

Dear Wey Valley Circuit

It might seem obvious, but I hadn't quite twigged that Weybridge was built around a bridge on the River Wey. (Indeed, when I was a boy and heard Weybridge mentioned on the TV or radio, I thought they were referring to Wadebridge in Cornwall, but that's another story.)

If I'm honest, I hadn't really heard of the River Wey until I got to know the Wey Valley Methodist Circuit. Now I've moved to the Circuit, I've enjoyed some walks around this beautiful area. Most recently, I walked along the River Thames path from Walton to the River Wey at Weybridge and ended up at Byfleet and New Haw railway station, where I caught the train home. Along the way, I saw riverboats, locks, wildlife and bridges – including the oldest surviving bridge at Weybridge built in 1865 (pictured from my walk).



Rivers and seas were once an important means of travel and the reason why many settlements developed around the Thames and the Wey. My daily Bible readings have recently taken me through the book of Acts. It portrays the journeys of the Early Church, especially the journeys of St Paul as the mission of the Church reached out beyond its origins to the wider Roman world. Many of the journeys in Acts were made by sea, sometimes in the face of fearsome storms. Paul ended up in Malta following a shipwreck.

Early Methodism was very much a missionary movement built upon the quarter of a million miles travelled by John Wesley, especially on horseback. Before the spark of his conversion experience on 24th May 1738, he had been deeply moved by the faith of a group of Moravians during a life-threatening storm on a sea journey across the Atlantic, to north America.

In the decades since John Wesley, transport has changed. The railways have come to our area with stations on the southern sides of Walton and Weybridge. The roads are busier than ever. A newer bridge at Weybridge was built in 1945 which now carries the main road traffic in from the M25, often making the roads in Weybridge quite congested (pictured). I use the A3 to drive to the southern part of the



Circuit rather than a boat on the River Wey (although I'm sure that would be good fun). Many routes for walkers have improved in recent years with the Thames Path officially opened in 1996.

We might not travel the same distance as John Wesley (at least not on horseback) or cover the same areas at St Paul, but we are called to be missionary churches, to reach out beyond what we are used to. By reaching out in partnership to those outside the church, to other communities, to groups who use our premises, we build bridges in the Wey Valley.

Rev. Shaun Sanders

Resources/Good News

Black History Month

In the UK, Black History Month happens every October.

It gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture.

[Black History Month: What is it and why does it matter? - BBC News](#)

The Rev Dr Inderjit Bhogal OBE shares this prayer for Black History Month. Inderjit is a prominent theologian and Methodist Minister. He is the founder and President of City of Sanctuary. He has dedicated his life to building cultures of welcome, hospitality, and safety for all.

[A prayer for Black History Month 2024 | Inderjit Bhogal \(youtube.com\)](#)



CIRCUIT VISION AND STRATEGY

'Talking of God Together' A 4-week discussion group

For the four Fridays of October come and join us for a faith sharing discussion group on zoom. For 45 minutes from 5.15pm each Friday we welcome anyone from across the Circuit to end their week with a four-week course based on the book 'Talking of God Together'. The course aims to build confidence in easily speaking of our faith with others. You will not need your own copy of the book, and all are welcome to join. Don't worry if you can't make all the sessions - each will be self-contained.

4th October

11th October

18th October

25th October

Rev Dr Paul Glass

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/984448089846?pwd=enZ8ldXGe4uu2SPOCosDgYOgdYVsOB.1>
Meeting ID: 984 4808 9846 Passcode: 655618

STOUGHTON METHODIST CHURCH

(On the corner of Stoughton Road and Grange Road)



“COFFEE CORNER”



Fortnightly on Tuesdays from 10.00 a.m – 12 noon

3rd and 17th September

1st, 15th and 29th October

12th and 26th November

10th and 17th** December

** 17th December will be in aid of Cherry Trees, Clandon

Enjoy Coffee & a Chat, Coffee & a Game, or Coffee & a Book

The choice is yours!



