

Weybridge Methodist Church

Newsletter December 2018



For unto us a child is born

Merry Christmas!



1 Corinthians 13 (A Christmas version)

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I am just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at meals times, but do not show love to my family, I am just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen or food bank, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the tree with shimmering angels and lace snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on those I love most, I have missed the point.

.....in other words

Love stops the cooking to hug a child.

Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the spouse.

Love is kind, although harried and tired.

Love doesn't envy another house that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way but is thankful that they are there to be in the way.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust,
But this gift of love will endure for ever.

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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 16th December, our 24 days of collection will actually commence on Friday 24th November – Trust that you have started.

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



As we go to press the Foodbank are requesting:

- **LONG LIFE MILK**
 - **TINNED MEAT**
 - **TINNED VEG & FRUIT**
 - **INSTANT MASH POTATO**
 - **LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE**
 - **INSTANT COFFEE**
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- **HOT CHOCOLATE**
 - **SMALL SPONGE PUDDINGS**
 - **CHOCOLATE BARS**

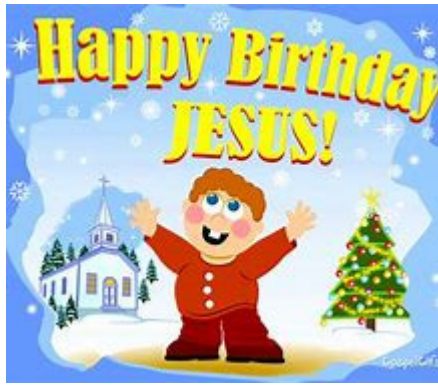
However they do not need:

Baked beans
Pasta
Tea bags

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

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Happy Birthday

Apart from Jesus, I am not aware of any December birthdays in our church family but I omitted one from November so belated birthday wishes go to Teresa.



Thank you

appreciated by us all.

To all those who help out at services by providing music, reading the lessons, leading prayers, creating wonderful floral displays, taking the collection, serving at Communion, providing transport, providing refreshments. All your contributions are gifts to God and are

If you would like to help in any way please contact one of the stewards: Carol, Jose, Linda or Pru.



Church Family Christmas lunch

We will share a family Christmas lunch after service on Sunday 16 December. As ever contributions are welcome.

Please confirm your attendance to Carol or Linda so that we can be sure that we have set enough places and provide enough food.



Diary

1 & 2 December	Advent activities at Byfleet Methodist Church	See page 8
1,8,15 December	Sewing Mornings at Addlestone Methodist Church	See page 9
Sunday 2 December 10.30am 1st in Advent	Morning Worship	Minister; Rev Julia Monaghan <i>Steward; Jose</i> <i>Music; Teresa</i> <i>Refreshments; Paula</i>
2 December	Come and sing with the Laudamus Choir	Addlestone - see page 12
Saturday 08 December 10 – 12	Coffee Morning run by our church for our church funds	Addlestone Methodist Church 71 Station Rd, Addlestone KT1 2AR
8 December 7.00p,	Christmas Praise at West Horsley	See page 11
Sunday 09 December 10.30 am 2nd in Advent	Morning Worship	Minister: Mr Graham Warr <i>Steward: Pru</i> <i>Music: Jose</i> <i>Refreshments: Lili</i>
Saturday 15 December 11.30 – 1.30	Bedding and Clothes Bank	Mayfield Hall
Sunday 16 December 10.30 am 3rd in Advent	Morning Worship and Communion GIFT SERVICE	Minister: Rev Sydney Samuel Lake <i>Steward: Jose</i> <i>Music: Adrian</i> <i>Communion : Paula</i>
Sunday 23 December 10.00 – 2.00 4th in Advent	CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE	Minister: Mr Mike Widdup <i>Steward: Linda</i> <i>Music: Adrian</i> <i>Refreshments: Carol</i>

Sunday 25 December 10.30 am	Christmas Morning	<i>Led by the Church for the Church Music: Jose</i>
Sunday 30 December 10.30	Morning Worship Merrow Methodist Church Bushy Hill Drive Merrow GU21 2SH	OUR CHURCH IS CLOSED AS WE JOIN OUR CIRCUIT FRIENDS AT MERROW METHODIST CHURCH.

