

# **The Wey Forward**

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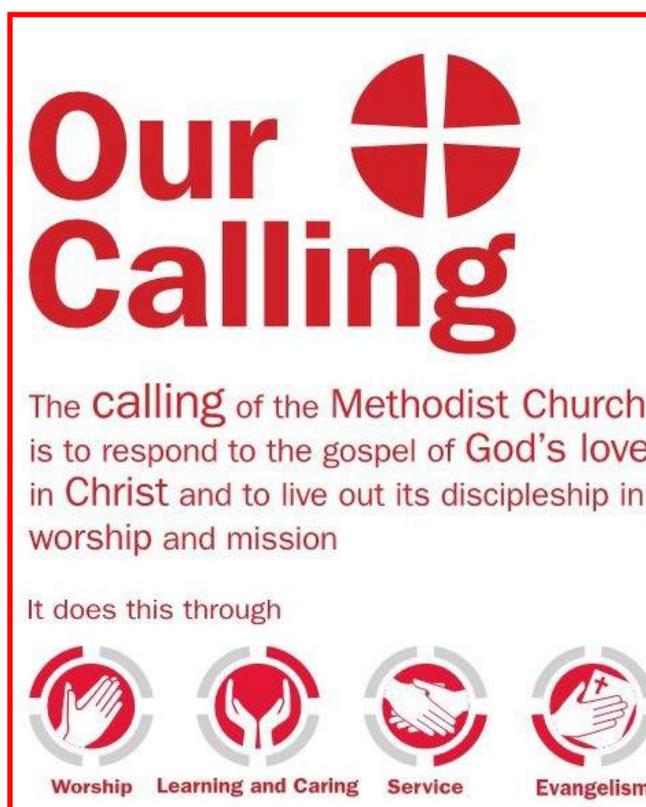


# The Wey Valley Methodist Circuit

The Wey Valley Methodist Circuit came into being on 1st September 2016. It was formed by the joining of 13 churches in the Guildford and Woking & Walton-on-Thames circuits. Each church has its own distinctive personality and gifts, and continues to look forward to mutual sharing and support and to responding together to the gospel of God's love in the community and the wider world. (For those not familiar with the term, a "circuit" is an administrative group of Methodist Churches in the same geographical area).

Our churches can be found in :

- \* Addlestone
- \* Byfleet
- \* Cranleigh
- \* Godalming
- \* Guildford
- \* Knaphill
- \* Merrow
- \* Sheerwater
- \* Stoughton
- \* Walton-on-Thames
- \* West Horsley
- \* Weybridge
- \* Woking



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This quarterly newsletter aims to showcase what is going on around the Circuit, provide relevant information for the forthcoming quarter and offer some thought provoking articles.

*Sue Howson*

*Editor*

## A Message From Our Superintendent

Dear Friends,

As Methodists we are familiar with welcomes and farewells. Nevertheless, a very special farewell occurred at Godalming United Church for Rev Paul Hulme's last service as an active minister. Paul's preaching was both personal and powerful. I was there and thanked Paul on your behalf, handing over a letter of thanks and letting him know that by way of appreciation we had deposited money collected from around the Circuit directly into his bank account. We trust he will enjoy spending it during a long and fulfilling retirement. Our good wishes and prayers go with Paul to South Croydon.

South East Methodist District has said farewell to District Chair John Hellyer, who has served this district since its formation. He goes as Superintendent to the very large Gloucestershire Circuit. Our Western Area Assistant District Chair Conrad Hicks has moved on, to Methodist Church House with responsibility for Global Church Relationships. Our thanks, prayers and good wishes go to them both.

I am very happy to announce that subject to District approval I have been able to secure the help of Rev Jackie Case, an experienced superintendent minister, who "sits down" this August, and has agreed to take pastoral care of Trinity Working. Welcome Jackie. I am indebted to Rev Allan Taylor and Rev Barrie Tabraham who have helped Trinity in 2018/9, and I thank them very much.

*"Without God we cannot and without us God will not"*. Itinerancy teaches us that none of us are indispensable, but also that if we do not do what God is calling us to do here and now, then His Kingdom will suffer. Let us begin the new church year by reflecting on our vocation as disciples of Jesus, and what that means specifically for us as individuals and congregations. Let us use 'Our Calling' as a calling to prayer and reflection, seeking God to direct our actions.

In the coming church year we must discuss the conference report of the Marriage and Relationships Group which we can all read online.

I do pray that this church year will be a fruitful one for us as remain united in love and service.

God bless you

*Keith*

*Rev Keith C. Beckingham*

*Superintendent Minister*



# News from around the Circuit

## Addlestone

It was a blessing that our latest café style evening service was led by Rev Paul Hulme shortly before he retired as it gave us the opportunity to thank him for his service to us and to the Circuit us. Also, to wish him well in his retirement. The number attending was, I believe, the largest we have had at an evening service and his theme and presentation was one we all appreciated and one not to have been missed. Thank you Paul. Our next evening service is on 29<sup>th</sup> September, led by Lyn McKay.

In June we welcomed four new members into the church, younger than most of us and all willing and able to help in many ways. With so many members experiencing health and stress problems at the moment the new members are a particular blessing to us.



We have also had the pleasure of welcoming Inna and her two young girls to our Sunday services recently. We quickly rustled up a team of furry playmates to help interest the girls and their most recent visit showed it was much appreciated.

It is a disappointment that the work to restore our church windows will continue over the summer restricting the amount of natural light in what we hope will be a bright and sunny summer. How difficult it is sometimes to be patient!

Our mission group has met recently and with some valuable input from Sydney Samuel we are looking at new ways of making those things already implemented more effective and finding new ways of meeting our mission objectives. The light in the tunnel may not yet be too bright, but there definitely is one and - through our prayers and determination, and with God's help and guiding hand - we are confident that light will get brighter.

*Fred Rowe*

# Byfleet

Byfleet Methodist Church was privileged to be approached by the Woking Foodbank, working under the auspices of the Trussell Trust, with a view to us opening our premises as a satellite outlet. After preparation of a suitable room in which to store the donated dried and long-life food, toiletries, personal hygiene items and household essentials, etc., the purchase of essential equipment, and having undergone appropriate training, we opened our doors to our first visitor on 12<sup>th</sup> June. Despite the obvious need for this service within Woking Borough, the take up at Byfleet is, at the time of writing, minimal but we will continue to be there between 12.30pm and 2.30pm every Wednesday as sadly we know that our services will be required once those in need find us instead of going to the other three outlets: Woking Lighthouse, Sheerwater Hub, Goldsworth Park. The volunteers come from not only Byfleet but also Weybridge Methodist Church, the local parish church and from Byfleet village - someone who heard what we were doing and wanted to help.

