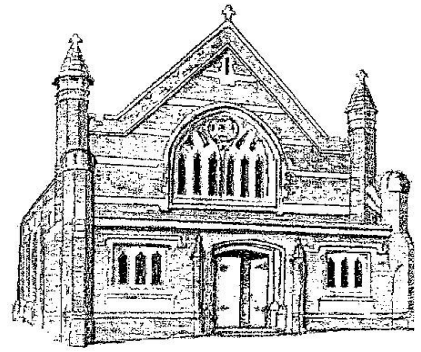


September 2015 Newsletter

## Weybridge Methodist Church



Corner Mayfield and Heath Roads

Minister: Rev Asif Das

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Dear Friends,

This is my first time writing to you; therefore I would like to use this maiden opportunity to introduce myself to you.

This September marks the beginning of my 17<sup>th</sup> year in ministry (I'm a late comer). Having been accepted by the Methodist Conference in 1996, I did my ministerial training in Sheffield. I have served in Sheffield North East, Warrington, Leigh & Hindley, Guildford Circuits and now also with you in Woking and Walton-on-Thames Circuit.

My time in ministry has been punctuated with challenges and fruitfulness, the impact of which I believe has helped me to grow into a better believer and a better human being.

I enjoy conducting worship; my other priorities in ministry are pastoral care and prayer. I also love developing relationships and working in partnership with churches of all denominations and community groups wherever possible.

Time permitting watching sport on TV is one of my favorite pastimes. I am big fan of Andy Murray and follow cricket passionately.

As I write this letter in mid-August, England has already regained the Ashes and made the whole nation proud. Competitive sport reminds me, that we as followers of Christ are also competing though in a very different way. The believers compete with distractions that hinder our mission. But by the grace of God we can run a good race and bring glory to the name of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I'm thankful to God for allowing me to work with you, to serve Him, one another and together the community we live in. I anticipate the joy of making new friends and as we get to know each other we'll be able to journey together and raise the name of Jesus high.

With every blessing in Christ our Lord

Asif Das

### Sunday Services

*Sunday 06 September*  
10.30 Holy Communion  
Rev Asif Das  
Steward: Angela  
Music – i-Pad  
**Gifts for Food bank**

*Sunday 13 September*  
10.30 Morning Worship  
Mr John Oborn  
Steward: Pru  
Music-i-pad

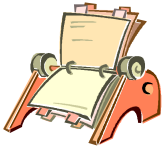
**Café Church**  
6.30 Rev Asif Das

*Sunday 20 September*  
10.30 Morning Worship  
Mr Stephen Green  
Steward: Linda  
Music –Jose

*Sunday 27 September*  
10.30 Harvest Festival  
Mrs Rosemary Lee  
Steward: Linda  
Music-Jose

Tea and coffee will be served after the Sunday Service





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## 🌿🌿🌿 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 🌿🌿🌿

Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 7.30pm	Brett & Angela's Home	<b>Barnabas Group</b> Come and join this time of fellowship. All are welcome
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 3.00pm	Churchfields Recreation Ground	<b>Picnic in the Park</b> See page 6
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 6 for 6.30pm	Mayfield Hall	<b>Café Church</b> Informal service led by Rev Asif Das
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 7.30 pm	Brett & Angela's Home	<b>Barnabas Group</b> Come and join this time of fellowship. All are welcome
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 8.00 pm	Addlestone Methodist Church	<b>Circuit Meeting</b>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 10 a.m.– 3 p.m.	Trinity Methodist church, Woking	<b>Macmillan Coffee morning and Ploughman's lunch.</b> Pop in for coffee and cake or why not stay for lunch. To book a ploughman's lunch contact <a href="mailto:tastietreats2014@gmail.com">tastietreats2014@gmail.com</a> or 07787923450 by 14 September.
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 10 a.m. – 12 noon	Walton Methodist Church	<b>Macmillan Coffee morning</b> Coffee morning and cake sale.
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm	Walton Methodist Church	<b>Beetle Drive</b> Cost £6 per person. Proceeds in aid of the Youth Club Uganda trip, Summer 2016. See page 8
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Church	<b>Harvest Festival</b> Followed by a shared buffet lunch
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 8.00pm	Vestry	<b>Church Council</b>
Saturday 3 October 10 a.m. – 12 noon	Walton	<b>Cake Competition</b> Calling all bakers who are feeling competitive. £5 to enter a cake. Contact Marion Deacon 07772442574. Proceeds to the Youth Club Uganda fund
Saturday 3 October 7.30 pm	Trinity, Woking	<b>Harvest Barn Dance</b> Email <a href="mailto:office@trinitywoking.org.uk">office@trinitywoking.org.uk</a> to book a place. Free entrance but retiring collection to cover the cost of supper (fish & Chips TBC)



