

## **Weybridge Methodist Church**

### **Newsletter November 2018**



‘They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.’

‘Do this in remembrance of me, Jesus said to his disciples at the final meal – almost the last instruction he left before his death.

And that act of remembrance has remained essential to the Christian faith ever since. At the heart of every communion service is a remembrance, both casting back to a previous story and making the present moment more holy because it carries the weight of history within it.

Our Christian life and worship is always partly an act of remembrance, whether it is a communion service or not. We are always living with a sense of remembering our own lives, our own experiences of the divine, our own failings and successes, our joys and tears – combining these individual experiences with the whole Christian tradition and the stories of millions of people who have contributed to the collective memory of the body of Christ, the church.

On Remembrance Sunday, the whole Western world acknowledges something that the Church is always practicing: remembering the past helps to change the present and even the future. Remembrance Sunday is an important and solemn act in which we honour those killed in and affected by war. That is an important thing to do, but Remembrance Sunday really comes into its own as a tool for peace and transformation. In practicing remembrance, we hope to avoid a repeat of the World Wars and subsequent conflicts. Each year, on 11th November, we have fewer survivors, for whom those two enormous European conflicts in which so many suffered are living memory. In that context, our acts of remembrance become more important, not less so and will be of particular significance this year which marks the end of the Great War 1914 -1918. This is not something we do to help people who have lived through war, rather this is their opportunity to share something with those of us who have not.

This should be a helpful analogy for us in our spiritual lives and the lives of our churches. Can we practice transformative remembrance? Is that not what Jesus was really calling his disciples to do at the Last Supper? Not just calling them to a ceremonious act, but to see them transformed every time they broke bread together – to recognise that in remembering their experiences of walking around Galilee with Christ, they would live different lives.

Do we have experiences we could be drawing on that would make us better people? Maybe it was a time you encountered something of God, perhaps it is a particular passage of scripture, a particular story or hymn

that gives you courage and hope, an experience you had of receiving or giving love, a precious memory of someone you hold in high regard. The figure of Jesus is key here – what can we remember of him that can help us be better, help us transform ourselves?

There are many stories from the Bible and from our own experiences of God that help to teach us important lessons about how we live. Are there any you think are particularly important this Remembrance Sunday? Of course, there is a great deal still to be done as we hope and pray for world peace – at times it certainly feels as if we are going backwards. But the act of Remembrance Sunday is an important tool for us if we want to build a better world. Perhaps it can help us ‘begin with me’ – help us to remember the stories we know about Christ, remember our experiences of God, and remember the best versions of ourselves that we want to be.

There is much work to be done, but as one of the characters in JRR Tolkien’s ‘The Lord of the Rings’ says: ‘it’s the job that never gets started, as it takes longest to finish’.

Let’s start the work of peace and transformation again today, in Jesus’ name.

**The Soldier**  
**Rupert Brooke 1887 - 1915**

**If I should die, think only this of me:  
That there's some corner of a foreign field  
That is forever England. There shall be  
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;  
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,  
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam;  
A body of England's, breathing English air,  
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.  
And think, this heart, all evil shed away,  
A pulse in the eternal mind, no less  
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England given;  
Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day;  
And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness,  
In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.**

## **Resume of Circuit Mission Day held on Saturday 6 October 2018 and led by Rev Adrian Roux**

### How to we use our buildings in a Godly, missional way?

We don't serve others because of who they are but because of who we are!!!

### Seven marks of a healthy church

Energised by faith

Outward looking focus

Seeking to find what God wants

Facing the cost of changes and growth

Do few things but do them well

Operate as a community

Make room for all

### Make use of Appreciative Enquiry:

Look at what we have got and focus on what advantage we can take and make of what we have got. Celebrate what you do and continue; stop looking down the hole

Q1: when were you most alive/most excited about what happening in your church?

Q2: what do you value most about your church? What activities or ways of church life are most important to you?

Q3: What are the best features of your church? (this could refer to the whole church or to individual things within the church)

Q4: What is it the church does well? What do you wish that it could do better or do more of?

Q5: how does the Wey Valley Circuit community encourage and develop your spirituality?

