

# **Martin Way Methodist Church**

serving the communities of

**Morden & Merton Park**



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## **Newsletter**

### **December 2017 & January 2018**

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## **MINISTER'S LETTER**



Moving Stories is the focus that the London District of the Methodist Church has chosen for itself for the next two years. The hope in doing so is that people in churches across London will engage with those in their communities (inside and beyond the church) and listen to stories that they have of migration - stories about people moving that are also moving stories in an emotional sense. Having heard these stories, the task of the church will then be to find creative ways of telling them. Our desire in all of this is to attempt to counter the negative messages that the media all too often communicates about migration/immigration issues. If you have such a story and would be prepared to share it, or are aware of a friend or neighbour who has and might be - please let me know.

It is against this backdrop of Moving Stories that we will approach Christmas this year - and this seems fitting. If ever there was a moving story in both senses it is the story of Christmas - an emotional rollercoaster, in which we find a number of people on the move.

There are the magi following a star, believing that it will lead them to the birth of someone who will change the world (and here comes a shameless plug - please buy a ticket to come to see the highly acclaimed Journey of the Magi by Springs Dance Company at Christ Church with St Philip, Worcester Park on 15th December).

There are the shepherds, following the directions of the angels, longing for the birth of a child that will, in time, transform their country and their lives.

There are Mary and Joseph - two people preparing for the birth of their child, having to go on a long journey at the behest of other, more powerful people.

And, of course, there is Jesus - taking his place in this world - and carried by fearful parents on a perilous journey to seek asylum in a foreign land, his life under threat from day one.

These are all moving stories that contribute to a bigger moving story.

In the Christmas story there is also an invitation to us as readers, to move ourselves to a place where we can listen and be changed by what we hear and discover. Part of this journey will undoubtedly be an emotional one, but it can be a physical one too.

Which is why it is good for us all to come together to make this journey and hear this story year after year after year - that we might hear something fresh within it, that it might touch us in a new way, as individuals and as a church community. Once again then please join us in Advent, at Christmas, Epiphany and beyond. And as we embark on this journey, let us each be open to the possibility of being moved by the story we encounter.

Wishing you a joyful and peaceful Christmas

*Paul*

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*November Update  
from CSW*

*“The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.” Psalm 34:17*

Sunday 19 November, was the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP). Christians of every denomination joined together in prayer for persecuted Christians all over the world, remembering that we’re one family under God.

Please pray:

- For courage and protection for persecuted Christians all over the world
- That we would remember that we’re all one family under God and share in the same salvation

- That God would bring about a future where everyone is able to worship peacefully and without fear.

We're focusing our prayers for One Month, One Church, One Prayer on Nigeria. Please pray that all those displaced by the violence of Fulani militia would be able to return to their homes and rebuild their lives.

We're working with our friends at other organisations who support persecuted Christians to partner in prayer this month. And we're grateful for all that's being done by our team and others to support those who are persecuted because of their Christian faith. Ask God to bless and honour all of our efforts for justice.

*'All the believers were one in heart and mind.'* Acts 4:32 Thank God that we are all one Church, and we can unite in prayer for Christians who are persecuted for their faith. Pray through this scripture.

*'For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.'* 2 Corinthians 5:1 This verse was adopted by the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) in Jigawa, Nigeria after their building was destroyed. The RCCG is one of seven churches that were slated for demolition in Jigawa, and all the churches have been told they will have to relocate. Please pray the congregations will be compensated and given a good location.

Prayer:

*Father God, we pray as one for the persecuted Church, knowing that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ, united by your love for us into one worldwide family. We pray that you will grant strength, courage, and protection to those who love you; guidance and wisdom for when their path seems impossible to tread; and hope for a future where they have the freedom to worship you without fear. Amen.*

For more information go to:

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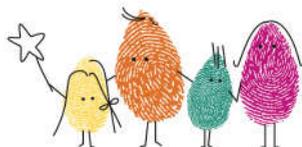
[www.youtube.com/user/ChristianSolidarity](https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristianSolidarity)

[www.instagram.com/csw\\_uk/](https://www.instagram.com/csw_uk/)

**CSW is a Christian organisation working for religious freedom through advocacy and human rights, in the pursuit of justice.**

## Christmas and Craft Fayre

Come along to our Christmas and Craft Fayre at Bourne Hall, Spring St, Ewell, KT17 1UF on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017** from 10.30am to 3pm.