But our outreach doesn't stop there, we continue to hold regular coffee mornings as well as monthly Sunday lunches, and during the summer months when many elderly people feel even more lonely, we are planning a series of informal lunches when anyone can drop in to be fed and meet a friendly face.

National Heritage Open Weekend (14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> September) offers us an opportunity to show off our bright and airy Art Deco church. A search of the Heritage Open Days website will reveal all sorts of places in the vicinity that are not usually open to the public – why not plan for a whole day out? Who knows what you may discover.

And then we arrive at Advent Weekend which will start on Friday (30<sup>th</sup> November) night at Byfleet Christmas Market on the village green; this offers us a wonderful opportunity to mingle with the villagers to share with them the Methodist publication *"The true meaning of Christmas"* before opening our display of nativity sets from around the world. If you have a set you would be willing to lend us for the weekend, please get in touch! Do try and visit us during Advent Weekend, share our hospitality, and maybe join us for Advent Songs of Praise on Sunday at 4.30pm having shared Afternoon Tea with us.



*Margaret Watts*

Join us for this year's series of  
**Advent Reflections**  
followed by a bread & soup lunch

**Thursdays**  
28 November  
5, 12 & 19 December  
12.15 for 12.30

St. Mary's, Quarry St, Guildford, GU1 3UY

## Cranleigh

People say time flies when you are enjoying yourself, but I especially realise the passing of the days when our efficient Circuit Administrator reminds us that our article for the Circuit magazine is due – almost overdue in my case!

Even as I write, more work is going on at our church to remove the carpet at the back of the sanctuary and to replace it with new flooring, to enable activities to take place there while we await the refurbishment of the schoolroom roof. A local dance class (at the moment our only outside, fee-paying, long-term customers) find it difficult to practise on a carpet! It will also help us to provide a suitable area in which to provide a cup of coffee, and indeed a place to chat, for busy young mothers returning from a morning 'school run' or perhaps for elderly shoppers seeking somewhere to rest their aching feet. (Our church already hosts a weekly group called 'Friendly Voices' on Tuesday afternoons for people whose first language is not English. This was started when we welcomed our refugee family from Syria in co-operation with Waverley District Council. Our 'customers' now include other foreign visitors). Sadly, we will be unable to accommodate a children's nursery until the schoolroom roof is repaired.

We were very pleased to welcome visitors to our refurbished rooms on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> and were almost overwhelmed by the numbers! People in the village had been very curious about all the activity. Thank you to all of you from the Circuit who came. We actually received over £500 from kind donors, though raising money on this occasion wasn't the main intention! We of course are delighted to be using the new facilities, particularly the constant hot water, the dish-washer and the new toilets!

Meanwhile our own fundraising activities continue. On Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, a very hot day(!) a group of church members, organised by Hilary Strawson, manned a stall at the Village Carnival and raised about £150. Earlier in the season, a young mother, Miffy Dackham, and her family, raised about the same amount at her garden coffee morning and sale. Every little helps, as they say! Even our regular Saturday Coffee Mornings contribute something.

Children are still catered for during our Sunday morning services, though sometimes there aren't any children in the congregation. Occasionally, however, they are joined by two girls, daughters of a Chinese mother, who has been a member of 'Friendly Voices'. Their father is a teacher at the Rikkyo School and is Japanese. We feel quite international! We are grateful to Hilary Strawson and Pam Newman Horwell who prepare material every week for the children, hoping that some will be there!

The Wednesday Group continues to flourish on alternate Wednesdays, and members (plus male visitors) greatly enjoyed an outing on the Wey and Arun Canal as the last meeting of the season. We were pleased to welcome Keith and Hilary on this occasion.

On Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, our Choir Anniversary, our minister, Keith, led the Communion Service and Hilary helped us in the choir, as she has already done several times! The choir continues to sing an introit and an anthem each Sunday except during the school summer holiday, and I am very grateful to them and to Peggy our organist for their loyalty and hard work.

Thank you for all your kind comments and prayers!

*Glenda Sewell*

## Alternative Worship

All are welcome to our alternative evening services taking place:

Date	Church	Service
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Cranleigh	Circuit Service, inc. Rosemary Lee's 25 years' award
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Merrow	ATS led by Asif Das
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Knaphill	V3RS3 : VOIC3 'Christmas is coming..'
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Addlestone	ATS led by Lyn McKay
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Cranleigh	Churches Together, Songs of Praise
27 <sup>th</sup> October	Merrow	ATS led by Barrie Tabraham
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Walton	Pudding and Praise led by Sydney Samuel Lake

## ECG Conference 2019

I usually attend the ECG conference - or to give it its full title - 'ECG, a heart for the nations, Equipping, Calling, Going'. The event has an emphasis on mission - there is solid Bible teaching and worship but the aim is to equip individuals and churches to communicate the gospel in relevant ways to the communities from which they come. It has its roots in the Easter People conference which was headed up by Rev Rob Frost - some of you may remember that as there were people from the old Guildford circuit who attended that.

It usually takes place in Scarborough the week after Easter. However Scarborough is quite a trek from Surrey! Now the good news is that ECG is coming to you - well almost - with a day conference at Westminster Central Hall on 5<sup>th</sup> October so you can get a flavour of the event - see the flyer on page 12.

A day of celebration, encouragement, and challenge as we confidently step into God's future for ourselves, our churches, and our nation. We will be led by Rev Dr Calvin Samuel, Billy Kennedy, Jasmine Yeboah, Luke Hamlyn, Mark Williamson, Rev Kath Jones and many others...

In a time when the future looks very uncertain socially, politically and culturally, we gather to rediscover a deeper confidence in the "Solid Ground" of the Gospel. On Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> we will confidently lift up the name of Jesus, be encouraged by his solid timeless word, and be sent out in the fullness of the Holy Spirit. In confidence we can be creative, relevant, and risk takers, knowing our feet remain on the ancient "Solid Ground" of Jesus and His Gospel!

Admission is by ticket on sale on the Eventbrite website £16.58 for adults and £6.00 for the under 16s. Details can be found at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ecg-london-tickets-59760140188>

Perhaps we could go as a group from the circuit?

*Jean Shepherd*

# The Circuit Mission Group

The Circuit Mission Group met recently and discussed Carey Nieuwhof's 7 factors that will drive almost all church growth. Carey is a pastor of a church in Ontario, Canada that has grown from just 6 people to over 1,500 each weekend. Here is a brief summary of his thoughts on church growth and how to achieve it:



## 1. Personal invitation.

While a great social media presence is important, at the heart of a growing church is **people inviting their friends**. If your church members don't invite their friends, don't expect to grow.