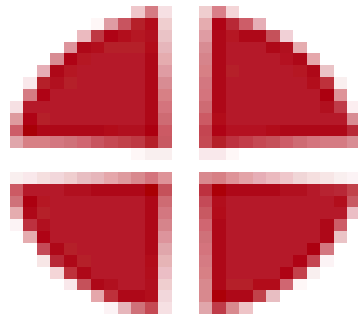
Q6: What are the key overlaps between the 13 churches and the circuit?

How do we use our buildings in a Godly or Missional way?

The building should support, complement and help the churches Mission and outreach, it should not be the millstone which prevents Mission and outreach. The focus should be outside of the building.

SCRIPTURES

EXPERINECES



TRADITION

Reason

Scripture: deals with the situation. There is no reference to church buildings just frequent references to Holy gatherings; being with God and to honour God. It is always more about time than place. 2 Samuel 7 v5-6, Revelation 21 v3. We should make decisions about the use of our buildings based on what we think will promote Kingdom values as we understand them from God's dealings with people.

Tradition: church buildings came about in around 300 AD. Emperor Constantine built and gave many churches to the Christians, This was not altruistic rather he wanted to drive them indoors, to contain them and to hide the increasing popularity of the Christian movement. The buildings did however give the message of permanence. Christians were here to stay.

Is our Tradition about having Christian worship, ministry and influence in our community or about owning property and conducting services in this safe place?

The church is the people of God and not the building where God lives.

We are not caretakers protecting our national heritage buildings but Disciples of God.

Buildings do offer a tangible sign of God's presence but the people are the tangible expression of God's love. (Matt 22 v 37 – 30)

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Reason: is there a Godly way to use the buildings? What should disciples of Jesus be doing with them?

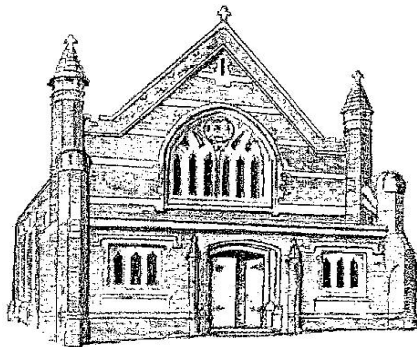
Buildings can be scary, they ask for commitment from a person before they come in.

How do we use the building to tell people who we are and what we are about? We need to be wise stewards.

What does a building for Christians which is 'fit for purpose' look like? What would a Christian space look like? We need a space to teach, train and support.

Sir Winston Churchill said "We shape our buildings; thereafter they shape us".

The building should support, complement and help the church be everything it was raised to be.



**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can  
safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to  
forgive.**

**Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and  
vault of grace;**

**here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

**All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this  
place.**



# CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR

10-2pm

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November



Addlestone

Methodist Church 

Station Rd.

Gifts

tombola




cakes

refreshments



# Diary

Sunday 4 November 10.30am	Morning Worship	Minister; Mr Graham Warr <i>Steward; Pru</i> <i>Music; Adrian</i> <i>Refreshments; Paula</i>
Saturday 10 November 10 – 12	Coffee Morning <b>run by our church for our church funds</b>	Addlestone Methodist Church 71 Station Rd, Addlestone KT15 2AR
Sunday 11 November 10.30 am	 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	Minister: Rev Paul Hulme <i>Steward: Carol</i> <i>Music: Jose</i> <i>Refreshments: Lili</i>
Thursday 18 November 1.45- 4	Weybridge Old Folks Club	Our turn for refreshments
Saturday 17 November 11.30 – 1.30	Bedding and Clothes Bank	Mayfield Hall
Sunday 18 November 10.30 am	Morning Worship and Communion	Minister: Rev Sydney Samuel Lake <i>Steward: Jose</i> <i>Music: Adrian</i> <i>Communion : Paula</i> <i>Refreshments : Linda</i>
Tuesday 20 November 2.30pm	All Our Yesterdays Short service of Hymns and readings followed by tea	St James Parish Church
Saturday 24 November 10.00 – 2.00	<b>CHRISTMAS FAYRE</b>	Addlestone Methodist Church



Sunday 25  
November  
10.30 am

Morning Worship

Minister: Mr Patrick Coad  
*Steward: Linda*  
*Music: Jose*  
*Refreshments : Carol*

**DEADLINE FOR INPUT TO DECEMBER NEWSLETTER – TUESDAY 20  
NOVEMBER**

## DECEMBER/CHRISTMAS

Merry Christmas!