**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**



- ❖ Mel Quennell
- ❖ David & Jean Marjot
- ❖ Cathy Ions
- ❖ Brenda & Keith Smith.
- ❖ Reg Guy
- ❖ Jane & Pete Howson
- ❖ Paul & Wendy Beard
- ❖ Hugh Bowerman & family



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To; Hugh, Angela, Brett, Linda

**Thank you to.....**

- Kobus, as he finalises the church finances for the year 2014/15 and hands over to Robert Lewis.
- Kobus, for all his work with the SSPT project.
- Robert, for his willingness to take over the financial affairs.
- Lili, for her on going work with the Lets.
- Mel, for his continued work on our grounds.
- All for the ongoing contributions for the Food Bank, every little helps.
- All who contributed to JMA last year The new year is about to begin, if anyone would like a collecting box, please contact Tiffany tiff\_weedon@hotmail.co.uk

*Deep Peace of the running wave to you  
Deep Peace of the flowing air to you  
Deep Peace of the quiet earth to you  
Deep Peace of the shining stars to you  
Deep Peace of the gentle night to you,  
moon and stars pour their healing light on you  
Deep Peace to you*

*— a Gaelic Blessing*

**Deadline for the October Newsletter is 20 September 2015**



### Church Matters

We are commencing a new Connexional year and along with most of the churches in our circuit it will be a challenging year. As this newsletter goes to press the circuit stewards are finalising the profiles which will go to district to identify two new presbyters for our circuit. The profiles are made all the more difficult because although the shape of the churches will remain the similar year on year, the circuit may or may not. Church representative on the Circuit Invitations Committee (Stan Barnes and Carol Smith for our church) are facing not only a busy time but crucial decision based on a paper resume and a brief visit. Your prayers are requested for the whole process and for those who will be involved with decision making.

Rev Asif Das will commence his time of pastoral charge for 2015/16 by leading our service of communion on 6 September. He will then lead our Café Church on 13 September. He will chair our church council meeting on 29 September just prior to his sabbatical which runs from October to December. As mentioned last month we will be looked after during Oct – Dec by the Rev Peter Hills, (see *Flight Path issue 39 for an introduction to Peter*).

Continuing the legacy from Peter, we have a Café Church on 13 September which Rev Asif Das will lead on the theme of 'Getting to know you'. *Note for your diary, Dave Ingoldby will be coming to lead our Café Church on November 8.*

We celebrate Harvest on 27 September and share a buffet lunch after the service. Gifts of groceries will go to the food bank and fresh produce to the Thames Homeless hostel, now run by Walton Charities. We received a formal note of thanks from the Food bank for the groceries we delivered (thanks to Brett) after the August Communion service. Your gifts make all the difference to those in need.

### Circuit Matters

In August we said a final goodbye to Rev Paul and Mrs Wendy Beard, both of whom led worship on several occasion during their stay in the circuit. They have moved to a new station at St Neots, Cambs. We pray that they will find a successful match there.

We have also said goodbye to Mr Stephen Waters, a local preacher with whom most are familiar. Following the retirement of his wife, Ann, they have moved to Rustington West Sussex. They will be worshipping in the church whose minister is Rev Bob Sneddon, formerly of Trinity, Woking.