## 2. Refusing to settle for mediocre.

You must have a great experience (worship service) to invite your friends into – **don't settle for mediocrity** – aim for authentic, compelling preaching, great music that's accessible to outsiders, a solid ministry for the next generation and a good welcome for guests.

## 3. Online presence and a great in-house experience

Future churches know that people move seamlessly between the digital and real worlds. A great online presence must be complemented by a **real worship experience that engages the head, heart and relationship**.

## 4. Genuine community

Real community isn't just "fellowship" where people who already know each other catch up over coffee while newcomers go unnoticed. **The real mission of the church is relationship.**

## 5. Deep engagement

People who are engaged in the church are passionate – they know what the mission is. They serve in it and live it out. **The church can achieve more with 300 committed and engaged Christians than 3000 disengaged attendees.**

## 6. Clarity

**Growing churches have clarity about mission, vision and strategy.** Clarity means a group of leaders who have prayed and thought about the future, chosen what they believe is the best path to accomplish the mission and then invited others along.

## 7. Risk and experimentation

To accomplish a radically new future, you will have to do radically new things. **Your church needs to rethink its current methods** to accomplish its mission, whether its pop-up church, micro campuses, new approaches to social engagement or different ways to connect people.

**Food for thought, and prayer!**

*Reverend Claire Hargreaves and the Circuit Mission Group*

# Godalming United Church

The approaching retirement of our beloved minister Rev Paul Hulme was very much in our minds during June. It was good to welcome so many of our uniformed organisations to his last family/parade service on the 16<sup>th</sup> – Father’s Day; appropriately. We listened spellbound to an assured solo performance of “O Sole Mio” by Ross Calvert; the Rainbows and Brownies gave us “This Little Light”, Music Kids sang delightfully, and Paul interviewed Jasmine and Jacob August about the upcoming Scouting Jamboree in the USA.

On the following Sunday Paul shared the service with Rev Daniel Pratt Morris-Chapman and his family. We have known his wife Grace for almost 20 years since she came over from West Africa as a shy student at Godalming College. The pair met at Cliff College, Derbyshire, and have subsequently served in Yorkshire, the Cameroons and, most recently, Milan, where much of their time has been spent working with immigrants. Daniel had previously told us of a recent “hold up” by the Italian police who doubted his British citizenship, his role as a pastor and searched him thoroughly ... an unexpected, scary experience. But before he could feel sorry for himself one of the teenagers in the car said, “It’s because you were with us – we are black.” Sadly, a commonplace experience for second or third generation black families. Pray for Europe, that it can abandon the xenophobic spirit that is fast taking possession of its nations. When the family returns to Italy in September, Daniel will be in charge of the Methodist Church in Rome – working out of a property right opposite the Vatican itself (surely ecumenism in action!).

On June 30<sup>th</sup> the church was packed for Paul’s last service – with current congregation, friends from the town, representatives from the Circuit, “old” friends from former churches, and, of course, Paul’s family. Paul’s sermon dwelt on his core beliefs. Christianity is a journey, along which we are constantly learning. The incarnate word of God is made known to us in the human face of Jesus. God speaks to us through each other, for we are all marked with the mark of the Maker. God guides us if we are prepared to trust him. And finally there is that sense of the presence of God – the numinous – experienced in special places and situations. He concluded with thanks to all who had been part of his journey.

Formal farewells were paid at the conclusion (briefly, in keeping with Paul’s wishes - “Get them into the River Room for coffee as soon as possible!”). Alan Steele, our Senior Steward, recalled seven marvellous years of inspired preaching (“straight up”, no notes) and caring pastoral work: truly the service of a man who walks with God and in the footsteps of Donald Soper, Kenneth Greet and Colin Morris. He presented Paul with a book of messages from members of the congregation and wider church family, and our retirement gift of a cheque.

Paul’s long standing friend David Rutter presented a folder of almost 50 letters and many photos, assembled over the past year – spanning nine ministerial appointments, a full family life, and 51 years of glorious ministry – of witness, worship and praise to Almighty God. It was handed over with Eamonn Andrews’ famous phrase – “Paul Hulme, Methodist Minister, this is your life!”

The service was concluded by Circuit Superintendent Keith Beckingham. He recalled his trepidation at becoming superintendent over a man of such stature in the church. However he quickly found in Paul a great colleague and encourager, referring especially to his supportive pastoral ministry in the circuit team. He expressed his admiration, respect and thanks for Paul’s work and his prayers for his future.

*Nancy Wilks*





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## Circuit Prayer Diary

The Prayer Diary is produced on a quarterly basis by Rev Claire Hargreaves and is available on the Circuit website where it can be accessed in several ways:-

- It has its own bespoke calendar so you can see all of the prayers for the coming months. From the Home page click on Calendar and in the drop down boxes choose Circuit Prayer Diary and the month you are interested in
- If you just click on Calendar it automatically shows all events from around the Circuit and the Prayer Diary will be included
- Each day the Prayer for that day is displayed on the Home Page under Coming Events (on the right-hand side of the screen on a PC; scroll down a little on a smart phone)
- The pdf is available under Publications, Circuit Prayer Diary (third one down)
- The pdf also appears each quarter in the News section of the website

The Prayer Diary is also circulated to churches in Word and pdf format for inclusion in newsletters or for printing off.

If you have any queries please do let me know.

*Sue Howson*

# Guildford St Mary's

This summer marks 5 years since we launched ChitChat, our drop-in for foreign residents in Guildford - time for a quinquennial review! (See SurreyTV's visit by searching Chit Chat Surrey on YouTube).

To those not familiar with the history, we launched this shortly after moving to St Mary's, addressing an area of unmet need where we could offer something different. ChitChat is open each Wednesday morning during term time so foreign residents can practise their English, learn more about life in the UK and make friends. In a typical week over 30 guests now attend but many of the guests are only in the UK for a year or less so there is constant renewal. We now find that *au pairs* returning home will often recommend successors to come along.

We have seen remarkable transformations. One of our very first guests still attends and values the support we've provided with various aspects of life. We were delighted recently that she had moved from shyness and nervousness to having sufficient confidence to talk at a Mothers' Union meeting about what ChitChat has done for her. It was a pleasure at a recent Night Vision when a couple we had encouraged to visit the church during their night out in Guildford realised this was the place their *au pair* values for ChitChat .

The pleasure is by no means confined to the guests as ChitChat can be mutually enriching for guests and volunteers who enjoy helping the guests and appreciate the insights they gain. We typically only ask the volunteer hosts to commit to 1 session per month, but many choose to come more frequently. Our volunteers are drawn from a wide range of churches and if you'd like to consider joining our ranks you'd be very welcome to visit a session. Equally, if you know any foreign residents who might like to attend do please publicise ChitChat.