- Byfleet Methodist church will be holding their annual display of Nativity Sets on Saturday (10 – 4) and Sunday (12 – 4) 1 & 2 December. Refreshments will be available. More details to follow.
- Our gift service will be on Sunday 16 December. We plan to follow the ‘Reverse Advent’ programme as per last year and gifts will be received on this Sunday to enable the Food Bank to plan their Christmas packages for those in need. Monetary gifts can be hung on the Christmas tree.  
This service will be followed by a church family lunch; please let the Carol, Linda or Paula know if you plan to attend.
- Our Carol Service will be on Sunday 23 December at 10.30 am and will be led by Mr Mike Widdup.
- Sunday 30 December will be a circuit service at Merrow Methodist Church at 10.30am; all other circuit churches will be closed that morning. Although it is still two months away, Merrow would like an idea of numbers. We can organise transport from our church. Please let one of the stewards know if you plan to attend.



# ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

Tuesday 20th November at 2.30pm

St.James Church, Weybridge

\* If you are living with Dementia

If you are a carer

If you are living alone

If you enjoy a short service

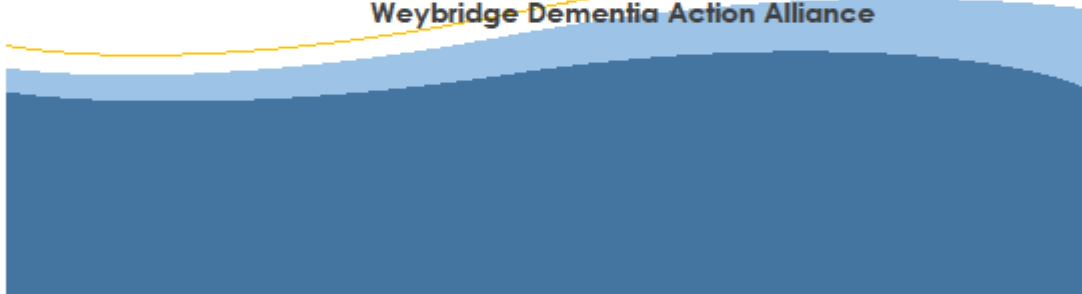
If you have some spare time

This is the event you've been looking for and you will be warmly welcomed to this 30 minute service of favourite hymns and readings

Enjoy tea and cake and a chance to make new friends.

**For more details go to: [stjamesweybridge.org.uk](http://stjamesweybridge.org.uk)**

**In association with the Alzheimers Society and the  
Weybridge Dementia Action Alliance**



# Who do we think we are?

**Saturday 24th November 2018**

**2.00 pm—4.00 pm**

**Parkview, Blackmore Crescent, Sheerwater, GU21 5NZ**



When people look into their family's past, they often get surprises.

We invite you to a discussion of discovery about our personal journeys to Woking.

Come and chat over afternoon tea.

To book a place, please contact:

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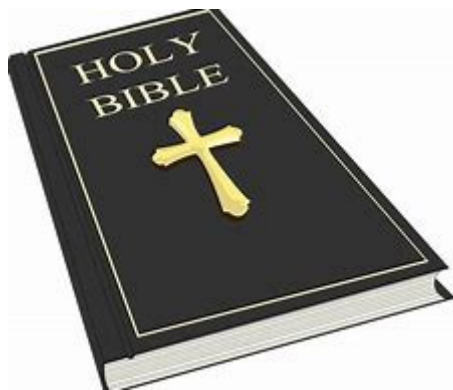
## **Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary for November 2018**

