

Weybridge Methodist Church

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‘There is a green hill far away’

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Easter...Mary and the gardener...the women and their news...Peter and John running...the Empty Tomb...the Road to Emmaus...the Risen Christ...Breakfast by the Lakeside...Wherever

you look new life, excitement, amazement, movement. Whatever happened on that first Easter Morning, that Great Spring Morning, changed men and women's lives for ever and continues to do so 2000 years on. Every Sunday we celebrate, we remember that first Easter Morning. Sunday, the first day of the week, is forever the day of Resurrection. But as Christians we are called upon not just to remember but to live out Easter every day.

John Pritchard, the former Bishop of Oxford, tells the story of Mr. Wrigley. Mr. Wrigley was a northerner. He was one of the sidesmen in the church in Blackpool where the Bishop of Oxford's father was vicar. Mr Wrigley was a quiet, no-nonsense Lancastrian. He didn't say much; he just got on with his job. But once a year he came into his own.

On Easter morning Mr Wrigley would walk purposefully down the length of the church to the vicar's vestry – it was a long journey in a thousand seater church. He would stand in the doorway of the vestry and he'd say, 'Christ is risen, vicar!' And the bishop's father would reply, 'He is risen indeed, Mr Wrigley!' And Mr Wrigley would nod – satisfied – and set off for the back of the church again for the rest of the year.

What a delightful exchange. Here was this undemonstrative sidesman bearing witness to the basic belief that sustained him throughout his life, and kept him giving out hymn books, and loving his wife, and following his conscience, and giving to charity, and doing everything else he held dear. Mr Wrigley didn't live a spectacular Christian life – he wouldn't have known what that meant. But he knew what he believed, and it was simply this: Christ is risen! And so everything else would be all right.

Every blessing to you all this Eastertide

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Thank you

- To Lili & Jose for their faithful service in helping Brenda to attend church.
- To all those who continue to help out at services by providing music, undertaking readings or prayers and providing refreshments.
- To all those who sponsored Pru and her friends 'Super Ru Running Crew' in their recent 10K fundraising run. The ladies raised approx. £800. But the great news is that little Ruain is responding well to treatment. Please keep him and his family and friends in your prayers.
- To those who have signed up to provide flowers on a Sunday morning. The wonderful displays created by Carol on a weekly basis provide a focal point for recognizing God's glory.
- To those who help out at the monthly coffee morning and the Bedding bank.
- To those who add prayers to the prayer tree

Prayer Time:

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.



Please pray for

Brenda & Keith, who move to Devon on 11 April. We will miss Brenda and pray that the move will be a happy one for them.

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Happy Birthday

To Cathy Ions. Cathy is no longer able to worship with us but we send best wishes anyway.



THY KINGDOM COME

The 2019 Thy Kingdom Come prayer event runs from 30 May until 9 June. Last year Christians across 65 denominations and traditions in more than 114 countries participated in Thy Kingdom Come. Once again we are invited to pray for five people to come to know God. We will all be given coloured paper stars on which to place the names of the five people for whom we pray and we can hang them on the prayer tree on Sunday 9 June. We will also receive the prayer Novena and a prayer diary. Please sign up on the website and register for your 'light' to appear on the world map.

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/#Pledge2PrayCounter>

In addition there is a 24 hour prayer vigil across the circuit on Sat 1 and Sun 2 June to tie in with this. More details to follow but we will have two hours out of the 24 to cover as a church



Church Matters

Work to install emergency lighting throughout the building will take place during the Easter break when the nursery school are on holiday.

Work will also take place to box-in the electrical switches in the front of the church.

The annual inspection of the fire extinguishers is scheduled for the end of April.

Once this work is completed we will look at the other recommendations. There are also some outstanding tasks from the last Quinquennial report to undertake which will be followed up after we have become compliant with the fire safety recommendations.

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HERE I AM AGAIN!



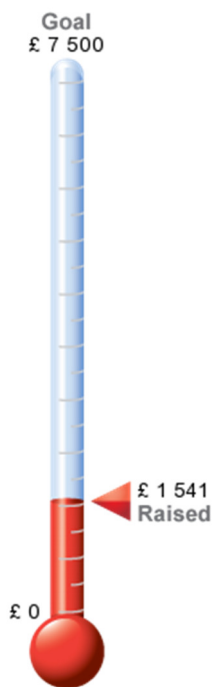
Fund raising work has commenced to raise funds for a replacement P.A system. This will be a very expensive piece of work which will run into many thousands of pounds and at present we cannot deal with this as a priority from the general funds.

I am always standing proud on a Sunday Morning on the Coffee bar to receive your donations towards this target. As a church we do not hold an annual gift day so your opportunity to contribute is via me.



Thanks to Carol, Paul and Linda who provide and serve cakes on the second Saturday of every month at Addlestone from 10 – 12. The monies raised are being secured towards the new P.A system. Come over and visit us for a cup of tea or Coffee (REAL COFFEE!!!) and a piece of cake for only £2.

Thanks go to Sydney Samuel who always comes to support us.



Thanks to two very generous donations our special fund for the new PA system currently stands at £1,541. The total cost shown is an estimate based loosely on the costs incurred by our sister church at Godalming.

