

Weybridge Methodist Church

Newsletter October 2018



**‘All good gifts around us are sent
from Heaven above’**

Many of you asked about the poem which Brenda read during the service on 2 September so here it is.

Prayer's Ability

Poet: Greta Zwaan, ©2011

Prayer in the time of trouble brings peace to the weary soul,
Prayer in the time of triumph acknowledges God's in control.
Prayer is never irrelevant; it is essential to our life,
It is not a crutch which to lean on, or to use in times of strife.

Prayer is a type of thanksgiving, a greeting to God for His
grace,
Prayer is the essence of morning, the fragrance of life to
embrace.
Prayer is a holy connection, a quiet time at God's feet,
In prayer we acknowledge dependence, a place where God
and man meet.

Prayer is the means of sustaining
A faith that at times can grow weak,
The power of prayer is enriching, uplifting to hear our God
speak.
It is not an audible message, no finger to write out His plan,
But a still small voice known as conscience
is God's way of speaking to man.

When all other avenues falter, and man's ingenuity fails,
God, in His infinite wisdom, is the source who always prevails.
Nothing can bring such contentment
As spending an hour in prayer,
God is a most willing listener and He is eternally there.



The **Methodist** Church 
Byfleet

Welcome to
A SCAMS AWARENESS EVENT

on
Tuesday, 2nd October at 2.15 p.m.



Friends Against Scams is a National Trading Standards initiative, which aims to protect and prevent people from becoming victims of scams

Speaker: Elizabeth Uden
NatWest Community Banker

Learn about different types of fraud and scams, how to spot them,
and helpful tips on how to protect yourself and others

BYFLEET METHODIST CHURCH, RECTORY LANE KT14 7LL

Enquiries: NatWest 07468 749968; Church reps 01932 342047/343489



Diary

Tuesday 2 October 2.15pm	Scam Awareness talk	Byfleet Methodist church
Thursday 4 October 8.00pm	Church Council – <i>all church members are entitled to attend</i>	Church vestry
Saturday 6 October 10 - 4	Circuit Mission Day 'Build your church'	Byfleet Methodist Church Cost £5 (bring your own lunch)
Sunday 7 October 10.30am	Morning Worship	Minister; Rev Peter Hills <i>Steward; Pru</i> <i>Music; i-Pad</i> <i>Refreshments; Paula</i>
Wednesday 10 October 12.30pm	Organ Recital	Weybridge United Reformed Church (bring our own lunch – coffee/tea provided)
Saturday 13 October 10 – 12	Coffee Morning <i>run by our church for our church funds</i>	Addlestone Methodist Church <i>71 Station Rd, Addlestone KT15 2AR</i>
Sunday 14 October 10.30 am	Morning Worship	Minister: Mr Andrew Gibb <i>Steward: Linda</i> <i>Music: Adrian</i> <i>Refreshments: Lili</i>
Sunday 14 October 2.30 – 4.30	Prayer Training	Knaphill Methodist Church
Sunday 14 October 6.30 pm	Café Church led by Rev Paul Hulme	Addlestone Methodist Church
Thursday 18 October 1.45- 4	Weybridge Old Folks Club	Our turn for refreshments
Saturday 20 October 11.30 – 1.30	Bedding and Clothes Bank	Mayfield Hall

Sunday 21 October 10.30	CHURCH ANNIVERSARY	Minister: Rev Keith Beckingham <i>Steward: Jose</i> <i>Music: Adrian</i> <i>Communion : Paula</i> <i>Refreshments: Carol</i>
Sunday 28 October 10.30 am	Morning Worship	Minister: Rev Sydney Samuel Lake <i>Steward: Carol</i> <i>Music: Adrian</i> <i>Refreshments : Linda</i>
Sunday 28 October 6 for 6.30 pm	Café Church 'Getting to Know you'	Rev Keith Beckingham
DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER – SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER		

Circuit Mission Day

The Circuit Mission Day is at Byfleet Methodist Church KT14 7LL on Saturday 6 October from 10 – 4. It will be led by the Rev Adrian Roux on the subject 'Build your church'. This does not refer to building (or rebuilding) the physical structure but will be focussed on ways to build the Mission and service of the Church itself (i.e. the people).

Tea/coffee will be served from 9.45am and the event begins at 10.00am. The cost is £5 per person which covers the cost of the accompanying book. Please bring your own lunch.

