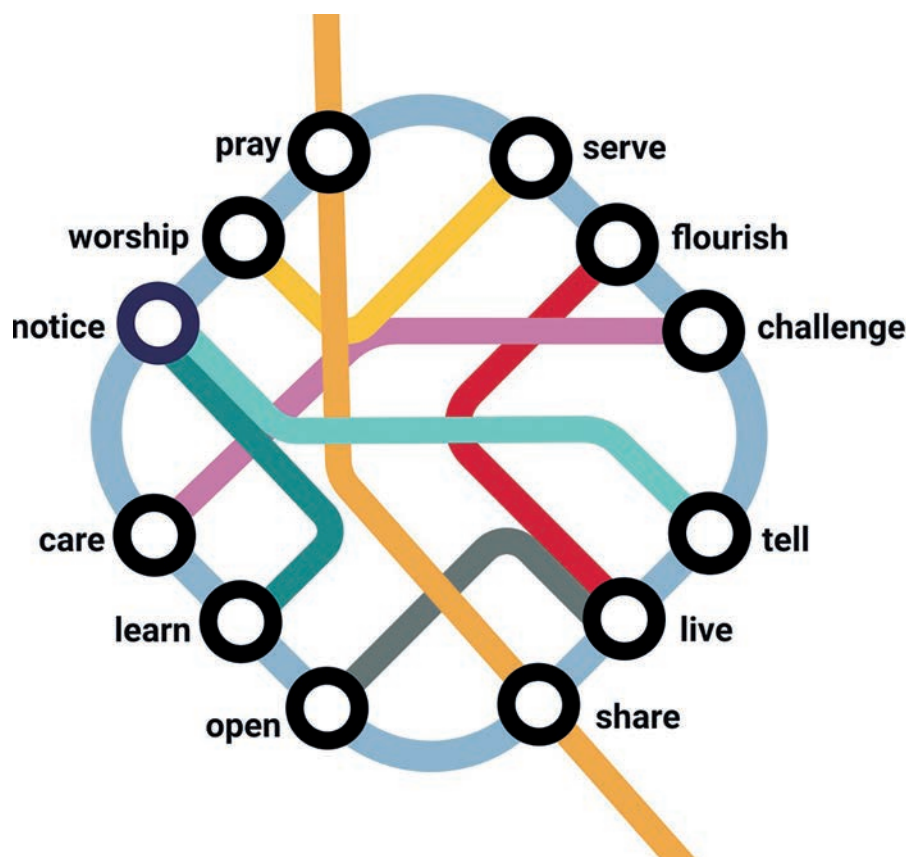




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DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAYS
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Discipleship pathways

 Pray We pray daily	 Worship We worship with others regularly	 Notice We notice God in Scripture and the world	 Care We care for ourselves and those around us
 Learn We learn more about our faith	 Open We practise hospitality and generosity	 Serve We help people in our communities and beyond	 Flourish We care for creation and all God's gifts
 Challenge We challenge injustice	 Tell We tell of the love of God	 Live We live in a way that draws people to Jesus	 Share We share our faith



**Worship • Pray • Notice • Serve
Flourish • Challenge • Share • Live
Tell • Care • Learn • Open**

These are the twelve words that the Connexional Evangelism and Growth team is emphasising in its latest strategy for Methodists living in and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. They're called 'Discipleship Pathways', based on what we called 'the Methodist Way of Life' a few years ago. These twelve words have also emerged from the Methodist 'Our Calling' mission statement and its four categories of Worship, Learning and Caring, Service, and Evangelism. The new strategy's logo is designed to resemble a tube map to emphasise the fact that there is no one singular starting (or ending!) place on this discipleship journey. Most important is recognising our current strengths and starting places and finding ways to move further.

We'll be sharing more of how all these words and 'starting places' inter-relate and overlap in the coming weeks and months. This issue of Grapevine gives a taste of how we in the North Kent Methodist Circuit are currently involved in discipleship pathways.

