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Revd Jack Dunion, broadcasts his own online radio show every Sunday at 9am on Lomond Radio (formerly River Radio):

<https://lomondradio.co.uk/shows/rise-and-shine>

The link below now gives access to backdated Rise & Shine programs:

<https://www.mixcloud.com/RevJack/>

Company Secretary

Margaret Cowie writes:

The Conference Council is delighted to announce the appointment of a new Company Secretary. Interviews for this important post were held at Purley Chase on Friday 21st October 2022, conducted in person by Mrs Sue Chesworth and Mrs Margaret Cowie, with Mr Rob Taylor and Revd Jack Dunion joining via Zoom. Initially there were three applicants, but one cancelled at the last minute, leaving two to be interviewed. From these

two, the interview panel was unanimous in its choice of Ms Natalie Welch as the one best suited for the role of Company Secretary. Following the usual checks, a contract was drawn up and Natalie commenced her employment with the General Conference on Monday 7th November.

We hope that over the coming months our members will be able to meet Natalie and get to know her better. In the meantime she has written the following personal message to us:-

I would like to introduce myself to you as the new Company Secretary of General Conference of the New church. I am looking forward to working with you all on the new exciting path in my career.

I'm hoping that with all my experience working as a Company Secretary/Personal Executive in various industries I can bring a lot to my new role of Company Secretary for the General Conference of the New Church.

**I can be contactable via email : natalie.welch@generalconference.org.uk
or Office phone number: 02477 110461
Monday-Friday 9.00am-1.00pm**

— Natalie Welch

During the coming weeks, Natalie will be settling into her new role and getting to know the Conference organisation and membership. In order to support her in this process, it would be helpful if, for the time being, members would copy the Chairman margaret.cowie@generalconference.org.uk into all emails sent to the Company Secretary.

We offer Natalie a huge welcome to the Conference organisation and hope that she finds personal satisfaction and happiness her new role. We are delighted that after many months of vacancy we now have a new Company Secretary and we look forward to working with her in the days to come.

— Margaret Cowie,
[Chairman of the Council]

Bournemouth Remembrance Service

Revd Gillian Gordon writes:

At Bournemouth Church this year we had some interesting new elements in our Remembrance Service led by lay pastor Mr. Stephen Thomas. Our flower arranger Julie had created a glorious red poppy display on a pedestal by the altar. This time Julie had also added red and purple knitted poppies displayed on a windowsill. I remember West

Wickham Church included white poppies alongside red in the church display window at Remembrance time. What do the different colour poppies mean?

Since 1921, red poppies have been worn to remember those of the Armed Forces of Britain and the Commonwealth who have fought and died in wars.

[The white poppy](#) is a pacifist symbol of remembrance which has become more popular in recent years. White poppies represent three things: remembrance for all victims of war, commitment to peace, and a challenge to the glamorisation of conflict.

