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Weekly Information Sheet

29th June – 5th July 2025

Services at Sittingbourne Methodist Church

We extend a warm welcome to everyone worshipping with us today. If you are new to our church we would like to stay in contact with you. So please take a card from the welcome area or make yourself known to the minister or a steward following the service.

Sunday 29th June • Church Gift Day

10.30am Revd. Robert Zachar

Sunday 6th July

10.30am Derek Gallagher

Your Steward on the 29th June is Linda



NORTH KENT METHODIST CIRCUIT INVITATION TO WORSHIP FROM HOME

SUNDAY 29TH JUNE 10.30AM

Online Service will be streamed from Third Avenue

<https://www.nkmethodists.org.uk/news/worship-from-home.html>

WEEKLY NOTICES • The weekly notice sheet is produced by Paul, so if you have anything that you would like included please email to: paul@greenapplegraphics.co.uk

Bible Readings

1 Kings 19:15-16 (NIV)

The Lord said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet."

19-21

The Call of Elisha

So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye," he said, "and then I will come with you."

"Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?"

So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.

Luke 9:51-62 (NIV)

Samaritan Opposition

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them[a]?" But Jesus turned and rebuked them. Then he and his disciples went to another village.

The Cost of Following Jesus

As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

He said to another man, "Follow me."

But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family."

Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

Lectionary Readings for the 29th June:

1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-21

Psalms 16

Luke 9: 51-62

Galatians 5: 1, 13-25



SITTINGBOURNE
METHODIST CHURCH

PRAYER BOOK

A prayer book is available on the shelf by the inner entrance doors to the church. You are welcome to add details of people or concerns that need our prayers.

The book will be brought forward for the intercession prayers each week.

Prayers of intercession

For our prayers of intercession this week, you are invited to hold three short periods of quiet, in which you are invited to bring our own prayers to God.

First, we pray for those close to home, calling to mind the name or the face of somebody in our own family, amongst our church congregation or a close friend. In the quiet, we hold them and their situation up to God.

(Silence)

Living God, you know our hearts and our hurts. We commit them to you now, and invite you to come close to those we have prayed for, bringing them your healing, your comfort, your hope.

Second, we pray for situations further afield - taking a moment to pray for something we have heard in the news that troubles us, or for someone we have never met but whose story has affected us. In the quiet, we hold these people and situations up to God.

(Silence)

Living God, you know the pains of your world. It can feel like a dark world when we switch on the news, or read our newspapers. In the darkness, bring your light. In the conflict, bring your peace. In the brokenness, bring your healing.

(Silence)

Finally, we spend a moment praying for the church: perhaps this church congregation, the wider Christian church, or all people of faith. In the quiet, we pray for all who are gathering in worship today.

(Silence)

Living God, help us - your people - to be your hands and feet in the world. May we find ways to be an answer to prayer, to bring transformation in our own lives, communities and our world.

We pray these, and all our prayers, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



If you would like some time of prayer before or after the service one of our prayer team are available to help in anyway they can.

Prayer is the fundamental part of our Christian faith.

A prayer for the people of The Middle East

Dear Jesus, please bring peace to the people of Israel, Gaza and Iran. You have the peace that surpasses all understanding.

Please give peace to these lands and bring hope into their hearts as they continue to face a time of fear, uneasiness, and worry.

Please surround them with your hope, peace, and love.

Thank you, Lord, for always being there for all of us.

In Jesus' Name,

Amen.

Gift Day 2025

This year's Gift Day will be on **Sunday 29th June**.

Letters and gift envelopes are being distributed, if for any reason you do not receive one please speak to Paul. Gift Day is one of our major fund raising events each year so please give as generously as you can.

Thank you.

TOM HOPKINS

It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of Tom early on Saturday 31st May, he passed peacefully in his sleep.

Tom was a member of the church for many years and he celebrated his 100th birthday earlier this year.

The funeral is on the 3rd July, 12pm at The Garden of England Crematorium Sheppey Way Sittingbourne ME9 8GZ

Please no black to be worn on Toms request.

Afterwards all are welcome for light refreshments where tea and coffee will also served, at St Margaret's Millennium Centre Rainham ME8 9BH

There is a large pay and display car park behind the Cricketers Pub next to the centre.

