

The **Methodist Church** 
in Hackney and Stoke Newington

NEWSLETTER

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Dear friends

During Advent we hear the words of several of the great Hebrew prophets read in our worship, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Zechariah and the rest. The passages that we read are generally about how God is going to save the people, and as such we tend to think the prophets were predicting the future, the future which came to pass in the birth of Jesus, who was the promised Messiah. Doing so serves us well as we proclaim a joyful message around Christmas, but we must take time to realise that this interpretation only reflects part of the story.

When we look at the messages of the prophets as a whole, we quickly discover they were not always the most optimistic or cheeriest of people! They were deeply concerned about the state of society, whether the political leaders were fit to rule over them, they questioned whether the Temple rituals were a true expression of worship, they were concerned for the poor and the marginalised. They were angry and determined, fearless and principled. Their message was simple, 'if you don't live according to God's priorities, you will lose everything.' The Exile in Babylon was of course seen to be the fulfilment of these warnings. Yet, however angry they feel, however forceful they are in their criticisms, we never hear the prophets giving up hope, they do not become down hearted or distracted from their task. They live in expectation that change will come.

It strikes me that the Old Testament prophets have modern day parallels in climate protests, in whistle-blowers who call out unfair working practices, and in those who try to bring our politicians to account. These are people who demonstrate the same anger at injustice and who with steely determination strive to make a difference.

The characteristics that drive on the prophets (ancient and modern) help us to understand the message of hope and expectation which lies behind those powerful passages of hope we share in our preparations for Christmas. Yes, God will save the people, but we have a part to play. We must do everything in our power to create the conditions in which people can thrive. It is a scandal when families don't have enough to eat, the consequences of global warming are too frightening for us to ignore, a lack of honesty and integrity in our elected representatives is shameful, and the sometimes empty words of our worship lead us away from God. Multiply those injustices across the world and we perhaps begin to realise how little has changed in 2500 years since the prophets spoke out.

As we approach Christmas, we give thanks again for the birth of a child in Bethlehem, born to fulfil the ancient prophecies but not to let us off the hook. We can only be truly blessed when we strive with every fibre of our being to be the people God created us to be. Our world can only find harmony when the priority is justice. God's creation can only flourish when we treat it with respect.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.' (Jeremiah ch.33)

I wish you all a blessed Christmas, filled with peace and love, hope and expectation, and at least a little bit of anger when we see injustice and fear.

Rev Andrew.

CIRCUIT NEWS AND EVENTS

Sunday Worship

All of our churches are now holding services in person most weeks. We are also providing worship on Zoom for those who are unable to attend in our churches. We are planning to have a Circuit Zoom service when there is a 5th Sunday in the month. We had one at the end of August, and the next is planned for 31st January.

If you are not able to come to our church buildings for worship, you can join us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89083382040> or you can phone from any telephone – dial 0203 481 5237. The meeting ID is 890 8338 2040 followed by # - and then you will need to press # again. To unmute, press *6 and to mute press *6 again. The services are available on YouTube afterwards – details are on the website.

Virtual Coffee and Prayers

Every Wednesday at 10am we have Virtual Coffee and Prayers on Zoom. Join us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82977408302> or you can phone from any telephone – dial 0203 481 5237. The meeting ID is 829 7740 8302 followed by # - then you will need to press # again. To unmute, press *6 and to mute press *6 again.

Bible Study

We are meeting every fortnight on Wednesdays at 7pm on Zoom. Join us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8297748302> or you can phone from any telephone – dial 0203 481 5237. The meeting ID is 829 7740 8302 followed by # - then you will need to press # again. To unmute, press *6 and to mute press *6 again.

During Advent we will be meeting weekly to study 'Living Upside Down'. We will meet on 8th, 15th and 22nd December, and either 29th December or 5th January

Then we will begin a new Bible Study, meeting on 12 and 26th January, 9th and 23rd February, 9th and 23rd March, 6th and 20th April.

Meetings in the Circuit

CLT Meetings – Wednesday 19th January, Tuesdays 1st March and 12th April 2022 on Zoom.

Circuit Meetings – Please note, the meeting originally planned for Wednesday 19th January 2022 has been cancelled. We will next meet on Tuesday 15th March 2022 at 7pm at Clapton (Downs Road) Methodist Church.

Leaders of Worship and Local Preachers Meeting – Saturday 11th December 2021 at 11am on Zoom, and Saturday 12th March 2022, venue to be confirmed.

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns regarding the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults, or if you believe someone is behaving in a way that causes you concern, please speak in confidence to your church or circuit safeguarding officer, or one of the circuit ministers.

