

The Link

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Planet Christ The Cornerstone

By local photographer David Lack

The ecumenical Church of Christ the Cornerstone in Milton Keynes was set up in September 1979, as the first ecumenical city-centre church in the United Kingdom. In it members of five different denominations – Baptist Union, Church of England, Methodist, Roman Catholic and United Reformed Churches – are covenanted together to share their life in worship,

understanding of each other and service to the community and to the wider world. For more information on Christ The Cornerstone see the website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/churchofchristthecornerstonemk>

There will be more of the United Area Churches featured in David Lack's planet form in the next issue of The Link.

Winter won't be long in coming

You may not want to hear this - especially when the weather is still warm, and snow and ice seem far away - but we know only too well that it will be winter sooner than we think. Last winter, through the work of the Winter Night Shelter programme, many of those who came through the doors of the different venues were found more permanent housing. So why have we been planning for this winter almost as soon as the doors closed at the end of February? It's because there are still women and men sleeping on the streets of Milton Keynes and surrounding areas.



Not everyone succeeds in keeping their place in a hostel or flat. There are limited places for people to move on to. And so the Winter Night Shelter will be running again this winter, for December, January and February. Some of the night time venues will be the same, but there are new churches involved as well. If your church is one of them, you'll probably know about it and you'll hear news of volunteer teams being recruited locally; but there are still opportunities for others to volunteer. There will be more information coming to churches about how to do this in the next couple of months, but for now, be thinking and praying whether this is something you could be involved with this winter. Volunteers are needed each night of the week, for the evenings, overnight and breakfast shifts. Cooks and drivers are particularly needed, although much of the transport will be done by local firms as last year. Early each evening people will meet in a Central MK location to get to know each other better. Volunteers are needed for this cafe.

Over 200 volunteers have been involved in each of the two years the winter night shelter has been running so far. One of them might have been you. Whether you've been involved before or not, this year you could be. Let me know [Brenda Mosedale: mksuper@btinternet.com or (01908) 312 043] or email wmsmiltonkeynes@gmail.com.

Hope MK: one Church serving MK in word & deed...



In response to a growing sense that God is at work among young people in MK, a group of leaders got together to dream about how we could impact our city by empowering young people to do local mission and encouraging churches to work together more closely. That was just ten short months ago - and in two months time Milton Keynes won't know what's hit it. We'll be teaching, training & empowering at least 150 young Christians from across the city to put their faith into action, reaching our city with the hope that only Jesus Christ can bring. They'll be led, supported & resourced by a diverse group of churches, and together they'll meet the needs of their local communities.

We're asking young people (school years 7-13) to invest their Autumn half term week to serve

God in word & deed; blessing their city in His name. Churches will be hosting social action projects around MK. Everyone will meet together in the mornings at a central location for teaching, worship, prayer and training, before heading out (after lunch) to serve at projects in the afternoons, then returning for tea to reflect & debrief. On the final night there will be a big evangelistic event which the young people will invite their friends along to, and the people they've met & served during the week.

Our desire is to see:

- Young Christians empowered to put their faith into action in word & deed
- Churches working together to bless & serve our city
- Our neighbours hearing about & experiencing the Good News, and challenging their perception of Christians
- The Gospel of Jesus proclaimed & people to have an opportunity to respond
- Everyone realising that God is at work in our city!

This initiative already has the support of MK Bridgebuilder Trust, the MK Mission Partnership, Scripture Union, and more than 30 churches of all possible denominations (& none). But we're still looking for more churches, groups of churches, individuals & organisations to get involved.



Despite us expecting that summer would be a quiet period, young people have been busy registering; already two-thirds of the places are full and we're struggling to keep up with the associated administration. As the new academic year begins we'll hit our really busy time. We anticipate that the rest of the places will be taken & we may have to look for a bigger venue. The last thing we want is to turn young people away!

How can you get involved?

There are 101 ways that churches & individuals can get involved and ensure the success of Hope MK. On our website they're listed under five headings: prayer (vital), projects (we still need churches to host projects), people (adult volunteers), sponsorship (lots of options) & young people (get them signed-up fast!). If you're not sure how you might be able to help, please get in touch as we'd love to talk it through with you.

The planning & preparation so far hasn't been without its challenges (as you can imagine), but God has been blessing the initiative every step of the way. We're so excited to see what He's going to do during the Autumn half-term week. Will you join us and be part of it?