**Shooting  
Star Chase**  
Children's Hospice Care

There will be over 40 stalls with unique and unusual crafts and gifts, so if you are looking for that extraordinary Christmas Gift this is place to be. Not only will you be delighted with what you can find, you will also be supporting a very worthwhile charity the Shooting Star Children's Hospice.

There will also be face painting Father Christmas and Sand Art for the young and the not so young! As well as a raffle, tombola and children's tombola.

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## EMBRACE THE MIDDLE EAST

Copies of the charity's gifts and cards catalogue are now available so please help yourselves from the Vestibule. As the first page says, "profits from these cards go to helping people where Christmas actually began".



Please support this worthy cause and so help Christian partners show God's love to vulnerable and marginalised people in the Middle East in life-changing ways every day.

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### *Journey of the Magi*





## CAROL SINGING IN MORDEN

Please come and lend your voice or musical talent as we once again serenade the commuters of Morden.

We will meet at Morden Underground Station on Monday 18th and Wednesday 20th December and plan to start singing at 5.00pm and finish about 7.00pm both of these days.

*Tony Loft*

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## CHRISTMAS POST BOX AND CARDS

As it has been our tradition over the years, we will again place our Christmas post box. The church Christmas post box will be outside the vestry from Friday 1st December to Friday 15th December for those wishing to send cards to members of the church family.



As in previous years, you are invited to make a donation which will go to Methodist Homes for the Aged.

Please address all cards clearly using surnames and initials or forenames to avoid confusion. If you prefer, you are welcome to post a single card addressed to the whole church family. Such cards will be placed on display panels in the vestibule.

The cards will be available for collection on  
**Sunday 17th December.**

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## Big Brunch

**Big Brunch has returned!** The next Big Brunch is on **Saturday, 20th January 2018** serving from 10.30am until 1pm. Come along and enjoy a full English breakfast including coffee/tea, fruit juice and toast for only £4. The company is not bad either.

You'll also be supporting our youngsters for their trip to Spring Harvest.

## MARTIN WAY GIFT SERVICE 3rd DECEMBER



### CHRISTIAN CARE ASSOCIATION TOYS FOR 2018 PARTY

We would like presents – new or as good as new – to give to the boys and girls aged between 6 months and 11 years who attend the Christian Care Association New Year Party on Saturday 27th January 2018. They do not need to be wrapped.



**For babies and toddlers** – rattles, bath toys, pull-along toys, puzzles, anything from Thomas the Tank Engine/Bob the Builder ranges, phones, baby dolls, building blocks etc

**Cars, trucks, trains, Lego, games** – appropriate for different ages.

**Dolls** - including anything from Action Man, Spider Man and Superman ranges as well as doll buggies and tea sets

**Outdoor Games** - footballs, skittles etc.

**Stationery** – crayons, gel pens, pencils, pencil cases, drawing books, photo album, disposable camera, craft activities for boys and girls.

**Books** – fun activity and story books for all ages, but appropriate for children where English is not their first language

**Clothes etc** – hats, scarves, gloves, pretty tights, backpacks, bags, umbrellas, jewellery.

We are always particularly short of toys for the younger and older age ranges. No toys are wasted and any not given out at the party are stored and used for birthday gifts throughout the year.

*Sorry but we cannot accept toys and games with batteries which have to be replaced. We cannot use jigsaws and games with small pieces that are easily lost such as Monopoly and Scrabble, nor War games or soft toys.*

## **Our Father's Love Letter**

*Last month Arigon Sinani played a video at Martin Way during the service which featured a Letter from God. As requested by many, the words are now reproduced below, but if you wish to watch the video itself, it can be found at <https://youtu.be/ZsBhvSMQUk4>*

My Child,

You may not know me, but I know everything about you (Ps 139:1). I know when you sit down and when you rise up (Ps 139:2). I am familiar with all your ways (Ps 139:3)—even the very hairs on your head are numbered (Matt 10:29–31).