It is very important that the correct people are informed of any concerns you might have. We have a duty of care to safeguard everyone who comes onto our premises.

The circuit safeguarding officer is Catherine Hogan.

The church safeguarding officers are:

Clapton (Downs Road): Catherine Hogan

Clapton Park: Okwuchi Etti-Williams

Dalston: vacant – please contact Rev Andrew Letby

Hackney (Mare Street): Cecilia Eze

Stoke Newington: Rose Lall and Esther Adekunle

The superintendent minister is Rev Andrew Letby 07875 011 003

Plan for December 2021 – February 2022 services at 11am unless otherwise stated

5th December

Clapton Downs Road: This is a Local Arrangement

Clapton Park: This is a Local Arrangement

Dalston: Pastor Ian Rathbone

Hackney Mare Street: Rev Andrew Letby – Holy Communion

Stoke Newington Green Lanes: Rev Paulo Bessa Da Silva – Holy Communion

Stoke Newington High Street: at Green Lanes

Zoom Service preacher: Rev Andrew Letby

12th December

Clapton Downs Road: Rev Paulo Bessa Da Silva

Clapton Park: Rev John Richey – Holy Communion

Dalston: Rev Andrew Letby – Holy Communion

Hackney Mare Street: Rev John Sakutombo

Stoke Newington Green Lanes: This is a Local Arrangement

Stoke Newington High Street: Mary Campbell

Zoom Service preacher: Rev Paulo Bessa Da Silva

19th December

Clapton Downs Road: Pastor Joycelyn Dankwa

Clapton Park: Ernell Watson

Dalston: Rev Andrew Letby

Hackney Mare Street: at Dalston

Stoke Newington Green Lanes: Rev John Richey

Stoke Newington High Street: Paulo Bessa Da Silva

Zoom Service preacher: Sue Millman

19th December – 6pm

Clapton Downs Road: Revs Andrew Letby and Paulo Bessa Da Silva – Circuit Carol Service

24th December – 6pm

Clapton Downs Road: Rev Paulo Bessa Da Silva – Holy Communion

25th December – 10am

Stoke Newington High Street: Rev John Richey – Christmas Day Worship

26th December

Hackney Mare Street: Rev Andrew Letby

Zoom Service preacher: Rev Andrew Letby

31st December – 9pm - midnight

Dalston: Revs Andrew Letby and Paulo Bessa Da Silva – Watchnight Service

2nd January

Clapton Downs Road: Pastor Ian Rathbone

Clapton Park: Icilda Lynch

Dalston: This will be a Local Arrangement

Hackney Mare Street: Rev Andrew Letby – Covenant Service

Stoke Newington Green Lanes: at High Street

Stoke Newington High Street: Rev Paulo Bessa Da Silva – Covenant Service

Zoom Service preacher: Rev Paulo Bessa Da Silva

9th January

Clapton Downs Road: Rev Paulo Bessa Da Silva – Covenant Service

Clapton Park: Rev John Richey – Covenant Service

Dalston: Rev Andrew Letby – Covenant Service

Hackney Mare Street: This is a Local Arrangement

Stoke Newington Green Lanes: Pastor Ian Rathbone

Stoke Newington High Street: This is a Local Arrangement

Zoom Service preacher: Sue Millman

16th January

Clapton Downs Road: Rev John Sakutombo

Clapton Park: Pastor Joycelyn Dankwa

Dalston: Rev Paulo Bessa Da Silva

Hackney Mare Street: Maggie Hamand including Kofi & Ama offering

Stoke Newington Green Lanes: Ernell Watson

Stoke Newington High Street: Rev Dr Janet Murray

Zoom Service preacher: Rev Paulo Bessa Da Silva

23rd January

Clapton Downs Road: Rev Andrew Letby

Clapton Park: Mary Campbell

Dalston: Rev John Richey including Kofi and Ama offering

Hackney Mare Street: Anthony Boateng

Stoke Newington Green Lanes: Rev Paulo Bessa Da Silva

Stoke Newington High Street: Eric Bediako

Zoom Service preacher: Rev Andrew Letby

30th January

Morning Worship will be a Circuit Service on Zoom led by Circuit Staff.

