introduction of more relevant/modern music and songs, always as appropriate
- ✠ Promotion of praise and spiritual awareness
- ✠ Greater congregational involvement
- ✠ Balancing of known and new material

A frequency of about one Extended Worship service each 6 weeks (depending on season; other services planned, and availability of those keen to be on board with leading this style of service.)

This quarter's (December –February) Extended Worship services are planned to be on 12th January, and 16th February.

This is still a new venture for us, so we are always reviewing and revising the 'what' and 'how' of the Extended Worship elements of a service and hoping to lead where the Holy Spirit directs us.

Extended Worship might well be the place where we, and those yet to join us, might give ourselves the time and space to find ourselves truly free to open ourselves before our God, unconstrained, not afraid of our real, heart-felt emotions, and, with all of our hearts ... (as the last lines of all the verses of that same well-known song conclude) ...

“Worship Him, Christ the Lord.”

Elizabeth Gurd

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - A MESSAGE OF THANKS!

A big thank you to the members of KMC who worked so hard to make the Bazaar a success. They included the cooks, dishwashers, potato peelers, furniture movers, stall holders, bakers, jam makers, knitters, poster printers and those who donated treasures for the stalls or as raffle prizes. Our particular gratitude goes to those who stayed and cleared up afterwards so that the hall was ready for the morning service.

I am pleased to say we raised £1636.00 towards KMC funds. Almost of more importance, though, is the fact that we opened up the premises to the community of Knaphill and made them feel welcome.

What we need to do now is to reflect on what worked well and what could have been better? Do you have any suggestions as to how to improve things? Any new ideas for next year's Bazaar would be gratefully received. Please let me know.

Liz Funning

Great Success at Coffee Morning in October!



Tables of goodies!

Tarina Berry masterminded the organisation of the fund raising coffee morning which raised more than £600.

Here are some pictures and an article from the *Woking News & Mail*.



Lots of yummy cakes!

Sanctuary from abuse benefits from coffee and cake morning

AROUND £500 was raised at a coffee morning in Knaphill for a charity which supports domestic violence victims.

The event, held on Saturday morning at the village Methodist church, attracted more than 50 people.

It was organised in aid of Your Sanctuary by church member Tarina Berry, with help from fellow members of the congregation.

The Mayor of Woking, Cllr Beryl Hunwicks, cut a ribbon to open the coffee morning. Your Sanctuary is one of Cllr Hunwicks' charities for her mayoral year.

Visitors were served coffee and tea, bacon butties and homemade cakes, with the sale of bric-a-brac and cards, a tombola and games including guess the name of a teddy bear adding to the proceeds. Donations of goods from Ryman, Broadway Furniture, RSM Domestic Appliances and Woking Funeral Service also boosted profits. Tarina is expecting the total raised to increase when further promised financial donations are received.

She organises two or three charity coffee mornings a year and has previously supported organisations including Macmillan Cancer Support and Cancer Research UK.

"I'm a firm supporter of Your Sanctuary and it's a good cause to support," she said. Your Sanctuary provides support, advice and family refuges for women affected by domestic abuse in Woking, Surrey Heath and Runnymede boroughs. It also helps men in Surrey who have suffered domestic abuse.



GOOD CAUSE - The Mayor of Woking, Cllr Beryl Hunwicks, cuts a ribbon to open the coffee morning. She was joined by her deputy, Cllr Saj Hussain, Cllr Graham Cundy and Cllr Melanie Whitehand. Also pictured are Sally Blencowe, Tarina Berry and Sarah Jakubait.



ALL WELCOME - Ann Gammon, Tarina Berry, Helen Brice and Linda Todd serving hot drinks.

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Look out for the next **Your Sanctuary Coffee Morning** on 14th March 2020 at KMC.



Clothes4U

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Clothes4U is now over 2 years old and both visitor and volunteer numbers continue to grow. The November opening brought a queue of visitors waiting for Clothes4U to open which suggests that the posters displayed by many organisations in Surrey are working well. A new poster is circulated by email once a quarter showing the next three months' opening dates and various schools, charities, local government facilities, churches etc. kindly print them out and display them.

