



Weybridge Methodist Church

Newsletter April 2022



John 3: 16

The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

**Christ has died.
Christ is Risen!
Christ will come again.**

At our services of Holy Communion we are asked to declare our faith in the simple terms of these three statements. They are shorthand for so much more. But they are also easy to remember and thus serve to remind us each day of our faith and give us a simple way of telling others what we believe.

During April we shall be concentrating on the middle of the declarations. It deserves an exclamation mark because it is the most outrageous of the three statements. Everyone who accepts that Jesus was an historical figure and not just the hero of a good story thus has no difficulty with accepting that he died. We shall all die in due course. The importance of the statement is that he did DIE. He did not fall asleep. He was not transported to heaven by angels. He was not drugged so that the disciples could spirit him away while still alive. But that he is 'Risen from the Dead' If that is true then his coming again makes sense. But is it true that Jesus has overcome death? We do not have the same experience as the disciples but, as Jesus, said to Thomas, 'How fortunate are those who have not seen and yet still believe.' (John 20.29)

As Paul, writing to the Corinthian Christians, wrote 'If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are the most to be pitied.' (1 Corinthians 15.19) For him we are not to be pitied because Jesus was alive who was put to death on a cross. A good preparation for Easter is to read the whole of Paul's passionate comments about what faith in the risen Jesus means in the whole of 1 Corinthians 15. It can also be found in 'The Song of Resurrection,' at number 830 in *Hymns & Psalms*.

It is our belief that Jesus conquered death that is at the heart of our Christian message. May we find the opportunity this Easter Season to tell at least one other person why this is so special to us.

I hope that you will have a blessed Easter





Worship in April 2022

03 rd April	Mrs Ama Quarm
10 th April	Mrs Hilary Beckingham – Palm Sunday
14 th April	6.30 pm Maundy Thursday Communion. Rev Sydney Samuel Lake 8.00pm Tenebrae Service at Woking Methodist church
17 th April	Mr Dave Ingoldby - EASTER DAY
24 th April	Mr Dave Ingoldby

Refreshments will be served after the services.



Thank you to all those who help with refreshments.



- **09 April - Coffee at Addlestone Methodist church 10 -12**
- 12 April – ‘Munch with Mozart’ at the Weybridge United Reformed Church, Queens Rd. 12.30pm. Bring your lunch, tea/coffee provided
- 22 April – Coffee & Chat 10.30am in the Vestry.
- 28 April – Circuit Prayer hour via Zoom (details to follow)

Platinum Jubilee of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Sunday 5 June 2022 12.30 – 17.30



(Optional) FANCY DRESS; come dressed as the QUEEN or PRINCE PHILIP.

Please contact Jean or Janice if you are able to donate dishes towards the event.

Also contact Jean or Janice if you need transport





This month we say Happy Birthday to Anna who celebrates a special birthday at the end of April.

I'm still here!



I will be making a regular appearance on a Sunday morning in the hope that you will put some of your loose change in me. I need to raise funds to assist with the major portfolio of works (costing up to £70k) which are necessary during 2022/23 to preserve our building.

If anyone else has any ideas for fund raising, especially 'fun' events, the stewards and the treasurer will be happy to hear from you.

Confirmation Classes.

If anyone in the church family is not currently confirmed as a member of the Methodist Church and would like to consider becoming so, Rev Sydney Samuel Lake will be running a course of confirmation classes on a Saturday morning commencing on 15 April (Easter Saturday) 10 – 12 (to be confirmed) and running weekly until 4 June. These will be held at Walton Methodist Church, Terrace Rd, Walton KT12 2SR. A service of membership will take place at Walton on 5 June, Pentecost Sunday. Please contact Rev Sydney Samuel Lake if you are interested at

Sydneysamuel.lake@methodist.org.uk

Testimony Service

On Sunday 8th May, 4.00pm at Walton-on-Thames Methodist church, (Terrace Rd, Walton-on-Thames, KT12 2SR) the Chair of the South East District will lead the Testimony Service for Rev Sydney Samuel Lake. All are welcome to attend this service. This is the formal service of acceptance by the circuit prior to formal ordination by Conference in June 2022.

Refreshments will be served.



Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary April 2022



1. Thank God for all the light and love in your life and pray to share that with others.

2. Give thanks for our Circuit magazine and that Sue will receive timely contributions.

3. **Father in heaven**, we thank you that we have you and the light of your Spirit, which always gives us new determination for the tasks you ask of us.

4. Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us and lead us in your ways. Work through us so that we may also bring light to all who struggle in the darkness of poverty and injustice.

5. Pray for our Circuit and all who work in

it.

6. Pray for those who still feel the effects of Covid, for peace in their minds.

7. World Health Day; pray that everyone has access to the right care at the right time and at the right place.

8. Read Isaiah 52 verse 7 “How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace.....”

9. Pray for our Queen on the first anniversary of Prince Phillip’s death.

10. Palm Sunday; remember today all those who make the small palm crosses we use in our services.

11. Pray today for Revd. George Quarm and the work he does in our Circuit.

12. Pray though your senses, hold stones or glass beads to symbolise a hard problem; place it near a cross.

13. Pray that we may welcome all who hover on the fringes of our Churches.

14. Maundy Thursday; pray for Churches holding Tenebrae services.

- 15.** Good Friday; remember today the pain and suffering that Jesus endured on the cross for our sakes.
- 16.** Pray today that we don't forget the sacrifice Jesus made for us.
- 17.** Easter Sunday; The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed.
- 18.** Pray that families will be able to share time together.
- 19.** Pray for those whose circumstances mean they still need to use the Foodbank.
- 20.** Pray for all who seek refuge on this earth. Meet their needs for safety and for home. Move the hearts of your people to show them welcome. Cause wars to cease and bring justice to the nations that no one will need to flee again.
- 21.** Pray for those who don't have clean water "on tap" and help us not to be wasteful of this precious resource.
- 22.** Today is Earth Day, pray for governments to act on climate change.
- 23.** St Georges Day; pray for all those who fight against persecution.
- 24.** Pray for West Horsley Church Anniversary service with Paul Hulme, and for Trinity's Neighbourhood Tea Party.
- 25.** St Mark the Evangelist; help us all to be witnesses to your love.
- 26.** Pray for those whose lives continue to be affected by the Chernobyl disaster.
- 27.** Pray that we become a more inclusive faith community, that we can embrace our diversity.
- 28.** *Thank God for the men and women who serve our country in leadership roles and for their families. Give them wisdom.*
- 29.** Pray for the Night Vision team at St Mary's and the work they do.
- 30.** Pray for the work of All We Can as they respond to humanitarian disasters across the world.