Rev. Ricky Rew [on behalf of the Hope MK team]

www.hopemk.com

What's A Book Group?

The simple answer is it's a place where people come together to share what they think about what they've read; what they've enjoyed about the book and what they haven't. It's a place where they get to share thoughts and opinions on the book with other people who've read it too. It gives a space to have a discussion about where you think the author was right or wrong and why. It's a space where nobody is the expert and everybody's view is equal in value.

But a book group is more than that too. It's a place to meet with others and to bond with them through sharing the experience of the book. A place where friendships grow and deepen over laughter and discussion.

It's a place where old books can be rediscovered and new books explored.

Book groups are also places where people get the chance to reflect on their own lives and opinions through the lens of a book. It's often much easier to talk about difficult issues if you're looking at the lives of fictional characters rather than real people.

How Does A Book Group Work?

People are given the title of a book in advance (often suggested by a member of the group) and read through it....or as much of it as they're able before they come to the group.

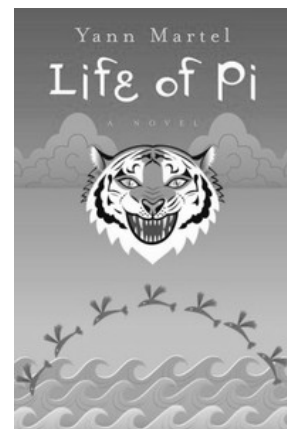
They'll then settle down with a cuppa and chat about the book and what they thought about it. Whether they enjoyed it and which bits made them laugh or cry.

Somebody may then take a particular theme or character from the book and lead a discussion where everybody joins in.

How Can You Become Part of A Book Group?

We have a book group starting at West End United Church, Wolverton, in the near future to which all are welcome. The first book we'll be exploring is "Life of Pi" by Yann Martel.

If you'd like more details contact Sally - sallyitfcrush@btinternet.com.



IF campaign makes a difference in Newport Pagnell

Newport Pagnell United Reformed Church in Milton Keynes hosted a breakfast event in May to raise awareness about the IF campaign – the largest anti-poverty coalition since Make Poverty History. The event was attended by Mark Lancaster MP and the mayor of Newport Pagnell, Wendy Egan, as well as congregation members and local residents.

The church's minister, Rev. Jenny Mills, said: "Coffee and brioche united us all as we focused on the IF campaign and its aims. Even at austere times in the UK, we realised once again how blessed we are, and how vital it is to end global food poverty for good."

Later that week, the church hosted a coffee morning, and a cake and book sale – both in support of Christian Aid week. Combined with funds raised by the church's street collections, the churches in Newport Pagnell raised £6006 in total.

**ENOUGH FOOD
FOR EVERYONE**



Has this made a difference? This is the response form the IF Campaign:

Since this campaign launched in January, you've been central to it. I wanted to let you know what you've helped achieve and what's happening next as the campaign reaches its end.

Enough Food For Everyone IF has been a success because you and thousands of others made a big enough noise against hunger. Big or small, whatever you did, thank you.

Here's what we achieved together in just 6 short months:

- **Aid promise kept**
 - Your campaigning made sure the Chancellor, George Osborne, committed to spend 0.7% of national income on life changing aid.
- **Better nutrition**
 - 45,000 of you came to London's Hyde Park and helped get world leaders to pledge up to £2.7 billion, which will help 20 million children get the food they need.

- **Unearthing land grabs**
 - You helped put land grabs on the G8 agenda for the very first time.
- **Backing climate finance**
 - Your efforts helped get a plan in place to get the funds needed to help poor countries adapt to climate change.
- **Transparent tax**
 - In the UK, George Osborne failed to reform UK tax laws, but he couldn't ignore our calls to tackle the elephant in the room: our own UK tax havens.
 - On the global stage: Thousands of you gathered in Belfast and put huge pressure on the G8 to set out the great ambition to tackle tax dodging, which they did days later at the Summit - unthinkable just a few months ago.



