

# Easter Sunrise Service



Sunday 1st April 2018

6am

led by **Revd. Elaine Cranmer**  
with communion

Blue Bell Hill Picnic Site

following which all are welcome to breakfast  
at St. Alban's Church,  
Upper Robin Hood Lane, ME5 9QR

**Alleluia, Christ is risen!**

**He is risen indeed,**

**Alleluia!**

**Larkfield and East Malling Methodist Church**



25th March 2018

**TODAY'S SERVICE**

10.00am

**Palm Sunday**

**Rev. Dr. Gary Watt**

Steward: Tony Buddin, Welcome Steward: Valerie Thornewell  
Bible Reader: Tony Buddin, Intercessions: Ali Christian  
Organist: Rob Wilding

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**SERVICES during HOLY WEEK**

Tuesday 27th March—6.30pm at Eccles  
Wednesday 28th March—6.30pm at Larkfield  
Maundy Thursday 29th March—7.00pm Supper then Service  
Good Friday 30th March—10.00am Service, followed by a walk of  
witness in West Malling.

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**Service next Sunday—Easter Day at 10.00am**

**Rev. Noreen Daley-Lee**  
**Holy Communion/ All Age Worship**

Steward: Tricia Arnold, Welcome Steward: Audrey Harris, Bible  
Reader: Alan Connor, Intercessions: Brian Trice

6.30pm

**Easter Carols led by Ali Christian**

***Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Holy Jesus, we share in your recognition as the Lord who comes to be with his people. Fill us with the Spirit's power, and may our praises be like a carpet of love to welcome you, as the palm branches were on the road to Jerusalem. Amen.***



## NOTICES

*'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming of the kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' Mark 11 : 9, 10*

We welcome you all to our worship this morning. If you are a visitor, we hope to see you again. Please sign in the Visitor's Book and take a copy of the aLive, our church magazine, which is in the Welcome Area.

Tea, coffee and squash will be served after the service, in the Sycamore Tree.

Children and young people will leave for their classes after the second hymn.

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**Monica** will be preparing the on-line prayers this week. If you have a prayer request, you can contact her at: [robandmonica@btinternet.com](mailto:robandmonica@btinternet.com)

**Monday 26th March— Girls Brigade** is holding its next **Family Worship** session (There Is More to Easter than Chocolate from 6pm-6.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and take a closer look at the Easter story.

**Monday 26th March— Expressions Dance** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

We are holding our inaugural **Easter Carol Service next Sunday at 6.30pm**. If you would be interested in reading in the service could you please let Ali know.

**Sylvia** is extending a welcome to anyone who would like to join the church singing group.

**Tuesday 27th March—Muffins & More** meet from 10am to 2.00pm.

**Tuesday 27th March—**The knitting and craft group will meet at 2pm. We are looking to make a *'splash of spring'* on the car park fence for Easter. Thank you to the knitters and crocheters who have made all the beautiful flowers.

**Wednesday 28th March— Prayer Meeting** in the Manse from 10 to 11am.

**Wednesday 28th March— Little Larks** meet from 1.30 to 3.30pm.

## CIRCUIT and OTHER NEWS

### Revival Prayer and Worship evenings

These meetings are open to everyone including those in other non-Methodist churches and will be focused on prayer for Revival in our churches and our nation, there will also be opportunities to be prayed with for the in-filling of the Holy Spirit. Please could you share these dates with your congregations as you feel appropriate.

Prayer for **Revival and Passover Meal Thursday 29th March 6.30pm** to 5am at Swanscombe Methodist Church. People are free to come and go throughout the meeting. Please RSVP to Bart Woodhouse if you would like to attend the Passover Meal at 6.30pm. Bart can be contacted at [bart.woodhouse@gmail.com](mailto:bart.woodhouse@gmail.com) or 07792 596 318.

Many thanks and God bless,  
Bart Woodhouse  
North Kent Methodist Circuit

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We are starting to produce the Circuit Magazine/News Letter which will be published on the 1<sup>st</sup> May along with the new preaching plan. The "Theme" for this edition was selected by the Ministers and Staff at their meeting at the end of 2017. It is to be *"Our work with young people"*. If you want to suggest a theme for the September Edition then please send it in.

We really would like to increase the number of contributors and the breadth of the subjects of the contributions. What you have to say or tell, is the most important story of them all.

God Bless  
Richard Vincent

## CIRCUIT and OTHER NEWS

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 10am – 12.30 Noon, at Gillingham Methodist Church**

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Workshop led by Colin Waldock & Rev Robin Selmes

The workshop is entitled Homosexuality, What does the bible say? Is it really clear!

Our church communities are called to be a place of welcome, hospitality and openness which demonstrates the nature of God's grace and love for all.

Whilst we may not all agree about everything, we are all called to value every human being as part of God's creation.

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On **Saturday 14th April the East Malling Singers** will be performing Karl Jenkins 'The Armed Man' at St James the Great Church, East Malling. If you would like tickets for this could you please let Ali know, so that she can reserve them for you.

Apologies from **Gravesend Methodist Church** that we had to cancel our quiz evening due to be held on 3rd March. As we are sure you will appreciate, weather conditions were not right for us to continue. However the snow has now all gone and we have been able to reschedule the quiz evening. It will now be held on **SATURDAY 7th APRIL 2018** commencing at 6.45pm.

