



Weybridge Methodist Church

Newsletter December 2019



Joy to the World

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Academy



Our aim is to build children's self confidence and inspire them through dance,
but most of all ensure they have fun and learn in a supportive atmosphere.

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Ages 4 - 6 years

Classes at Weybridge Methodist Church



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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 December

2.30 pm Tuesday 8th December

3.00 pm Saturday 26th December

2.30 pm Tuesday 29th December.

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.



Happy Birthday

- Jose, David Marjot
- Our good friend James Bell who is currently enjoying a protracted trip around Australia with Hazel



Please pray for

- All those who have recently commenced worshipping with us – you are very welcome.
- All those who are mentioned on our prayer tree.
- For the Circuit as it is once again in Stationing.

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



Our lonely family will commence their journey on 1st December enjoying the hospitality of Steve and Teresa.

During the month they will visit several homes before returning to our church in Christmas morning under the loving care of Claire.

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.



Methodist Church around the world.



Yes, Linda has been on her travels again. She came across this little Methodist Chapel in Kristiansand, Norway. An unimpressive photo taken from a moving vehicle but another example that the Methodist church is alive and well. Kristiansand is a small town (although we would call it a village) and this is one of the two churches there.

Sadly Linda wasn't able to go inside or leave a message of friendship from Weybridge Methodist Church. (embarrassingly they all speak and read English!)

Methodist Church in our Circuit

As you will be aware, the circuit is currently in stationing for a presbyter for Trinity Methodist Church, Woking commencing from September 2020.

In November the circuit was fortunate to secure a visit from a potential presbyter who made a visit to Woking on 9 November. The Circuit Invitations Committee met on Sunday 10 November to consider the outcome of the visit and unanimously agreed to issue an invitation. Unfortunately the presbyter did not feel called to our circuit and declined our invitation.

We go forward in faith to Stationing Matching round 2 which takes place in December over the weekend of either 7/8 or 14/15.

Your Prayers are appreciated for this process.

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Dates for the Diary

Sunday 1 December 10.30 am	Morning Worship 1 st in Advent	Preacher: Mrs Hilary Beckingham <i>Steward: Carol</i> <i>Music: Teresa</i> <i>Refreshments: Paula</i>
Sunday 1 December 6 for 6.30pm	Café Church The Christmas Miracle	Preacher: Rev Sydney Samuel Lake <i>Music: Jose</i> <i>Refreshments: Paula</i>
Sunday 08 December 10.30 am	Morning Worship 2 nd in Advent	Preacher: Mr David Paterson <i>Steward: Pru</i> <i>Music: Jose</i> <i>Refreshments: Lili</i>
Sunday 15 December 10.30pm	Morning Worship & Communion 3 rd in Advent Followed by Family lunch	Preacher: Rev Sydney Samuel Lake <i>Steward: Jose</i> <i>Music: Adrian</i> <i>Communion : Paula</i>
Sat 21 Dec 11.30 – 1.30	Bedding Bank	
Sunday 22 December 10.30 am	Carol Service  Final Gifts for Food Bank	Preacher: Church Family <i>Steward: Linda</i> <i>Music: Adrian</i> <i>Refreshments: Claire & Carol</i>
Wednesday 25 December 10.30am	Christmas Morning Worship	Preacher: Rev Sydney Samuel Lake <i>Steward: TBC</i> <i>Music: Jose</i>
Sunday 29 December 10.30 am	Morning Worship <i>No Service at our church:</i> <i>10.00am at Walton with Rev Julia Monaghan</i> <i>10.30 am at Byfleet with Rev David Faulkner</i>	

Please refer to 'Wey Forward' to see all the events taking place around the Circuit, especially during Advent.

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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



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).





Dear God, I wanna
take a minute not
to ask for anything
from you, but
simply to say
THANK YOU for
all I have.

Fb/TheLordMyShepherd



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. We have sent invitations to those who use our premises.

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



Housekeeping

- Church Council decided that the time has come to keep the main front doors closed to maximise the heat in the church. Entry and exit will be via the glazed link. However we will have the main gates open to welcome people in and a welcome notice is displayed on the main doors. The church heating comes on at 2.00am to heat the sanctuary but if entry doors are left open it soon cools down!!! Should you be cold during the service some blankets are available adjacent to the organ.
- The post bag will be out for your cards to friends within the church family on 8 & 15 December. Post early for Christmas.
- If you see something that needs doing (i.e. more toilet rolls needed or new kitchen supplies required, towels to be washed etc) feel free to take action and rectify the situation. If you subsequently need to claim for your purchase, pass the signed receipt to the treasurer who will reimburse you. Linda will be immobile for up to three months so there will be many little things which will need to be done.



Linda would like to thank you all for your cards, flowers, visits and, above all, prayers subsequent to her operation. She appreciates all the offers of help which she will need to take up over the coming weeks.



Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas and a Faith filled New Year.