You were made in my image (Gen 1:27). In me you live and move and have your being, for you are my offspring (Acts 17:28). I knew you even before you were conceived (Jer 1:4–5). I chose you when I planned creation (Eph 1:11–12). You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book (Ps 139:15–16). I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live (Acts 17:26). You are fearfully and wonderfully made (Ps 139:14). I knit you together in your mother's womb (Ps 139:13), and brought you forth on the day you were born (Ps 71:6).

I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me (John 8:41–44). I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love (1 John 4:16). And it is my desire to lavish my love on you (1 John 3:1), simply because you are my child and I am your Father (1 John 3:1). I offer you more than your earthly father ever could (Matt 7:11), for I am the perfect Father (Matt 5:48). Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand (James 1:17), for I am your provider and I meet all your needs (Matt 6:31–33).

My plan for your future has always been filled with hope (Jer 29:11), because I love you with an everlasting love (Jer 31:3). My thoughts toward you are as countless as the sand on the seashore (Ps 139:17–18), and I rejoice over you with singing (Zeph 3:17). I will never stop doing good to you

(Jer 32:40), for you are my treasured possession (Ex 19:5).

I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul (Jer 32:41), and I want to show you great and marvellous things (Jer 33:3). If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me (Deut 4:29); delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart (Ps 37:4), for it is I who gave you those desires (Phil 2:13).

I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine (Eph 3:20), for I am your greatest encourager (2 Thess 2:16–17). I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles (2 Cor 1:3–4). When you are broken hearted, I am close to you (Ps 34:18); as a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart (Isa 40:11). One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes, and I will take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth (Rev 21:3–4).

I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus (John 17:23). In him, my love for you is revealed (John 17:26). He is the exact representation of my being (Heb 1:3). He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you (Rom 8:31), and to tell you that I am not counting your sins against you (2 Cor 5:18–19). Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled (2 Cor 5:18–19). His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you (1 John 4:10): I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love (Rom 8:31–32).

If you receive the gift of my son, Jesus, you receive me (1 John 2:23), and nothing will ever separate you from my love again (Rom 8:38–39). Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen (Luke 15:7). I have always been Father and will always be Father (Eph 3:14–15). My question is: will you be my child (John 1:12–13)? I am waiting for you (Luke 15:11–32).

Love, Your Dad  
(Almighty God)

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**Springs Dance Company brings its  
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**to**

***Christ Church with St Philip, Worcester  
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The performance is an ingenious mix of dance and theatre.

Inspired by T.S. Eliot's poem *Journey of the Magi*, the performance helps audiences reflect on not only the famous journey the wise men made following the star to Jesus, but also the journey each of us makes every year in preparing for Christmas Day. Through exploring images in the poetry, Springs Dance Company has devised a presentation of some of the all too familiar processes we go through and witness when dealing with the expectations and realities of the festive season. *Journey of the Magi* is a mix of laugh-out-loud funny, moving and entertaining scenes enjoyed by children and adults alike. The show not only entertains but also provokes consideration for change.

'My family loved Journey of the Magi. I find moments still coming to me in flashbacks, causing me to laugh or ponder the message you were conveying. Your final scenes left people in tears. Journey of the Magi is a work of art and deserves the highest accolades.' - Audience member

'Forget The Nutcracker, Springs Dance Company's *Journey of the Magi* is the best Christmas show I have ever seen! I went along to see it one dark, wet and dismal night in Birmingham and I came out having been touched, amused and moved to tears. *Journey of the Magi* looks beyond the tinsel and trappings and reveals the real meaning of Christmas.'

- David Bintley CBE, Artistic Director, Birmingham Royal Ballet.

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## Unforgettable moments of our Holiday in Norfolk (part two)

Our second Sunday we again went to Dareham church, this time to share their Café Worship in their hall with drinks and biscuits. Afterwards a group of ladies, who have an arrangement at a nearby carvery where they get an adults portion for a child's price, invited us to join them, a regular Sunday treat. Chatting over the meal we discovered amazingly that one lady was born in Harleston (Norfolk) and went to school with Mary's cousin who now lives in Shropshire. A very small world!! We then spent another afternoon with Rosemary and her daughter followed by sad farewells.