- 1 Remember with gratitude all those we have loved who have died
- 2 Pray for fresh inspiration and spiritual energy for the mission of the Wey Valley Circuit**
- 3 Pray for families spending time together this weekend
- 4 Pray for Local Preachers and Worship Leaders involved in Sunday services**
- 5 Pray that all Bonfire Night celebrations will be safe and enjoyable
- 6 Pray for Reverend David Faulkner and his family**
- 7 Pray for the healing of the nations and a just and equal sharing of resources (STF 696)
- 8 Pray for Reverend Asif Das and his family**
- 9 Praise God for all his gifts to you this day
- 10 Pray for the Stationing process that God might lead a candidate to our Circuit.**
- 11 Remember all those who perished in WW1 and pray for all Remembrance Day services
- 12 Give thanks for all those who work for peace and reconciliation**
- 13 Give thanks for the volunteers who maintain our church buildings
- 14 Pray for those who are poor and in debt**
- 15 Pray for recovery of faith for those who have moved away from Jesus
- 16 Praise God for times of rest and relaxation**
- 17 Pray for a fairer sharing of resources across the world
- 18 Pray that people may receive blessing from Holy Communion and other services today**
- 19 Pray for shelter for the homeless as the weather turns colder
- 20 Give thanks for teachers, nurses and those in public service**
- 21 Pray for Reverend David Faulkner and his family
- 22 Pray that our churches become more effective witnesses of the gospel message**
- 23 Pray for the young people at 3Generate
- 24 Meditate on the text "My kingdom is not of this world". (John 18.36)**
- 25 Celebrate Christ the King. Pray for Pudding and Praise at Walton.
- 26 Pray for generosity in giving**
- 27 Pray for all the hirers of church premises that they might be touched by Jesus
- 28 Pray for the end of the war in Syria and the end of all global conflict**
- 29 Offer prayer for the Advent reflection at Guildford St Mary's on the theme of "Waiting"
- 30 Today remember disciples Andrew and Simon Peter who left their nets and followed Jesus**

## Circuit Prayer Vigil



The Circuit Prayer Vigil will take place over the weekend of 24/25 November 2018. As usual our church will be assigned two hours out of the 24 when we are asked to Pray. The timetable has yet to be published but will be out during the first week in November along with the 'Aide Memoire'. The Mission group needs to be certain that each hour is covered so please put the date in your diary and volunteer for at least 30 mins when we are informed of our times slot.



### The BIG READ

It is heartening as I go around the circuit to discover how many people across the churches are taking part in the project to read the Bible from cover to cover

For those of you taking part in Weybridge we start November by reading Exodus Chapter 12



**Age UK and Institute of Gerontology, King's College London Annual Lecture in memory of David Hobman**



**Spirituality and Ageing**

**Guest speaker - The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE, Bishop of London**

**On Monday 19 November 2018 at 17:30 – 20:00**  
**The Great Hall, King's College London, Strand Campus, WC2R 2LS**  
(map and directions on next page)

Dame Sarah Mullally will give the 2018 Annual Lecture jointly hosted by Age UK and the Institute of Gerontology of King's College London.

Dame Sarah, an alumna of King's College London, had a distinguished service in the NHS before ordination, culminating in her appointment as the government's Chief Nursing Officer for England in 1999. She was ordained in 2001 and was consecrated as Bishop in July 2015 as only the fourth Woman Bishop in the Church of England. She was Bishop of Crediton from September 2015 to March 2018 and became Bishop of London in April 2018. Dame Sarah was made a Dame Commander of the British Empire in 2005 in recognition of her outstanding contribution to nursing and midwifery.

**Attending the Lecture**

To attend the Lecture event, booking is essential – please see the information below on how to book. There is no charge for booking, attending or refreshments. Places are available on a first-come-first-served basis.

**Event format**

17.30 – 18.00    Arrival, registration and refreshments  
18:00 – 19.15    Dame Sarah's Lecture on Spirituality and Ageing,  
                         followed by questions and answers  
19:15 to 20:00    Drinks reception and mingling

**How to book your place**

**Book online** using this link to the online ticketing website [Eventbrite](#)

**Book by phone** by calling the Age UK Events Hotline on 020 303 31725 between 9.00am and 5.00pm Mondays-Fridays (closed at weekends).