Worship: Ian Watton, Local Preacher Accreditation

Our newest Local Preacher, Ian Watton, was accredited as a Local Preacher in the North Kent Methodist Circuit on 15 September 2022 at Third Avenue Methodist Church in Gillingham. Accompanied by the music group from Third Avenue, a stirring sermon by Mr John Stunell, and Local Preachers, Ministers, and well-wishers from across the Circuit, we celebrated Ian's completion of his Local Preacher training and recognised him as a full preacher on our circuit Preaching Plan.

Also recognised at this service was Mr Martin Smith who received a certificate from the Connexional Local Preachers' Office on completion of forty years of Local Preaching. Congratulations and many thanks to Martin for his faithful service.



The Alpha Course is coming to a church near you!

This coming year will see the Alpha Course being delivered in several of our Circuit churches. Each of these churches will be embarking on a year long Alpha programme that will be rooted in prayer. The churches that are currently working with me in delivering Alpha are Sittingbourne, Third Avenue, Gravesend and Hextable.

about thirty minutes long and explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing questions such as Who is Jesus? How can we have faith? and How does God guide us?

Probably the most important part of any Alpha: the chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic, and simply discuss it in a small group. There's no obligation to say anything and there's nothing you can't say (seriously). It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment.

(From the Alpha website – alpha.org.uk/try-alpha)

The year is beginning with regular prayer meetings focused on prayer for the course itself, the congregation and its confidence in sharing faith, opportunities

to invite people to the course, and of course that the Holy Spirit would be graciously and powerfully at work in our communities and congregations. As we near the launch date for each course the prayer meetings will begin to focus on training for those who will be supporting and leading the small groups at the Alpha Course. This is nothing too heavy, simply a few short videos that encourage leaders and supporters to help everyone taking part in the Alpha Course to share their thoughts and questions. The training also emphasises the importance of allowing questions and opinions to be expressed without heavy handed challenge; every viewpoint is to be valued and respected.

The Alpha Courses themselves will begin shortly after the February half-term with the likely pattern through the week being, Mondays at Hextable, Tuesdays at Third Avenue, Thursdays at Gravesend, and Fridays at Sittingbourne. Some of these have yet to be confirmed.

Please pray for the Alpha Courses happening throughout the Circuit. Particularly we pray that the Holy Spirit will infuse us all with confidence, grace and compassion to invite our neighbours, friends and work colleagues to an Alpha Course to explore faith and the big questions of life.

Bart Woodhouse

Discovering Alpha



We often hear about life-altering events associated with injuries or disabilities, but for me it was Alpha that altered my life in every good way imaginable.

Restlessness had been a constant theme in my life – brain never still, never at peace, always needing something to plan for, save for, buy. Endless attempts to practise 'mindfulness' came to nothing. Deep in my soul there was a yearning, but for what I honestly didn't know. I'd only been to church for Sunday School and other than Weddings and Funerals that was the total extent of my encounter with Christianity. At the ripe old age of 65 I had been dancing with the idea or desire to find something more for over 10 years, asking the eternal question, is this all there is?

Enter Alpha. I'd heard about Alpha from a friend who had encouraged me to try it in the past and I wanted to, but various reasons I kept away, mostly if I'm honest because I was incredibly nervous and the thought of walking into a room full of strangers filled me with such anxiety that any difficulty with the timing or the distance provided me with a handy excuse not to go.

Then I had the unexpected chance to go to Gravesend for the midnight service at Christmas and as I walked in a huge red poster advertised the start of an Alpha course and I knew this was it.

I'd be lying if I said I wasn't nervous but the Thursday sessions couldn't come round quickly enough. There was a wonderful feeling of fellowship and such a warm welcome that I found my feet and drank everything in. The sessions were really relaxed, tea and cakes, chat and laughter, followed by watching the films and then more tea!

I was hungry to learn and listened avidly to everything, the films, the discussions afterwards and Bart's encouragements and knowledge – it was a terrific experience. I didn't volunteer very much at all by way of discussion for some weeks as I felt very much like the absolute beginner that I was, I hadn't read a Bible since school and everything was new to me. The themes covered in the films were really thought provoking, the testaments incredibly moving, raw, brave and inspiring. And on Spirit day I was blessed by an encounter with the Holy Spirit. It was so overwhelming and wholly unexpected that I didn't know whether to laugh, cry or run! And in truth I've laughed and cried in abundance over that experience.