We need to be adaptable at St Mary's this summer, as building work has moved inside for the first part of the internal works, in parallel with the closing stages of the construction of the new external welcoming area. We hope that real progress will be visible in October but when there is particularly noisy work being undertaken in the church we may have to suspend some weekday activities so please check on the GMC website calendar or email [gmc.info@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gmc.info@hotmail.co.uk) for details.

Night Vision – our monthly Friday night opening to around 11.30pm -continues to be a rich source of engagement with people out and about in town. After a recent one we got home in the early morning to learn of the following Facebook post from a guide who runs ghost tours around Guildford on Friday evenings:

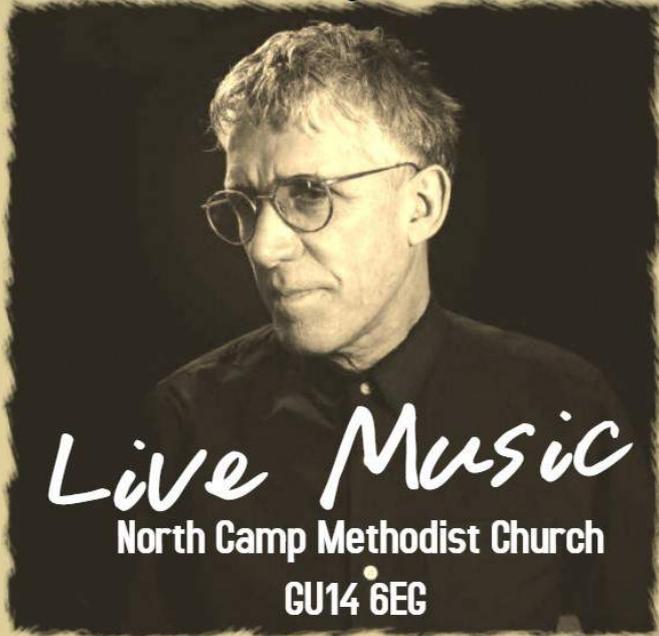
*"I am a Humanist, so there is no agenda here. I just want to give a plug to the wonderful volunteers at St Mary's in Quarry Street. Tonight is their once-monthly NIGHT VISION, where they open up the church in the evening until about 11pm, all lit by candles and optic fairy lights, peaceful music and free refreshments. I went there after my tour last month and I loved it. There was zero religious pressure or discussion. Just some very sweet, kind people in an oasis of calm. I really recommend popping in at some point if you are out for a meal or in the pub tonight."*

Around 10 young women guests from his tour did drop in for half an hour and we had good chats with them; the Lord does indeed move in mysterious ways.

*Nigel Champion-Smith*

# DAVE BILBROUGH

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Knaphill Methodist Church opened Clothes4U Pre loved clothes with TLC in October 2017. It is open once a month, for two hours between 2pm - 4pm. We are open Saturdays 21st September, 19<sup>th</sup> October and 16<sup>th</sup> November.



We hold regular monthly Coffee Mornings on Saturdays between 10am and 12 noon. Our next two are 28<sup>th</sup> September and 26<sup>th</sup> October. Plus Tarina Berry will be organising a Coffee Morning on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019 between 10am and 12 noon in aid of 'Your Sanctuary' a charity that supports survivors of domestic abuse.



We celebrated 153 years of Methodism in Knaphill and Father's Day at our morning service on 16<sup>th</sup> June. Members of the congregation each brought along a flower to the service that were then put together into a beautiful arrangement. After the service we all had a piece of anniversary cake made specially for the occasion, and ice cream!

More information about anything at KMC can be obtained from our website:  
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*Yvette Wright*



# SAVE THE DATE

## Circuit Mission Supper

Saturday 29th February 2020

*Time, venue and cost TBA*



The circuit will welcome  
Mr Sam Monaghan, CEO of MHA  
who will talk about the on-going work  
of Methodist Homes

Wey Valley Circuit Office, at Merrow Methodist Church  
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## Merrow

In the last issue we were looking forward to our Church Anniversary which was held on June 9th, Pentecost, forty days after Easter, the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples of Jesus. The Rev Leslie Griffiths who was leading our worship highlighted how apt it was that we should be celebrating our Anniversary that Sunday. Although originally Pentecost was a Jewish holiday held 50 days after Passover, some Christian denominations consider it the birthday of the Christian Church. It was the day God filled the faithful with his Spirit. Leslie's inspirational message when we are all currently considering what the future will hold for us over the next five years could not have been more timely. On this day God was inspiring all of us to become witness to his presence, power and authority in the communities we live in Leslie's further analogy was that on this special anniversary day he was launching the "Good Ship Merrow" on the next stage of our voyage as we set forth to plough uncharted waters.

The word "plough" happens to be very appropriate. Pentecost is the Greek name for Shavuot, the spring harvest festival of the Israelites and our thoughts are now turning to our Harvest Festival which is being held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September. We have some keen gardeners in Merrow and this year we are asking them to all become involved. It is going to be a G, B, and S celebration. That is Grow, Bring and Share!

We are hopeful that the Church will be decorated with home grown flowers, and the best of the crops will be brought along and shared in a Harvest Lunch after our morning service which is going to be led by the Rev David Coote. And there will be no abundance of supermarket plastic packaging so Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall will be happy! (#OurPlasticFeedback)

We are continuing to hold our charity Coffee Mornings on the second Thursday in the month. On the 12<sup>th</sup> September all proceeds will go to HASTE, the Heart and Stroke Charity. On the 10<sup>th</sup> October Action For Children will benefit and then on 14<sup>th</sup> November it will be for the Bible Society. As well as having keen gardeners worshipping with us at Merrow we also have some keen golfers! Our Thursday evening Youth Hubs are run in partnership with Matrix Trust, the Christian charity providing a lifeline for vulnerable young people across Guildford borough which has been established for nearly twenty years. Each Spring they hold a fund raising charity Golf Day at Guildford golf course and this year Merrow were able to support this with two teams. It was a really enjoyable day and it got us wondering as to how many golfers there were around the Circuit? We would be always up for a Challenge Match!!

Teams *Young at Heart* and *The Odd Balls*



*Hugh Bradley*

## **Circuit Mission Workshop**

### **“Singing the Lord’s Song.....the next step”**

We are very blessed that Rev Tom & Mrs Chris Stuckey have agreed to lead the Circuit Mission Workshop on 9<sup>th</sup> November.