Dates for the diary

Saturday 6 April 7.00pm	Songs of Praise	West Horsley Methodist Church
Sunday 7 April 10.30 am	Morning Worship	Preacher: Mrs Alison Sage <i>Steward: Pru</i> <i>Music: Jose</i> <i>Refreshments: Paula</i>
Wednesday 10 April 12.30	Munch With Mozart with David P Oldfield	Weybridge United Reformed Church – Queens Rd
Thursday 11 April 1.45pm	Weybridge Old Folks Club	Our turn to help
Saturday 13 April 10 - 12	Coffee Morning	Addlestone Methodist Church
Saturday 13 April – all day	District Representative Synod	Worthing
Sunday 14 April	Palm Sunday Worship 10.30 am	Preacher: Rev Julia Monaghan <i>Steward: Jose</i> <i>Music: Teresa</i> <i>Refreshments: Lili</i>
Thursday 18 April 8.00pm	Tenebrae Service for Maundy Thursday	Trinity Methodist Church, Woking.
Friday 19 April	Good Friday Walk of Witness 10.00am	Meet at Christ the Prince of Peace at 9.50 am
Saturday 20 April 2.00pm	Church family walk	Meet at church for 1.55pm
Saturday 20 April 5.30pm	The Crucifixion by John Stainer	Guildford St Marys
Sunday 21 st April	Easter Day	Preacher: Rev Sydney Samuel Lake <i>Steward: Carol</i> <i>Music: Jose</i> <i>Communion: Linda</i> <i>Refreshments: Adelaide</i>

Sunday 28 April	Morning Worship 10.30am	Preacher: Rev Keith Beckingham <i>Steward: Linda</i> <i>Music: Adrian</i> <i>Refreshments: Carol</i>
ADVANCE NOTICES		
12 May 2019 6.30	Café Church	Mr David Ingoldby
18 May 2019 9 – 1.30	How can I talk about my Faith?	Trinity Methodist Church, Woking
30 May – 9 June. Thy Kingdom Come		
1 & 2 June	24 hour prayer vigil	



Family walk and talk for Easter

Meet at church for 1.50pm and we will set off for a gentle walk along the Wey Navigation, back through the town and then rest over a cup of tea/coffee and hot cross buns.

n.b if wet, then meet for refreshments and chat instead. Contact Linda on the day if in doubt.



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SERVICE OF THE

TENEBRAE

Maundy Thursday

8.00 pm, 18th April 2019

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Weybridge Methodist Church
Annual Church meeting
Sunday 31 March 2019

Present: Rev Sydney Samuel Lake (chair), Anna Robson, Brenda Smith, Nancy Fuller, Paula Lewis, Robert Lewis, Jose Iparriguirre, Lili Massacane, Stanley Barnes, Mary Barnes, David Marjot, Steve Holderer, Teresa Holderer, Adelaide Hammond, Helen Belsham (Circuit Steward), Eli Melech, Hawa Lake, Grace Lake, Sydney Lake, Adrian Cook, Linda Weedon

Apologies: Pru Ashplant, Carol Smith, Claire Smith

SSL thanked everyone for the warm welcome he and his family have received from church members since their arrival in September 2018.

The minutes from the 2018 annual church meeting were read out to all. They were proposed as a true record by Robert Lewis, seconded by Jose Iparriguirre and accepted unanimously. They were then signed by the Chair.

1. Witness of the Church Life.

- ❖ SSL offered thanks for all those who work for the church, who help out at services.
He also offered thanks and prayers for those people who use our premises during the week.
- ❖ SSL reported that Brenda Smith will be moving to Devon very shortly. As this may well be her final service at Weybridge Methodist church she was presented with a book 'The Map of Heaven'. SSL invited all present to sign the book for Brenda. We wish Brenda a happy and fruitful future in her new home.
- ❖ SSL reported that Adelaide Hammond wish to move her membership from Midhurst Methodist Church to Weybridge Methodist Church. The meeting voted unanimously to accept this move. Adelaide was welcomed by SSL and LLW and presented with a copy of 'The Map of Heaven'
- ❖ Appreciating Church; a report has been sent to the Circuit Learning, Discipleship and Training group reporting the churches progress on this. SSL commends the online prayer group which runs via the WhatsApp

application. Anyone wishing to be added to this group should make sure that they give their mobile phone number to LLW. SSL wishes to establish a regular time of prayer and discussion for the congregation at a suitable time of the week. He would like to see more social interaction amongst church members.

- ❖ SSL wishes to engage more with Users of the premises and go out more into the community.
- ❖ The 2019 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer initiative runs from Ascension to Pentecost (30 May – 9 June). It is proposed to strip the prayer tree of the old prayer requests and recommence with the prayers from this year's special prayer period. More details will be in the May newsletter and some informational resources will be provided

2. Financial Update

SSL reported that the financial affairs of the church are currently very healthy, mostly due to the efficient letting of the premises. The church is facing major expenditure to implement the recommendations of the Fire Safety Assessment report and the work on the external guttering which was deferred from 2018. There is also potential work in the main church roof void to undertake.

The replacement of the P.A system is currently subject to a specific fund raising initiative.

3: Stewards

The existing steward team of Pru Ashplant, Jose Iparraguirre, Linda Weedon, and Carol Smith agreed to stand for re-election. No one else offered themselves as additional stewards thus the team was proposed for re-election en masse.

Proposed by Lili Massacane, Seconded by Stanley Barnes and accepted unanimously.

4. Church Council membership.

It is a standing item at the Annual Church Meetings to elect representatives to the Church Council. (CC is comprised of all church officers and elected congregational representatives). As our membership is less than 49, all congregational members are eligible to attend under the provision of S.O. 610(x) which states that '*all members of the Methodist Church on the membership roll of Weybridge Methodist Church who wish to be on the Church Council are automatically thus members*'.



Songs of Praise

Saturday April 6th

West Horsley

Methodist Church

(next to W.H. Village Hall)

7.00 p.m.

Celebrating the Chapel Anniversary.

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