

"V E Day Celebrations

Despite the lockdown VE Day celebrations began, and brought a little hope and community spirit.

In Kirk Hallam - Godfrey Drive, Ann R and the street came out to celebrate with bears and gardens dressed for the day, food and drinks and a chance to chat with others on Street, Batman, minions and others were seen in the area.

In Gallows Inn Close, bunting, balloons and Gazebo's were up. Small groups sat in the road chatting, sharing as well as drinks, food music and chat.

Meanwhile in King George Avenue, they celebrated in style - flags, bunting, Union Jack hats, wigs and even a tie. A large brown bull dog was seen wearing a flag and also a 3ft high gnome was decorated in red, white and blue. Ten households met on the street (social distancing of course!). We sang along with Vera Lynn and toasted the war-time heroes. We met neighbours we didn't know - who are now new friends.

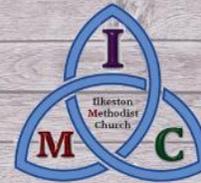
The community spirit was high as people chat with others on street and getting to know those they not chat to before, making new friends and catching up with others.

Both Gallows inn Close and King George Avenue We all agreed to have another party when the present crisis is over. It was a wonderful occasion proving that good can come out of a crisis.



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WORSHIP, MEDIA AND CREATIVE ARTS



ILKESTON METHODIST CHURCH



Our church buildings are closed until further notice.

Although we have closed these buildings, there is still a CHURCH, we have not stopped loving our community and caring for each other, when all this is over we will be inviting you to a celebration. Keep looking at our website and FaceBook.

Log on, – Chat, join, sing and more -

www.facebook.com/groups/ilkestonmethodistchurch

On the BOX Sunday

Morning Service – BBC Radio 4 and Radio Nottingham, Derby – 8am

**BBC1 Sunday Service 10:45 –,
Songs of Praise at Sunday 1:15pm**

Online - Nottingham and Derby Methodist Circuit Group – Chris Briggs and Peoples Church and Paul Strange Live podcasts/service
I will share in our groups as well. The Notices will be sent to IMC Group also.

A short act of worship has been prepared for you by Michael Slater, one of our local preachers, to use as we are unable to attend church. - **See separate sheet**

Keep Connected.

We have had a lot of fun on WhatsApp and Facebook, along with challenges, prayers, updates and more, with quite a few people. You can still join us other. Just send your mobile number for WhatsApp, Google duo, Skype or on access through PC/laptop. Call Paul or David

Snippet From A Great Holiday In New Zealand. Part 6

On Wednesday 12th February our journey was to Matamata, The Hobbit Shires Movie Set Middle Earth.

Whilst inside the Restaurant, enjoying a cup of tea and a Blueberry Muffin, a little sparrow came to sit by my chair ! like to think it was my Mum.

In 1998 Sir Peter Jackson, film director writer and producer discovered Alexandra Farm, the New Zealand Army, built a 1.5km. road onto the site. They built the 39 Hobbit Holes, using untreated timber ply and polystyrene. Filming of 'The Lord of The Rings Trilogy' began in December 1999. This site was then re-developed with permanent materials in 2009, taking 2 years, before filming of 'The Hobbit Trilogy' began in 2011. All adapted from the novels by J. R. R. Tolkien.

On our guided tour round the Set, we were shown the most famous locations, and it was explained how the movies were made.

The whole Set is delightful and enchanting, in front of the Hobbit Holes, little gardens full of flowering plants, vegetables etc. attracting bees and butterflies. Ending up in the world famous 'Green Dragon' I had a cool refreshing Ginger Beer, we sat by the log fire!!! outside it was 28 C. A fantastic day for our 'Middle Earth Adventure'.

Take care and be safe everyone.☺

Chrissy Varley.

Just to Acknowledge, the photos last week were from Chrissy not Lesley.

NEW CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION!

The Methodist Church Youth Section is looking for children and young people, aged 4 to 18, to write, draw, paint, or get busy with their camera!

Entries to the competition can be in the form of a poem, a picture or a photograph/photo collage.

All entries should be in response to the theme of 'What is God saying?'

What do children and young people think that God is saying to them, or to the Church, or to the world?

**FIND OUT MORE AND ENTER
HERE.**

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/GetCreative/>

ROOTS is offering free weekly resources for use at home during the pandemic.
<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/>

If you would like to contribute to the next edition of the news sheet please email or phone Paul or Dave. Pics of cakes, crafts, hobbies, walks or even tell us what you done through lockdown.

“You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.” (Galatians 5:13)

Dial-a-Prayer

A [FREE phone service](#) to hear prayers and news from the Methodist Church has been launched.

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514

Listen to news: 0808 281 2478

Content is updated weekly on Thursday evening.

Tour Online

You can also take a virtual tour of the New Room Bristol Museum, to learn more about the oldest Methodist building in the world.

<https://www.newroombristol.org.uk/museum/explore-the-museum>

Spirit of God, come as the wind to drive us forward; come as the dove to launch us heavenward; come as water to cleanse, as dew to refresh and as fire to purge; through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Where Are We Online

Pinterest

www.pinterest.co.uk/ilkestonmethodistchurch
Mostly for Messy Church Connection

IMC Facebook Group

www.facebook.com/groups/ilkestonmethodistchurch
For members, leaders and meetings

Website

www.ilkestonmethodistchurch.co.uk/
Created for our missions and events

Ilkeston and District Churches Site

www.ilkestonchurchesunited.esy.es

Mid Derbyshire Methodist Circuit Group

www.facebook.com/groups/894866584254560/



[IlkestonMethodistChurch](http://www.ilkestonmethodistchurch.co.uk/)

22 May to 25 May 2020, Online

Cliff Festival at Home

Cliff Festival is still on! With the theme of 'Global Vision' and featuring live-streams and pre-recorded Bible studies, seminars, workshops, preaching and worship.

A Festival Guide is available here.

<https://cliffcollege.ac.uk/cliff-festival/festival-guide>