

ONLINE Circuit Sunday Service

If you would like to join in with this on Sundays at 10:30am, go to the North Kent Methodist Circuit website.

On the home page, scroll down to Worship from home

It is very easy to follow the links.

Unfortunately, I am not able to get a printed service sheet to those of you who do not have internet access in time for the services. I will try to include them with the notice sheets so you will be able to go through the service then.

I haven't printed the service sheet for Sunday 19th April as it is 11 pages!
You can find it on the NKMC website if you are able, otherwise, you already have details of radio and television worship programmes and times.

From Sharon: If you would like to send your offering or make a donation, please make cheques payable to:

The Church in Hope Street

If you have envelopes, please include them. Thank you

Or for BACS payments: **Account name: The Church in Hope Street**

Sort code: 40-41-41

Account number: 71387421

Sharon's contact details can be obtained from Heather M whose contact details are below.

Our 3rd issue. The hope now is that a sheet can be produced and distributed **each month** to keep in touch. If you would like a message included, let me know by email, text, or phone. Keep well, Heather x
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*In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All
here in the love of God I stand.*

Singing the Faith 351

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Mission Statement

*Our mission is to help all people understand and respond
to the depth of God's love for them*

MESSAGES

From Sid: Thank you for all my birthday cards, telephone calls and messages. Keep safe and well. Sid and Maureen xx

From Heather & Fred: Thinking of you all and send our best wishes. Keep safe and well. Looking forward to seeing you all again.

From Marilyn: The lockdown is driving me round the bend. I am missing all my friends. But it is a small price to pay for all those poor people who have passed away. The little things mean so much to me, the bird song in the mornings coming from the trees. Sitting in the garden listening to the quietness, watching the birds, bees, and butterflies I think to myself God will get us through this and we will remember all the people we we love and miss.

From Kathy: Dear friends,
it was something of a shock although not entirely unexpected when Brian received the letter last week informing that he, and those who care for him, will be in total isolation for 12 weeks.
I thought I wouldn't cope but despite some difficult moments we have felt that we have been upheld by the loving phone calls of family and friends, particularly from the Church and Age Uk who have rung us regularly.
Sharon, in one of the calls I made to her told me about Psalm 91 and verse 2 I have found valuable, "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress my God, in whom I trust."
God bless and stay safe.
Kathy and Brian

ALSO, Madge has had to go back into hospital as she has contracted the Covid-19 virus. She is not on a ventilator at the moment. Madge is in Tennyson Ward Medway Maritime Hospital. Please remember in your prayers Madge and all those suffering with and affected by this horrible virus.

BIRTHDAYS: Marie 30th April, Tanni (Coffee Shop) 3rd May, Anne (Rymill) 5th May, Win (Rubidge) 18th May

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A MESSAGE FROM LYNNE

Hello Everyone

I pulled on a T shirt the other day which had a slogan on. The first part of it said 'Life is about moments'. During the day I pondered this and remembered a favourite tune of my Dad's. As a little girl he often played this song on our old 'gramophone' - that shows my age. He must of played it a lot as some of the lyrics came floating back *'Time can't erase the memories of those magic moments filled with love'* or something like that. I can't remember the artist but I'm sure someone can tell me.

In the hurly burly of our lives I wonder whether that was still true - moments or memories are often squashed out of our minds as they become so cluttered with stuff of the day. Sometimes even lost altogether. Such a shame.

Now we have time to stop and to ponder I wonder whether we could recall those magic moments of our lives – perhaps even write them down. Writing them down for the future. You don't have to be a great author; but sometimes writing things down makes them clearer and they are certainly easier to share that way. So when we can again get together with our friends and families we can play the 'Remember that day when' game or indeed share with others about the lives we led the fun we had. So they get to know who we really are and what has made us that way. I bet you will be surprised when you hear them say 'I didn't know that'.

Often you can be amazed at the events and inventions that have happened through your own lifetime. One thing for sure we are not going to forget this Corona virus for a while or the way it changed our lives.

The world has moved on so rapidly perhaps it needed to slow itself down. To take a breather as my Dad would have said.

So I offer this challenge in the next few weeks – Take time to write some of those magic moments filled with love down. Make your heart smile as you do so. Until we can meet again

Stay Safe Stay Well Stay rooted in Christ

God Bless you all

Lynne

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Like Thomas

Life is hard at times,
So much fear.
Hope seems lost to me,
Are you near?
I need you here beside me
For strength along the way,
So I can say, like Thomas every day,
My Lord and my God
I believe!
I believe!

Doubts can wear me down
Through the years
And my trust in you
Disappears.
I need you here beside me
For strength along the way,
So I can say, like Thomas every day,
My Lord and my God
I believe!
I believe!

When my faith is low,
Stay by me.
Let me feel your scars,
Help me see
That you are here beside me
For strength along the way
So I can say, like Thomas every day,
My Lord and my God
I believe!
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PRAYER

COVID-19

Lord God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, understood peoples fear and pain before they even spoke of them. We pray for all who have fallen into sickness from the Corona Virus, those in hospital and at home.

Surround the frightened with your tenderness, give strength to those fighting for their lives, hold the weak and dying in your arms of love O Lord.

Shield and protect all on the front line of care. The Doctors and Nurses, all healthcare professionals, and all volunteers willing to stand with them. Be with them in their times of exhaustion and grief and support them as they continue on. Shield also our key workers often leaving their homes and families at this scary time.

Give to the scientist and laboratory staff the breakthrough they need to fight and conquer this virus, may information be shared willingly to save humanity.

Strengthen and comfort all who are at home, isolated and afraid. Reassure them that all is being done that can be. Hold them close to you, help them do what is expected to slow the virus down however long it takes.

Help us to **rejoice** with the **many** who have fought and recovered.

Into your strong hands Lord God we place our nation and all nations battling this pandemic. May we see this crisis as the place where you are most powerfully at work and may we have **hope** and **trust** in you.
Amen

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