Monday was another trip down memory lane. About 3 to 4 years ago I was given a telephone number of a Michael Grey. In November 1954 we met at the Police Training School, he was from Gloucester, me from South Wales. I telephoned Michael to find out that he lived near Bury St Edmonds. Our police lives saw him go to East London and me to West London. We did meet occasionally with our wives but, like lots of friendships, these meetings became fewer and fewer, the last time we saw each other was about 45 years ago. He and his wife, Vivian, drove over to us for lunch and then for afternoon tea. Even after all those years we still recognised each other and caught up with all the happenings since that first meeting in 1954.



For our stay we only had two damp mornings, so we weren't kept in at all. Besides our local Dareham there are some other interesting market towns of yesteryear. A great favourite was Holt which had a pretty number of small streets full of good quality shops, yummy eateries and full of visitors.

From our base we were only about 30 to 40 minutes away from the coast, obviously the North Sea. Another favourite was Wells-next-the-Sea with



its harbour, historic buildings, many interesting shops and modern colourful eateries.

What is quite frightening there is the sea defences, a grass bank going on for miles about 20 to 30 feet high and a steel barrage on rails that when shut prevents the storm waves going further along the village main street. In its harbour was

an old two-masted schooner, the 'Albatross', about 120 feet long. It is now a floating restaurant, with Dutch omelettes and pancakes being their specialties. We very gingerly climbed the very steep metal gangway to enjoy their food. Afterwards we were helped back down the now steeper gangway due to the incoming tide.



Blakeney, another pretty coastal village, but the tide was too low for us to take a boat trip to see its resident seal population. Sherringham is another very popular seaside town that has the North Norfolk Railway, also known as the "Poppy Line" running into it from Holt.



Sherringham's coast line is perched on 30 to 40 foot rocky cliffs. Here again some coastal buildings have their windows and doors sandbagged up as protection against the North Sea storms. Local folk told us Sherringham frontage now gets battered more often – all very frightening.

This time of year the low fen-like sea front was full of ‘twitchers’ going in and out of the massive reed beds. All were dressed in camouflage and carrying tripods with either massive lensed cameras or binoculars, some did look rather strange!

It’s all a very different coastline to what we’ve been used to in the Scottish Western Isles, but the lack of protection against the force of the sea must be a constant worry. What with our trips out, people watching, enjoying the sunshine with hardly any serious gales this holiday trip for us was a treat. Meeting folk and generally doing just what we wanted to do.

One day though, our river viewing saw a horrible fight between a family of swans, the male protecting the female and signets from the intruder, thankfully after lots of feathers flying the intruder paddled upstream. Our Egret we viewed daily, it was fantastic watching a Cormorant swimming under water chasing fish. There was always something to be seen, the pair of Kingfishers being the highlight.

The river otters were also in the area, but being night time hunters we never saw them, nor the fallow or Munkjac deer which also frequent the area. Other residents were three types of bats in the Mill roof, but our attempts to see them also failed. Our local field were full of sheep and they would graze their way from left to right each day.

As I said our apartment was great. As we were leaving hundreds of geese started their migrations, with their ‘V’ formations, honking day and night – a sure sign that winter is coming!

On our journey back we stopped to picnic in the sunshine at the perimeter fence of Lakenheath (RAF) Air force base watching the ground movements of mainly American fighter planes but one did fly around before landing. It brought back memories of family days out with our boys plane watching, especially the ‘Air shows’.

*Derek and Mary Heaton*

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Many a trip continues long after movement in time and space have ceased.

*John Steinbeck*



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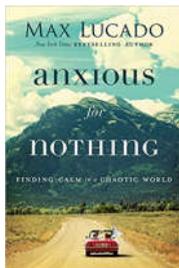
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**CHRISTMAS COLOURING TIME**



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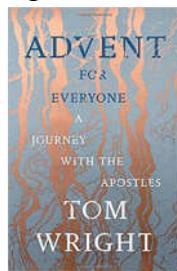


***Anxious for Nothing*** by Max Lucado  
240pages, paperback, RRP £10.99

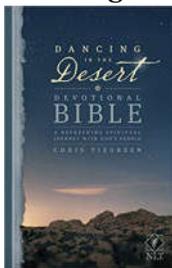
Anxiety is at an all time high, but there's a prescription for dealing with it. Max Lucado invites readers into a study of Philippians 4:6-7 where the Apostle Paul admonishes the followers of Christ, 'Do not be anxious about anything . . .'