Preacher: Paul Boateng (Former Vice President of Conference)

6th February

Clapton Downs Road: Anthony Boateng

Clapton Park: Pastor Ian Rathbone

Dalston: Deacon Belinda Letby

Hackney Mare Street: Rev Andrew Letby – Holy Communion

Stoke Newington Green Lanes: Rev John Sakutombo – Holy Communion

Stoke Newington High Street: at Green Lanes

Zoom Service preacher: Sue Millman

13th February

Clapton Downs Road: This is a Local Arrangement

Clapton Park: Rev John Richey

Dalston: Rev Andrew Letby – Holy Communion

Hackney Mare Street: This is a Local Arrangement

Stoke Newington Green Lanes: Icilda Lynch

Stoke Newington High Street: Helen Cornick

Zoom Service preacher: Rev Andrew Letby

20th February

Clapton Downs Road: Rev Paulo Bessa Da Silva

Clapton Park: This is a Local Arrangement

Dalston: Ernell Watson

Hackney Mare Street: Rev Andrew Letby including Kofi and Ama offering

Stoke Newington Green Lanes: This is a Local Arrangement

Stoke Newington High Street: Pastor Joycelyn Dankwa

Zoom Service preacher: Helen Cornick

27th February

Clapton Downs Road: Rev John Richey – Holy Communion

Clapton Park: Rev Paulo Bessa Da Silva – Holy Communion

Dalston: This is a Local Arrangement including Kofi and Ama offering

Hackney Mare Street: Helen Cornick

Stoke Newington Green Lanes: Rev Andrew Letby

Stoke Newington High Street: This is a Local Arrangement

Zoom Service preacher: Rev Paulo Bessa Da Silva

Lectionary Readings

Sunday 5th Dec: Malachi 3:1-4; Benedictus (Luke 1:68-79);
Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

Sunday 12th Dec: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7;
Luke 3:7-18

Sunday 19th Dec: Micah 5:2-5a; Psalm 80:1-7; Hebrews 10:5-10;
Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

Sunday 26th Dec: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17;
Luke 2:41-52

Sunday 2nd Jan: Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14;
John 1:(1-9), 10-18

Sunday 9th Jan: Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sunday 16th Jan: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11;
John 2:1-11

Sunday 23rd Jan: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

Sunday 30th Jan: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13;
Luke 4:21-30

Sunday 6th Feb: Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11;
Luke 5:1-11

Sunday 13th Feb: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20;
Luke 6:17-26

Sunday 20th Feb: Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40;
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

Sunday 27th Feb: Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2;
Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

Sunday 6th Mar: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16;
Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

Sunday 13th Mar: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17 – 4:1;
Luke 13:31-35

Sunday 20th Mar: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13;
Luke 13:1-9

Sunday 27th Mar: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21;
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

CHURCH INFORMATION

Now that the churches are open for Sunday worship it is possible to make your offering to the church at our services. However, if you would prefer to make online offerings, the details are below. Please use your name as a reference and make a note of the date and amount paid into the account so that this can be allocated to your envelope number.

Please contact your church treasurer or Helen Cornick 07736 972202 or handsnmethodist@gmail.com if you need further information about giving to the church.

CLAPTON (Downs Road)

Minister: Rev Paulo Bessa Da Silva

Bank details for the church:

Sort Code: 40-02-06 Account Number: 30029734

CLAPTON PARK (Chatsworth Road) – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE

Minister: Rev John Richey

Bank details for the church: Clapton Methodist Church

Sort Code: 40-02-06 Account Number: 30029734

DALSTON (Richmond Road)

Minister: Rev Andrew Letby

Bank details for the church:

Sort Code: 60-12-18 Account Number: 61808849

HACKNEY (Mare Street)

Minister: Rev Andrew Letby

Bank details for the church:

Sort Code: 40-02-06 Account Number: 40015350

STOKE NEWINGTON (High Street and Green Lanes)

Minister: Rev Paulo Bessa Da Silva

Bank details for the church:

Sort Code: 40-52-40 Account Number: 00032056

Vision Planning Day

23 people involved in the life of the circuit met recently. We divided into 5 groups with a mix of people in each to talk about 'Buildings,' 'Finance,' 'Governance,' 'Mission and Evangelism' and 'People'. We were facilitated in this by Sally Rush, who is currently undertaking a community audit based in the Clapton Park area of our circuit. The Circuit Leadership Team (and in March, the Circuit Meeting) will be discussing further the ideas which arose, to make plans for the circuit in the future. At the end of the day we reflected on how we felt after these conversations. The words that came up are shown below:



Chatsworth Road Lunch Club

“Chats Lunch Club” is a mission to senior citizens, which Beatrice McLean was the founder member of over 30 years ago. The lunch club is still going strong at Clapton Park Methodist church under the management in recent years of Velma Bramble and her team of volunteers. The mission provides a weekly three course meal, exercise classes twice weekly, day trips and an annual holiday.

