

Weybridge Methodist Church

Newsletter August & September
2019



‘O still small voice of calm’



**AUGUST 4TH
2019
6.00 PM
PUDDING AND
PRAISE**

The theme for this month is:

**“Come as you are.
All are welcome”**

Led by Rev Keith Beckingham

Come and have some delicious puddings at 6.00 pm and then settle down to some great praise at 6.30 pm

**Delicious puddings and
great Praise**

**If you like a good
pudding come and
taste some**

**Want to be uplifted by
great praise songs**

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Sunday August 4th



Dr. Rev. Inderjit Bhogal OBE

When Nelson Mandela became the first black President of South Africa 25 years ago he made his former enemy F. W. De Klerk of the national Party his Deputy. The handshake between two extreme enemies, Ian Paisley and Martin McGuinness at the beginning of the Good Friday Peace Agreement in Northern Ireland is miraculous. People who are poles apart can be friends, reconciled, and work together.

I love Charles Wesley's lines: "He deigns in flesh to appear,
Widest extremes to join."

Focus on the words "*widest extremes to join*". It is possible. We, as a church, are a rich mixture of people. We have all the range of diversity, not least the widest extremes in terms of theology. We want to enable each other to grow and flourish in our relationships. In any context we do make mistakes. We hurt each other. We can become poles apart. But we are called and committed to a ministry of constructive dialogue and reconciliation.

We can go down two tracks as we do this. We can see conflict as a place of different opinions, good or bad, depending on your place in the conflict. In this scenario, one side tries to overcome the other. Conflict can get ramped up and up and up, and can build resentment, hatred and mistrust.

It is then about conflict management, or conflict transformation – neither of which tackles the root causes. Alternatively, we can see conflict in terms of mistakes that have been made, come to admit the mistake made, confess, repent and respond with grace and respect, and learn from our mistakes.

In either case, the important factor is to cross the river of turmoil upstream, before it becomes a torrent, or so wide that people are on two sides wondering how to bring the parties on different sides together.

The Bible gives us two important pillars, two legs, on which we build our theology of community and church

Image of God, and the Body of Christ. All are made in the Image of God. This means we are all created, not the same, but equal. The theology of the Body of Christ brings in the idea of difference. These two

themes of Image of God and the Body of Christ allow no room for any practice of exclusion or discrimination. The Body of Christ model is used in the early church to address diversity and integration, and holding people together, preventing disintegration.

In Romans 12 and I Corinthians 12, this model is used to address hierarchy, factions, divisions and disrespect within congregations, especially if not only at Holy Communion.

1 Corinthians 12 particularly refers to “Jews or Greeks, slaves or free” (verse 13). In using these categories, the writer is referring to people who were the furthest apart from each other in terms of ethnicity and rank, and is insisting that with all the differences in a congregation, all are one.

“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ” (verse 12).

And all of us are called to exercise the ministry of reconciliation.

The Bible records and reflects God's continuing reconciling work in the history of a people on a journey who are in regular conflict, constantly desiring nothing less than a restoration and renewal of their relationship with God, and their relationships among themselves, and ultimately the renewal of all creation.

There is a claim in the New Testament that this journey reaches a climax in the decisive revelation of God in Jesus Christ, following which God's work of reconciliation moves to a new level towards renewing and building a “new heaven and a new earth”, realising the fullest potential of all creation. The crucifixion of Christ at the centre of God's work of reconciliation insists that reconciliation comes at a cost, even to God.

Reconciliation requires holding and healing each other through remembering, sharing stories of hurt, arriving at repentance, forgiveness, and a commitment to living with more grace and generosity. We dare to hope for and dream of a different society, a decent society where “widest extremes” can be joined, all people can be safe, flourish and have equal opportunity, and enjoy the fullness of life; where different parties agree to be in an open and honest relationship in which they can share openly and honestly in what are undoubtedly difficult conversations. A reconciled society, or congregation or church will not be one without differences and disagreements but it will be one where division is not destructive because there is a shared commitment to the enhancement of life for all.