The workshop will explore the future of Methodism and the recommended reading prior to the day is Tom’s “Singing the Lord’s Song”, although this is not a prerequisite and everyone is welcome to attend. Booklets following on from the book will be given to participants on the day (normally these cost £5).

Tom is ex-President of Conference, formerly theological college tutor, Reading Circuit Superintendent, Southampton District Chair and honorary Canon Salisbury Cathedral. Chris is a local preacher, Circuit Steward & former nurse.

The workshop will run from 10am to 1pm on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November (coffee from 9.30am) at Merrow Methodist Church.

As in previous years a contribution towards costs of £5 is requested.

This is a great opportunity for the Circuit. Chris & Tom are a very effective team, and there will be theological insight without pretension: it will be understandable, practical and laced with gentle humour reflecting Chris & Tom’s wide experience. We hope for a good turn out from Wey Valley and expect that neighbouring circuits will no doubt show interest.

Please book your place contact Joan Tabraham, [joan.tabraham@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:joan.tabraham@hotmail.co.uk) or 01483 453090

*Keith Beckingham*

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## **ADVENT WEEKEND**

**30<sup>th</sup> November – 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**Church Open All Weekend 9.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.**

**International Display of Nativity Sets**

**Organ Recitals**

**Morning Coffee, Light Lunches, Afternoon Teas**

*Sunday: 10.30 a.m. Join us for Morning Worship, including Holy Communion*  
*4.30 p.m. Advent Songs of Praise*

**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;  
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**Sunday: join the congregation at 10.30 a.m. as it celebrates  
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Free admission; donations for the upkeep of the Church welcomed  
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a place for foreign residents to:

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- ask questions
- make friends
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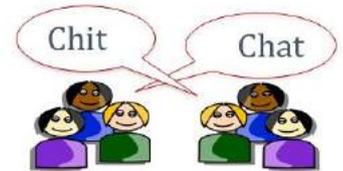
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Young children welcome

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9.30 - 11.00 am

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**Knaphill Methodist Church's**



# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER**

**10AM TO 2PM**

**MANY STALLS**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**RAFFLE**

**FREE  
ADMISSION**



**The Methodist Church**  
Rectory Lane, Byfleet, KT14 7LL

**WELCOMES YOU TO  
OUR REGULAR**

*Coffee Morning*



**14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

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## **Vacancy for part-time volunteer Chaplain's Assistant at HMP Send**

Have you ever been challenged to find God in the unfamiliar? Have you ever considered prison ministry?

Being the Free Church Chaplain's assistant for the last 6 years and helping on courses for 2 years before that has been an enormous privilege and a great blessing to me. The ladies themselves, in all their diversity, are open, genuine and pragmatic in a way that is both humbling and inspirational. To share faith and worship with them is uplifting in a way that is rarely found in churches "outside". One of the privileges of chaplaincy is being asked to pray with someone. A particular form of prayer, introduced by St Ignatias, has enabled the most un-churched ladies to meet Christ, and even to follow him. This has now been developed by the Free Church Chaplain as "Taketime" ([www.taketime.org.uk](http://www.taketime.org.uk)).

HMP Send is a lady's training prison with around 260 residents. The multi-faith chaplaincy is co-ordinated by the Anglican Chaplain, Rev Lesley Mason. There are part-time chaplains for all the mainstream faiths and Christian denominations. The Chaplaincy has won several awards thanks to the leadership of Rev Lesley Mason. The Free Church Chaplain is a Methodist minister, Rev Clive McKie. His duties are Thursdays 12-8pm and one Sunday service/month. His assistant supports his pastoral work, and is involved with courses and evening activities on Thursdays.

The post is voluntary and one is a member of a team of around 20 Christians from a variety of denominations. Most belong to the Prison Fellowship which provides material and training for the Restorative Justice course. There is a local Prison Fellowship monthly prayer meeting organised by Pauline Mitchell ([pandpmitchell@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:pandpmitchell@tiscali.co.uk); 01483 576922, 07428509974). This is a good way to meet the team. Being a part of this group of volunteers is one of the delights of being involved at the Chaplaincy at Send.

If you are thinking of volunteering in this way and would like to know more contact Clive: [clivewmckie@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:clivewmckie@tiscali.co.uk); myself: [snashallsusan@gmail.com](mailto:snashallsusan@gmail.com); or my predecessor Margaret Ireland: [margi.ireland@thearchipelago.co.uk](mailto:margi.ireland@thearchipelago.co.uk). Kathryn Cutler ([kathryn@safegateway.net](mailto:kathryn@safegateway.net)) is a course organiser and happy to be contacted. Alternatively come to a Prison Fellowship Prayer meeting, or arrange to shadow Clive. You can come into the prison 4 times on basic security details. The post is available from September so there is plenty of time.

My introduction to Send was to "find God in the unfamiliar" and that has certainly been my experience. Everyone feels privileged and blessed to be part of the work.

*Susan Snashall*



## The Big Read



At the official start date of this edition of *The Way Forward* (1<sup>st</sup> September 2019), those of you taking part in this project to read the Bible from cover to cover will be preparing to start 2 Chronicles. After the first year of this project you may be interested to hear that my 'secular' friend, whom I have written about previously, is still with us. And yes I am still 'cheating' by *listening* to my chapter.

Some of you may be aware that we have recently spent some weeks in Canada. We were based at my sister's, who lives about 40 mins by car south of Vancouver. During our visit I attended a service at her church – there were just 1,400 of us present at the 11.00am service and they have services at 8.00am, 9.00am, 10.00am, 11.00am and 12.00 noon!! During a chat with some of members of the house group my sister attends, the subject of bible reading came up so I told them about this initiative. They were very taken with the idea and it is likely that they will commence a similar project from 1 September. They were also going to mention it to other house groups within the church (I believe that there are about 100 of them) so although they will be a year behind us, we will become part of a global team. How good is that?

Please remember that Rev Asif Das has kindly said that if anyone has any challenges with anything they read he will be willing to try and answer any questions. Email Asif or give him a call: - [asifdas@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:asifdas@hotmail.co.uk) or 01483 575432.

*Linda Weedon*



# CHRISTMAS



## Afternoon Tea & Carols

### Sunday 8th December 3pm - 5pm



at Knaphill Methodist Church

## Walton - on - Thames

Here in Walton we have very much enjoyed looking at “The Mystery of Everything” (based on the film The Theory of Everything), which generated good discussions and gave us plenty to think about. Over Easter and the first part of May, three members of the congregation went on a type of pilgrimage, Lourdes, Santiago and Spring Harvest.

In Walton, we have a faithful number of Koreans that pray with us on the first Friday of the month. They visit the churches in Walton on a regular basis. Their method of prayer is very vocal and we are privileged to have them come and pray for and with us. We also ask that others in the circuit would pray for our outreach activities.