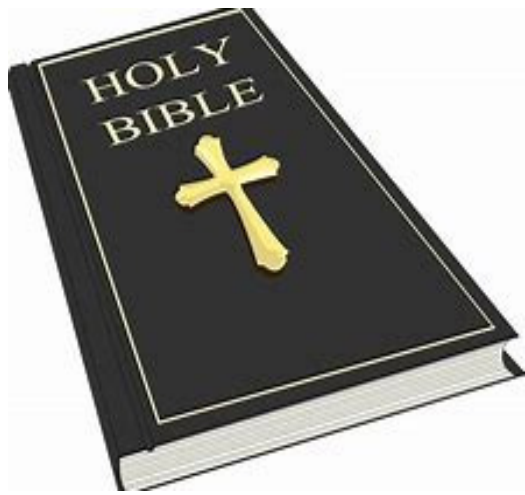
There are many other activities around the circuit at which we are all very welcome. Please refer to the inside back cover of Wey Forward – Issue 10 for full details

DEADLINE FOR INPUT TO JANUARY NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY 20 DECEMBER



SUNDAY DECEMBER 30th

Morning worship on Sunday 30 December will be a circuit service at Merrow Methodist Church at 10.30am; all other circuit churches will be closed that morning. I have currently booked 8 places for our church members. We can organise transport from our church. Please let one of the stewards know if you plan to attend.



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 December by reading Leviticus Chapter 2



The circuit prayer vigil took place last month. Thank you to those from our church who took part. It is quite humbling to play a small part in 24 hours of continuous prayer with many other Christians, most of them unknown to us. It is also wonderful to share so many prayers is common with the use of the Aide Memoire.

Prayer is a daily need. The circuit prayer diary for December can be found on pages 13 & 14 of this newsletter and we thank Rev Claire Hargreaves for compiling it for us.

If you would like to join our church's WhatsApp prayer group then email your phone number (smart phones only) to weybridgemethodistoffice@gmail.com or see Linda.

As ever our prayer this Christmas time is for Peace on Earth and good will to all our fellow men, women and children.

The **Methodist Church**
Rectory Lane, Byfleet KT14 7LL



**BYFLEET METHODIST CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO OUR ADVENT CELEBRATION WEEKEND
1ST and 2ND DECEMBER 2018**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY
9.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.**



**A WONDERFUL DISPLAY OF
NATIVITY SETS FROM ALL OVER
THE WORLD**

Refreshments available all day

**SATURDAY EVENING
7.30 p.m.**



**CONCERT GIVEN BY
WEY VOICES**

Tickets £7 on the door

SUNDAY

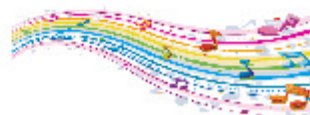
MORNING WORSHIP with HOLY COMMUNION at 10.30 a.m.

AFTERNOON TEA at 3.00pm

followed by

ADVENT SONGS OF PRAISE at 4.30pm

Led by Members of the Methodist and St. Mary's Congregations



**AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC, READINGS AND MEDITATIONS
WHICH ALLOW US TO STEP INTO THE SHOES OF THOSE WHO WERE
PRESENT AT THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE BIRTH OF JESUS**

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Addlestone Methodist Church



Craft Mornings

from Saturday 1st December 2018

Sewing

Saturday Mornings

10.30am to 12 noon

All are Warmly Welcome - for Beginners to
Experienced Stitchers

Instruction is FREE

although contributions will be needed to cover the costs of materials and so on

Sewing Instructor: Cecilia Ford

- * Beginners - Learn how to Sew
- * Create your own Sewing Patterns
- * Get help on how to use Sewing Patterns
- * For the experienced - Bring your own Sewing Projects to complete

Cakes/Refreshments will be available from £1

All sessions will be held at Addlestone Methodist Church,
71 Station Road, Addlestone, KT15 2AR

For enquires, please contact:

Cecilia Ford	07862 850713
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A joyful start to Christmas

Carol Praise



Saturday Dec 8th

7.00- 9.00 pm

West Horsley

Methodist Church

(Next to West Horsley Village Hall)

**Come and sing your favourite carols
with a break for refreshments.**

Phone requests to

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'Come and Sing' Christmas with Laudamus

MUSICAL DIRECTOR — HELEN STYLES

ACCOMPANIST - CAROLINE PAGE

Sunday 2nd December 2018

Addlestone Methodist Church

71 Station Road, Addlestone, KT15 2AR

All tickets £8 (children free)

