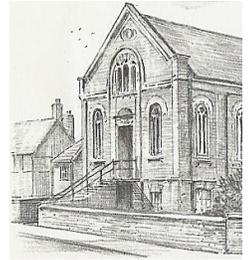


# STOTFOLD METHODISTS the church on the crossroads



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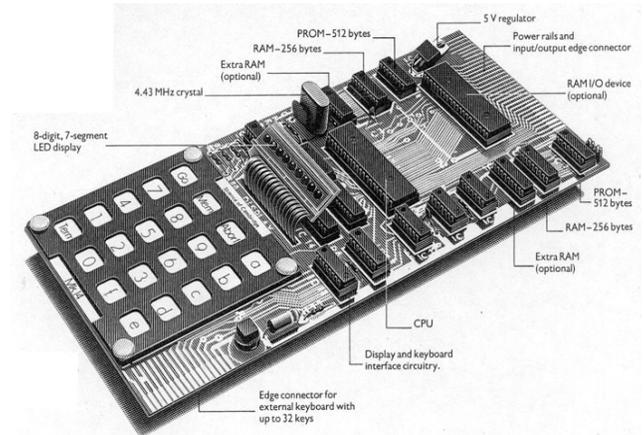
**Jesus said: Treat others as you would like them to treat you. Luke 6:27-35**

### God is alive and well and working?

When faced with difficulties in life, and seeing the tragedy in other people's lives, it can be very hard to believe that God is real, or cares, or can do anything. But Jesus is the evidence, and so are we, that he does care, and is working in our beautiful and broken world.

When I was a child, my hobby was electronics. I was fascinated by wires and radio and components and electronic sounds. I would be given broken radios and televisions and I would occasionally mend them but mostly they would end up as bits in tins of used components. I had great plans for what I was going to make with them. And sometimes I would make a simple radio, or metal detector, or musical instrument. However, few of my creations turned out as I imagined - one would work for a while then fail, another would hiss or crackle, another wouldn't work at all. I loved fixing things, but some things refused to be fixed!

When very earliest cheap computer kits became available, I eagerly read the advertisements in the electronic hobby magazines and saved up. In the process of deciding which to buy, I wrote to a user group for advice. I received helpful information and a regular newsletter. In one of these, the man who ran the group sent an invitation to their stand at one of the electronics shows. He wrote "Come and say hello, I shall be wearing a badge saying 'God is alive and well and working'".



I never went to the show, but that phrase stuck with me. Much in life doesn't turn out as one imagines. I'm often wondering what the way forward is, how to fix a problem, how to cope with the things that refuse to be fixed. However I am *also* often being reminded of God's presence in these situations. It will be a word someone says, a string of coincidences, or something that works inexplicably, but God will make sure I'm aware he's there. God *is* alive, and well, *and* working, in this beautiful and broken world. Jesus is the evidence. And so are we. Graham

### Sunday Services

Time	Date	Preacher
10.00am	7 October	Helen Dearn
10.30am	14 October	United Service at Arlesley Frank Needham

10.00am	21 October	Rev Bob Forrest
10.00am	28 October	Jennifer Rogers

**What's On**

<b>Time and Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
10.00 to 11.30am Saturday 6.10.18	Coffee Morning & Bring & Buy
2.00pm Tuesday 9.10.18	Autumn Church Council
7.00 for 7.30pm Friday 19.10.18	Quiz Night
2.00pm Mondays	Monday Club
2.00pm Thursdays (third in month)	Carers Group
10.00am Friday (term time only)	Toddlers Group

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