

**WELCOME  
TO**

**FINCHLEY METHODIST CHURCH**

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**THE BARNET & QUEENSBURY CIRCUIT**  
Comprises ten Methodist Churches, two joint with the United  
Reformed Church in Local Ecumenical Projects.

# A Welcome from the Minister

Welcome to Finchley Methodist Church. Methodist Christians have been worshipping in the Ballards Lane area of Finchley since around 1868.

Those of us here today are a group of ordinary Christians from various church backgrounds doing our best to serve God and make our faith real. Central to all we are about is worship and in a variety of ways we seek to offer our best in praise to God. As a fellowship we are a cross section of the community, but the love of Jesus unites us together, and we seek to learn more of that love through our home Bible study activities and our social activities.

## Church is for All.

Church is not just for members, it is set in a community, and so we do our best to share our story of faith, witness and serve this area in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This leaflet is to show you what is going on and if you have any further questions do please contact me.

May God bless you

*Rev Michael Giles*

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## **VISION**

### **WIDE HORIZONS**

Good and gracious God

Grant to our eyes wide horizons

Increase our vision to see

Beyond the obvious and into the depths

Let us walk ways that are new

Where we do not know the destination

Let us journey in joy and in hope

Among so many troubles and dangers

Surround us with your protection and peace

May we know that heaven and earth are one

That nothing separates us from you

And your abiding love in Christ Jesus.

By David Adam

**Rev Michael Giles** Sep 07

## **BADMINTON & TABLE TENNIS CLUB**

**Day of meeting: Friday**

Time: 7.30pm – 10.00pm

Place of meeting: Essex Hall

Age range: All ages and abilities welcome

For more information please contact:

**Anne Williams 8446 3797**  
**Judith Stevens**

**Choir Practice 10.15am**

**Organist: Liza**

**Morning Worship 11.00am**

We use a mixture of newer and older hymns.

We use Methodist Hymns and Psalms, Songs of Fellowship, OHP, dramatised readings.

**Coffee both before and after the service**

**Young peoples work on Sunday**

Crèche (under 3)

**Junior Church (3-11)**

Teen Church (12-16) 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

2<sup>nd</sup><sup>st</sup> Sunday

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

All age service

Holy Communion



We have a range of activities for children and young people.

Creche                      0-3 years old

### **JUNIOR CHURCH**

Meets:                      Sunday mornings

Time:                        11.00am

Place of meeting:    Church/Church Hall

Age range:    3 – 16

Junior Church meets in the Church Hall at 11.00am for teaching and activities suitable for their ages. They join the congregation for the last part of the service.

“Children who have had some preparation or who receive Communion in their home Church are welcome to receive bread and wine on Communion Sundays. Families where there are children who would like to receive Communion for the first time are invited to speak with the Minister or the Junior Church Convenor for more information.”

**Contact person:    Elaine French            8361 1752**

### ***GIULD PLAUTERS*** ***(Part of Finchley Methodist Church)***

Days of meeting: Monday and Wednesday, when rehearsing for a production.

Time:            8.00pm – 10.00pm

### **THE GUILD**

Place of meeting:            Church Hall

All ages welcome (no limit)

The Guild Players is the Church Drama Society, founded in 1947 as a branch of the Wesley Guild. Its purpose is to provide opportunities for a variety of secular drama, presented in the Church Hall, as well as contributing through drama to church worship from time to time. Membership of the Players is, however, not limited to church members. And anyone interested in drama – on stage or backstage – can join indeed we have people from other churches, and other faiths or none,

Guild Players normally present two major productions a year – in spring and in late autumn. In addition we put on a light hearted summer show and run an annual Drama Course between productions.

If you would like to join, or know more, please ring one of the following:

**Web site:** [www.guildplayers.org.uk](http://www.guildplayers.org.uk)

**Membership Secretary; Betty Robertson    8441 7696**  
**Secretary;                      Vikki Harris                      8343 4752**

# Giving and supporting

## How to support the Church Financially

Collection bags are passed round during the service for those present to make their gifts for the work of God in the Methodist Church both locally and further afield.

## Envelope scheme.

Those who join our congregation on a regular basis usually choose to make their offerings through the envelope scheme. This provides an envelope for each Sunday of the year”.