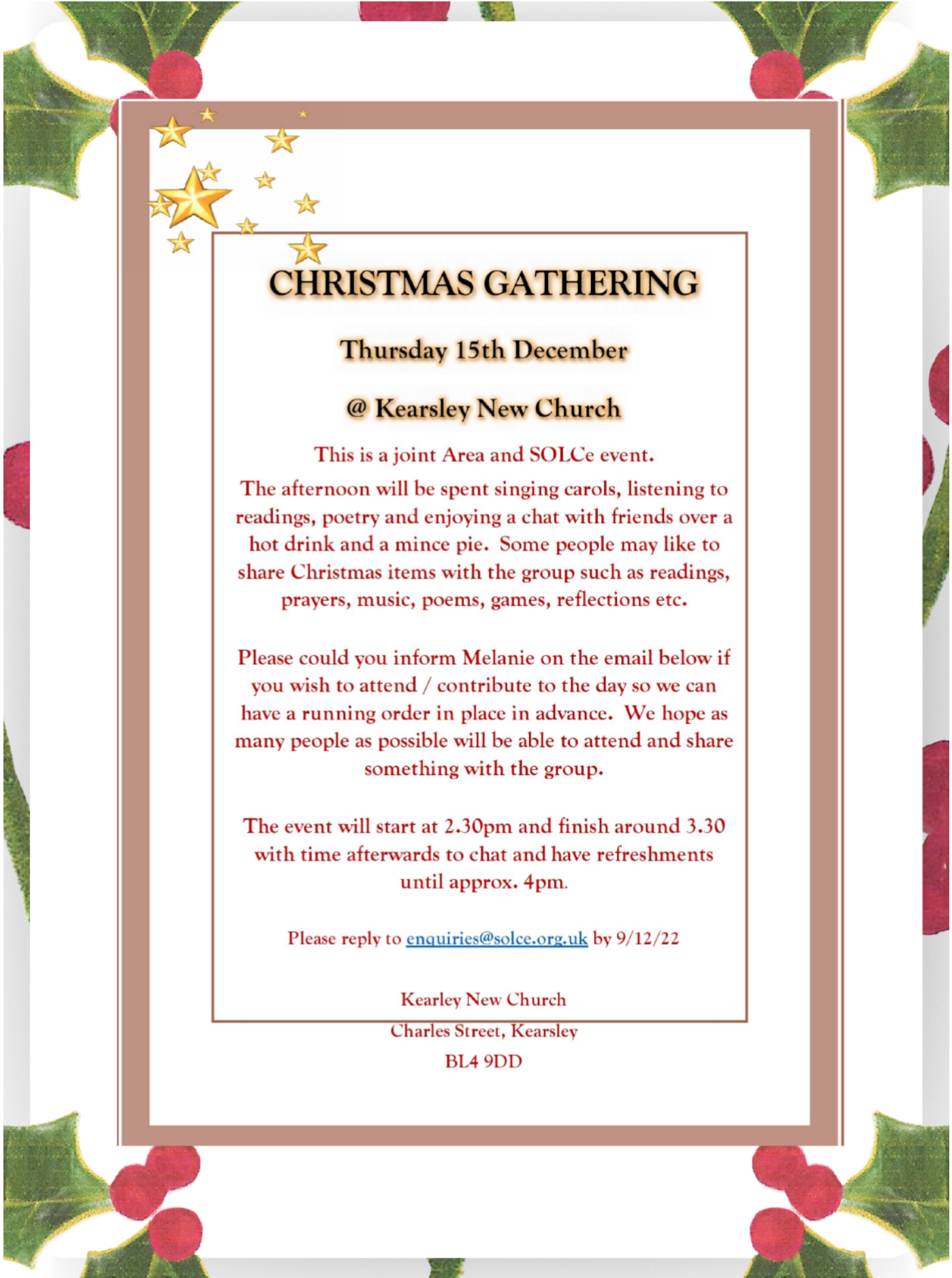
[The purple poppy](#) was introduced by the charity [Animal Aid](#) in 2006, in remembrance of animals that lost their lives at war. The charity started the appeal because it felt the animals that die in conflict – many of which are horses and dogs – are often forgotten. The Royal British Legion does not endorse the purple poppy, but has no problem with it being worn alongside red poppies.

The [Black Poppy Rose](#) organisation says the black poppy was “created to be a symbol that represents the contributions made by the African/black/Caribbean/Pacific Islands communities to various wars since the 16th century.”

Another new element was Marion telling us about her cousin who died in the Falklands war from notes written by her brother David at West Wickham Church. It was an informative and moving account which brought home the personal reality of war. We then took poppies from a basket and stood in the chancel listening to the radio to await the 2 minutes silence from the Cenotaph. We then placed those poppies on a small table in the chancel with a cross at its centre.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Remembrance services throughout all the New Churches and thank you once again from our hearts to every person who gave their life, mental health or suffered injuries to allow us to remember them in peace.





CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Thursday 15th December

@ Kearsley New Church

This is a joint Area and SOLCe event.

The afternoon will be spent singing carols, listening to readings, poetry and enjoying a chat with friends over a hot drink and a mince pie. Some people may like to share Christmas items with the group such as readings, prayers, music, poems, games, reflections etc.

Please could you inform Melanie on the email below if you wish to attend / contribute to the day so we can have a running order in place in advance. We hope as many people as possible will be able to attend and share something with the group.

The event will start at 2.30pm and finish around 3.30 with time afterwards to chat and have refreshments until approx. 4pm.

Please reply to enquiries@solce.org.uk by 9/12/22

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