Should you wish to attend you will be most welcome, and/or perhaps you are wishing to be a volunteer. If so, please contact Velma on: 07852 572 096 or email: chatslunchclub@yahoo.co.uk

Gift Aid

If you pay tax, and you give money to the church, you could probably gift aid your offering at no additional cost to yourself. However, the church would benefit by getting an additional 25% of what you give. You would need to complete a gift aid declaration form. Speak to your church treasurer or Helen Cornick about this if you are a tax payer. Please consider this additional way of financially supporting the church.

Getting to know you better – our safeguarding officer

Hello, my name is Catherine Hogan, and I am the Circuit Safeguarding Officer.

The church should be a community of love and forgiveness.

What resonates with me is the sense of achievement when fulfilling my role:

- I am the focal point of contact with regards to ensuring the vulnerable people and children are protected
- Responsible for ensuring policies and procedures are in place
- Ensure there is a safer recruitment process and that all church stewards or officers are DBS checked prior to taking up their position
- Safeguarding is a responsibility by all and people should be clear about their roles and responsibilities.
- It is a very important aspect in the life of the church and should be a community of love and forgiveness where all is welcomed and should feel safe.
- The Methodist church is committed to safeguarding as an integral part of its life and ministry. It's about the action the church takes to promote a safe culture.

I am a wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, born on the island of Montserrat, a British Overseas Territory in the Caribbean. It is better known as the Emerald Isle of the Caribbean. The island became a safe haven to Irish Catholics from English persecutions in 1600's, and celebrates St Patrick's Day as a national holiday. There used to be a shamrock tree, but I'm not sure if it's still there after the volcano.

Montserrat now has a population of 5,000 compared to about 12,000 when I was going to school. The Island's landscape changed following the devastation of Hurricane Hugo in 1989. This was due to a volcano

that became active in 1995 and erupted in 1997, destroying its capital city Plymouth, causing a major evacuation with many leaving all their worldly goods behind.

I was brought up as a Methodist in my home country. I also had my confirmation at age 14 years. I used to attend Trinity Methodist Church in the capital Plymouth, distance about 2 miles walk from where I lived. As children we went to Sunday school before the service then moved into church during the service. In the afternoon my sister and I had to attend the Pentecostal Church Sunday school which was nearer home. It was fun as children we will sit on the grass under the mango tree.

In 1961, I arrived in the UK from Montserrat and travelled from Southampton on a train to Waterloo station to join my older sister who was already here. The weather was not bad. It is fair to say I left the sunshine and came in winter with the thick fog and 6 inches of snow, and I wanted to go home. What I saw was not what I expected. Smoke coming out of the houses, I thought they were on fire. The words of Isaiah 45:4 have given me great security. It has also empowered me with the confidence to do my best in whatever task I am called to do.

For the sake of Jacob my servant,
of Israel my chosen,
I summon you by name
and bestow on you a title of honour,
though you do not acknowledge me.
(New International Version)

Montserrat is Christian country of Anglican, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Pentecostal and Seventh Day Adventists. There was no discrimination in religion and people took it very seriously. Whilst in Great Britain segregation was prominent in my days especially amongst people of colour. We were not welcomed in the white

churches which a lot of black people found very disturbing. My personal experience of church life in both the Caribbean and the UK has shown how the word of God has developed over time and now plays a major part of our daily lives, certainly in times of the pandemic. We turn to God more for guidance. It is appealing to know how times have changed and we are as one nation.

Some people would be surprised to learn that I met my husband in London and we got married at Stoke Newington Church, 50 plus years ago. Amazing. I am now the Safeguarding lead. Who could have imagined me today, how my life has turned out and what I have accomplished. Some of you may recall my elder sister and mother-in-law were already members of Clapton Methodist, previously known as Downs Road.

I retired as a registered Senior Specialist Nurse Practitioner in 2008 with over forty plus years' experience working in 2 large teaching hospitals for the National Health Service. Effective communication was paramount and a key skill, which I use as part of my role as safeguarding officer to ask challenging/tough questions which can be uncomfortable to those who are on the receiving end. I hope on those occasions people feel comfortable to speak up.

During my career, I completed a Bachelor's Degree with Honours and a Diploma in Management Studies. Since my retirement from nursing, I am a member of the Royal London League of Nurses on the Executive Committee and a member of the NHS Retirement fellowship Committee for their Welfare Group.