This has been such a gift, and I owe it all to finally stepping over the threshold into Alpha and finding that peace I'd been searching for.

Janice, Third Avenue

Finding more than you would expect in a shed!



Earlier this year the vision of John and Eddie began to take shape, a “Men’s Shed” serving the communities of the Hoo Peninsula.

A Men’s Shed, for those who are unfamiliar with the movement, is an eclectic group of small workshops, run as a community collective, where men (although not exclusively!), particularly those isolated or struggling with health issues, both physical and mental, can go to find conversation and healthy distraction. Judging by the other projects we’ve seen, they are a fantastic resource for a community where people can meet up and find “community” over a restoration project, sharing skills and



knowledge, or by making something for their home or for a friend; or indeed something to sell on Ebay to help fund the project into the future. The opportunity to meeting others, enabling new relationships and conversations, and mutual support within the community, are what the Men’s Shed projects are all about.

For us at Lower Stoke, it all began over a coffee at the Wednesday Community Drop-In at the Methodist Church (one of the locations of the Peninsula Methodist Church). This led to a conversation with another local charity that ran a Men’s Shed project on the Medway City Industrial Estate called The Octopus Foundation. They were extremely helpful and encouraged us to hold some taster sessions with their support. Over a dozen local men (of a certain age!) came to those taster sessions and John received several other messages of interest, this confirmed that there was a wider appetite to have a Men’s Shed locally. Several months later we have a working project, still some details to iron out and some changes to the building needed going forward, but each Tuesday morning there is the buzz of a workshop humming away with both machinery and conversation

at the heart of the community. A healthy sign that the Men’s Shed is working well is the fact the kettle never goes cold! The project has moved forward very quickly, and I must thank John and Eddie who got things off the ground, and Terry, Mike and Ian, who have been instrumental in getting the workshop up and running. There have also been numerous donations of tools, machinery, wood, and materials, with some of the donations being extremely generous, that have enabled the Shed to function. And for all of those donations and people’s time, we want to say a huge thank you!

Of course, within the vibrant mix of people and conversation there have been opportunities to talk about issues of faith, and we pray that the fact this project is hosted by the local Methodist Church will continue to spark healthy questions. We continue to hope that all those involved will find more than they expected over a cup of tea and the intricacies of making wooden toy Spitfires!

If you’d like to be involved or visit the project please contact either John Stunell or Bart Woodhouse.





1st UKHK Welcome course (session 1) on 29th May 2022

Welcome to the UK!

Social and Cultural Integration for people coming from Hong Kong

By Henry Chung

UKHK Welcome Course

Since the beginning of this year, with many new Hong Kongers arriving, we have partnered with UKHK (a project run by Welcome Churches) to run the UKHK Welcome Course, who also provided all the materials such as digital promotional posters, course videos, online presentations and the "Welcome to the UK" printed booklet full of information on "Life in the UK", all free of charge.

Each course contains six sessions:

1. Welcome to the UK
2. Understanding British Culture
3. Making Friends
4. Wellbeing
5. Problem Solving
6. Citizenship

The first course was carried out over four Saturdays from the end of May to early July, with 20 participants. An Immigration Lawyer from Citizens' Advice has also joined us for in-person advice on one Saturday. Bonni-Belle has also attended three of the four Saturdays as an observer and supporter. We also enjoyed some fellowship over a light lunch at the end of each session and a bbq at the end of the sixth session.

Due to many more newly arriving Hong Kongers during the summer period, we are currently running a second course.

We have nearly 40 participants (including nine children) in the current course, many of whom have only been in the UK for two to three months and most of whom are not Christian.

The Welcome Course also helps us to understand the difficulties they are experiencing in the UK such as communicating in English, transportation for those who haven't yet got a driving licence, finding schools for their children

and coping with cultural differences, and there are many other needs such as English lessons, understanding the UK Tax system, social integration and much more.

As a church community, through our ministry, we are hoping many will eventually come to know the Good News! Amen.