Should anyone wish to follow the service on-line the log in details are as follows:

<http://watch.obitus.com>

Username: joma7315 / Password: 176696

Donations in Memory of Tom can be made to the Alzheimer's Society.

Diary Dates

Church Gift Day

Sunday 29th June

Action for Children Sunday

Sunday 13th July

Free school uniform HERE

25th - 30th July 2025

Logoed and plain
uniform –
**For most
Sittingbourne
schools primary
and secondary**

Friday July 25th 10am - 2pm
Saturday July 26th 9am - 5pm
Monday July 28th 10am - 3pm
Tuesday July 29th 2pm - 7pm
Wednesday July 30th 9am - 12pm



The Sittingbourne School



Fulston Manor



Back to School Uniform Checklist



Borden Grammar



Highsted



Westlands

Lunch Club

The next Lunch Club will be on
Thursday 10th July 2025
at 12 for 12.30pm

The cost for lunch will be £6, you do not need to book if you regularly attend. If you would like to join lunch club please contact Derek for availability by Tuesday 8th July (tel. 01795 425873 or text 07903 016105).

Lunch Club will also meet on the 24th July.

**Free Preloved School Uniform Hub -
Sittingbourne Methodists**

High Street · Sittingbourne · Find us on **Facebook**

Can you help?

Volunteers are needed to help during the sessions and also to help with washing, mending and preparing the uniforms, any help would be much appreciated by Rachel and the team. Please speak to Rachel if you can offer your time.



The Wiggles

Stay and Play pre-school group for children and adults. (Children have to bring their own adult).

On Tuesday mornings from 9.45-11.30am in the Methodist Church lounge, High Street, Sittingbourne.

£2 per child, includes tea/coffee and a fruit snack for the children.



TOP 5 ITEMS NEEDED THIS WEEK:

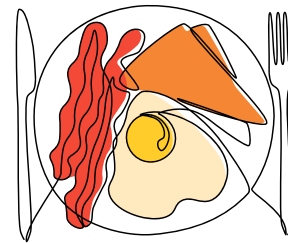
1. Tinned veg
2. Dog food
3. Tinned Meat
4. Biscuits
5. Cereal

Date 16/06/2025



Worry
is a conversation you have with yourself about things you cannot change.

Prayer
is a conversation you have with God about things He can change.



Mens Fellowship Breakfast

Another opportunity to meet up, get things off your chest and do what men often fail to do which is talk about things that matter. If you are interested in joining us for Breakfast or just morning coffee, at the **Sentado Lounge**, at **9.30 on Tuesday 8th July** please add your name to the list on the church vestibule table.



The Summer edition of the circuit newsletter is available to download

<https://www.sittingbournemethodist.org.uk/NKMC-Newsletter-Summer25-A4s.pdf>

A few printed copies are available in the Welcome Area.



Action For Children Sunday
13th July 2025 at 10.30am
Sittingbourne Methodist Church
We will be reflecting on their work and there will be a retiring collection.

*Be Still and know
that I am God*

WARM WELCOME

at Sittingbourne Methodist Church
FRIDAY'S FROM 10.00AM – MIDDAY

A SOCIAL SPACE FOR CHATTING

HOT DRINKS · FREE Wi-Fi · GAMES · BOOKS
OTHER REFRESHMENTS · CHILD FRIENDLY

Free Preloved School Uniform Hub

Come in and have a browse we might just have the uniform you need!

We always need new stock – Please remember to donate the uniform you've grown out of.