Walton have also sadly said goodbye to their Youth Worker who has moved on to take up a full time position. Luckily Megan is returning to assist with the fund raising the Youth club are undertaking to fund a trip to Uganda next year. Look out for the posters (or see Flight Path) for the many opportunities to have fun whilst helping them: from Beetle Drive to Pantomime via clothes sale and cake competition, there is something for all

Another potential farewell but a more joyous one; Mr Hugh Bowerman, one of our local preachers who worships at Trinity, has expressed a desire to candidate for the ministry. He will present his testimony to Circuit meeting on 17 September and the meeting will take a formal vote as to whether to present Hugh to District (and subsequently to Connexion) as a candidate for ministry. Your prayers are asked for Hugh, his family and all those who will be responsible for voting on the decision.

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### Churches Together in Weybridge

#### CLOTHING AND BEDDING BANK

CTIW are launching a clothing and bedding bank for the homeless and those families who, through no fault of their own, are in financial difficulties, and unable to clothe themselves and their children. It will run on a similar line to the foodbanks in that a voucher will be issued to recipients before they can collect. CTIW are looking for donations of the following: baby clothes, children's clothes and adults' clothes; bedding - sheets, blankets, duvets (plus covers), pillows and pillow cases. All items should be in good condition and clean please.

The first distribution will be from Weybridge Methodist Church between 11.30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. in the Mayfield Hall on Saturday 17th October and on the third Saturday of each month. Forthcoming dates will be 14th November, 19th December, 16th January, 20th February and 19th March. Whilst this initiative will operate each time from our church, each of the Churches in Weybridge will take a turn in staffing a Saturday. We will be looking for help on 17th October which is our turn, even for just a short time. Please speak to Claire or Carol or e-mail Claire on [clothesandbeddingbank2015@gmail.com](mailto:clothesandbeddingbank2015@gmail.com) if you would like further information or can help in any way.

*N.B 17 October is also the Circuit Mission Day at Walton Methodist Church 10 - 4*



## Congratulations

To Helen and John McNamara who celebrated their Silver Wedding in August.

to David and Hollie Smith on their wedding on 29th July at the church of Iglesia de San Antonio de Padua in Frigiliana, Spain. Also for their appearance on 'Good Morning Britain' on ITV when they arrived home for an interview about their first dance video which has now been seen by over five million people worldwide on YouTube



To Mark Lewis and his new bride, Louise, who married at the beginning of August.



SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER @ 3PM

WALTON CHURCH

PICNIC AND PARTY IN THE



PARK



EVERYONE WELCOME!

*all children to bring along an adult...*

LARGE GAMES PROVIDED ☺

*...please bring your own picnic and  
a pudding to share.*

CHURCHFIELDS RECREATION GROUND, WEYBRIDGE



Do you have a passion for seeing the younger generation grow as followers of Christ?



London Road Methodist Church, Horsham  
and Partridge Green Methodist Church

are seeking to appoint a full time

## FAMILY WORKER

who will help the churches to walk alongside children, teenagers,  
young adults and families in their journey of faith.

Salary £17,753 upwards (based on experience).

**We are willing to consider part time or job sharing applicants.**

Further details and application forms available from  
[rev@paulcockburn.co.uk](mailto:rev@paulcockburn.co.uk) or phone 01403 253915

Deadline for applications 19<sup>th</sup> September



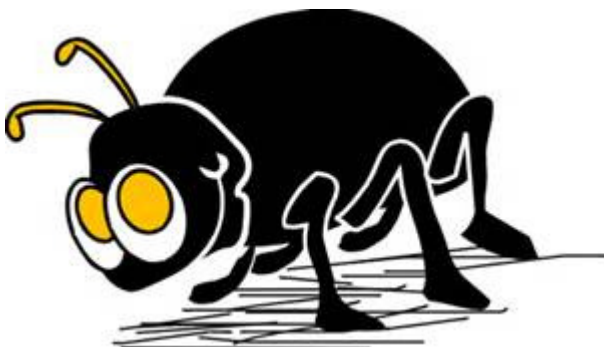
# Beetle Drive

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Saturday 26 September 2016

7.00pm Walton Methodist Church Hall  
£6 per Person, chance to win prizes

All profits to the Uganda 2016 Mission  
trip



Contact Rosanne on 01932 953801

<http://www.missiondirect.org>