Thank you -

- To Steve and Teresa for their wonderful hospitality on 28 July. The family BBQ was well attended and the weather was kind. We enjoyed several hours of relaxing fellowship along with some scrumptious food.
- To Claire for undertaking the weekly checks of the Fire equipment.
- To all those who continue to help out at services by providing music, undertaking readings or prayers and providing refreshments.
- To those who have signed up to provide flowers on a Sunday morning. The wonderful displays created by Carol on a weekly basis provide a focal point for recognizing God's glory.
- To those who help out at the monthly coffee morning and the Bedding bank.
- To those who add prayers to the prayer tree



Happy Birthday

August: Tiffany, Martin and Samuel (who turns 7 this year!)

September: Hugh, Brett, Linda & Angela

Prayer Time:



Please pray for

- All those who are travelling during these months whether by air, land or Sea.
- For Brenda & Keith as they continue to settle in their new home and church.

The 'mobile' prayer group is open to all. Please add prayer needs as they occur to you. If you wish to be added to this group, contact Linda who will add you to the WhatsApp prayer group.

n.b the 'WhatsApp' application is downloadable from the App store and it is free. It is the safest application as it is the only one with end to end encryption of all content.

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## Church Property Matters

The floor plans showing the designated Fire exits are in progress. The work to box-in the electrical switches in the front of the church has been completed and the contractors have made a magnificent job of it.

The annual P.A.T testing was completed with one item failing.

The bi-annual treatment of the Mayfield Hall floor has been booked for August 27 however the hall will be unavailable to anyone until 31 August.

It was decided at the June church council that the church has sufficient funds to commence the process of deciding on a new P.A. system. Members will attend the Christian Resources exhibition in October to commence research into this project.

## Loving Goodbyes



On Sunday 9 June Rev Paul Hulme led a café church service at Addlestone. Paul focused on the theme of love. It was a wonderful evening and, amazingly, it was the first time in his 51 years of ministry that he had ever been asked to take a service of this kind. As he said himself – better late than never!

Paul left us with these thoughts:

### **The argument against Love**

**If you do not want to suffer, do not love!**

**Love neither friends nor family for they can be taken from you.**

**They can cause disappointment, frustration and pain.**

**They can reject your love and leave you desolate.**

**What they say to you can hurt, more than if it was said by a stranger.**

**For if you do not care, the barbed words fall to the ground.**

**Love not the world: The brightness of the sun, for night falls.**

**The colour of the flowers, for they wither and fade.**

**Love not the sound of music, for the song comes to an end.**

**Love not life overmuch, for youth and strength depart.**

**Love not the high moments of pleasure,**

**For they can be followed by dry crusts of time.**

**Cherish no dreams, for they may never be realised.**

**Strive for no goals for they may remain out of reach**

**Attempt nothing and fail nothing.**

**Trust no one, venture your life for no one nor any cause.**

**Give your heart to no one and in so doing much pain will pass you by.**

**But what will you have left to remember?**

**And oh! What you will have missed!**

Paul's final service was at Godalming on Sunday 30 June and the church was packed to overflowing.

Paul has now moved to a 'Methodist Homes' property in South Croydon. He qualifies for a 'Freedom pass' so will be able to visit all three sons and their families for free and with no need to drive himself (something he hated). He said that his first action in retirement would be to buy a smart phone and get his grandson to show how to use it!! We remember with gratitude all the services and times of fellowship we shared with Paul and wish him a long and happy retirement.



In July we also said farewell to Rev John Hellyer, our District Chair. John has served as chair of the South East District since it was formed some 10 years ago. His final service was on 7 July and the church at Redhill was packed for the occasion. John is moving to take up the position of Superintendent of the Gloucester circuit in September. (A Circuit which makes our Wey Valley Circuit tiny by comparison!). Whilst most of you will be unaware of the several awkward situations which occurred both in our current circuit and the previous circuit, rest assured that John has worked tirelessly on our behalf over the years. We wish him well in his new circuit.

## **Thankful Hellos'**



From 1 September 2019 we welcome Rev David Hinchliffe as our new chair of the South East District. Many of you will remember David from his time as superintendent of the former Woking & Walton-on-Thames circuit. His welcome service is on Thursday 29 August at Redhill Methodist Church.