Singers join us for rehearsal at 3-15 pm

Audience join us for our concert at 6-0 pm

Refreshments available



All profits go to Cruse



Tickets available from:

On Line Booking: www.ticketsource.co.uk/laudamus-chamber-choir

For more information call Richard Broughton Tel No.: 01483 233869

or email: chairman@laudamuschamberchoir.org.uk

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1 Pray for the children and families at Godalming's Messy Church today

2 Pray for joyful expectation of the coming of Jesus. Also for the "Christmas Tree for Gambia" at Godalming and other Advent events in Circuit churches

3 Pray for Merrow Women's Fellowship Christmas Service/Time for Reflection at St Mary's Guildford

4 Remember Reverend Keith Beckingham and Hilary

Beckingham in your prayers

5 Pray that children might hear the story of Christmas and Christ's birth at school this term

6 "Come thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free" : STF 169 Charles Wesley

7 Pray for ways of sharing the Christmas story sensitively with people of other faiths

8 Offer a prayer for teenage single mothers as we remember Mary the mother of Jesus

9 Pray for a new outreach venture at Knaphill today - Christmas Tea Party and Carols for the elderly

10 Hold Reverend Sydney Samuel Lake and his family in your prayers today

11 Pray for people who find the dark evenings difficult & the winter depressing

12 Pray for all Carol services, Christingles and crib services that the love of Jesus is made real

13 Give thanks for charities which give shelter and food to the homeless at Christmas

14 Pray for all those who are housebound and unable to attend Sunday worship

15 Pray for all those who come to the clothing bank at Knaphill and for Carols on the Green at Merrow

16 Thank God for John the Baptist who prepared the way for Jesus

17 Give thanks for the Christmas lights that remind us of the light of Christ coming into the world

18 Pray for time in busy preparations to contemplate the greatest gift of all – Jesus Christ.

19 Pray for peace, aid and security for the suffering people and children of Yemen

20 Give thanks for carols, Christmas music and carol singers. Pray for Night Vision.

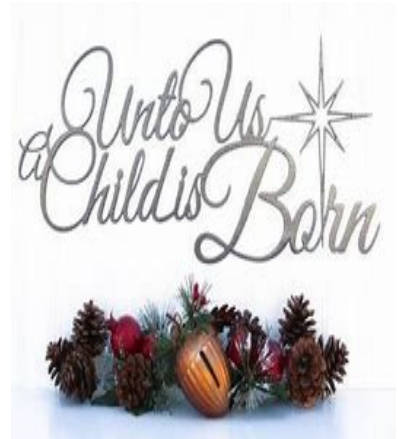
21 Pray for all those who work long hours in the retail industry in the Christmas season

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- 22 Give thanks for all new-born babies and their mothers
- 23 Join with Mary in joy and rejoicing and in the expectation of the Messiah**
- 24 Pray that all might see the star shining over the stable and hear the angels singing at Jesus' birth tonight
- 25 Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the new-born King! Pray for all to know Jesus Christ as Saviour as families celebrate Christmas Day together. Remember those who are alone.**
- 26 On Saint Stephen's Day remember in prayer all who are persecuted for their faith
- 27 "There was a man sent from God: Find and pray for prophets in today's world.**
- 28 This is Holy Innocents day when King Herod ordered children to be killed. Pray for an end to abuse and violence against all children everywhere.
- 29 Jesus was a refugee in Egypt. Pray for all who have to flee their homes and countries.**
- 30 Ask for God's blessing on the Circuit morning worship at Merrow
- 31 Pray for yourself, your hopes and dreams, asking God to guide you.**

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Infant holy, Infant lowly,  
 For His bed a cattle stall;  
 Oxen lowing, Little knowing  
 Christ the Babe is Lord of all.  
 Swift are winging, Angels singing,  
 Noels ringing, Tidings bringing,  
 Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping  
 Vigil till the morning new,;  
 Saw the glory, Heard the story,  
 Tidings of a Gospel true.  
 Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow,  
 Praises voicing, Greet the morrow,  
 Christ the Babe was born for you!



# QUIZ EVENING

SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>  
FEBRUARY 2019

7.00 PM

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR

Christian Aid

ST NICOLAS ROOM,

CRANLEIGH,

GU6 8AS

Teams of 6 - £10 per person  
To include soup, ploughmans and  
dessert

Selection of Prizes

Please bring your friends along to  
make up a team

For more information please contact  
Glenda on 01483 273037

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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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