Parking on the church premises is a challenge but parking is available in the car park by the Village Hall or the car park for the recreation ground.

Places are available. Contact Carole Steele on 01932 400250 or cm.steele@ntlworld.com



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Circuit Meeting – September 2018

The circuit meeting met at Trinity Methodist Church Woking on Thursday 20 September. Carol attended as the representative from our church, Linda attended in her capacity of Senior Circuit Steward.

This was the first circuit meeting presided over by Rev Keith Beckingham. The longest point of business was the item concerning the Circuit Treasurer. Roger Stickland, who has been the circuit treasurer since the Wey Valley Circuit was formed in 2016, moved to Devon last year but agreed to continue in post until December 2018. That date is rapidly approaching and the Circuit has yet to secure a replacement. It is not only a vital role but also a very onerous role: it deals with the large budget of our Circuit, manages the Grants awards, complies with the demands of HMRC and the Charity Commission, ensures that staff – both Lay and Ordained – are remunerated appropriately and in a timely manner. And this is volunteer! Many people in the circuit have been approached to consider taking up this role but no one has discerned a calling to accept. The Circuit stewards were requested to go away and re think the issue and come up with a plan! Prayers are certainly needed for this challenge.

Due to the sad state of health of Nan McFarland of the Merrow congregation, Lyn Mackay – also from Merrow – was elected as a full representative to Synod with immediate effect; Lyn was previously the reserve. There is now a vacancy for a reserve: if you are interested please contact Jenny Jackson or speak to Linda. Representative synod meets twice a year in April and September on a Saturday somewhere in the South East District.

Nan is also relinquishing her role as deputy Circuit Safeguarding officer. She will be very much missed and we pray for her as her health deteriorates.

The church gifts, (ours is the stunning collage created by Carol and Claire) which were first exchanged at the circuit Inauguration service in September 2016 were once again exchanged, this item having been deferred from the Welcome Service due to time constraints. In 2016 our church was the custodian of the gift from Stoughton. In 2017 our church was the custodian of the gift from Guildford. For 2018 we are the custodians of the gift from Walton. It is on display on the Pulpit with an accompanying information sheet.

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Following the sad loss to the circuit of Rev Paul Chesworth who retired in August due to ill health, the circuit is once again in stationing for a new presbyter for the Sheerwater and Woking churches. In line with process the Circuit stewards met with the leadership teams of both Sheerwater and Woking in August to discern the gifts and graces their congregations would like in a new presbyter. The profile was then compiled by the circuit team and has been submitted in good time to the district chair. The circuit will not find out until November whether or not a match has been made. Prayers are needed for this process and for both Sheerwater and Woking as they continue in faith with their individual Mission aims.

Sheerwater will be supported during 2018 by Rev Peter Hills (Methodist) and Rev Gillaine Holland (Anglican) and whilst Rev Keith Beckingham will retain pastoral oversight of Trinity, both Rev Allan Taylor and Rev Barrie Tabraham will assist with Pastoral and Sacramental cover.

Rev Claire Hargreaves, who retired from full time ministry in August, is now the District Refugee and Inter faith links officer. Claire will continue with all her active work with refugees in the South East Methodist District. Claire is continuing her participation with the Wey Valley Circuit Mission Group and we have her to thank particularly for the Circuit Prayer diary.

Rev Keith Beckingham proposed that the morning service on Sunday 30 December be a circuit service at Merrow Methodist church. Keith will lead the service, giving his colleagues a much needed free Sunday and also relieving the pressure on church stewards/musicians etc. when many churches have several services on 23/24/25 December. The meeting voted overwhelmingly to accept this proposal. *N.b closer to the time we will organise transport to Merrow for those who wish to worship on that Sunday*

The meeting closed at 10.20 pm



Prayer Training

You are invited to attend a sequel to the training/refresher session on leading prayers of intercession



The training will consist of three elements:

- Prayers with small groups (Rev Claire Hargreaves)
- Prayers with children and young people (Mr Graham Warr)
 - Theology of prayer (Rev Barrie Tabraham)

Refreshments will be served

**Sunday 14 October 2018
2.30pm - 4.30pm**

Knaphill Methodist Church

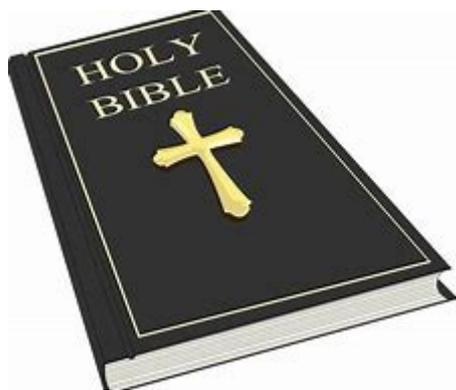
There is a spacious public car park at the back of the church with easy access into the back of the church premises.