2nd UKHK Welcome course (session 1 & 2) on 1st October 2022

Working with Wycliffe Bible Translators

Greetings everyone! I'm thankful to Bonni-Belle and to many people I've met so far in this Circuit for a very warm welcome. We're probably all a bit surprised that I'm here. In 2014, after 17 years in Circuit ministry, the Methodist Church gave me permission to explore work with Wycliffe Bible Translators. The Committee I'd met with had recognised a sense of calling to that work and that I had 'transferable skills.' Wycliffe **serves local partners worldwide to bring God's word to their communities in the language which speaks to them best.** I should add that I taught German before offering for our ministry, and that when I was training for ministry at Wesley College Bristol, where Vic Downs was a fellow student, I spent a lot of time learning Hebrew and consolidating my Greek, (the original languages of the Bible), and languages have fascinated me since childhood.

Why Wycliffe? One answer is that in 2013 I went on a trip to Ghana with a group of Methodist ministers. Visiting my church in Grays, Essex, before the trip, the Revd William Davis told them 'Your minister will never be the same again.' When we reached the border with Burkina Faso in the far North, I was strangely stirred. The following year I went back to Ghana on Sabbatical and crossed that border at last to visit Wycliffe's partner organisation in Ouagadougou, the capital of Burkina. I undertook Wycliffe's training in Language and Cultural Acquisition and in Field Linguistics at a Bible College in Gloucester in 2014-15, and went to France for nearly 6 months to upskill my A level French. Like much of West Africa, Burkina's official language is French. Independence in 1960 found all education and administration established in French and no agreement to favour any of the SEVENTY local languages.

I finally set off for Burkina in August 2016. Three weeks later I visited a



At a workshop together in Ouagadougou



The wonderful team I worked with in our village office

team in the South West who had finally presented the printed copies of the New Testament they had translated in **March 2016**. Just let that sink in – a community of people speaking a language where the New Testament first became available in the language they grow up speaking SIX YEARS AGO. (Until then, they would have only been able to read a Bible in French or else the regional language, Julia.) It soon became clear they were pleased to have my help as they embarked on translating portions of the Old Testament. When I moved into their village in December 2016 (into a chalet-type house built for the American family who'd worked with them previously) we started work on Genesis. We worked together in French. They were now very experienced, having translated the New Testament, guided by the three Americans.

Translation involves understanding clearly the message being conveyed in the source language so that it can be communicated accurately and naturally in the target language. It's always best

to translate INTO your own language, so of course local translators take the lead. My job was to support their understanding of the original, using my Hebrew and my experience studying the Old Testament for teaching and preaching. One of the most moving aspects for me is that two of the three translators I worked with had been the first little boys to go to school in their village. They were now in their mid 40s, and leaders in the church. People older than them had no formal education and were only now having the chance to learn to read, as one team member headed up literacy work to ensure that the printed New Testaments could be read and used by God to transform their lives.

It was an enormous privilege for me to spend two years living in their village, learning a little of the language, praying and sharing the Scriptures each morning, preparing the passages they were translating, chewing over the texts with them, explaining Hebrew thought and Hebrew poetry. Perhaps the most astonishing thing was 'testing'. Once they had drafted a portion, it had to be tried out on the community. We'd travel into the bush where people gathered. One time, by night, a community heard the entire Joseph story. Questions were then asked to make sure people who'd never heard it before could understand.

You may sense that my heart is still in Burkina. But here I am in Dartford where I grew up. I came back for a ten week visit in March 2020...you supply the rest! I'd hoped to return in 2021 but a beloved aunt was dying and my father is also very frail. Meanwhile, in that village, local tensions erupted into anti-church attacks and Burkina Faso has become even less stable this year. I took the difficult decision to retire from Wycliffe. I'd quite expected to become Supernumerary, too, but it seems God has other ideas. Watch this space!

Rosemary Pritchard



Faith, Life and Learning – a sabbatical reflection

“Sabbaticals are a gift from the Church to all presbyters and deacons and it is intended that they will (use the time to) do something different which will inform and perhaps enthuse them in their ministry. Ministers return re-energised, refreshed and their calling re-ignited.”

Deacon Elizabeth Harfleet reflects on her experience.