We hope you, and your teams, are free on that night and will be able to come.

We are not going to assume that because you were (or were not) coming along on the 3rd March that you will be able to come on 7th April.

Therefore, we ask you to please let us know if you are able to field a team (or teams) at our quiz on 7th April. Everything else remains the same, the price - £6 per head, the food - Ploughmans Platter, the venue - Gravesend Methodist Church, the time - 6.30 for 6.45pm, the fun - guaranteed!

Please will you let me know as soon as possible if you can be there on 7th April.

Robert Hardy  
Gravesend Methodist Church

## NOTICES

**Thursday 29th March— Wanted...**

**Chuckles** meet from 2pm until 3.45pm for an afternoon of company, refreshments and games. Do come along we would love to see you, speak to Christine if you would like to know more.

...Somebody who would be willing to publicise our events in the local media such as the Kent Messenger, the Oracle or any of the free newspapers, etc. so that we can advertise and share things like our poppies on the fence. It just involves a few emails occasionally.

**Hazlitt Theatre** – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April when The Willington Players will perform a stage adaptation of the famous TV sitcom from the 80's – 'Hi de Hi'. The deadline for booking tickets, at £14 each from Jean, is Easter Sunday 1st April.

Please contact Sylvia for details.

**Annual Church Meeting**—You are invited to attend the Annual Church Meeting which will take place on **Sunday 22nd April** at 11.30am in the Church, following coffee in the Sycamore Tree. We hope you will join us then.

The **World Day of Prayer service** had to be cancelled because of the snow. The service booklet about life in Suriname is very interesting to read. Valerie has copies. Ask her if you would like one. There is an offering envelope enclosed. If you would like to make a donation towards the printing of next year's service, please send this yourself to the address on the envelope, Gift Aiding, if you are eligible. Thank you.

**Church Council February 2018**  
A copy of the Draft Minutes of the Church Council meeting held on 22nd February 2018 is now available for all to see in the Welcome Area

Please collect your Easter copy of **aLive** from the Welcome Area this morning.

## PASTORAL AND FAMILY NEWS

Happy Birthday to Rebecca Smith on 28th, Brian Trice and David Raven on 29th March.

We ask God's blessing on:

- ◆ Rev. Dr. Gary Watt who is leading our Palm Sunday Service this morning;
- ◆ Our Minister, Rev. Noreen Daley-Lee;
- ◆ The Brigades, children and young people;
- ◆ Christine, Rob and Monica's daughter, as she continues with hospital treatment;
- ◆ Johan, Brenda's grandson, who is in hospital with severe burns and Brenda's daughter, Helen, who is recovering at home following hospital treatment;
- ◆ Folk living in: Garner Drive, Gilletts Lane, Goldfinch Close, Grebe Court, Hardie Close, High Street East Malling;
- ◆ Our church for growth, in faith and numbers;
- ◆ For those known to us who are anxious about their health or under going hospital treatment;
- ◆ For those known to us, recently bereaved that we might be supportive and invitational towards them;
- ◆ We also ask God's blessing on each and everyone of us, that we might fulfil our calling to be the people of God working for Him in this place.

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**Facebook**—[www.facebook.com/groups/larkfield](http://www.facebook.com/groups/larkfield)

**Church, Hall and Sycamore Tree Bookings** contact David Raven at:

[dcrlive@aol.com](mailto:dcrlive@aol.com) Tel. 01622 721433 or 07867 884043

## CIRCUIT and OTHER NEWS

*JustOne, with J. John, is an evangelistic event at Gillingham Priestfield Stadium on Saturday June 9th 2018.*

JustOne is aptly named with the intention that we take one (or more) friends with us. (Please pray for whom you would like to bring). The event is from 3pm to 5pm but the doors open at 1pm. The tickets will be on sale from 1<sup>st</sup> March and it is proposed that we as a church get a block booking of seats, so we can sit together and also that we hire a coach for ease of travel. Sylvia would like to know who would like to go and how many tickets you would like to have before mid -March (11<sup>th</sup> March). The tickets are £5 each.

There are also opportunities to sing, serve as stewards or be part of the response team; please ask Sylvia if you want more details/information.

Combined Prayer Meetings: March 7, 2018 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm; April 5, 2018 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm; May 4, 2018 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm - *Emmaus Church Centre Clover Street, Chatham, Kent ME4 4DT United Kingdom*

Prayer walks - *In or around the Priestfield Stadium ground – to be arranged*

**Circuit Walks: every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month; start at 10:00am. Phone Lesley (01622 739039 or 07733046915 if any queries) Thursday 19th April.**

A circular walk of 5 miles from Holly Hill (TQ670629), which is one of the highest points in the county. The route includes woodland, a walk along the Pilgrims Way and a visit to the Coldrum Long Barrow, a 5000-year-old burial chamber.

**The North Kent Methodist Circuit** seeks to employ a Youth Pastor to work alongside two churches in Gillingham, Kent. Gillingham Methodist church and the Medway Chinese Methodist Church. This will be a five year appointment, 39 hrs per week from 1st July 2018. The salary will be £12.06 per hour. Contact [northkentmethodistcircuit@gmail.com](mailto:northkentmethodistcircuit@gmail.com) for an application pack. Applications due 26th March 2018; shortlisted interviews 18 April 2018.