We had a very fun bingo evening, which raised money for Mission Direct. Mission Direct enables everyday people to make a practical and lasting difference to some of the world's most vulnerable people. Our evening was to support one of our members, who will be going, with them, to Rio next year. You may hear more about this later in the year.

We are hoping to have some more family evenings for people to get together. There may well be a games afternoon in a park in Weybridge following a lunchtime picnic with shared puddings.

In September, we will be opening the church for the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust Surrey Churches Bike Ride - Ride and Stride. We hope to have some cyclists from Walton visiting the other churches as well. It is a good way for people to find out about our church and we welcome the cyclists with drinks and some homemade cakes.

For Harvest, we will have the theme of “Food Waste” and we have some interesting ideas from the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Guides. It is going to be a very exciting service. At the end of October, we will have an All Soul’s Service as part of the morning service, and we will be remembering the lives of those people close to us who have died. We hope that this will be a good time for reflection. Our next Pudding and Praise will be on 17<sup>th</sup> November.

Messy Church will start up again in the autumn and we will be trying some Messy Music in September and October.

Please join us in prayer for our outreach activities.

*The Stewards at Walton*

You're invited to:



Free event for all ages!

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[www.messychurch.org.uk](http://www.messychurch.org.uk)

# 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

01932 429184

## **The Foundry @ Trinity – Update**

I've just been reading how Elisha was recruited to be Elijah's apprentice. Elijah finds Elisha ploughing a field with his oxen. After being approached, Elisha kills his oxen, burns the plough to cook the meat and gives everyone a meal. Elisha was clearly not intending to return to farming!

At time of writing we have interviewed for both the co-ordinator and community development missionary. We have made offers. One has been accepted, the other we are waiting to hear from. The Foundry is entering new territory with a momentum that it would be difficult to stop. Like Elisha, we have reached a point where it is difficult to turn back.

Foundry Worship is our central focus. Still meeting every other Sunday at 5pm, our pattern of worship is sharing, praise, biblical reflection, praying. We have seen God respond to prayer as we minister to each other's needs. Everyone from across the circuit is welcome to join us.

We are starting to focus on the ROC (Redeeming our Communities) conversation which takes place in March 2020 in Woking. The Foundry will facilitate this. ROC is a Christian organisation that links the faith community to the statutory agencies, especially the Police. They do this by convening a 'conversation' (big gathering) at which churches and agencies share the good that is going on and together identify where there remains need. Action groups are established to work out how to address the needs. A couple of us went to Manchester for a ROC conference early in June to find out more. Not only were we able to learn much of value in planning Woking's ROC conversation, but we were able to celebrate before God the successes of many other conversations. A memorable comment from the weekend: Why don't the police and churches work more closely – we are both working to see good prosper in the community.

We are working in other areas as well:

- The ROC Conversation is now on the list of significant upcoming local events to be prayed for by the Woking Prayer Network. The importance of prayer to successful conversations was so apparent at the ROC weekend – we need to pray
- We want to review the branding for Trinity and The Foundry. One of the first things people outside the church will see - whether on stationery, business cards, websites, Facebook, WhatsApp etc., is our brand. Does it send the correct message? Does it encourage people to look further, or to look elsewhere?
- We need to make our premises suitable for supporting the changing nature of the work ahead of us. Mainly small changes – creating better office spaces, refreshing parts of the common areas, improving IT and associated equipment. These will benefit our new staff and enable us to be a lot more effective.

We see God's hand in so much of what is happening. As we speak to people at the various events we attend, we find ourselves re-affirmed in terms of the Foundry vision. We praise God for His faithfulness!

*Hugh Bowerman,*

# Tales of a Travelling Preacher

## In the fourth of a series Graham Warr looks back on his life

Initially I believed I was heading towards the Methodist Ministry, but it was about halfway through the year at a little tin Chapel near Barnsley, where a group of us had gone with an Evangelist to help in the worship, that God made it clear that I was to complete my Local Preacher training but to also apply to Teacher Training College. As he had called me to Local Preaching he now called me to teach.

My time at Cliff seemed to pass so quickly. I had learned so much and grown spiritually. And when I finished my final 'trek' to Barnet I was ready for a rest.

We returned to College to pack. After a final worship and prayer time we all set off on our different ways home. A group of us travelled to Chesterfield station and waited for our various trains. As the trains came in on either platform we all sang the Gospel Song,

*Down in the valley with my Saviour I would go,  
Where the flowers are blooming and the sweet waters flow,  
Everywhere he leads me I would follow, follow on,  
Walking in his footsteps 'til the crown be won.*

*Follow, follow I will follow Jesus, anywhere, everywhere, I will follow on,  
Follow, follow, I will follow Jesus, everywhere he leads me I will follow on.*

*Down in the valley with my Saviour I would go,  
Where the storms are sweeping and the dark waters flow;  
With his hand to guide me I will never, never, fear;  
Dangers cannot fright me if my Lord is near.*

*Down in the valley, or upon the mountain steep,  
Close beside my Saviour would my soul ever keep;  
He will keep me safely in the path that he has trod,  
Up to where they gather on the hills of God.*

As the trains left, the groups became smaller until only a handful of us were left waiting for the Bournemouth train. I don't know what the other passengers on the two platforms thought but it was a very moving and special memory of a page turning.

I returned home and, in June 1970, was fully accredited as a Local Preacher, following in the footsteps of the many called, by God, to be one of 'Mr Wesley's Preachers.' I received the letter confirming my status from The President, Brian O'Gorman. One of the sentences in that letter says,

*'Go into your task knowing that Christ has you, and that his Word is as relevant today as ever.'*

On returning from Cliff College I went to work at the Railway Children's home, in Woking to get some experience of working with children before starting my Teacher Training. It was here I met a young, Swiss Housemother who was responsible for 'The Pickles' a mixed group of 5-7 girls and boys. In true romantic parlance – 'it was love at first sight,' for me anyway. We built our relationship all through my teacher training at Bishop Otter College, Chichester from 1970-1973.

Whilst at College my preaching was very curtailed, but I was invited to preach at Shiphams Paste Factory Christian Fellowship. Fortunately, they were not having a run of either bloater or chicken paste on the two occasions I was there. They produced a 'banquette' which seemed to permeate everywhere across the city!

In 1973 I returned home to Bournemouth and taught at Homefield College for a year. I worshipped at Springbourne Methodist Church, when not travelling to Woking to visit Christine and the 'Pickles'. I also became one of a group of Bournemouth Local Preachers who travelled to various chapels in Dorset, Hampshire and Somerset; the furthest afield being Wincanton in Somerset a ninety-mile round trip taking both the morning and afternoon services.