Regular prayer meetings

Wednesday's at 7.00pm

Every Wednesday

[Click to go to ZOOM](#)

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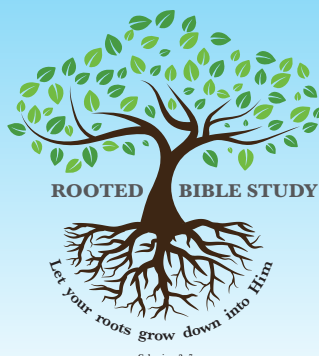
Wednesday 7.00pm Prayers

<https://zoom.us/j/99785194564?pwd=UHNBb3RmUGtaZmdzWHRGREFBckJlZz09>

Meeting ID: **997 8519 4564**

Passcode: **180518**

Join us for fellowship, bible discussion and prayer on alternate Wednesdays
10.30am - 12.00 noon



NEXT MEETING 2ND JULY

Bible Study

**JUNE – SEPT 2025
TUESDAYS AT 2PM**

The twelve disciples by Douglas Connelly. Available on Amazon



**ZOOM ID:
836 6507 7649
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627708**

JUNE
3rd Andrew, Bringing others to Jesus, John 1:35-42
10th Simon Peter, Defending and rebuking the Savior, Mark 1:16-20; 8:27-38
17th Matthew, Drawing in the outcast, Matthew 9:9-13
24th James, Hating our enemies, Luke 9:51-56; Acts 12:1-20

JULY
8th Philip, Learning to trust, John 6:1-13
15th John, Seeking to be the greatest, Matthew 20:20-28
22nd Thomas, Leaving doubt behind, John 20:19-29

////////// Summer Break //////////

SEPTEMBER
9th Nathanael, Developing spiritual insight, John 1:43-51
16th Judas Iscariot, Turning away, Matthew 26:14-30, 47-50; 27:1-10
23rd Three others, Faithfull to the end, Luke 18:18-30

The Bible Course FROM Genesis to Revelation

A Study Course in eight fortnightly sessions by Dr. Andrew Ollerton (Ordained Pastor and Theologian) Produced by The Bible Society
Lead by Val Calder in the Church Lounge.
Starting May 7th at 10.30am
Do join us on this Journey of Faith



Tuesday 2pm Bible study

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83665077649?pwd=SzQyQjZnTGRxeFNEOUUxMENla1d3Zz09>

Meeting ID: **836 6507 7649**

Passcode: **627708**



Upcoming Events



You are invited to a

CIRCUIT PICNIC

SATURDAY 26 JULY 12PM - 3PM
SHORNE WOODS COUNTRY PARK

Come together with friends from across the North Kent Methodist Circuit for an afternoon of food, games and laughter in the great outdoors. BYO picnic - and a game, if you have one!

Any questions? Contact James on operations.nkmc@gmail.com



 **Sittingbourne Orpheus Choral Society**
Presents

Folk Songs of the Isles

The best of British and Irish folk songs for a summer's evening

Saturday 12th July 2025 7.30pm
Millennium Hall
Fulston Manor School
Sittingbourne ME10 4EG

Tickets are now available from our website, £15. (U-18. Concessions).



Registered Charity No. 274005



Upchurch Choral Society

Summer Serenade: A Classical Evening

conducted by Francesca Massey

Sunday 20th July, 7.30 pm, 2025

St. Mary's Church, Horsham Lane
Upchurch. ME9 7AL

Entrance: £12. Free entrance for students

Contact: kbl.walters@talk21.com
01634 361897



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& Retreat Centre | ME9 7TG

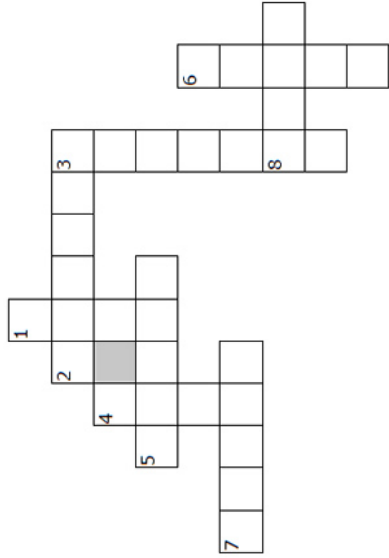
Strawberry tea

Saturday 12 July
2.30pm~4.30pm

*with tea, cakes,
scones and stalls*



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

2. To walk behind someone
5. Animals similar to dogs with a long, bushy tail
7. Creatures with feathers and wings, usually able to fly
8. A home for birds

DOWN

1. An opening in the ground where an animal might live
3. Traveling on foot
4. A pathway for vehicles, people, and animals
6. The Son of God