## Dates for the diary - August

| <b>SUNDAY 4 AUGUST - NO SERVICE DUE TO RIDE</b> |                             |                                                                                                                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday 4<br>August 6.00 for<br>6.30 pm          | PUDDING &<br>PRAISE         | <b>Walton Methodist Church</b>                                                                                                      |
| Saturday 10<br>August 10 - 12                   | Coffee Morning              | Addlestone Methodist Church                                                                                                         |
| Sunday 11<br>August 10.30<br>am                 | Morning Worship             | Preacher: Rev Claire<br>Hargreaves<br><i>Steward: Linda</i><br><i>Music: Mark Hargreaves</i><br><i>Refreshments: TBC</i>            |
| Wednesday 14<br>August 12.30                    | Munch With Mozart           | Weybridge United Reformed<br>Church – Queens Rd                                                                                     |
| Sat 17 August<br>11.30 – 1.30                   | Church Hall                 | Bedding & Clothes Bank                                                                                                              |
| Sunday 18<br>August 10.30<br>am                 | Holy Communion              | Preacher: Rev Allan Taylor<br><i>Steward: Jose</i><br><i>Music: Adrian</i><br><i>Communion: Paula</i><br><i>Refreshments: Linda</i> |
| Sunday 25<br>August 10.30<br>am                 | Morning Worship<br>10.30 am | Preacher: Mr Graham Warr<br><i>Steward: Carol</i><br><i>Music: Jose</i><br><i>Refreshments: Adelaide</i>                            |



All good gifts around us are  
sent from heaven above

Then thank the Lord, O thank  
the Lord, for all his love.



  
**BYFLEET METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rectory Lane, Byfleet, KT14 7LL



**NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEKEND**  
**14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Church open 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.**

## ***ART DECO CHURCH***

featuring marble chancel steps, oak flooring and pews;  
world-renowned Camm stained glass.  
Learn something of the history of the building.

**Sunday: join the congregation at 10.30 a.m. as it celebrates  
Harvest Festival, followed by a barbecue lunch. All Welcome!**

**Coffees, Lunches, Afternoon Tea available all weekend**

Free admission; donations for the upkeep of the Church welcomed

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## Dates for the Diary – September

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| Sunday 1 September<br>10.30 am        | Morning Worship                                                          | Preacher: Graham Pearcey<br><i>Steward: Linda</i><br><i>Music: Jose</i><br><i>Refreshments: Paula</i>                                     |
| Thursday 5<br>September 7.45pm        | Mission Group meeting                                                    | Woking                                                                                                                                    |
| Sunday 08 September<br>10.30pm        | Morning Worship                                                          | Preacher: Patrick Coad<br><i>Steward: Carol</i><br><i>Music: Jose</i><br><i>Refreshments: Lili</i>                                        |
| Wednesday 11<br>September 12.30pm     | Organ Recital                                                            | Weybridge United Reformed church                                                                                                          |
| Sunday 15 September<br>10.30 am       | Holy Communion & Morning Worship                                         | Preacher: Rev Sydney Samuel Lake<br><i>Steward: Jose</i><br><i>Music: Adrian</i><br><i>Communion: Linda</i><br><i>Refreshments: Carol</i> |
| Sunday 15 September<br>6.30 pm        | Circuit Service at Cranleigh                                             | This service will recognise Mrs Rosemary Lee's 25 years' service as a Local Preacher.                                                     |
| Thursday 19<br>September 1.45 – 4 pm  | Weybridge Old Folks Club                                                 | Our turn to help.                                                                                                                         |
| Thursday 19<br>September 7.45pm       | Byfleet Methodist Church                                                 | Circuit Meeting                                                                                                                           |
| Saturday 21<br>September 11.30 – 1.30 | Bedding Bank                                                             |                                                                                                                                           |
| Sunday 22 September<br>10.30 am       | HARVEST FESTIVAL Groceries to the Food bank, fresh produce to Day Centre | Preacher: Rev David Faulkner<br><i>Steward Carol</i><br><i>Music: Adrian</i><br><i>Refreshments; Linda</i>                                |
| Sunday 22 September                   | Church Family lunch                                                      |                                                                                                                                           |

