Circuit Letter 02.07.25 Revd. Adam Payne

Friends of the Wey Valley Circuit,

As the summer begins to show its face—with longer days, warmer weather, a bit of sun, and a bit of a slower pace—it's a great time to take a breather. Whether you're heading off somewhere, staying close to home, or just hoping for a few quiet afternoons in the garden, this season gives us space to rest, reflect, and reconnect.

Even Jesus took time out from busy ministry to rest and pray. In *Mark 6:31*, he says to the disciples, "Come away with me to a quiet place and get some rest." That's not laziness—that's wisdom. And it's something we all need from time to time.

But of course, summer isn't forever. Come September, our churches across the circuit will be back in full swing, and there'll be plenty to do. That's where you come in.

We're all part of the body of Christ, and that means each person has something valuable to offer. Some of us are good at leading, some at listening. Some can teach, some can make a cuppa and have a friendly chat. Some of us can sing, others work wonders with tech, or crafts, or kids. All of it matters.

So as you rest this summer, could you also pray and think about how you might get involved again when autumn rolls around? Children's Church, coffee rotas, worship, pastoral visiting, circuit events, outreach—we'll need helping hands and open hearts.

Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few" (Luke 10:2). That's still true today. But just imagine what God could do through all of us, across our chapels and communities, if we each brought what we have.

So—for now—enjoy the sunshine and the break (when you get it!). And when the time comes, let's be ready to pick up the work again, together.

Revd Adam Payne

#### **Resources/Good News**

#### Introducing the President and Vice President of Conference 2025/26

'Our Story, Our Song' | Introducing the President and Vice President of Conference 2025/26 - YouTube

#### RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival, 1 to 6 July 2025

Stretching over 31 acres, you'll find inspiring garden designs, gorgeous floral displays, talks and demos, food and drink, family entertainment and exclusive shopping.

RHS Hampton will become a biennial festival (occurring once every two years), so after this year's show, it will return in 2027.

RHS Hampton Court Garden Festival 2025 / RHS

#### GODALMING UNITED CHURCH

(Methodist and United Reformed)
Bridge Street, Godalming GU7 3DT

Urgently needed: Men's Clothing, Toiletries and Non-perishable Breakfast foods for

#### THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION

A collection of these items will be held during the period

27th June - 7th July 2025

Please ask your friends, neighbours and colleagues to help as well!

#### **Whitechapel Mission**

The Whitechapel Mission has helped the homeless in London since 1876. Today, it is recognized as one of London's most effective homeless charities.

The cost-of-living crisis sadly means that the need continues to grow.

The charity provides showers, breakfast, lunches, training, advice and dignity to all who walk through its doors every day of the year. Clients are mainly men, although there are also services for homeless women.

The aim of the charity is to transform lives from homelessness to hope by helping clients reconnect to family, commit to sobriety, find a job and place to live and to be able to plan for the future.

Entirely dependent on public support, the Whitechapel Mission always needs donations of clothing which is in good condition and suitable for street dwellers, toiletries and non-perishable breakfast foods.

This appeal is being coordinated by Godalming United Church, between 27th June and 7th July 2025. For further information on the charity: <a href="https://www.whitechapel.org.uk">www.whitechapel.org.uk</a>

Any queries, contact Ryan Kelley 01483 423261 or Janet Shaw jrshaw15@yahoo.co.uk.

## **Collection times at Godalming United Church will be:**

Friday 27 June	12 noon to 1.30 pm	
Saturday 28 June	10.30 am to 12 noon	
Sunday 29 June	11.30 am to 12.30 pm	
Tuesday 1 July	2 pm to 3 pm	
Wednesday 2 July	6 pm to 7 pm	
Friday 4 July	12 noon to 1.30 pm	
Saturday 5 July	10.30 am to 12 noon	
Saturday 5 July	2 pm to 3 pm	
Sunday 6 July	11.30 am to 12.30 pm	
Monday 7 July	7 pm to 8 pm	

## Items highlighted in **bold** are needed the **most urgently:**

BREAKFAST FOODS			
Peanut Butter	Cornflakes	Weetabix	
Bottled water	Chocolate Spread	Brown Sauce	
Nutella	Chopped tomatoes	Salt	
<b>Chopped Tomatoes</b>	Plum tomatoes	Porridge	
Baked Beans	Honey	Biscuits	
Sugar	Squash	Coffee	
Instant Hot Chocolate	ketchup	Tinned Fruit	
Sugar	Honey	Black Ground	
		Pepper	
Peanut Butter			
MEN'S CLOTHING			
Winter Jackets	Winter Coats	Baseball Caps	
Woollen Gloves	Woollen Hats	Woollen Scarves	
T-shirts	Jumpers	Hand Towels	
Bath Towels	Underpants	Boxers	
Jeans 28-36"	Trousers 28-34"	Small Rucksacks	
Men's Trainers	Men's Shoes	Socks	
Blankets			
TOILETRIES			
Toothbrushes	Body Lotion	Body Wash	
	Roll-on Deodorant	Razors	
Hand Cream	Moisturiser	Shampoo	
Spray Deodorant	Shower Gel	Shaving Foam	

### STOUGHTON METHODIST CHURCH

(On the corner of Stoughton Road and Grange Road)

#### **COFFEE CORNER**

Tuesdays from 10 am - 12 noon



 3rd June
 1st July

 10th June
 8th July

 15th July
 15th July

 22nd July
 24th June

 29th July



Enjoy Coffee & a Chat, Coffee & a Game, or Coffee & a Book
The choice is yours!

Everyone welcome - bring a friend!

## COFFEE AND CAKE AT ST. MARY'S

QUARRY ST. GUILDFORD GU1 3UP



Thursday 26 June

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**Thursday 24 July** 

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**Thursday 28 August** 

10.30 - 12.00

- each month features a different charity

Everyone welcome

#### **The Contemplative Oasis**

I run a short contemplative group each Thursday evening between 8.30 and 9pm called the Contemplative Oasis. I use the source material from the Methodist TakeTime resource which originated in the prison ministry at Send prison.

I run the meeting both in person and by Zoom and wanted to offer an invitation to anyone in the Circuit who would like to join in by Zoom if they want to try out the TakeTime Contemplative resource.

The Zoom link is here:

https://zoom.us/j/94431865967?pwd=wdfznhYT53u9wvPii8B3zqdTWo8MDM.1

Ross Richardson, Senior Steward at Walton

## **Practical Aspects of Spirituality**



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AT 1,700 YEARS

- why it still matters

led by

**Andrew Wheeler** 

Saturday 5 July 2025 09.30 - 12.00

**St. Mary's Church** Guildford GU1 3UP

Refreshments from 09.15

If you would like to attend please email gmc.info@hotmail.co.uk



## Saturday morning events at the Addlestone Methodist Church café on Station Road



Come along between
10am and 12 to enjoy
tea/coffee and cake and
join in with activities

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month – Fun Bingo



Donations to Sam Beare Hospice or Open Doors Charity

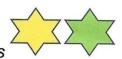


2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays – popular hymns & songs to sing to or just listen to.

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday – time for our Quiz







Check notice board for any changes





New Specialist Outreach Service for Women Affected by Gambling - Now Available Across Surrey

Oakleaf is expanding its Bridge the Gap Trauma-Informed Outreach Service to support women affected by gambling-related harm.

# Referral Form

Our dedicated team offers

#### 1-1 community-based support for:

- Women impacted by their own or someone else's gambling
- Ethnic minority communities
- Veterans
- Autistic women

Empowering individuals.
Building stronger support networks.

For more information about the service, please visit: www.oakleaf-enterprise.org/gambling-support

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