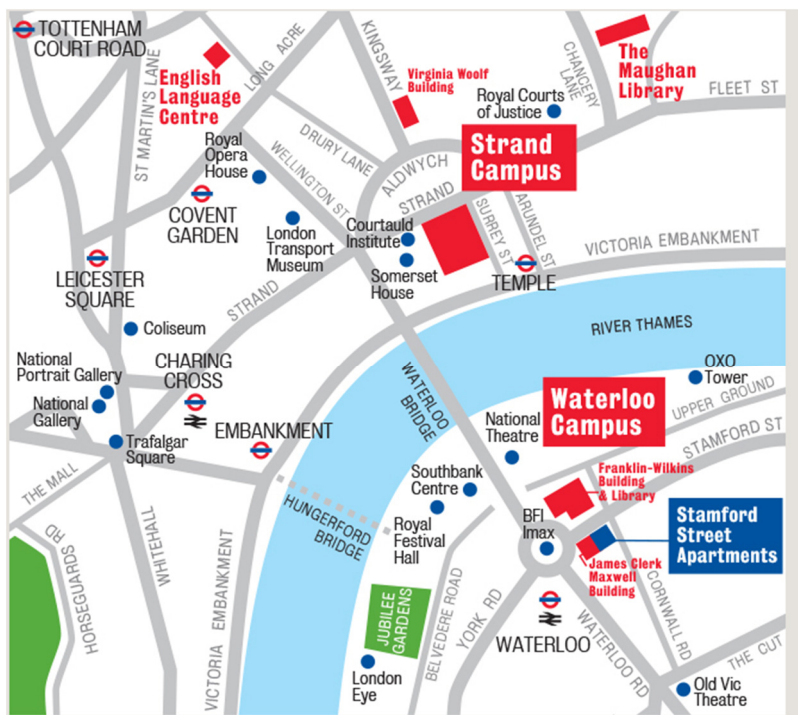
For any enquiries on the event, please phone the above number or email the Age UK Events team: [eventsrsvp@ageuk.org.uk](mailto:eventsrsvp@ageuk.org.uk)  
Age UK celebrate ageing and believe that it presents unprecedented opportunities and challenges at home and abroad. We fight prejudice against older people in society.

The Institute of Gerontology at King's College London is a world-leading, multidisciplinary institute for ageing research. Its teaching and research have made an invaluable contribution to our understanding of ageing.

## Map and Directions

When attending the Lecture, please enter via the main entrance on the Strand.

From here you will be directed to the Great Hall, which is located on the ground floor of the building and is **fully accessible**.



Nearest Train:  
**Charing Cross**

Nearest Tube:  
**Temple,  
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Charing Cross**

## Thank You to:

- Carol for producing our fabulous flower displays every week (and to those who support with financial donations)
- David Smith for keeping the Church brass clean
- Jose & Lili for providing transport to church members
- Robert for ensuring that the financial affairs of the church are in good order
- Adrian & Jose for playing at our services
- All those who provide weekly refreshments
- Brett for maintaining the church website.
- Those who transport the gifts to the Foodbank.

Walton Methodist Church would like to thank all those who supported the recent MacMillan coffee morning. The event raised a magnificent £1,241.40



## Birthdays:

Birthday wishes in November go to Zachary who turns 3 this month and to Claire and Paula



# REVERSE ADVENT



Following last year's successful support of this initiative by our church, and indeed some of the people who visit our premises during the week, we will once again be supporting the 'Reverse Advent' programme. We are asked to place an item of food or toiletries for the Foodbank into a box for the 24 days of Advent. As we want to ensure that the gifts reach the food bank in time for them to be used appropriately, and our gift service is on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December, our 24 days of collection will actually commence on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November.



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

THY KINGDOM COME  
Sunday 24 March, 3.00pm  
Circuit Service and tea  
Venue tbc



Jean Kerr, an inspirational speaker who works with the Archbishop of Canterbury as a founder member of the 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative, will be visiting our circuit for an afternoon event on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

More details to follow.



**SAVE THE DATE**

Circuit Mission Supper  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019  
Trinity Methodist Church, Woking  
6 for 6.30pm, cost £7

The circuit will welcome Rev Mike Long, former superintendent of the Woking and Walton circuit and current minister at Notting Hill



Methodist church. Mike will speak to us about his church's involvement in the Grenfell fire disaster and the ongoing work in the local community.

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