My social life, well this is one of my favourite pastimes: I love to travel abroad and learn the diverse cultures and taste the cuisine of fine dining. My husband and I are avid members of P&O cruises. I enjoy exercising and attend all types of dancing - salsa, line dancing, and bhangra which is a form of Indian dancing. Before the pandemic I was active in contemporary dancing and part of a dance group called Leap

of Faith. The group is made up of a variety of age groups and we regularly performed formally in front of the Lord Major and also in venues such as Southbank and even the House of Lords. I also belonged to a bowling team in Whitechapel that play short mat bowling.

My Christian life has helped me to overcome old and prepare me for new challenges. I am sure some of you will agree mastering Zoom services at the beginning was a nightmare as I personally thought 'I will never get the hang of this'. With lots of patience and my family's support, worshipping at home has allowed me to attend the church service without leaving my house and participate in meetings - something that before the pandemic was impossible to comprehend.

Finding Joy in the Meaninglessness

'When I surveyed all that, my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind.' (Ecclesiastes 2.11)

A Thankful Heart

'Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.'
(Colossians 4:2)

I am encouraged by faith and do all I can to the best of my ability.

Catherine Hogan

Circuit WhatsApp Group

The circuit has a WhatsApp group to receive information about services, events happening in our churches etc. If you are not already part of this group and would like to be, please contact Helen Cornick.

Hackney Council – What are we doing?

Rebuilding a Greener Hackney

I have been asked to give you a report of what's happening at the Council. I would have to use reams and reams of paper to let you know. There is so much going on. So I thought - how about I encourage you to join in with what the Council is doing to tackle climate change.

You can find out much more by clicking here: <https://hackney.gov.uk/rebuilding-a-greener-hackney> or go on the Council's website and search for 'Rebuilding a greener Hackney'.

Change One Thing

We know that the climate crisis – and knowing how you can play your part in tackling it – can be daunting for many. That's why the Council has launched Change One Thing – a campaign of simple pledges to help inspire each other to take action and rebuild a greener Hackney.

You can share something you're already doing – or something new, taken from a list of pledges (see below). Share your pledge <https://padlet.com/hackneycouncil/qns0qcn0rl2mf3l7> (or look for the 'Change One Thing' page) on the virtual board to encourage your friends and neighbours to do the same.

You can also tag the Council @hackneycouncil on social media and use #ChangeOneThing to share your pledge:

What could you pledge?

- reduce energy use by turning your thermostat down
- sign up for our Green Homes programme to help insulate your home
- switch your energy supply to 100% renewable
- order a food waste caddy and start to recycle food waste
- eat less meat and dairy
- buy food produced in the UK where you can
- cut back on flying

- leave the car at home and walk, cycle or take public transport instead
- respect and protect green spaces
- avoid single-use items and fast fashion
- tell others about the changes you make
- repair your shoes, clothes and electrical items if broken
- buy second hand online or in charity shops

Remember, 'The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;' (Psalm 24) and we are custodians of His world.

Cllr Ian Rathbone

Prayer (adapted from Christian Aid)

Lord, it is better to light one candle
than to give up hope
and curse the darkness.

Lord, it is better to save one stranger
and reunite one family
than to say it is not our problem,
and we can't do much to help.

Lord, help us to learn it is better to join hands in one work of love,
than to sit on our hands and feel powerless.

Lord, help us to love You in the stranger,
Lord, help us to learn to love ourselves enough to believe
that we can change things for the better,
that we are not powerless or weak.

Lord, help us to find that with faith in You,
we can be strong and have hope.

Help us to be hopeful in Your unfailing love,
to hope and believe for better things.

Lord, help us to love, as You first loved us,
help us to grow to love with Your compassion. Amen.

OTHER NEWS

Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB)

On Saturday 16th October we had around 50 people join together for the District Day, and in the afternoon for the commissioning of Helen Cornick (Circuit Administrator) as the London District MWiB President. Helen's theme for the two years of having this role is 'Taking Opportunities'. She has chosen to support 2 charities: one which is to build a bore hole in a rural village in northern Ghana – near Wa; and the Fund for Human Need, which offers small grants of up to £120 to people who are destitute or have no income or benefits, to those who are particularly vulnerable and to those where a small amount of money will make a significant difference. In the last year 1108 grants have been given out. Helen is really grateful to friends from Hackney and Stoke Newington who came to support this day.

Useful Websites

You may be interested to have a look at these websites:

www.methodistorg.uk

www.methodistlondon.org.uk

www.allwecan.org.uk

www.jointpublicissues.org.uk

www.hackney.gov.uk

Please let Helen have all notices for the Christmas newsletter by Wednesday 30th March 2022. We are planning to produce newsletters periodically in future, rather than a monthly publication.