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| 12.00                                                                                                                                    |                                  |                                                                                                                         |
| Saturday 28<br>September 10 - 4                                                                                                          | District<br>Representative Synod | Redhill Methodist<br>Church                                                                                             |
| Sunday 29 September<br>10.30 am                                                                                                          | Morning Worship                  | Preacher: Mrs Janet<br>Gardham<br><i>Steward: Linda</i><br><i>Music: tbc</i><br><i>Refreshments:</i><br><i>Adelaide</i> |
| Sunday 29 September<br>6.30pm                                                                                                            | Café Church                      | Addlestone                                                                                                              |
| <b>Future Dates for the diary</b>                                                                                                        |                                  |                                                                                                                         |
| 09 November 2019, 10 – 1 Circuit Mission Day. Venue Merrow Methodist Church. Speaker is Rev Tom Stuckey, former president of conference. |                                  |                                                                                                                         |
| 30 November 2019, Addlestone Christmas Fayre 10 - 2                                                                                      |                                  |                                                                                                                         |
| 01 December 2019, Our Café Church                                                                                                        |                                  |                                                                                                                         |
| 29 February 2020. Circuit Mission Supper. Speaker is Mr Sam Monaghan, CEO of Methodist Homes.                                            |                                  |                                                                                                                         |

## Harvest Festival



We celebrate our Harvest Festival on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. The service will be led by Rev David Faulkner.

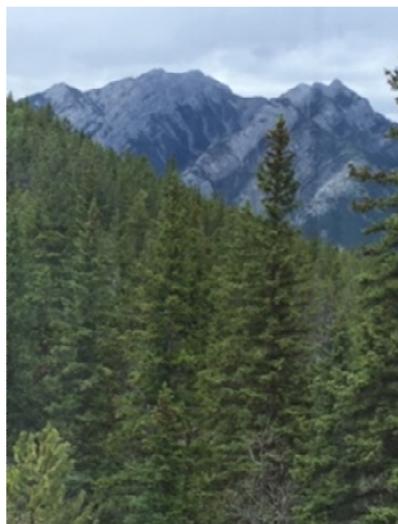
The church will be open on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 1.30pm to decorate it with our gifts, although further gifts can be brought for the service.

All groceries will be given to the Byfleet Food bank whilst fresh produce will go to the Day Centre.

The service will be followed by a shared family lunch and a time of fellowship.



## Methodists abroad



Is this an opportunity to show off my holiday photos? Well yes and no.

This is a photo of Mount Rundle (taken through the bedroom window) in Banff National Park, Canada. Why am I showing this? Because this mountain was named after a Methodist minister. In 1858, the mountain was renamed after Reverend Robert Rundle, a Methodist minister invited by the Hudson's Bay Company to do missionary work in Western Canada in the 1840s. He introduced syllabics there, a written language

developed for the Cree (natives), as part of his missionary work. He only visited the Stoney-Nakoda of the area around what is now called Mount Rundle in 1844 and 1847.

Mt. Rundle could actually be considered a small mountain range as the mountain extends for over 12 kilometres (7.5 miles), on the south side of the Trans-Canada Highway, eastward from Banff to Canmore with seven distinct peaks along the way. The third peak southeast of Banff is the highest at 9,675 feet (2,949 m). West of the Spray Lakes road is the East End of Rundle which rises above Whiteman's Gap just south of Canmore. The Rundle Peaks are part of the South Banff Ranges, along with its siblings—the Sundance Range, Sulphur Mountain and the Goat Range. All contribute to the magnificent scenery of this vast country.





## Foodbank

Our friends at Byfleet have now commenced their venture into the Foodbank with cooperation from the local 'hub' in Woking and under the aegis of the Trussell trust ([www.trusselltrust.org](http://www.trusselltrust.org)).

It is open on Wednesday morning from 12.30 – 2.30 pm. All volunteers have undergone training at the Foodbank Hub in Woking (and that was an experience!!) Take up commenced from week one when there was only one visitor but visitor numbers have increased every week since. As a church we will re-commence bringing donations on the weeks when we have Communion. Linda will try to be on duty at the Foodbank on the following Wednesday so that gifts can be transported easily. Our Harvest gifts will also go to this initiative.

The current call for items is as follows:

Clothes washing detergent

Shampoo

Shower gel

Deodorant

Canned fruit

Long life juice

Rice

Canned rice pudding

Long life snacks and crisps

Long life sponge puddings

Ladies hygiene products

Food items which do not require cooking facilities (e.g. instant noodles etc.)

However. all donations will be gratefully accepted.



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You're invited to:



Free event for all ages!

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# Messy Music

**Come and make instruments and lots  
of loud music**

**and**

**maybe sing some songs to go with it**

**from 3pm onwards**

**Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> and October 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Walton Methodist Church, Terrace Road, Walton, KT12 2SR**

**Do phone and let us know that you are coming**

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