Jenny Mills and the IF team

Engaging

"I don't do religion, but I do believe in angels / dreams / heaven / meditation / prayer / some kind of life force". The last part of that sentence is open to change but in some form or another reflects quite a lot of conversations I've had over the years sitting in pubs, classrooms, festival fields, coffee shops and all the other sorts of places you tend to find yourself chatting to non-Christians. Those conversations always leave me with a question; "how can we [Christians] engage with these people who have rejected the religious but not the spiritual?" It was this question which Engaging, a one day event at the Church of Christ the Cornerstone, was seeking to help a diverse group of people from across the region answer. The day was led by Ian Mobsby, Steve Hollinghurst and Andrea Campanale and was organised by Katharine Crowsley, Rob Winn and Cate Williams.





During the day there was a mix of practical theology talks and interactive workshops going on. The talky parts were easily understandable but had something for everybody, whatever your existing level of knowledge of the topic - particularly as the statistics being discussed were the latest ones from the 2011 census. Besides outlining and interpreting these statistics about what people do or don't believe there was a focus on communication and language as well as the sort of

spiritual practices people engage in now.

The workshops were interactive and varied. In the morning I found myself chilling with Ian Mobsby (of Moot), as he led us through a half hour silent meditation session - talking us through the way that his community uses them to engage with people in the heart of the City of London. Then in the afternoon I was finding out all about Ruach cards and how they're used by Christians at Mind, Body and Spirit fairs.

What I really liked about the day was the way it was focused on how we get out in the "real" world and engage with people where they are, in ways which are relevant to them, rather than expecting them to come to us. There is a stall booked at the Mind Body Spirit Fair in Milton Keynes (21st-22nd September): anybody who is interested in getting involved should contact rob@venturemk.org.

Sally Rush

Milton Keynes welcomes Ben Haslam

Hello! My name is Ben Haslam and I will be ministering amongst you from September. I come from a Methodist background and will be a probationer minister (that means I've just finished my training and am "on approval" as it were!). I have been a preacher since 2005, worked in Sainbury's and Accuity's Opticians and have studied theology at Cliff College in Derbyshire, and at Durham University. Originally from Rotherham, Yorkshire (though I do speak reasonable English!) for the past five years I have been employed as a pastoral worker for two Methodist Churches in South West London. I enjoy meeting people, books, films, theatre and chocolate, in no particular order. I am also passionate about the Church and God's people.



I am looking forward to working in an ecumenical team - I trained ecumenically, which I enjoyed immensely, so this is a great appointment for me. Although I will bring a Methodist perspective, I look forward to learning from my ecumenical colleagues, finding out how God is working amongst the churches in the Watling Valley Partnership, and joining in with gusto! My role will include pastoral care, weddings, funerals and baptisms, initiatives such as the START course, as well as chaplaincy work at Shenley retirement village.

I was very excited when I first received a profile of the Watling Valley Partnership, with its talk of teamwork, new initiatives, and plenty going on! I am very much looking forward to getting to know you all and getting stuck in to the work of God's Kingdom in Milton Keynes.

Milton Keynes welcomes

Ruth Maxey

Ruth is the new 'Community Minister' (Pioneer Minister in 'Church speak') who has been appointed to work on the Eastern Flank expansion area of Milton Keynes. She lives in Broughton and plans to focus her work on the Broughton & Brooklands new housing developments.



She is a United Reformed Church minister who after being ordained in 1996 began her ministry in Birmingham on an outer city estate. Weoley Castle Community Church had, as its name implies, a strong community focus that Ruth enjoyed and developed. She spent eight years in Birmingham during which time she married (Dave) and had two children (Tom & Sammy) both of whom are on the autistic spectrum.

In 2003 Ruth, Dave and the family moved to Keele University where Ruth became Free Church Chaplain. Two years later their daughter Hannah arrived! Ruth's ten years of chaplaincy were hugely rewarding and a time of real growth and development of the chaplaincy at Keele. In chaplaincy she had the opportunity to use her gifts in pastoral care and creative worship and the chance to be part of a strong ecumenical team.

The move to Milton Keynes, and this exciting new role, feels the right step for Ruth and the family at this time in her ministry. She has long been interested in how we reach out to the many people who find the Church both alien and irrelevant. With strong friendships and interests outside the Christian community she well placed to begin to build bridges.

Ruth loves travel and holidays (her friends joke that if she hadn't been a minister she should have been a travel agent!). She enjoys painting (when she finds the time!), consumes far too much real coffee, loves walking in the countryside, but most of all she enjoys time with good friends and family.