After much thought about a sabbatical topic, I settled on ‘Coffee and Community’ – an exploration of how the coffee bean has, over the centuries, impacted and changed lives, communities and has possibly had a role in changing the course of history. I read, researched, wrote, met wonderful people, went to interesting places and drank coffee, always mindful of how all this might feed into ministry on my return to Circuit work.

Coffee, I discovered, is an art form, possessing an almost sacred quality and during one course that I undertook the trainer stressed the importance of blessing the coffee grounds before brewing, as a mark of gratitude to all those who have been involved in bringing the coffee beans to the cup. I also discovered a much darker side to coffee – a history of injustice, slavery and cruelty which brought tears to my eyes. Coffee also frequently comes at a cost. Harvesting coffee on the steep, mountainous terrain on which some of the world’s finest coffee is grown, means that just one slip could be fatal. Please remember to bless those coffee grounds.

In contrast, discovering the work being undertaken by coffee-inspired Social Enterprises has been a joy. Fair Shot Café in central London provides employment and training to young people who are disproportionately disadvantaged in employment because of disability. Sacred Bean Café and

Roastery in Derby is a Christian-led social enterprise pioneered and run by ex-offenders, offering an opportunity to learn new skills or transfer old skills, so enhancing future employment prospects and helping to reduce the likelihood of reoffending. The Beehive in Bethnal Green, located within a church, provides a hub for business people and equally a place of welcome for those who simply want to chat with the staff.

Whilst the Bible doesn’t say that Jesus drank coffee, there are many poignant examples where Jesus shared food, drink and fellowship, giving us a model for hospitality as the Body of Christ. The role of coffee in Christian life cannot be underestimated, from coffee mornings, after-church coffee and café church, through to professionally run coffee shops. What particularly struck me was the passion, energy and enthusiasm I encountered amongst the aficionados of the coffee industry, especially in the Social Enterprises. Can we be as passionate about Jesus and sharing the Gospel as the coffee enthusiasts are about their coffee?

It was always my hope that one or more coffee-related initiatives could emerge as a practical outworking of my sabbatical experience, and I would like to think that, at the very least, churches could see their way to using Fairtrade or Directly Traded coffee, helping to ensure a fairer deal for the world’s coffee farmers.

My sabbatical journey has been one of discovery in which my faith, learning and life experience have been greatly enriched and, in many ways, I feel that this is only the start of a journey into what is possible with God, Coffee and Community.

Deacon Elizabeth Harfleet

What is a Sabbatical – and why?

Sabbaticals are a required part of a presbyter’s or deacon’s performance of his or her duties. They can be extremely beneficial both for the individual minister and for the health of the wider Church and can significantly enhance the ministry of the whole people of God.

For Methodist presbyters and deacons, a sabbatical is a period of release from ordinary ministerial duties, in addition to normal holidays, for the purpose of pursuing an approved programme of study, research, work or experience. It is intended as a time for re-equipping, refreshment and renewal.

All presbyters and deacons in Full Connexion and stationed in an appointment within the control of the Church are expected to take a regular sabbatical. The years in which sabbaticals may be taken are normally every seventh year of travel as a minister.

Read more about Methodist Ministers’ Sabbaticals at www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/ministries/sabbaticals/



Clearing up a “Right Mess”

Litter picking group at Peninsula Methodist Church, Strood

The end of PMC's July Church Council meeting was in sight. We were all getting a bit restless and couldn't wait for it to finish, just like children at the end of a busy school day. I could just imagine us fighting for the door to see who could escape first into the bright sunshine. As it was the meeting had gone quite well under the circumstances and finished in under two hours.

We were up to 'Any Other Business' on the Agenda. Was there 'any other business'?

Silence. Apparently not, until a lone voice spoke.

"I was wondering...whether we could start a Litter Picking Group for Cliffe Road."

Cliffe Road is the road outside the Church, quite a long and busy fairway which gradually rises as you proceed further along and when on foot usually involves quite a lot of puffing and panting near the top.