The organisation of the clothes bank open afternoons has also changed, with better use being made of the church's space, giving visitors more room to choose their clothes, and allowing more time and space of volunteers to sort donated clothes and put them onto hangers. Another benefit seems to be that it encourages people to stay on and socialise over a cup of tea – a lot of Syrian visitors have taken the opportunity to do this. Everyone who visits is encouraged to have a drink and piece of cake before they go.

Of course the more visitors we have, the more clothes we give out, and the more we need to replenish our stock. This means we need to constantly renew our requests for donations, while bearing in mind the changing seasons. The best way for donors to supply clothes is to email clothes@knaphill-methodist-church.com to find out when the church will be open, so that they do not have a wasted journey. One of the volunteers will reply to them and arrange a time.

We are in particular need of clothing for Woking's Syrian refugees. Woking is now home to many Syrian refugees, and a growing number of them visit the clothes bank. If you can help us out with donations of this kind or any other clothing please do get in touch.

A couple of weeks ago, we received a telephone call from Kim Coote, who is the coordinator for the Runnymede and Woking home start charity. She had been in contact with a family in Woking, who had recently arrived from Nigeria. The family includes three boys who didn't have any warm clothing. As Kim only works three days a week an arrangement was made to meet at KMC on Wednesday 27th November. During her visit we managed to find some tops and jeans for the family. We are hoping Kim will be able to come along again on 21st December to see Clothes4U in action!

We have also been able to pass on names of families to the Salvation Army, so ensuring they will receive gifts to help make Christmas more enjoyable.

Going forward into 2020, we would like to be able to provide some signposting to other services, which visitors may find useful. Research is starting – firstly, to identify what services would be useful to know about, and then how best to provide the information. Examples of services we are already aware of include the Citizens Advice Energy Best Deal, (which offers help in understanding how to approach the energy market to obtain a better deal from suppliers), food banks, and charities which can help with managing debt. There must be many other useful services that would be good for us to know about and there will need to be some form of Arabic interpretation too – so there is plenty to keep us busy.

It gives a really good feeling that Clothes4U is providing other ways of networking in the community, not just for this time of year, of course, but all year round.

Clothes4U coordinators: Helen Brice & Jane Ing

2 - 4pm Saturdays:

21st December, 18th January & 15th February

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Since I took over as leader in September, we have had varied sessions at **CAMEO**. Unfortunately two speakers didn't turn up at the last minute; the Fire brigade because they got called out, and the speaker from the British Legion as she was unwell (both have promised to come in the spring term – fingers crossed). However, we did manage to fill these two sessions with a talk about the work of the Vyne, courtesy of Eileen Lane, and holiday pictures for the other meeting.

We have, on average, 25 people each time, mainly ladies but a few gentlemen as well. All are welcome. We start at about 1.30pm with a cup of tea and a chat then the speaker for about 30/45 mins, followed by a hymn and prayer.

I'd like to thank Desna Berry and Margaret Hopkinson, who help me run and plan the sessions, and serve the teas with Helen Chamberlain.

CAMEO meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month in Room 3 at KMC. More details in **THE NOTICES** each week. **Barbara Humphries**

News from across the Channel

...and north of the border

(Ann & Rob Gill are long standing members of KMC and Rob remains a local preacher as you will read below. They now reside in France. Jennifer and Siobhan are their daughters and Ianto is Jennifer's baby son named after Ann's late father and is Welsh for John. Ann & Rob keep in touch regularly and visit when they can.)

Bonjour from Rob in France and hello from Ann currently in Scotland, our latest news being that Ann is staying long term with Jennifer and 17 month old Ianto because Jennifer underwent planned major neuro surgery on 12 November for which the convalescence is 8-12 weeks. She is gently recovering but, as yet is not able to keep up with the needs of a lively toddler, and so Ann will remain in the UK until after Christmas.