Venture:MK Highlights

YMCA

The link with the YMCA continues to be fruitful. We have recently completed a series of meetings to explore the Christian Ethos of the YMCA. From this we have been considering the possibility of a discussion group and creating opportunities for the residents to pray. Most importantly, it has been good to get to know the residents well and establish positive relationships with many of them. It has also been good to play basketball with a couple of them at a club I helped form in Downs Barn.

Engaging with Spiritual Seekers

In June we held a training event called "Engaging", for Christians wishing to engage with spiritual seekers (Sally Rush has written a review of the day, which can be found on page 5). Following on from this, we are running some training on the 8th September on how to use 'Ruach Cards' - a resource for blessing people who attend Mind Body Spirit fairs. On September 21st-22nd we have a stall booked for a MBS fair in Stantonbury. Anybody who is interested in volunteering on the stall or attending training should get in touch with me as soon as possible.



University Campus Milton Keynes



Starting in September I will be meeting with the new students and staff at UCMK as part of the Chaplaincy team. This is an exciting development and I'm looking forward to seeing where this leads.

Love:MK Volunteering Collective

Over the last few months we have launched a volunteering group aimed at young adults wanting to meet like-minded people to volunteer or fund-raise for good causes. So far we have run a quiz night, Bollywood night and rounders tournament all in aid of charities and have also publicised the group at the World Picnic in Campbell Park. There is a good team of people coming together to run these events and we hope it will continue to grow and make an impact on the local community.



Prayer Newsletter

Working with Jeff Newall, we are revamping our prayer newsletter format which will now include on an online 'pin board' to be updated as things happen, as well the regular e-newsletter sent out by Jeff. We would love more people to pray for Venture:MK; if you would like to receive the updates please email jeff@newallj.fsnet.co.uk and ask to be added to the prayer mailing list.

Rob Winn

Behind The Pulpit with Local Preacher Raymond Lo

What is your favourite hymn – and why?

"As the deer pants for the water" is my favourite hymn since the melody and the words are so beautiful. Also this is my prayer to God for my commitment. This hymn reminds me all the time that only God is my strength and my shield.

Who, other than God and Jesus, is your favourite person from the Bible – and why?

King Solomon is the only king anointed by God with extended wisdom. No other king before him and no other king after him had such wisdom. Please see what he said then you will know the reason why he is my favourite person in Bible: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your path." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

What is your favourite Christian festival – and why?

Easter is my favourite Christian festival as the whole period is so emotional. The journey from Palm Sunday to Easter Day is one of high and low periods, reflecting a huge range of human emotions.

The entry of Jesus into Jerusalem prompts a triumphal welcome from the crowd. However, just a



few days later, on Good Friday, His disciples denied all knowledge of Jesus. There was bullying, violence, mockery, and a ruler of His people crucified Him on the cross. Three days later our Lord has risen and His mission has been accomplished.

When did you become a Local Preacher?

My Accreditation Service was held on 25th November 2012 in Queensway Methodist Church. It was one of my happier times, especially as there were so many friends that came to support me.

What is your favourite animal?

I love dogs very much. I bought my first dog with my brother when I was only 10 years old. I hope one day I will have another dog again provided I have spare time to look after him or her.

What is your favourite holiday destination - and why?

Hong Kong is my birth place and I had a very happy time there, but also a very sad period there. Every time when I went back to Hong Kong it was so touching. After all, I still have my parents there and if I could I hope to visit them again before the time we depart.



What are your favourite foods?

Of course I like Chinese foods very much. I've travelled a lot to other countries for business and I've tried so many different types of foods, but I still believe Chinese is the best! I also very much like Scandinavian sea foods especially Swedish and Norwegian.

If you could live in any country, which one would you choose, and why?

I have been in the UK almost twenty years now: I love this country very much, especially the people and the landscape.

If you were stranded on a desert island what four things (excluding basic survival items) would you want to have with you?

Well, I do not think it will happen to me as I do not go to desert islands, but if it happens I must have my Bible, digital radio with solar power, books and laptop computer with lots of back-up charges via sunlight.



What are your hobbies?

I love travelling and reading. If time allows I like swimming as well.

What is your favourite season of the year?

I prefer early summer as the weather and landscape are at their best to enjoy.

Do you have a favourite church? Tell me a little about it.

I love all churches since all churches are made for God and are for people to come to connect with God.

