



Our Mission: To reflect God's love in all we do so that others may be encouraged to find faith in Christ.

Victoria on the High Street

Queens Road in the Community

NEWS FROM OUR 2 CENTRES - WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 20th APRIL 2025

Church Services:

Easter Day Service – Sunday 20th is at Victoria 10.30am, led by Mr John Flowers.

Stewards: Richard & Marjorie Cordy.

Prayer of Preparation: – we will use The Lent Liturgy.



We would like people to bring flowers to put onto the empty cross & you are invited to do this as you enter the church so that the cross is decorated throughout the service.

Shopper's Service – Thursday 24th 11am at Victoria, led by Mr Grenville Mills.

Everyone is welcome.



Next week our Morning Worship & Holy Communion – Sunday 27th April 10.30am at Queens Road.

Led by our Minister Revd John Hayes. Stewards: Julie Wilsteed & Liz Palfrey.

Our Sunday Morning Services are recorded live & can be watched later on:

Youtube <https://youtube.com/@keynshammethodistchurch7910>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/pg/keynshammethodistchurch/posts/>

Website <https://www.keynshammethodistchurch.co.uk/video/>

Easter Message

How's Lent been going for you? This year Lent has not been a time for peaceful reflection for me. With a sabbatical coming just after Easter the work needed to be completed has not really enabled me to spend much time in quiet reflection. Sometimes, it just seems that life is too busy to properly enjoy what's happening day by day.

One of the opportunities of a sabbatical is to literally put aside the things I normally have to do & leave space. I have plans, of course. There are travels and photos and writing, and also the everyday things of life. But none of my usual activities. No services or studies to prepare for & lead, no phone calls to answer, no hospital visits, no decisions to be made, no people to support, no funerals to lead, no meetings to lead & write up. I can say that this is a lot of space cleared in my diary for the next few months. This is a real gift. But it does require some significant planning for and I am very grateful of John Carne for all his support, not least in organising all the necessary people to be able for me to access and take this gift.

But back to the space. Really creating space where you are not sure what is going to happen & you do not have the same events driving your time, is also just a little scary. Some of you may have felt this way about giving up full-time employment. For many of you though, if you are involved in church, the diary doesn't take long to fill up with events & activities. In some cases, it's too much.

But Jesus says to all of us 'come unto me all you who are weary & rest.' I'm not sure Jesus always modelled this though as he was very busy in his years of ministry. But Jesus encouraged his disciples to take the opportunities to rest and from May to August I will be doing just that. Hopefully resting in God's presence for a season will help me to recover the way of making the most out of each day, without trying to fit too much in.

As we all prepare for Holy Week this year may we find some time and space to rest a while with God and each-other as we travel with Jesus to Jerusalem, Golgotha and the empty tomb.

Easter Blessings to you all. Grace and Peace. *Revd. John Hayes.*

Pastoral news

We were saddened to hear the news that Brenda Findlay had died last week. At the time of writing, we don't know what the arrangements are for Brenda's funeral but will let you know as soon as we can. We will all miss Brenda, and our prayers are with her family and friends at this sad time.

News that Joyce Younie is expecting to celebrate her 100th birthday on Sunday 27th July with her family.

Joyce, a long-standing member, lives at Sunnymede Nursing Home. We send Joyce our best wishes along with a card and flowers. Our hope and prayer is that Joyce and her family have a special time on this remarkable day.

It was good to see that Sylvia Kirby is home and recovering after her latest operation. Sylvia is making great progress, and we are delighted that both Sylvia and Tony can look forward to getting out and about again. We give thanks to God for all the support Sylvia has received from the health teams and her family and friends.

Mary Fauckes wanted to pass on her greetings to everyone at a church in this Easter Season. Mary, a long-standing member is resident at Meryton Place Care Home.

Revd. John Hayes

Craft Group will meet this week on Tuesday 22nd at 2pm in the **Key Centre at Victoria.**



Coffee Mornings @ Victoria

We will be open **Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10am-12 noon.**

Our children's area will have **free Easter Craft Activities** during the Easter school holidays.

There is also a short service every Thursday at 11am & everyone is welcome.

We will shortly be hosting a craft table-top sale during our coffee room sessions.

If you would like to sell or donate any items, please let the church office know.

Turnaround are appealing for women's T shirts, joggers & underwear. I expect with the lovely weather we have been having; you have been looking in drawers, wardrobes, airing cupboards etc deciding what to wear or throw. If it is throw, **please think of the guests at Turnaround.** I will put the **crates in the usual places** in Queens Road & Victoria for items **which I will take to a meeting on April 26th.** If anyone would like to come with me to that meeting, please get in touch. Thanking you in anticipation. *Daphne.*

Meditation Taster morning - Monday 28th April 11am – 12 noon in The Hub at Victoria.

There are many benefits of meditation for physical & mental health. Meditation is life changing as it leads to personal transformation, calming of relationships and greater wisdom in our decision making.

Join us for a taster session to learn more about ways in which to journey towards inner silence & discover its blessings. £5 suggested donation to church funds. *Revd Josette Crane 0777 6024081.* Coffee from 10am.

Free to anyone who wants them:

***3 garden pots,** wood effect plastic half barrels, approx.15 inches diameter x 10 inches high

***Japanese Acer plant 'Shaina'** happy in sun /shade, contact Lorraine: lorrie.cross@outlook.com

To advertise an event on the 'what's on' screen: clivelovell42@gmail.com

Items for the next news sheet need to be sent by **noon on Thursday 24th April:** lorrie.cross@outlook.com

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