I was also planned to preach at Crendell Chapel where I attended as a child from 1956-63, when the congregation from the Congregational Chapel at Cripplestyle, where I lived, joined with their actual and church families to celebrate Easter, Whitsun, Christmas and Church Anniversaries. I also took the services at Sandleheath Methodist Church where I had been a member of the Youth Club in my teens; they were special memories. It was at Crendell that I first discovered the Methodist Hymnbook and learned two of my favourite traditional hymns:

*'Yes, God is good, in earth and sky from ocean depths and spreading wood.'* and *'God has given us a book full of stories which was made for his people of old.'*

Christine and I were married in August 1974 and I went to live with her at the Children's Home in Oriental Road. She worked as a Housemother, with a group of 7-9 year old boys and I supported her in the evenings and at the weekends while teaching at Horsell Secondary School during the daytime.

The 'Travelling Preacher' did not get out as much or as frequently, we only had one weekend off in three. I took my place on the Circuit Plan and regularly visited Knaphill, Sheerwater, Byfleet, Ripley, Chertsey, Addlestone, Weybridge, Shepperton and Walton-on-Thames Methodist churches and occasionally at West Byfleet and Walton-on-Thames URC churches and the Free Church at the bottom of Walton Road. Woking Trinity was my home church and I first preached here one evening in the late 1970's then not for another ten years. When I took a winter evening service in the Choir Room with a congregation of less than ten.

Then another long spell before Barrie Tabraham came in the 1990's. I was privileged to share in the planning and delivery of his and Trinity's first Christingle Service. Since then I have frequently preached at Trinity.

I was often requested to take the Boys and Girls Brigade Parade Services at Sheerwater and all-age worship at Knaphill. Consequently, I was asked to lead a Circuit Youth Service at Sheerwater. Which was a challenge but had a very positive outcome.

In 1988 the 'Railway Children's Home' celebrated its Centenary. I had tried to arrange for the Bishop of Guildford to preach at the Centenary Celebration Service at St Paul's, Maybury where the children used to attend Sunday School, but it didn't work out. Then with about two weeks' notice I was approached by the Vicar of St Paul's, the Home's Chaplain, to preach at that service. He would have but felt it would be right for me to do it. I accepted and was given permission to preach in an Anglican Church for the first time. It was also my largest congregation ever, with over 300 people mainly Old Boys and Girls.

By 1990 services were changing – chapels and churches were closing – Ripley, Shepperton and West Byfleet URC, and other congregations were noticeably ageing and shrinking. I was. Then out of the blue I was asked by Chris Bishop, the Superintendent, if I would conduct a service at Send Prison. Now that was a challenge and a real adventure in faith.

To be continued.....

*Graham Warr*

# CIRCUIT MISSION DAY

## Singing The Lord's Song

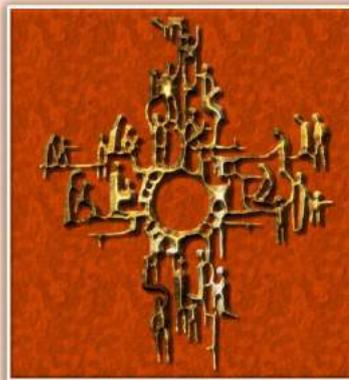
Led By  
**Rev Tom Stuckey & Mrs Chris Stuckey**

**9<sup>th</sup> November 2018**  
**10am – 1pm**

**Merrow Methodist Church**  
**Bushey Hill Drive, GU1 2SH**

To book a place contact  
[joan\\_tabraham@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:joan_tabraham@hotmail.co.uk) or call  
**01483 453090**

## Practical Aspects of Spirituality



**St. Mary's**  
Quarry Street  
Guildford  
**09.20 – 12.30**  
  
Saturday  
28 September

**Jeannie Campbell**

on

**An Introduction to Soul Space:**  
**Spiritual exercises**  
**to explore God's grace.**

This stand alone Saturday morning session  
is open to all who want to take  
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If you would like to attend  
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### **BYFLEET METHODIST CHURCH**

Rectory Lane, Byfleet, KT14 7LL

SUNDAY – 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Welcome to our

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE**

at 10.30 a.m.

**GIFTS INVITED FOR THE WOKING FOODBANK  
FOR WHICH WE ARE AN OUTLET**

followed by

### **THE ANNUAL CHURCH BBQ**

Teas available until 5.00 p.m.

The Church will be open all weekend from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.  
as part of the National Heritage Open Day scheme.

Church website: [www.byfleetmethodist.org.uk](http://www.byfleetmethodist.org.uk) Enquiries: Margaret Watts 01932 343480



## **Coffee & Cake at St Mary's**

**10.30 am - 12 noon**

**Thursday 12 September:**

Heritage opening – including life at St. Mary's

**Thursday 26 September:**

Number 5 – working with Guildford's homeless

**Thursday 24 October:**

Esubi - working in Uganda

**Take a break from your shopping  
& meet up with friends**

*Everyone welcome*



## West Horsley

We're very appreciative of the variety of preaching we've been experiencing with preachers from all around the circuit. At our recent AFC service we had a talk from Megan Dudzica, who works for Action for Children, in this their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. She told us about the work of the Family Partnership Programme which supports 400,000 vulnerable children and their families.

We had another successful 'occasional' lunch earlier in July. It was attended by 24 people, the majority of whom live on their own and enjoy the company, as well as the good food. Many of them come regularly to our weekly coffee morning for company and a chat.

Recently we've been looking after our property - replacement of a rotten window frame, repainting some of the exterior walls and replacing a water pipe to resolve problems with a leak. It turned out there were two leaks - one our responsibility and the other the water company's. We have plans to improve the front porch area with step-free access and a more welcoming glass front door.

The hard work on our small church garden and our colourful tubs at the front door have paid off with a Silver award in this year's Horsley in Bloom competition.

The next quarter brings services when we think of others - All We Can at harvest in September, MHA in October and Remembrance in November. We are making plans for our stall at the forthcoming village fete on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. This will be held at West Horsley Place, do come and see us there. And, do mark the date of Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December in your diary, when we will be holding this year's Carol Praise evening.



*Margaret Faulkner*

## Lay Employment (Recruitment) Workshop

The aims of the evening workshop on 4<sup>th</sup> July were:

1. To promote familiarity with Methodist Lay Employment procedures around recruitment and
2. To give opportunity to discuss issues raised by participants.