The person who was wondering went on to explain that as the wind usually blew down the road, litter amassed at the bottom making it look a 'right mess'. Also there is a corner shop just across the road where bottles and cans tend to congregate, and the Cecil Arms public house is situated just a short way away, where used glasses and sometimes broken bottles are left waiting to be kicked along the path.

Straight away there were mumbles of agreement and lots of nodding heads. Bart was the first one to speak. "Great idea. A Community Outreach. When can we start?"

After a short discussion about what was needed and what day would be best we eventually finished the meeting with a plan of action: Friday afternoons at 2pm after the refuse collectors had been round to collect the household rubbish.

Bart lent us some hi-vis waistcoats, some litter pickers and 'the things which hold the rubbish bags open' from Ebbsfleet and we thought we were

ready. However we were told that a Risk Assessment had to be done and it was found that the intended date wasn't convenient as it would be August soon and the start of the holiday season, so this was postponed until the end of the month.

In the meantime the Council were contacted to see if there was anything we needed to know before starting. A lovely email was received back from Julia at the Environmental Engagement Office, along with an official Risk Assessment document, for which we only had to acknowledge receipt. "Do you need any equipment?" she asked, so we opted for everything she suggested. Hi-vis waistcoats, litter pickers, the things that keep the bags open and rubbish sacks. Julia promptly delivered these the same day with a huge smile, saying that if she could help with anything else just contact her.

The allotted day dawned sunny and hot and five of us met just before 2 o'clock at the church. We donned our waistcoats, put on disposable gloves and collected our pickers and bags and sallied forth. It was agreed that one person would collect cans and bottles in order that we could recycle them and the rest of us did the general rubbish. Bart produced a board on which was written that the 'The Methodist Church are in the process of Litter Picking in this area'.

We all started out quite enthusiastically even though it was a hot day, and arrived back after about an hour with five full bags of assorted rubbish. I won't go into what was in the sacks as you really wouldn't want to know. Needless to say we all thoroughly washed our hands afterwards after disposing of our disposable gloves.

Bart suggested that he took our photos with the rubbish we had collected, but we are a very shy bunch at PMC and flatly refused to have our faces splashed across the circuit magazine. One good thing which did come out of our efforts was that people did stop and say 'thank you' or 'well done' and we hope that in the future people will recognise us as we litter pick and that conversations will start. Hence the 'Outreach' will begin. Who knows what the future holds! Before we all departed Bart prayed for our community and we left feeling we had done some good. It was thus decided that we should do this each Friday in the hope that each week it would get easier.

Sunday – after the Friday Litter Picking.

The wind had been much stronger on Saturday and on arriving on Sunday morning to worship, we found that the wind had blown rubbish from the top of the hill to the bottom and the road was now worse than it was on Friday. Oh well, there's always another Friday!

Introducing Peggy



I am Siu Kuen Peggy Au Yeung, the newly appointed Cantonese teacher for the Chinese Language School of the Medway Chinese Methodist Church. I was previously Vice Principal at a Hong Kong primary school where I led the Student Support Committee in setting up a nurturing program for all students in the school.

My forty years of experience in education have helped me to understand that students have different abilities and needs, so will not all have the same requirements. I respect their uniqueness, play to their strengths and enhance their weaker abilities.

I also understand that it is necessary to provide a safe and suitable learning environment for students to meet their physical and mental needs so that they can concentrate on their studies. I believe that every child is unique and that learning in a loving environment contributes to the growth of the whole person, so when I make policies for nurturing students, they are based on love, acceptance and forgiveness.

In addition to being a Vice Principal, I was also a Chinese teacher. I believe

that encouragement allows children to learn actively, therefore, I always create a pleasant atmosphere in the classroom. Through different activities, such as cooperative learning, group discussions, games and so on. I enable students to achieve a number of small goals to build their self-confidence and enhance their interest in learning. In conducting activities, I ask students to respect each other and accept the performance of others. I am experienced in teaching speech, so I often improve students' understanding and confidence through reading, recitation and dialogue. The results are remarkable, with a large number of students achieving excellent results in off-campus competitions.

As a Cantonese Teacher at Medway Chinese School, I look forward to using my past teaching experience to teach students. Although their ages vary greatly, I will teach them as much as I can, helping them learn not only from textbooks but also about Chinese culture and how to have a good moral character. I will create a pleasant and safe learning environment for them so that they know and feel the grace of the Lord.