Rob is well and has stayed in France due to his commitments, not to say responsibilities, particularly with regard to the post he now holds as President of our church council and entire parish, which includes several other churches, even though services are held irregularly in some of those buildings. The church we attend is Protestant and French speaking (there are few Methodist churches in France). Rob's task is more onerous at present because since July we have been in an interregnum which is likely to last a year. As well as ensuring that normal church affairs and services run smoothly, he is also overseeing various projects, both concrete and abstract, relating to the life of the parish.

In addition to all this, many of you will be aware that he still preaches on the Methodist circuit plan from time to time and attends the Local Preachers' meeting when our travels permit. We were both very happy to see old friends when he led a service at Woking Trinity in September and we were also able to attend the Circuit Service that evening.

Jennifer is a member of Rosyth Methodist church which shares a building with a Scottish Episcopalian church, and has been warmly welcomed by both congregations who come together monthly for a joint service.

Tom, Siobhan and Naomi are living in Didcot. Tom works at the Rutherford Appleton laboratory on the Harwell campus and Siobhan has a post in Oxford working for a small company which provides specialised software to local government. However she will be going on maternity leave in the New Year as their second child is due in early February.

Since Siobhan will not be allowed to fly by late December, the Gill family Christmas which should have been in France this year, has been relocated to Didcot.

All of us join to wish our friends at KMC a happy and peaceful Christmas and we send our warmest greetings for the New Year ahead.

Ann and Rob Gill

The Power of Prayer

The power of prayer should never be underestimated. But what is it? According to the Bible the power of prayer is, quite simply, the power of God, who hears and answers prayer.

Does the amount of faith we have determine whether or not God will answer our prayers? This is a popular idea but sometimes the Lord answers prayers in spite of our lack of faith. In Acts 12, the church prays for Peter's release from prison and God answers their prayers. Peter goes to the door of the prayer meeting and knocks but those who are praying refuse at first to believe that it really is Peter. They prayed he would be released, but they failed to expect an answer to their prayers.

The power of prayer does not flow from us, it is not special words we say or the special way we say them or even how often we say them. It is not based on a certain direction we face or a certain position of our bodies. Neither does it come from the use of artefacts, icons, candles or beads. The power of prayer comes from the omnipotent One who hears our prayers and answers them.

Here are a couple of stories that demonstrates the power of prayer.

At the time I was working 65 miles from home. My mum was recovering from a fall down the stairs, breaking her hip and having a replacement hip operation, so was stuck upstairs unable to move too far or walk down stairs. My dad was running the shop downstairs on his own whilst mum recovered, but he didn't have great health having had a massive heart attack a few years before. Mum was



worried. She hadn't heard dad close up, The Post Office was open so vulnerable to robbery, so she phoned me. Even if I could have got in a car that minute or caught a train it was still going to take an hour at least to get back. I didn't know what to do. I suggested she let me call her back in case dad heard it and answered it. I prayed that someone would come to help as I called. No luck, dad didn't answer. So I prayed for help. A few minutes later mum called me back to say the vicar had arrived and found dad collapsed in the chair. He was okay but exhausted. They made sure the shop was closed and safe and then he stayed to help mum and dad have a cup of tea. God is with us always and if you ask He will provide what is needed. Praise the Lord.

I was training for the London Marathon this year, my very first marathon, when I ran into injury. My back seized up three and a half weeks before the start date and I could not run at all. I was in a good deal of discomfort and pain. This was a real worry, as I not only wanted to fulfil a lifelong dream, but I had pledged to raise £1700 for charity and I feared that I would let them down. I went to the Healing Rooms @Costa Coffee for prayer. One of the team who prayed for me, said that she believed that there would be a supernatural cushioning on my back and that Jesus would run with me all the way. Sure enough, miraculously I ran the 26.2 miles with no back problems and felt God's presence with every step. It was amazing. To top it all, as I crossed the finish line, I looked up to see a guy dressed as Jesus crossing the line just in front of me! What a sense of humour God has! 39,000 people completed the marathon that day and I cross with someone dressed as him. It was as if Jesus said "There you are, told you I'd be with you all the way around!" I have to say that in all my years as a Christian, God never ceases to amaze me.