***Advent for Everyone: A Journey With the Apostles*** by Tom Wright  
128 pages, paperback, RRP £8.99

Draw alongside the very people who walked with Jesus in this new Advent Devotional which looks at the Apostles, and how their encounters with Christ changed them forever. Created from several of Tom Wright's For Everyone series, these readings represent the glowing wisdom of a man who opened up the Bible in ways anyone could grasp hold of.



***Dancing in the Desert: Devotional Bible*** by Chris Tiegan  
1392 pages, paperback, RRP £15.24



Stories of Scripture are often portrayed two-dimensionally, making people in the Bible seem familiar, predictable, even flat. We don't always read their stories with much awareness of the pressures they faced, the doubts they had, the assumptions they made, or the alternatives they have chosen. The *Dancing in the Desert Devotional Bible* encourages readers to take an honest look at the people in the Bible. When we keep our gaze fixed on a story bigger than our own lives, we, too, can learn to dance in even the driest of our deserts.

***Unshakable Trust*** by Joyce Meyer  
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## ..... AND SOME FOR THE CHILDREN

***Bauble Book Set*** by Alex Taylor  
16 pages each, paperback, RRP £7.50  
(suitable for Children aged under 8)

Pack of 8 Christmas story booklets you can read, give away or hang on your Christmas tree as decorations. Each is a colourful Christmas tree decoration with a story inside and a thread for hanging.

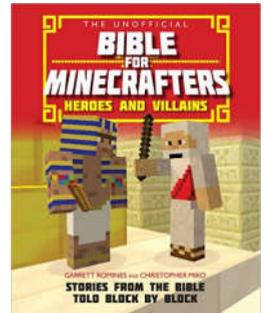


***The Story of Christmas*** by Haley Down  
28 pages, paperback RRP £1.99  
(suitable for Children aged 3-5)

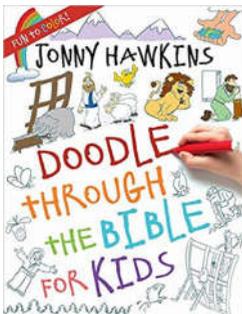
The Story of Christmas is a fabulous, inspirational book, perfect for introducing very young children to the amazing story of the Nativity. Bring the Nativity to life with this beautifully illustrated, rhyming story book all about the very first Christmas.

***Unofficial Bible for Minecrafters: Heroes & Villains*** by Garrett Romines  
32 pages, paperback, RRP £5.99  
(suitable for Children aged 7-11)

With images captured from the block-building game of Minecraft itself, this book brings you great heroes and villain of the Bible like you've never seen before. The images have been captured and combined with text boxes and speech bubbles to explain the stories of Cain and Abel - Moses and Pharaoh - Samson and Delilah - David and Goliath - Jesus and the Pharisees - Peter and the Elders.



***Doodle Through the Bible for Kids*** by Jonny Hawkins  
144 pages, paperback, RRP £6.99  
(suitable for Children aged 8-12)



When children doodle their way through the Old and New Testaments, they will better remember God's Word, visualize spiritual truth, and put it all into practice when a life moment calls for it. With loads of humour and a big dose of fun, cartoonist Jonny Hawkins encourages kids to add their creative touches to his sketches as they explore Bible verses that speak into their lives.

# CHURCH DIARY



Fri	1	12.30pm	Luncheon Club
Sun	3	10.30am	Gift Service and Café Worship led by Rev Paul Timmis
Tue	5	10.30am-noon	Coffee and Chat
		8.00pm	Time for Prayer
Sun	10	10.30am	Morning Service led by Valerie Ashcroft
		6.30pm	Communion Service led by Rev Paul Timmis
Tue	12	10.30am-noon	Coffee and Chat
		8.00pm	Time for Prayer
Fri	15	12.30pm	Luncheon Club
Sun	17	10.30am	Morning Service led by Richard Graham
		6.30pm	Carol Service led by Brenda Cannon and Tony Loft
Mon	18	5.00pm	Carol Singing for Action for Children at Morden Underground Station
Tue	19	10.30am-noon	Coffee and Chat
		7.00pm	Men's Supper Club - <i>Member's Evening</i>
		8.00pm	Time for Prayer
Weds	20	5.00pm	Carol Singing for Action for Children at Morden Underground Station
Sun	24	10.30am	Nativity, Café Service and Parade led by Rev Paul Timmis
		5.30pm	Christingle Service led by Rev Paul Timmis
		11.30pm	Midnight Service at Martin Way including Communion led by Rev Paul Timmis
Mon	25	10.30am	Christmas Day Service led by Rev Paul Timmis
Sun	31	10.30am	Morning Service led by Viv Newitt