Dragon Boat Race





At the beginning of the year, I came across a notice near St Mary's Island, Chatham, advertising the Medway Dragon Boat Challenge 2022. This event, which is organised by the Medway Sunlight Rotary Club and part of the Chatham Maritime Food and Drink Festival, was to resume in May 2022 after two years' cancellation due to COVID-19.

I thought that this would be a great event for the new Hong Kongers and the local people to socially integrate, as well as an opportunity to fundraise for the Medway Chinese School (a ministry project of the Medway Chinese Methodist Church) where funding is limited. As soon as we spread the word to recruit 20 crew members, it didn't take long to fill the spaces. This is an annual event in Hong Kong, where people rarely have an

opportunity to participate in the race but watch it on television.

The Race finally took place at Basin 2 on St. Mary's Island, Chatham, on Sunday 5 June from 10 am to around 4 pm. Everyone was wearing a specially designed team t-shirt in red. There were 22 teams and each team had the opportunity to participate in at least four races. Team MCMC finally came 16th overall. Everyone enjoyed it and got to know each other better. We also raised a total of £800 for the Medway Chinese School. Many have asked if we will be entering this challenge again next year. My answer was "We will be back!"

Special thanks to those who helped and supported us during the day!

Henry Chung



North Kent Circuit

Preaching Plan December 2022 - February 2023

		DECEMBER				JANUARY					FEBRUARY				
		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	
		2nd of Advent	3rd of Advent	4th of Advent	Christmas Day	1st of Christmas	2nd of Christmas							First Sunday in Lent	
BEARSTED	10.30	LA	ZACHAR <i>hc</i>	MARKOVA ZACHAR <i>cs</i>	BYARD 9.30am	WILDING	ZACHAR <i>cov</i>	PICKARD	R VINCENT	US @SBourne	LA	ZACHAR <i>hc</i>	G HARRIS	WATTON	
BURHAM	10.30	– OATES 4PM	–	OATES <i>hc</i>	–	NEWELL	–	TOLHURST	–	–	PRITCHARD	–	–	KASONGO	
CHINESE	13.30	LAU <i>hc</i>	J TANG	SIU	SIU	PICKARD <i>cov</i>	T QU	SIU	SIU	LA	PICKARD <i>hc</i>	SIU	A LEE	HII	
DENE HOLM	11.00	–	HARFLEET	–	S SMITH	–	GRAY	–	TERRETT <i>cov</i>	–	BURCH	–	TERRETT <i>hc</i>	ROWE	
ECCLES	10.30	–	MYLES	–	PRITCHARD	–	OATES	–	WEST	SHEPHERD	–	BYARD	–	–	
THIRD AVENUE	10.30	SELMES	LA <i>Nativity</i>	RS&BW <i>hc</i>	SELMES	–	WATTON	SELMES <i>cov</i>	KASONGO	SELMES	SELMES	LA	SELMES <i>hc</i>	SELMES <i>aaw</i>	
	16.00	–	–	<i>Carols</i>	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