However, I feel very sad when I know that some churches in the UK become restaurants due to lack of funding to maintain them. When I go abroad I try to find a local church to compare it with the UK. I quite like the churches in Italy.

When do you feel closest to God?

On many occasions when I prayed and cried at the same time for some reason. Whether happy or sad, it was the time I felt closest to God.

What is your favourite book, other than the Bible?

I started reading magazines a lot since I completed my MBA degree, as my professor told me that I need to read all sort of magazines to update and enhance my professional knowledge. When I started studying to become a local preacher five years ago I fell in love with reading different books related to preaching, church history, Bible commentary, devotional stories and stories about peoples' testimonies. A few authors I like very much, such as Tom Wright, John Maxwell, William Barclay, John Stott and Desmond Tutu.

Describe your perfect evening?

If I finish work early, I love to have a proper meal with my family or friends together, and I can talk all night.

coMPass - building capacity for mission

coMPass is the new guide to adult learning about Christian faith across the Mission Partnership. Our purpose is to build capacity for mission by helping people find new and renewed excitement and depth in Christian faith.

coMPass - finding your direction

The core content will be delivered at a venue in each of the LEPs from January and will concentrate on understanding the Bible and prayer to begin with. Although we are attempting to make them locally available by basing them in each of the LEPs, anyone from across the city will be welcome at any of the **coMPass** courses. The leaders of the **coMPass** courses are all experienced teachers in their area.

For those of you for whom getting to a course is difficult, why not try out the **coMPass** blog? You can engage when you want and follow the discussion in your own time. The blog is guided by Peter Ballantine.

In addition to the core content, we intend it to be a 'one stop shop' for *all* adult learning across the city. We will identify courses run locally by churches, those sponsored by denominational training programmes as well as the core content delivered by the **coMPass** group itself.

If you wish to promote a course please send the details to admin@missionpartnership.org.uk including the course title, venue and dates, the name of the course leader, any cost and any sponsorship by a wider organisation (e.g. Baptist Home Mission, Diocese of Northampton...). See see <http://www.missionpartnership.org.uk> for more information.



MHA Charity Concert

On Saturday 5th October there will be a concert at Newport Pagnell Methodist Church, 7:30pm.

Everybody is welcome to hear the well regarded group 'Heart & Music' perform their spiritual and secular music, with tickets priced at £5 to raise money for the MHA Westbury Grange Nursing Home in Newport Pagnell. Tickets are available from the office at Westbury Grange; from Philip Michael pg.michael@btinternet.com; or at the door on the evening of the concert.





“Any Questions” at Deanshanger on 2nd October

This is your opportunity to get some answers to your questions from a panel of four local people from different walks of life. There will also be time to put each panel member “under the spotlight” by asking questions on the night. So, if you are interested in topical discussions on a broad range of subjects, hearing others' points of view and sharing your views on any issues then please come along to the Chapel at Deanshanger on 2nd October at 7:30pm.

Panel members are:

Rev. Dr. Brenda Mosedale	Minister at Central Milton Keynes Church, and General Practitioner specialising in drug and alcohol abuse
Rob Winn	Youth Worker in Milton Keynes with the Pioneer Team
Alan Dott	Active Deanshanger resident
Kay Brazier (Eley)	Well known villager and ex-landlady of the Fox and Hounds

Admission is free. Everyone is welcome.

Questions can be posted in advance to:

alan.holloway@hotmail.co.uk or to

Any Questions, 45 Willow Grove, Old Stratford, Milton Keynes MK19 6AY.

Themed Quiet Days in October at The Well at Willen

Feeling overwhelmed with the pressures of life? Then why not spend a Quiet Day at the Well at Willen, an opportunity to rest and relax in peaceful and calm surroundings. Cost £15, includes lunch.

Saturday 5th October **‘Spiritual Growth’**. A day of quiet reflection with MK Quakers.

Thursday 10th October **‘Feisty Thankfulness’**. “A Grateful Heart in a Challenging World” with Angela Ashwin.

Saturday 26th October **‘The Wilderness Within’**. “Meditation and Modern Life” with Rev. Dr. Nicholas Buxton. A quiet day based around his latest book.