BIRDS	NEST	WALKING	FOXES
JESUS	FOLLOW	ROAD	HOLE



Children's Worship Bulletin

Hold on to Jesus

Luke 9:56-62

Word Search

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BIRDS	AIR	FOXES	MAN	JESUS
ROAD	SON	HEAD	HOLES	PLACE
MAN	FOLLOW	LAY	WALKING	NESTS

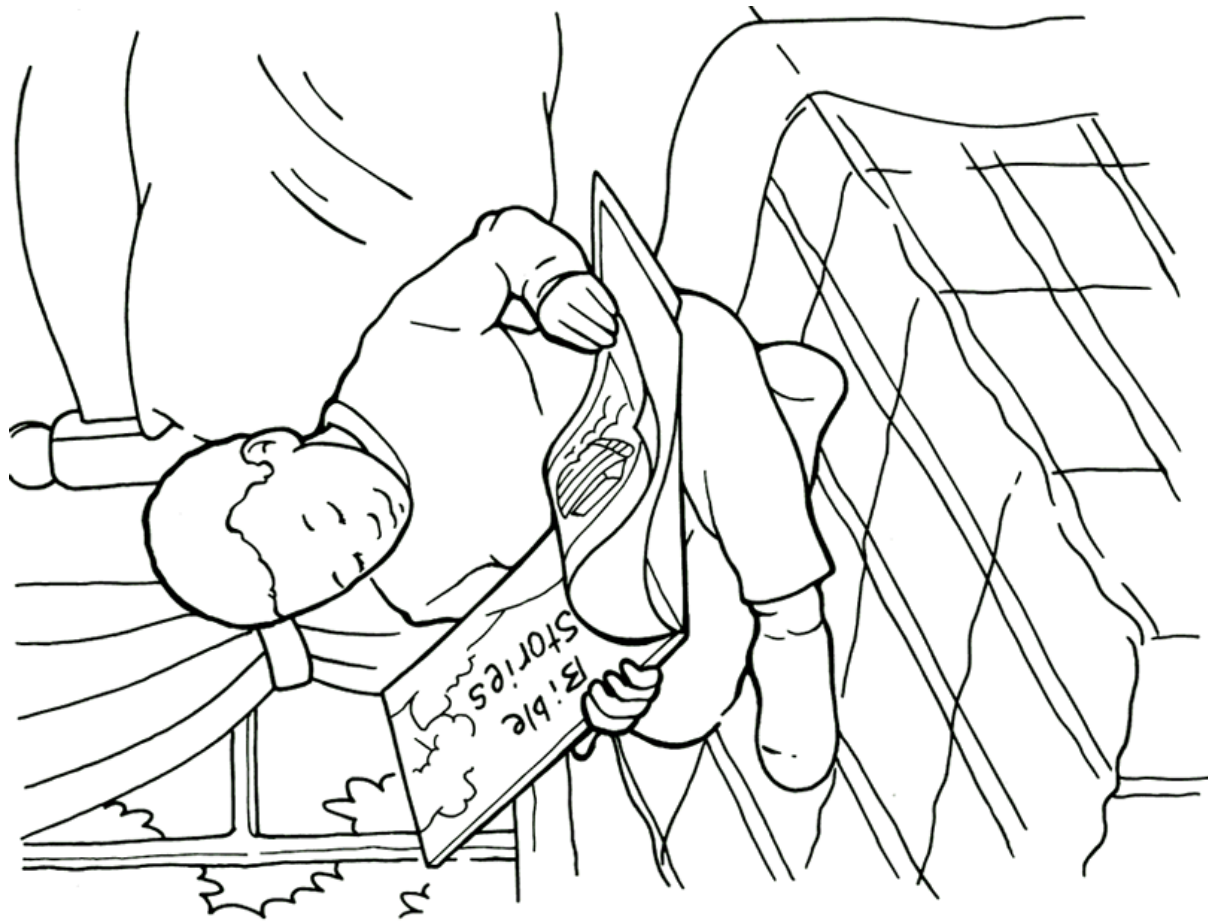
Dot to Dot

Connect the dots to complete the picture.



Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."
 Luke 9:58 (NIV)

Colour Me!



I want to follow Jesus. He is God's Son.