To help us pray we at KMC are lucky to have a Prayer Diary called "Let us Pray", which is produced on a monthly basis. There are always copies available in the Welcome Area. Why not pick one up next time you are in Church and let it guide you in your prayers each day. It will only be by trying that we can hope to have our prayers answered so give it a go. Should you have success as happened for the two people in the stories above, and you would like to share the details of your answered prayer(s) the Editor would love to hear from you.

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of him.

(1 John 5:14 -15)

Raj's Citizenship Ceremony

Ever since the day I had received the letter confirming acceptance of my application to be a British Citizen, and confirmation of the date of the Citizenship Ceremony, I had been counting the days.

On 29th November 2019 my wife and I set off for County Hall - Surrey County Council's official HQ in Kingston. A bus to Woking Station and then by train to Surbiton and finally another bus to County Hall.



So not to be late and to avoid delays and cancellation of trains, we arrived by 12 midday at the venue. By 2pm we had been taken to the official room for a detail check. Finally, at 3pm sharp the Ceremony began when the Chief Dignitary arrived as the main Witness. The Citizenship Ceremony was conducted by the Superintendent Registrar. We were seated in two groups - one group taking the Oath of Allegiance - swearing by Almighty God - the other group by Affirmation to HM Queen Elizabeth II and the Pledge of Loyalty to the United Kingdom. I had confirmed almost four weeks earlier that I would swear by Almighty God. Each person identified themselves by uttering their name just before the Oath taking started as per the group. The group swearing by God was followed by the group by Affirmation. Then jointly all of us uttered the 2nd paragraph of the Oath of Allegiance - British Citizenship.

Presentation of the Certificate of Naturalisation as per the British Nationality Act 1981 followed as our names were called individually. The Chief Dignitary presented us with our Certificates, followed by each person signing their name in the Surrey Register of Citizenship. The Chief Dignitary also signed. At the beginning of the Ceremony he had given a short speech about Surrey as he welcomed us. Then just before the National Anthem was sung by all new CITIZENS, the closing Address was given by the Superintendent Registrar. During the singing of the National Anthem I saluted at the photo of HM Queen Elizabeth II. Quietly I thought of my great grandfather and his son - my grandfather, as both had taken the Oath of Allegiance to the British Crown in 1850s and 1970s, respectively as Gurkhas.

It was an emotional event for me as it became one of the hallmarks - one of the milestones of my life. I gratefully express my gratitude to

Reverend David Faulkner for being my "Campaign Manager" and initiating the Fund to help me pay the huge fees for the processes of application for Naturalisation. He patiently guided me in completing all the paper work. Thank you to Robin Spice for putting me in contact with an immigration specialist at Citizens Advice for clarification on certain aspects of the application. I am indebted to all current and past members of KMC for their generous contribution to the Fund and to members of the public including the lady who sold olives to me in a supermarket and to my former colleagues and student nurses from my NHS working years. However, above all, my heartfelt gratitude to Almighty God who via his only beloved Son, Jesus Christ, had listened and responded positively to my desperate prayers. AMEN.

Rajendra (Raj) Chhetri



CHURCH FLOWERS

Very many thanks to everyone who has given so generously to the flower fund during 2019.

The 2020 rota is now available in the welcome area so please sign up before someone takes your favourite date.

If you are celebrating a special birthday or anniversary, or remembering a loved one, why not donate some money for flowers and let us all celebrate with you.

We also give our thanks to Sheila Mynard, who has been arranging the flowers in church for many years. Due to ill health she has not been able to do this for much of 2019. However, we hope Sheila will be well enough for us to enjoy her arrangements in 2020.

Lastly, Gill and I would very much like someone to join our flower arranging team. If you are interested, please speak to Gill or me to find out what it entails.

Many thanks. **Shirley Chase & Gill Ball**

Say it with Flowers!

The common saying “say it with flowers” has been around for a long time and for good reason. Flowers allow you to communicate a message, because nearly all flowers have their own meaning. This overview of the symbolic meaning of flowers and their colours can help communicate the right message.



As one might expect, WHITE flowers symbolize purity, cleanliness, freshness, immaculacy, clarity and simplicity. White also indicates innocence, virginity, perfection, natural love and piety. So white flowers can be particularly suitable for weddings and funerals.