Although there were just five delegates the feedback from the evening was positive and interest expressed in future workshops on:

- Interviews (and how to decide who should be offered the job)
- Ongoing training and development

*Keith Beckingham*

# Weybridge



Weybridge has started a programme of social events to extend and grow church family relationships outside of the Sunday service. Our first foray, a gentle stroll from the church along the Wey Navigation and back through the town by the recreation ground was on a scorching Easter Saturday. We were very glad to return to church and enjoy refreshments (hot cross buns obviously) in the shady back patio area. The next planned event was rained off but we have some summer barbeques planned and are looking for suitable activities to take us through the autumn/ winter.

For the 'Thy Kingdom Come' period of prayer, all church members were given five coloured stars. The names of the people being prayed for were mentioned in one form or other and members were encouraged to bring them back to hang on our prayer tree on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Jane Briggs, who lead our worship that Sunday, incorporated the bringing forward of the 'stars' into the worship.



All other regular church activities continue; the Bedding and Clothes bank continues on the third Saturday of the month and now that the Foodbank is up and running at Byfleet we will be giving them vouchers to issue to those in need who can get to Weybridge to take advantage of this opportunity. Our monthly coffee morning (held at Addlestone) takes place on the second Saturday of the month. Church members continue to support the Weybridge Old Folks club on a weekly basis.

*Linda Weedon*

## **A note to contributors**

It is our practice to publish each edition of The Wey Forward, in its pdf format, on the Circuit website. The Wey Forward is an important source of information about the life of the Circuit and what is going on in each of the churches across it. We want to share it with others.

However, we recognise that some contributors may be uncomfortable with a mention on the internet. We will be happy to omit names and any other personal details in any future issue if requested to do so. Please advise at the time of submitting the copy.

## **A Message from the Editor**

I hope you have found the latest edition of 'The Wey Forward' both interesting and useful. Thank-you to everyone who contributed to the articles. As always, it has been a real pleasure to receive and read each item as I put the newsletter together.

**If you would find a large print version of the magazine useful then please let me know and I can arrange that for you.**

We would like the focus of the magazine to be a forward looking one. So as you plan your events, bear in mind that the rest of the circuit would love to know about them.

### **The deadline for Issue 14 of The Wey Forward is midnight 20 October 2019**

Submissions to the newsletter are accepted at any time but we can only guarantee a submission **will be considered** for a particular issue if it is received by the corresponding deadline listed below. Pop them in your diaries now.

**Issue 15 19 January 2020**

**Issue 16 5 April 2020**

**Issue 17 5 July 2020**

**Issue 18 27 September 2020**

**Please send your items (and photos) to  
[weyforward@weyvalleycircuit.org.uk](mailto:weyforward@weyvalleycircuit.org.uk)**

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

*Sue Howson*

# Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event	Venue
<b>September 2019</b>			
Every Weds	12.30pm - 2.30pm	Foodbank	Byfleet
Every Weds in term time	9.30am - 11.00am	Chit Chat for foreign residents	St Mary's, Guildford
12 September	10.30am - 12 noon	Coffee and Cake (Heritage Day)	St Mary's, Guildford
12 September	10.30am - 12.30pm	Coffee morning in aid of HASTE—heart and stroke charity	Merrow
14 / 15 September	9.00am - 5.00pm	Art Deco Church open. Coffees, lunches and teas available	Byfleet
14 September	Tbc	Stall at Village Fete	West Horsley
15 September	10.30am	Harvest Festival followed by BBQ	Byfleet
21 September	11.30am - 1.30pm	Bedding and Clothing Bank	Weybridge
21 September	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Clothes4U	Knaphill
21 September	10.00am - 12.30pm	Safeguarding FOUNDATION Training	Trinity, Woking
26 September	10.30pm - 12 noon	Coffee and Cake supporting Number 5	St Mary's, Guildford
27 September	8.00pm - 11.30pm	Night Vision	St Mary's, Guildford
29 September	10.30am	Harvest Festival with Rev David Coote with 'Grow, bring and share' church family lunch to follow	Merrow
29 September	6.30pm	V3RS3: & VOIC3 'Christmas is coming.....' (tea from 5.30pm)	Knaphill
29 September	6.30pm	ATS Led by Lyn McKay	Addlestone
<b>October 2019</b>			
5 October	10.00am - 12 noon	Coffee morning supporting 'Your Sanctuary'	Knaphill
5 October	Tbc	ECG Conference 2019	Westminster
10 October	10.30am - 12.30pm	Coffee morning in aid of Action for Children	Merrow
12 October	9.00am - 12.30pm	Coffee morning	Byfleet
13 October	7pm	Dave Bilbrough—Hidden Kingdom Tour	North Camp
19 October	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Clothes4U	Knaphill
19 October	11.30am - 1.30pm	Bedding and Clothing Bank	Weybridge
19 October	2.30pm - 5.00pm	Safeguarding FOUNDATION REFRESHER Training	Merrow
20 October	Midnight	<b>Deadline for copy for Issue 14 of The Wey Forward</b>	
24 October	10.30am - 12 noon	Coffee and Cake supporting Esubi	St Mary's, Guildford
25 October	8.00pm - 11.30pm	Night Vision	St Mary's, Guildford
26 October	10.00am - 12 noon	Coffee morning	Knaphill
26 October	3pm	Messy Music	Walton
<b>November 2019 (and beyond)</b>			
9 November	9.00am - 12.30pm	Coffee morning	Byfleet
9 November	9.30am - 1.00pm	Circuit Mission Workshop	Merrow
14 November	10.30am - 12.30pm	Coffee morning supporting The Bible Society	Merrow
16 November	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Clothes4U	Knaphill
16 November	6.45pm - 10.00pm	Church Quiz with fish and chip supper	Merrow
16 November	11.30am - 1.30pm	Bedding and Clothing Bank	Weybridge
17 November	6.30pm	Pudding and Praise	Walton
23 November	10.00am - 2.00pm	Christmas Bazaar	Knaphill
28 November	12.15pm for 12.30pm	Advent Reflections with bread and soup lunch	St Mary's, Guildford
29 November	8.00pm - 11.30pm	Night Vision	St Mary's, Guildford
30 November	9am - 12.30pm	Coffee morning	Byfleet
30 November	9.00am - 4.30pm	International display of nativity sets, coffees, lunches, teas	Byfleet
1 December	9.00am - 4.30pm	International display of nativity sets, coffees, lunches, teas	Byfleet
5 December	12.15pm for 12.30pm	Advent Reflections with bread and soup lunch	St Mary's, Guildford
7 December	Tbc	Carol Praise Evening	West Horsley
8 December	3.00pm - 5.00pm	Afternoon tea and carols	Knaphill
12 December	12.15pm for 12.30pm	Advent Reflections with bread and soup lunch	St Mary's, Guildford