GRAVESEND	11.00	PRITCHARD <i>Toy Service</i>	WOODHOUSE	TERRETT	TERRETT	LA	TERRETT <i>hc/cov</i>	WOODHOUSE	HOLLANDS	GRAY	TERRETT <i>hc</i>	S SMITH	HARFLEET	BYARD	
HARTLIP	18.30	SELMES <i>hc</i>	LA <i>cov</i>	LA AM	–	–	SELMES	GALLAGHER <i>cov</i>	SELMES	– <i>ecu</i>	BOWERMAN	SELMES	GERMAN <i>hc</i>	MYLES	
HEXTABLE	10.30	WOODHOUSE	LA <i>Nativity</i>	GILL LBS	GILL LBS	PRITCHARD	GILL LBS <i>cov</i>	DOWNES	BURCH	MATTHEWS	WOODHOUSE	GILL LBS	NEWELL	GRAY	
HOPE STREET	10.30	LA	WEST <i>hc</i>	M SMITH	LA	LA	LA <i>hc</i>	BOWERMAN	LA	GALLAGHER	LA	LA	HINCHLIFFE <i>hc</i>	ZACHAR	
KINGSWOOD	11.00	LA <i>Café</i>	LA <i>Nativity</i>	ANGELICAN <i>Christingle</i>	LA	LA <i>Café</i>	–	BAPTIST	ANGELICAN <i>hc</i>	ANGELICAN <i>hc</i>	LA <i>Café</i>	R VINCENT	BAPTIST	ANGELICAN <i>hc</i>	
LARKFIELD	10.00	OATES <i>hc</i>	BYARD	PRITCHARD	OATES	CARPENTER <i>hc/cov</i>	CARPENTER	PRITCHARD	MYLES	BYARD	CARPENTER <i>hc</i>	SHEPHERD	PRITCHARD	LA	
NEWINGTON	9.30	M SMITH	LA	ZACHAR <i>hc</i>	–	LA	MYLES	LA	ZACHAR <i>hc</i>	US @SBourne	M SMITH	LA	ZACHAR <i>hc</i>	ZACHAR	
ST. LUKE'S	10.30	TOLHURST	SELMES <i>hc</i>	– LA <i>cs</i>	SELMES 9.30am	LA	SELMES <i>cov</i>	TROTT	M SMITH	PICKARD	ROBB	SELMES <i>hc</i>	LA	GALLAGHER	
HOLY TRINITY	10.00	YAMOA	ANG <i>hc</i>	ANG	ANG <i>hc</i>	ANG	ANG <i>hc</i>	ANG	ANG <i>hc</i>	ANG	ANG <i>hc</i>	ANG	ANG <i>hc</i>	TOLHURST	
SITTINGBOURNE	10.30	ZACHAR <i>hc</i>	WADE	LA <i>cs</i>	ZACHAR	LA	WADE	ZACHAR <i>cov</i>	WOODHOUSE	US	ZACHAR <i>hc</i>	WADE	M SMITH	WALDOCK	
SPITAL STREET	10.30	PACKHAM	BURCH	– LBScott <i>cs</i>	GRAY	HARFLEET	KASONGO	BYARD	S SMITH	DOWNES	LA	HUDSON-BEDDOWS	BURCH	TERRETT <i>hc</i>	
STOKE	18.30	–	ROBB	–	–	–	WOODHOUSE	–	–	–	–	LA	–	–	
PENINSULA STROOD	10.30	SIU	TOLHURST	WALDOCK	GERMAN	TROTT	ROBB	NEWELL	WATTON	WOODHOUSE	MYLES	TROTT	LA	WOODHOUSE	
SWANSCOMBE	10.45	TERRETT	–	LA	–	HUDSON-BEDDOWS	–	ROWE	–	TERRETT <i>cov</i>	–	GRAY	–	HARFLEET	
TONBRIDGE RD	10.30	WEST	OATES	NEWELL <i>cs 6pm</i>	KASONGO 10am	LA	WEST <i>hc</i>	G HARRIS	SHEPHERD	PRITCHARD	WEST	TOLHURST	MARKOVA	PRITCHARD	
THE BRENT	10.30	GILLMORE <i>Toy Service</i>	TERRETT <i>cs 4pm</i>	LA	HARFLEET	DOWNES	MATTHEWS	TERRETT <i>cov</i>	HUDSON-BEDDOWS	WILDING	KASONGO	TERRETT <i>hc</i>	PICKARD	MATTHEWS	
UNION STREET	10.45	WILDING	PICKARD <i>hc</i>	<i>Carols</i>	PICKARD	–	PICKARD <i>cov</i>	LA	PICKARD	G HARRIS	NEWELL	PICKARD <i>hc 200th</i>	WEST	SHEPHERD	
ONLINE SERVICES	10.30	PICKARD	PICKARD	PICKARD	LPs	PICKARD	BURCH	LBScott	THIRD AVE	SIU	PICKARD	THIRD AVE	WOODHOUSE	LBScott	

aa All-age / *hc* Holy Communion / *us* United Service / *cs* Carol Service / *cov* Covenant Service
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