YELLOW flowers symbolize energy, strength, growth, cheerfulness and joy. Yellow also symbolizes warmth, the sun and new beginnings. Yellow flowers are also great for the start of spring.



ORANGE flowers symbolize cheerfulness, warmth, conviviality optimism, fun, strength vitality and energy. So yellow and orange flowers can be particularly suitable for birthdays and to congratulate someone.

RED flowers are, of course, often associated with passion, romance and tenderness so are great for giving to a loved one.



PINK flowers symbolise innocence, just like white ones but can also signify romance and tenderness too. They are the perfect colour of flower to say “I like you” or “you are dear to me”. Mother’s Day and the birth of a daughter can be suitable events for the giving of pink flowers.

PURPLE flowers are primarily used for mourning purposes so often used for funeral wreaths, condolence bouquets etc. However, this colour can also symbolize dignity and gravity.



BLUE flowers symbolizes divinity and eternity, but again also innocence. Often used for the birth of sons.

Finally, GREEN flowers symbolize young, new life and fertility. They can also indicate peace, prosperity and hope so very suitable for the birth of a child.

People in Profile: Christine Woodley



It was only a few months ago that you may recall Christine was masquerading as our Garden Gnome in the summer magazine. Well never let it be said that she is just a one trick gnome because as you can see she is now gracing this magazine as our very own Christmas Fairy complete with a wand. Versatile or what!

Would you believe that Christine came into the world during an air raid at 4pm in the shelters at West Middlesex Hospital? Her mother, unfortunately, missed her afternoon cup of tea because of this event and Christine was never quite forgiven. In those days it was the custom for new mums to spend 10 days “laying in” after giving birth and so this meant mum was not discharged until Christmas morning thus the new baby was named Christine. As petrol was rationed and there being limited public transport that day, Christine’s father was in a quandary as to how to get them home. At that time he was in the Home Guard and when he explained the situation to his Sergeant, his Sergeant said “leave it with me Pete”. The outcome was they were chauffeured home in an army truck full of soldiers – but Christine and her mum sat in the cab!

The family home was in Stanwell and when her brother came along the family was complete. Christine's father was an engineer having spent the war making Wellington bombers which, not surprisingly, was deemed to be a reserved occupation.

Her mother was a telephone operator at a large store which is where she met Christine's father.

Christine's time at school was not very productive because as she readily admits, at the time she did not know what education was for and believed that she was destined to be a housewife rather than having to go out and get a job. Despite this, the school careers officer thought she would make a good vet but her academic grades did not meet the requirements. However, given Christine's caring nature, the suggested idea of nursing did appeal and Christine applied and had an interview at Chiswick Polytechnic to do a two year nursing course. She was accepted and during those two years Christine made up for lost time and by working very hard came in the top three consistently. Not only did the course cover nursing but also took in music appreciation, art and dressmaking so now you know who to go to when you want a skirt taken in or trousers shortening! And if that's not enough she can also do your portrait in oils, oil painting being something she took up in the early years of her nursing career as a way of relaxing after her very long shifts.

On finishing her nursing course, Christine applied to Ashford Hospital rather than a London hospital which her tutor would have preferred her to do. Christine was not to be deterred however, believing that serving the local community was what she wanted and needed to do. Christine was successful and, later so impressed was the tutor with Ashford Hospital, that future students from the Polytechnic were regularly taken to the hospital to have a look round as a possible option for them too.

Christine started as a cadet nurse for six months and then began her three year training course. Unfortunately, there were problems with the tutor on her course to the extent that Christine left half way through and started work at a drug company. Whilst this was not what Christine envisaged happening at the outset, if this had not occurred she would not have met Roy who was also working for the company at the time. With love blossoming, Christine decided it was nursing she really wanted to do and very luckily was accepted back at Ashford Hospital to continue her training having explained to the

matron the reason why she had left. With the help of a new tutor, Christine qualified in 1966 and continued working at Ashford Hospital because of meeting Roy, and then buying a house in Staines after they got married.