Everyone welcome – bring a friend!



Pudding & Praise

Sunday 27 October at Walton-on-Thames

4.00pm



Terrace Road, Walton-on-Thames, KT12 2SR

All are welcome.

Pastoral Support

SUSTAINING HOPE AUTUMN 2024



**Are you involved in responding to the needs of
Refugees, Migrants & Displaced Persons -
or interested in becoming involved in some way?**

The Methodist South-East District 'Sustaining Hope' autumn gathering for 2024

will include

- Prayer and time to network
- Keynote presentations on:

- * What drives someone to leave everything and become a refugee?
- * Independent Monitoring Board for immigration detention centres

Date: Saturday, 12th October, 10.00am - 1.30pm

(Refreshments available from 9.45am)

Venue: Redhill Methodist Church, RH1 1BP

Redhill Station is 5 minutes' walk away
NCP car park on Gloucester Road opposite the church

To register, or for more information, email

Rev Hazel Forecast at

hazel.forecast@methodist.org.uk

Please say which Circuit, group or project you are part of

Something else...

Advocacy

Accommodation

Interpreting

Foodbanks

Drop-In Centres

Place of Sanctuary

Befriending

English practice

Cafes

Form-filling

*Resettlement
Schemes*

Clothing Banks

Liaising with other Agencies

Mother-tongue worship



The Bishops' Camino 2024

Sponsored Walk for

The Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund

Saturday 12th October 2024

**Walk to raise funds to support
vulnerable and marginalised people in our diocese**

Join Bishop Andrew and Bishop Paul for a 12 km (7.5 miles) circular walk starting at St Nicolas' Church, Guildford and ending at St Mary's, Guildford, via Hog's Back, Watts Chapel, North Downs Way and River Wey footpath.

The walk starts at St Nicolas' Church, Bury Street, Guildford GU2 4AW Gather at St Nic's from 9.00am ready for informal prayers, refreshments and depart at 9.30am

There will be three short prayer stops along the way

The Camino is open to individuals and parish groups. Youth groups are especially welcome.

The previous walks have raised over £6,000 for the Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund, which provides funds for parish projects that help the disadvantaged and vulnerable across the Diocese of Guildford. Bishop Andrew would love your help once again so that the Fund can support deserving community projects.

To find out more about the walk and how to donate to the Fund
please [click on this link](#)



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coffee & a chat

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from

Knaphill Methodist Church

Broadway, Knaphill, Surrey GU21 2DR



Saturday 19 October 2024 2 - 4pm

To claim your FREE clothes, collect a voucher from 30+ places in Surrey.

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All are welcome to join us for tea, coffee, cake & a chat in a friendly environment



Whether you're looking for clothes for yourself, friends, or family



We have lovely, pre-loved clothes for everyone to take away & enjoy wearing



We look forward to meeting you & your family



If you would like to donate clothes, please contact us on the email below



If you would like to volunteer, we would warmly welcome your help

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clothes@knaphill-methodist-church.com

WE NEED YOUR CLOTHES!

PLEASE DONATE UNWANTED CLOTHES

to
Clothes4U Clothes Bank
Knaphill Methodist Church

We give clothing to anyone who needs it.



**CLOTHES
NEEDED URGENTLY!!
PLEASE DONATE CLOTHES FOR
MEN WOMEN BOYS GIRLS & BABIES**

HOW TO DONATE

bring your clothes to Knaphill Methodist Church

(use glass door down side passage)

1:30-3:30pm on these dates:

Saturdays 19 Oct, 16 Nov

Can't make those dates?

email us to arrange another time

clothes@knaphillmethodist.co.uk

Additional Needs Service showcase

Tuesday
22nd October
9.30am -2pm

Cranleigh Village Hall
Village Way, Cranleigh, GU6 8AF

- ✦ Come and find out about local and national services!
- ✦ Age range 0-25 years for Children and Young People with Additional Needs

If you have any questions please email:
localoffer@surreycc.gov.uk