**HAPPY ★ NEW YEAR**

**CHURCH  
DIARY**



Sun	7	10.30am	Covenant Service with Holy Communion led by Rev Paul Timmis
Tue	9	10.30am-noon	Coffee and Chat
		8.00pm	Time for Prayer
Fri	12	12.30pm	Luncheon Club
Sun	14	10.30am	Morning Service led by Rev Margaret Adams
Tue	16	10.30am-noon	Coffee and Chat
		8.00pm	Time for Prayer
Sat	20	10.30am	Big Brunch
Sun	21	10.30am	Café Worship led by Rev Paul Timmis
		6.30pm	Unity Service led by Rev Paul Timmis
Tues	23	10.30am-noon	Coffee and Chat
		8.00pm	Time for Prayer
Fri	26	12.30pm	Luncheon Club
Sun	28	10.30am	Morning Service led by David Eagle
		6.30pm	Communion Service led by Rev Paul Timmis
Tue	30	10.30am-noon	Coffee and Chat
		8.00pm	Time for Prayer
Weds	31	8.00pm	Church Council Meeting

*Please refer to the Website ([www.martinway.org.uk](http://www.martinway.org.uk)) or Weekly Notice Sheet for any additional information*

We wish all of those who celebrate a birthday  
in either December or January a very

## *Happy Birthday*

and especially to:

**Natalie Johnson** on **2nd December**  
**Kabelo Sepanya** on **13th December**  
**Zandile Sepanya** on **16th December**  
**Kutloano Sepanya** on **19th December**  
**Floyd Sepanya** on **24th December**  
**Christopher Sweby** on **23rd January**



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### **Church Family News**

Anne and Simon Conquest are very pleased to announce that their daughter Lucy will be getting married to Mr David Myers at Martin Way on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2017 at 1.30pm

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You can never truly enjoy Christmas until you can look up into the Father's face and tell him you have received his Christmas gift.

**John R. Rice**

We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called "Opportunity" and its first chapter is New Year's Day.

**Edith L. Pierce**

Items for the **February Newsletter** should be with Andrew Fox, (email: [roife@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:roife@hotmail.co.uk)) by **Sunday 21st January** at the latest

Are you looking for a part-time or full-time income?



## We are Recruiting

### We are looking for:

- The employed looking for additional PART-TIME income
- The unemployed looking for FULL-TIME employment.
- Retired/looking into retirement with no hope of enough retirement income.
- Mothers at home who want to look after their children and want a steady income.
- Graduates/undergraduates with no employment and no work experience.
- Students who fear huge students loan debts after graduation.



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## **Church Activities**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
	<b>Morning Communion (once a month)</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
	<b>Evening Communion (once a month)</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>
	<b>Sunday Club</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
	<b>SIGMA—the Circuit Choir (occasional)</b>	<b>4.00 - 5.30 pm</b>
	<b>Platform 10¾ YPF (1st &amp; 3rd Sundays)</b>	<b>8.00 - 9.30 pm</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Coffee &amp; Chat</b>	<b>10.30 - noon</b>
	<b>Men's Supper Club (3rd Tuesday in month)</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>
	<b>Time for Prayer</b>	<b>8.00 pm</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Frogs Club (for Carers &amp; Toddlers)</b>	<b>10.00 – 12.00</b>
	<b>Rainbows (1st Merton Park)</b>	<b>5.30 - 6.30 pm</b>
	<b>Guides (2nd Merton Park)</b>	<b>7.30 - 9.00 pm</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Brownies (2nd Merton Park)</b>	<b>6.00 - 7.30 pm</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Luncheon Club (Fortnightly)</b>	<b>12.30 pm</b>

**House Groups, Coffee Mornings, Concerts, etc. (as advertised)**