The forty-four hour working week was hard and when Christine was not working she found her friends were not around at the same time as her. So this is when oil painting came to the fore. However, after she married Roy, she cut her hours to 27 with no split shifts or night work to contend with. Life became more manageable.

When Christine and Roy started a family in 1972, Christine gave up work completely at that time. With their two daughters, Joanna and Avril they moved to a house in Egham following Roy's change of job. This meant the family had more room and is where they lived for the following 24 years.

Once the girls were more independent, Christine decided to return to work and that she would like to concentrate on elderly care. For this she had to undertake a practice course at Farnborough College and Frimley Park Hospital. This was a six month part-time course which required many hours of study and work at the hospital all of which had to be evidenced. Of course this was a doddle for our Christine having become a real swot compared to her school days. After completing the course Christine started work at a residential care home in Woking.

Christine and Roy would not have moved house again if it had not been for very noisy neighbours who disrupted their lives significantly. So house hunting started in earnest with the requirement that the house must have a large garden so they could grow anything and everything. When they alighted upon the house where they now live, the previous owners must have been very surprised when Christine and Roy said they wanted to see the garden first – all 200 feet of it! It fitted the bill exactly and was just what they wanted for their planned retirement project. That was in April 1999 and they have not looked back since.

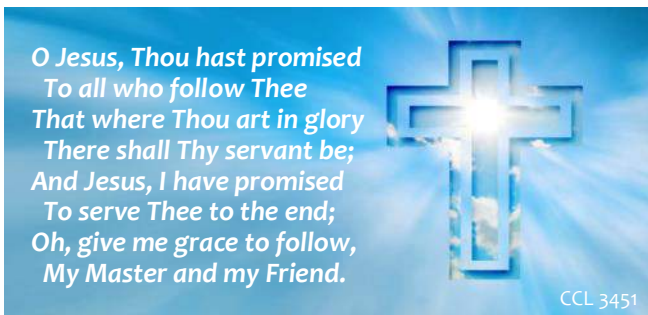
Christine's love of gardening started when her father would take her to his allotment every Sunday. Her dad grew everything and he would regularly barter his produce for other allotment holders' fruit and veg. He would travel the three mile route on his bike and to this he attached a converted coach-built pram in which Christine would

sit. Christine says they never got stopped but cannot imagine they would get away with it these days!

Christine's working life at that time was a very happy one but it is obvious she has to be watched going by the tale she tells of the day Roy came to the residential home with a baker's tray of cakes. One of Christine's colleagues witnessed Roy's arrival and Christine kissing him. Not knowing who Roy was she, of course, asked the obvious question "do you kiss every man who comes to the door?"

Christine's spiritual journey took root back in the day when her mother would take her to evensong at a local church in Stanwell. From that time she describes drifting from one church to another including the Congregational Church in Egham. That is until she started walking past KMC in 2000. Christine describes being felt drawn to enter KMC at which point she was warmly welcomed by Ella Allen, in particular. The rest, as they say, is history. Since attending KMC Christine has been a pastoral visitor (and still is), she has sat on the Church Council and was a Steward for a while too. Currently she is a valued member of the Worship Group and is always involved in the plant sales at the Christmas Bazaar and the Coffee Morning and Plant Sale in the summer. Yes it's that garden gnome again!

Christine's favourite hymn is "O Jesus I have promised". But it must be the right tune i.e. the modern version. Christine particularly likes the words of the 4th verse because Jesus promises that all who follow Him shall join Him in glory. She also chose this hymn for her confirmation.



In conclusion, whether Christine is acting as our Garden Gnome helping with all things green, or our Christmas Fairy wanting to wish everyone compliments of the season, one thing is for sure, she has a heart of gold, and we thank God she felt able to act on His will to enter KMC 19 years ago.

News from Ruth Pugh in Dragapur

Ruth is working in India for the Diocese of Durgapur, under the Church of North India (CNI) part of the Methodist Church. Her main role is to teach children music, specifically to play string instruments. She also trains them to be Cathedral musicians enabling them to play for all the services at the Cathedral. Ruth also coaches them to take The Associated Board of the Royal School of Music (ABRSM) and Trinity College London (TCL) exams. The ultimate aim is so they can get jobs as teachers teaching Western Music or playing professionally in orchestras. Ruth also works as a music teacher at a school in Perulia and at another school to help with music in pre-primary classes.