**Envelope Secretary - Jenny Sparks – 8449 7783.**

## Gift Aid

Those who pay tax can also join the Gift Aid scheme by which the Church reclaims the tax paid on gifts to the Church. This is simple to join: a small form is completed and signed.

**Gift Aid secretary –Jim McLauchlan - 8346 0901**

Giving is entirely confidential and only one person knows which name relates to the number given on the offering envelope, for the purpose of making tax refund claim.

## TEEN CHURCH

**Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday mornings of each month**

Time: 11.00am – 12.00 noon

Place of meeting: CYA room

Age Range 11 – 16

Teen Church provides the young people with an environment in which they could develop and discuss their faith and Christianity whilst making it relevant to the world they are growing up in. It includes bible study, prayer, and activities appropriate to their age group.

Contacts; Freda Datson 07951 794618  
Gita Paton 07870 659609

## **BROWNIES & GUIDES**

**8<sup>th</sup> West Finchley**

**Day of meeting: Friday**

**Time: Brownies: 6.00pm – 7.30pm**

**Guides: 7.30pm – 9.30pm**

Age range: Brownies: 7 - 10

Guides: 10 – 14

The Brownie Pack offers many structural and fun activities based on the Brownie handbook for girls.

There is often a waiting list for the Brownies.

The Guide Company offers a programme of fun and friendship based on the fundamentals of Guiding.

### **Contact person:**

**Guides: Karen Gill 8369 5813**

**Brownies: Mrs Dorothy Crawford 8368 5573**

If your daughter/s are interested in joining either group please phone Dorothy. Mrs Crawford will also be pleased to hear from adults who feel that they could help on a regular basis with Brownies, or Karen Gill for Guides. (Training can be given) or if you have a particular skill in which the Brownies or Guides would be interested during one of their sessions, she would also like to know.

## **OPEN HOUSE FELLOWSHIP**

Where – at Mary's

When – Sunday after service

How often – approximately monthly

Contact: Mary Campbell 8440 8447

## **THE BEDOUINS**

Where – members homes by arrangement

When - Sunday evening

How often - Monthly

Contacts: Pat Marsh 8346 7967

Dorothy Crawford 8368 5573

## **THE BUTCHER GROUP**

Where - members homes by arrangement  
(Barnet/Whetstone)

When – Wednesday 8.00pm

How often – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in month.

(except April, July, August, December)

Contact: Joan Butcher 8364 9314

# Fellowship

## HOUSEGROUPS

We have six housegroups, which meet monthly for sharing and fellowship. Usually there is a speaker, but there are also participatory meetings led by the housegroup leaders and others when specific issues can be explored, ideas exchanged and discussion encouraged.

You are welcome to join any housegroup meeting.. Please contact the person named for details of their meeting.

### THE BALLARDS & PILGRIMS

Where – Church Parlour  
When - Thursday 3.00pm  
How often – Monthly

Contacts:

Christine Draper                    8445 7763  
Malar Seevaratnam                8445 9101

### THE SEEKERS

Where – at Dorothy's or Barbara's  
When - Monday evening  
How often – usually 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in month

Contacts: Barbara Heatherington 8346 4927  
              Dorothy Moir                8346 857

## ESSEX PARK COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL

**Days of meeting: Monday to Friday in term time**

Time:            9.30am – 12.30pm

Place of meeting:        Essex Hall

Age range: 2\_ - 5 years

Our aim is to support and encourage the development and education of under 5's in the community by guiding the children to learn and discover through play. Parents are encouraged to share in this with us.

Children may join the pre-school during the term they turn 2\_.

**Pre-School Leader:**

**Fiona Blackwood        07990 624578**



## **PRAYER MEETING**

**Day of meeting: Wednesday**

Coffee            10.30am  
Time:             11.00am

Place of meeting:    Church Parlour

**Contact person: Laurie Heatherington   8346 4927**

## **RESTAWHILE**

**Day of meeting: Friday**

Time:            10.30am – 12.00 noon

Place of meeting:    The Church Foyer

Open to all

The aim of Restawhile is to provide a place for people to come in for refreshments and conversation, not just people in the Church but all are welcome. It is part of the church's befriending ministry. A sandwich board is placed outside the church to advertise Restawhile, with an invitation to come in. A group of helpers prepare and serve the tea/coffee on a rota basis.

**Contact:   Mrs Ann Hefford                    8445 3190**