

Weybridge Methodist Church

Newsletter November 2019



‘God has given us a book full of stories.’

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THE FRIENDS OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WEYBRIDGE

REGISTERED CHARITY 800920

GUIDED TOURS OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH

These are scheduled for the following dates, assuming there are at least 5 people booked per tour:

2.30 pm Tuesday 24th September

2.30 pm Wednesday 2nd November

2.30 pm Tuesday 8th November

3.00 pm Saturday 26th November

2.30 pm Tuesday 29th November.

The informative tour takes at least an hour and is followed by tea or coffee and cake at the back of the church with time to reflect on what you have seen and heard.

We are suggesting a minimum donation of £10 per person (no maximum!) which will cover refreshment costs and add to The Friends of St. James' Church fund, ready for the next church building expense.

We hope that you will be interested to hear the stories behind the artefacts inside our beautiful church.

Please book your slot with Carole Merritt on 01932 845174.

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Happy Birthday

Claire, Zachary, Paula and Teresa



Please pray for

- All those who are mentioned on our prayer tree.

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.



Posada



Last year I wrote and told you about how my family played host the Holy family in our home for a few days during Advent as part of the Woking Methodist church annual Posada.

The tradition of having the figures of Mary, Joseph and a donkey travelling from home to home during Advent is becoming more and more popular in our country. The tradition originated in Mexico where it is called a *posada*. Posada means Inn.

Since last year, our lovely friend Daphne Platt from the Addlestone Church has knitted our church a Holy Family. (see photo above)

From 1st December we are looking for church members to host the family in turn – there is still no room at the Inn! The family are accompanied by some suggested readings and prayers to follow during their time with you. They need to be brought to our church on Christmas Morning.

You will need to arrange handover/ transport of the family to the next hosts.

Please see Linda if you are willing to provide shelter for the Holy family during this Advent period.



Dates for the Diary – November

Sunday 3 November 10.30 am	Morning Worship	Preacher: Rev Barrie Tabraham <i>Steward: Pru</i> <i>Music: Adrian</i> <i>Refreshments: Paula</i>
Saturday 9 November 10 – 12	Church Coffee morning at Addlestone Methodist church	
09 November 2019, 10 – 1	Circuit Mission Day. Speaker is Rev Tom Stuckey, former president of conference.	Venue Merrow Methodist Church
Sunday 10 November 10.30pm	Morning Worship	Preacher: Thelma Roberts <i>Steward: Carol</i> <i>Music: Adrian</i> <i>Refreshments: Lili</i>
Sunday 10 November 3.00pm	Annual Service of Remembrance	St James Parish Church
Saturday 16 November 11.30 – 1.30	Bedding Bank	
Sunday 17 November 10.30 am	Holy Communion & Morning Worship Gifts for Food Bank	Preacher: Rev Asif Das <i>Steward: Linda</i> <i>Music: Jose</i> <i>Communion: Paula</i> <i>Refreshments: Adelaide</i>
Sunday 17 November	Pudding & Praise 6 for 6.30pm	Walton Methodist Church
Tuesday 19 November	All Our Yesterdays service	St James Parish Church 2.30pm
Saturday 23 November 2019 <i>Corrected Date</i>	Addlestone Christmas Fayre 10 - 2	
Sunday 24 November 10.30 am	Morning Worship	Preacher: Graham Warr <i>Steward: Jose</i> <i>Music: Teresa</i>

	<i>Refreshments: Carol</i>
Future Dates for the diary	
30 Nov/1 Dec. Byfleet Methodist church have their annual display of Nativity Sets from around the world. 10 – 4 on Saturday and 12 – 4 Sunday. Refreshments will be available	
01 December 2019, Our Café Church	
01 December – Posada commences	
08 & 15 December – the post bag will be available for you to post your cards to church family members.	

REVERSE ADVENT



Following last year's successful support of this initiative by our church members, and indeed some of the people who visit our premises during the week, we will once again be supporting the 'Reverse Advent' programme.

This year we are suggesting that rather than everyone bringing a box of 24 items, we will have one big box/Hamper at church and we invite all

members to place as many items as they feel able into this receptacle during December.

Remember that in addition to items of food, toiletries, nappies, washing powder, sanitary wear are all vital items.

Please give generously to those for whom Christmas may not be such a joyous occasion.

**For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
Matthew chapter 25, verse 35**

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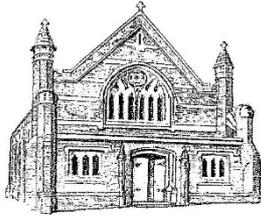
Christmas Lunch

On 15 December our Christmas Communion service will be led by Rev Sydney Samuel Lake.

This service will be followed by our annual family Christmas lunch.

Please let Carol or Linda know if you will be able to join us on this date and also if you are willing to contribute to the menu (once we have decided what it will be).





WEYBRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

CAFE CHURCH

1st DECEMBER 2019

6.15 FOR 6.30

'The Christmas Miracle'

Led by Rev Sydney Samuel Lake



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The Stained Glass Window

By David Smith

You can go into a church or cathedral
And the walls can be quite bare when you walk around
You come across a bright light, a sort of glare,
And behold, it's a great stained glass window, shining there.
With its rich colours coming through
Greens, yellows, reds and blues
All seem to be shining at you.
No artist can paint it or come anywhere near,
A photo won't do at all,
In fact words on paper don't stand a chance,
You only have to walk by and glance,
As I say you are in a state of trance.
You're in sheer utter bliss,
To look at something as beautiful as this.
Spellbound, a joy to behold,
When you walk around the outside
There is really nothing to see,
Just a stained glass window, whoopee!
It's like a lot of things I life
You have to be in front of it, to see true beauty
It does not matter what story is being told,
Could be saint or sinner,
Just the whole window is a winner.
Ture you can get a sense of peace and calm
So please so and see a stained glass window
And take in what you can see
I'm sure it's not just me.



CAROL SERVICE



Our annual Christmas Carol service will take place on Sunday 22 December at 10.30am

This year we will be having a traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

We encourage you to invite all your friends and family to join us for this joyful act of worship and we will be extending special invitations to those who use our premises.

The service will be followed by tea/coffee and Mince pies.





NOVEMBER 17TH 6.00 PM PUDDING AND PRAISE

This will be led by

Rev. Sydney Samuel Lake

We will ponder about:

'Planning for Advent'

Come and have some delicious puddings at 6.00 pm and then settle down to some great praise and questions 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 November 17th 2019