Dear friends and family

Time is running past and on Monday 25th November we had a new bishop elected for us. Bishop Sameer Isaac Khimla. His consecration was on 28th November in Nagpur with another bishop and his installation was on 1st December in Durgapur cathedral.

Preparation got put to one side a bit this week. I was talking to Mr Gorai about an hour after lunch, standing in the sun, and I went giddy for a second or two. Checked my blood pressure in the clinic – normal. Checked my blood sugar – 415! I'm taken to the emergency department of mission hospital where they check again and it is 437. They do an ECG and blood test and release me four hours later. I returned the following morning to see the doctor, and my sugar level is 505. I only had a 30 minute wait and they wanted an emergency admission. But no beds. So I waited another 2 ½ hours then went back to the diocese for a light lunch. 1 hour later I was taken to Healthworld hospital in the city centre, put straight onto a bed, test done and admitted within 1 ½ hours. I stayed there for 24 hours by which time the iv insulin had reduced my sugar level. It was an experience which I would not be in a hurry to repeat.

So I am now on 4 medications at different times of the day and insulin and a very reduced diet. All the things I like to eat are on the DO NOT EAT list, including rice, potatoes, bananas and mangoes. A lot of the things on the “can eat” list I've never heard of before. With the help of Pradip in the children's kitchen, who himself is a diabetic, we are sorting things out. Only 1400 calories a day and 80 gm of protein.

Anyway here are the things that have happened since my last newsletter:

The hostel is now split into a girls' home and a boys' home and is being registered under the government. I have been put in overall charge of the Durgapur Child Study and Development Centre (DCSDS), plus I am superintendent for the girls, meaning my hours of work are 5.30 am to 10pm. (This is on top of all my other responsibilities as well). The children have settled down to it and it is working well, two separate meal times, two prayer times.

I have just received my exam results for the practical exams. We have 3

distinctions, 7 merits and 10 passes. Mille (Rogina) did very well, distinction in her grade 1 piano and distinction in her grade 3 violin, and her brother David achieved distinction in grade 6 viola.

Since my last newsletter we have had the Vatican Bible School (VBS) Sunday school programme. The theme was 'I am the potter and you are the clay'. It was strange doing a programme with children with none of the DCSDS children there. I enjoyed it and did the introduction to the theme and made lots of Play-Doh to do activities with moulding and shaping and relating it to our lives. That was interesting as they had never played with Play-Doh before and they all took some back with them to their churches.

We also had the Women's' Convention, with the theme of tithing and giving generously back to God. Very good bible studies, activities and a cultural programme which was enjoyed by all.

Please remember in your prayers:

- ✝ My health;
- ✝ The new bishop as he settles into his role here;
- ✝ All the Christmas programmes;
- ✝ The children as they continue to settle into the girls' home and boys' home and all the government rules we now have to keep.

Thank you all for your continuing love and prayers.

In Christ's name,

Ruth Pugh



Tribal dancing at the Convention

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Broadway in New York City is famed for theatrical dramas and musical shows. Knaphill Methodist Church in the Broadway by the village shops has real dramas. It is strategically situated to welcome anybody who is in need of empathy as well as sympathy. It is indeed a haven for many who need to be at ease, not just during the Service but at any time - the wooden bench and the steps to the entrance to KMC provide a place to sit, rest and take sustenance - water, fizzy drinks and sweets or sandwiches.

As a Psychiatric Nurse for over 40 years, I define a human-being as 3 Dimensional = MIND, BODY and SPIRIT. They are inter-connected. SPIRIT here means either belief/religion or principle for survival. KMC has an open door to anybody who turns up to pray or seek empathy, sympathy or both. As per the messages in Psalms and the Old and New testaments, we acknowledge human frailty and respond. Over the last 38 years I have observed individuals from many walks of life who have entered the premises. We do observe their restlessness and need for understanding and respond to the reality of life in contrast to the Broadway in New York, USA. We at KMC recognise the spiritual component of human beings and not just the body and mind interaction.