To book a place on any of the days or find out more please contact the Well on (01908) 242 190 or e-mail bookings@thewellatwillen.org.uk



Leaders' Challenge



As a postgraduate student in the 1970s my research in physical chemistry made heavy use of the university's mainframe computers with their large air-conditioned rooms to house all their parts. When a few years later we returned to the UK from four years in Africa, personal computers had been invented, and I could have the same power in a small box on my desk at home. Another ten years to the early 1990s and now the internet became likewise available to all, enabling instant (slightly longer in the early days!) sharing of information (words and pictures, speech and music) between people anywhere in the world. And almost

three billion people, well on the way to half the human race, make use of the internet through a computer or mobile phone, making it the most universally accessible technology to result from human inventiveness. Three-quarters of the users are in Asia, Africa and South America.

Despite this amazing revolution in how people share with one another many of you may now be deciding this article is of no interest to you. But for the sake of your church's mission please give it another two minutes! Consider how people under thirty years of age find it all but impossible to imagine what life was like without websites, e-mails, downloads, testing, wireless social networking, live streaming and the rest. On the other hand among those who are older some scarcely know what those terms mean let alone ever feeling a need to use them! Does it matter?



The answer must be that it does if mission matters to us.

As individuals we may feel there is too much information out there, so if we choose to remain outside the loop of modern communications and therefore miss out as paper is used less and less often to convey it, that may even be a blessing in disguise! But whatever our personal preference, the Church as a body has to allow the call to mission to shape its life. We will fail in today's world if we only stick to methods which have served us well in the past. Most of the people without a church connection whom we want to share God's love with, assuming we want to reach all ages, do not learn from or share or engage with other people primarily by speech or by being in the same physical space with them. They rely on their mobile phone used as a computer.

The gap between those who think in terms of "us" and "them" was highlighted for me recently when somebody was telling me of a teenager who'd come to church with a parent, but spent the whole service fiddling with her mobile phone. I am sure it simply did not occur to the person telling me that maybe the girl was using it to follow the reading in her online bible, to make notes on the sermon, to tweet to her friends a challenging thought the preacher had just uttered, or to look up something about the life of the composer whose hymn had just made a profound impression on her.



Genuine mission must always take into account those who are in a different place from us. Which is one reason why, as one small step, the circuit (and it could become the Area instead if the URC churches wished to be included) now has a website, <http://mkmetho dist.org.uk>. Among other benefits, this means each church can advertise itself to those who discover a church by going online not by walking the streets. Some churches, particularly larger ecumenical ones, have long recognised the importance of having their own website, but others have remained invisible until now.



I am still eager to enable an appropriate person or persons from any church that does not yet take responsibility for its own pages to do that. A person who uses a computer and the internet already can learn how to do it in less than an hour. Do contact me if you feel your church's pages could be more attractive.



In days gone by people would judge a church, and decide whether or not it was for them, by the quality of its noticeboard – fresh or peeling paint, colourful or bland notices, current or outdated information. These days people looking for a church will make a decision whether or not even to go along by checking its website. Does your church say things in that way that would encourage anyone to look twice?

Stephen Mosedale

Dates for Your Diary



September 2013

Wednesday 18th United Area Meeting:
All Saints, Loughton, 7:30pm

October 2013

Wednesday 2nd "Any Questions":
Deanshanger Methodist Church, 7:30pm.
See page 11 for more details.

Saturday 5th "Heart & Music" concert:
Newport Pagnell Methodist Church, 7:30pm.
See page 10 for more details.

Sunday 6th Area Service for the admission of Karl Rutlidge as a Local Preacher:
Christ The Cornerstone, 6:00pm

November 2013

Thursday 14th Mission Partnership Assembly.
Cross & Stable Church, Downs Barn, 7:30pm

Sunday 17th

Ecumenical Confirmations.
Cross & Stable Church, Downs Barn, 6:00pm

January 2014

Tuesday 14th

United Area Meeting.
Stony Stratford Methodist Church, 7:30pm

Please send me any items for the newsletter by 24th December ready for the next issue out in January 2014.

Would you like to be the new Link editor? This is my 22nd issue and I am happy to let somebody else take on this role now. Please contact me if you would like to be the new editor.

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Thank you!

Don't forget to look at the new Milton Keynes Methodist website at

MKMethodist.org.uk

which was launched in January 2013. This website represents Methodist and Joint Churches in and around Milton Keynes and has many excellent links including resources, news/events and service plans.

