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Notting Hill Methodist Church Newsletter – Easter Season 2017



UPWARDS AND ONWARDS!

Methodists have a patchy record of celebrating Ascension Day – some churches do, some don't. Some have no idea what it is!

The ascension of Jesus helps us understand why the resurrection appearances stopped, but more importantly symbolizes that in rising from the dead, Jesus Christ is affirmed by God in the greatest way. We use the language of 'up' to refer to things, or people, being elevated, more important, senior. We move 'up' (or down!) in career progression, in league tables, in the eyes of others.....

Ascension Day is an opportunity for us to affirm and celebrate the victory of Christ's resurrection, and to wonder how we might continue his work today.

THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT

No – not a piece of fake news, but the **President of the Methodist Conference**, which this year is Revd Roger Walton, will be preaching at our service on **Sunday 21st May** as part of his visit to the London District over that weekend.

ASCENSION DAY

There will be a service for **Ascension Day** on Thursday 25th May, at 7pm at the church.

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CHURCH OUTING – SATURDAY 1ST JULY

This year our outing is to Great Yarmouth, with coaches leaving at 8am. Details are already available on posters, but we would not want anyone in financial difficulties to be left out. The church Benevolence Fund can provide assistance for this, confidentially – please contact the minister if interested.

Don't be late for worship!

For a trial period, we are doing without our normal security provision on Sundays: this means that if you do arrive late it may take slightly longer to gain access to the building

Sunday Talks – half hour talks after worship by the minister

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| June 11: | What is Methodism? (its history, its emphases) |
| June 25: | Dementia & Pastoral Care |
| July 23: | What is Methodism? (recent history, what's happening now) |

Pentecost

Pentecost Sunday is on 4th June, and the congregation is invited to come to church wearing bright colours, or some item of bright clothing. If you love pastel shades or love to dress always in black, that's fine: a bright attitude will be fine too, as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit!



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NEWS ITEMS

Our barbecue at Kelfield Gardens will take place on Saturday 15th July.

Mike & Suzie Long and their family have now moved into 9 Denbigh Road. The home phone number is 020 7727 7010.

Carly Maybin has sadly tendered her resignation on grounds of ill health. We wish her well.

The church and circuit have sent a memorial to this year's Methodist Conference (which meets in late June/early July), asking the Church to support the 50th anniversary of the 'Notting Hill Consultation'. This was a meeting organised by the World Council of Churches, at the old Denbigh Road Ecumenical Centre (now Etheline Holder Hall) in May 1969. It led to the WCC's Programme to Combat Racism, which became a very significant project for decades. The memorial also urges the Church continue to oppose all forms of racism today.

The cracks in the church building have become worse, despite the removal of a large tree. Tell-tales have finally been installed to monitor the movement, but unfortunately this will take many months. We now do not expect to begin repairs until next year.

The re-launch of our church website will take place in the late summer, but we'd love any photos of recent church events, services and outings to put on it. (Photos including children must have parents/guardians' permission.) Please give to stewards or send to reception@nottinghillmethodistchurch.org

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Ministry and Management (Church Council and Circuit Meeting): Thursday 29th June at 7.30pm.

The next **Community Meeting** will be on Sunday 25th June. This will also act as our **General Church Meeting**, at which we elect church stewards and representatives to the Min & Man Committee every year, which is our local governing body. So this in advance notice to invite everyone to consider standing for appointment. More details from the minister or the current church stewards: Sonia Barnes, Sharon Meredith, Hannah Kawa and Wendy Yarde-Chase.