To book a place please contact Rev Allan Taylor
on 01483 200464 or jat.hoschap@yahoo.co.uk by 10th October

Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary for October 2018

- 1 Remember 'Time for Reflection' at Guildford St Mary's in your prayers
- 2 Pray for the stewards and congregation of Trinity Methodist Church, Woking
- 3 Give thanks for the work of church treasurers
- 4 Pray for Reverend Paul Hulme and his ministry at Godalming United Church and the Church Council at Weybridge chaired for the first time by Reverend Sydney Samuel Lake
- 5 Pray for all those who are ill or in pain
- 6 Pray that the Circuit Mission Day might encourage and inform those who come
- 7 Praise God for the gift of his Holy Spirit revealed in Sunday worship
- 8 Pray for the work of Action for Children
- 9 Offer prayers for the Church Council at Walton chaired by Reverend Sydney Samuel Lake
- 10 Pray for wisdom and compassion for world leaders
- 11 Give thanks for the work of the Bible Society and Merrow's coffee morning
- 12 Be comforted by Jesus' words "I am the good shepherd". (John 10.11)
- 13 Pray for the children and parents at Godalming's Messy Church
- 14 Pray for Sunday services and the Prayer Training at Knaphill
- 15 Pray for groups who meet each week in our churches
- 16 Pray for all Christians who are persecuted for their faith
- 17 Give thanks for the small kindnesses received each day from friends and strangers
- 18 Remember the disciple Luke and give thanks for his Gospel
- 19 Pray for all those who come to the Clothing and Bedding Bank at Weybridge
- 20 Pray for all prisoners and their families. Pray for the Bedding & Clothes Bank at Weybridge
- 21 Pray for a good message from all the Sunday services in Methodist Churches today
- 22 Give thanks for the Circuit Administrator and all her work on the Wey Forward magazine
- 23 Praise the Lord for he is kind (H&P 27: John Milton)
- 24 Pray for fruitful dialogue at the South East England Faiths Forum Conference tomorrow
- 25 Pray for all who go to Coffee and Cake at Guildford St Mary's that they might see Jesus
- 26 Pray for all lay employees in our Circuit churches
- 27 Praise God for raising up John and Charles Wesley, founders of the Methodist Church

- 28 Pray for the Café Church at Weybridge and all Sunday worship
- 29 Pray for all those who worship at Stoughton Methodist Church
- 30 Praise the Lord for this day he has made
- 31 Pray for children attending Christian “Light Parties” tonight



The BIG READ

It is heartening as I go around the circuit to discover how many people across the churches are taking part in the project to read the Bible from cover to cover. For those of you taking part in Weybridge we start October by reading Genesis Chapter 31 and continue through the month until we

reach Exodus Chapter 11

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thanks go to everyone who donated so generously to the Harvest display. All the groceries went to the Food Bank, who were **delighted** to receive them and the fresh produce went to the Weybridge Centre.

Thanks are also extended to those who prepared and served the lunch which followed after the service: 25 of us enjoyed a time of fellowship and food together.

We also offer thanks to the anonymous person who donated funds to cover most of the cost of the lunch!

Finally thanks go to the Smith family who transported the goods to the two receiving bodies.

The Methodist Church in Weybridge

Café Church

Sunday 28th October 2018, 6.15 for 6.30pm

With Rev Keith Beckingham

“Getting to know you”



**THEREFORE ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER AND
BUILD ONE ANOTHER UP, JUST AS YOU ARE
DOING.**

**Join us for coffee, tea and cake and a time of fellowship
with God and with each other**



SAVE THE DATE

Circuit Mission Supper
Saturday 23rd February 2019
Trinity Methodist Church, Woking
6 for 6.30pm, cost £7

The circuit will welcome Rev Mike Long, former superintendent of the Woking and Walton circuit and current minister at Notting Hill



Methodist church. Mike will speak to us about his church's involvement in the Grenfell fire disaster and the ongoing work in the local community.

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