Our Lord and Saviour responded to all three dimensions of human beings over two hundred years ago. His birth is the biggest revolution in the history of the world. Jesus' birth, life, teaching and guidance sustain life and reflect the ethos and practice of safeguarding - "sing my soul the King of Heaven".

Raj Chhetri

Merry Christmas

Christmas Alpha-Numericals – ANSWERS

1	3 W M	3 WISE MEN
2	12 D of C	12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS
3	4 G in a C C	4 GHOSTS IN A CHRISTMAS CAROL
4	3 S C S in	3 SHIPS COME SAILING IN
5	7 J of M	7 JOYS OF MARY
6	W 3 K of O a	WE 3 KINGS OF ORIENT ARE
7	8 R in The N B C	8 REINDEER IN THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS
8	6 S to a S	6 SIDES TO A SNOWFLAKE
9	D 26 is S S D	DECEMBER 26 IS SAINT STEPHENS DAY
10	31 D in D	31 DAYS IN DECEMBER
11	364 G in the T D of C	364 GIFTS IN THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS
12	70 M from N to B	70 MILES FROM NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM
13	J 1 is N Y D	JANUARY 1 IS NEW YEARS DAY
14	4 S on a C	4 STICKS ON A CHRISTINGLE
15	24 W on an A C	24 WINDOWS ON AN ADVENT CALENDAR
16	J 6 is E	JANUARY 6 IS EPIPHANY
17	5 G R	5 GOLD RINGS
18	1 C on a C	1 CANDLE ON A CHRISTINGLE
19	2 L on a T	2 LEGS ON A TURKEY
20	9 L and C	9 LESSONS AND CAROLS
21	4 C N O for the B	4 CHRISTMAS NUMBER ONES FOR THE BEATLES
22	1 F on a C T	1 FAIRY ON A CHRISTMAS TREE
23	17 Y that O C B C	17 YEARS THAT OLIVER CROMWELL BANNED CHRISTMAS
24	1 P in a P T	1 PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE
25	D 25 is C D	DECEMBER 25 IS CHRISTMAS DAY



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SUNDAY SERVICES

10am - Morning Worship (includes facilities for children)

Our services are warm and cordial. We include traditional and contemporary hymns and songs, led by our Worship Group.

The sermons are Bible based and are sometimes themed over several weeks. Holy Communion is generally on the 2nd Sunday of every month. After the service everyone is welcome to join us for refreshments; a time for a chat and to get to know each other.

We have a special Family Area at the back of the church with lots of things for children to do.

6.30pm - Monthly Evening Holy Communion

This is usually the 4th Sunday of the month, and is a small intimate service of Communion with about 15 or so people, some from other churches in the village. You are welcome to join us.

If you would like to worship on a Sunday evening when we do not have a service, our local Anglican church, Holy Trinity, Chobham Road, has a service at 6.30pm on the 1st Sunday of the month.


For further information see the notice boards outside the church or contact:

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Services December, January & February



15th December	10am	Morning Worship <i>Dave Faulkner</i>
22nd December	10am	Morning Worship <i>Sydney Samuel Lake</i>
	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
25th December	10am	Christmas Day Service <i>Dave Faulkner</i>
29th December	10am	Circuit Service <i>at Byfleet Methodist Church</i>
5th January	10am	Holy Communion <i>Peter Hills</i>
12th January	10am	Morning Worship: Extended Worship <i>Elizabeth Gurd</i>
19th January	10am	Morning Worship <i>Dave Faulkner</i>
26th January	10am	Morning Worship <i>Rosemary Lee</i>
	6.30pm	Holy Communion <i>Dave Faulkner</i>
2nd February	10am	Morning Worship <i>Allan Taylor</i>
9th February	10am	Holy Communion <i>Dave Faulkner</i>
16th February	10am	Morning Worship Extended Worship <i>Dave Faulkner</i>
23rd February	10am	Morning Worship <i>KMC Team</i>
	6.30pm	Holy Communion <i>Dave Faulkner</i>