

Dear Friends,

One of my Desert Island Bible Readings is the account of the disciples journeying with Jesus on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24.13-35). It was the favourite reading of a lady I knew from a previous Circuit who reached 100 years of age. It was read at her funeral. She would often say it was her favourite reading because you never knew who you will meet on life's journey.

Recently at Walton Methodist Church, we hosted refreshments for a group of pilgrims (pictured). They were Zen Buddhists who were walking along the path of the River Thames from its source in the Cotswolds to their centre in London. The walk took place over a fortnight, during which they relied upon the hospitality and kindness from various groups as they made their pilgrimage.



We learnt a lot from each other as we talked about the similarities and differences between our traditions. One difference is that they use a lot more silence in their worship than we do! However, we have a lot in common with each other including a shared commitment to the environment and peace. I shared with them about our new solar panels and plans to install a peace pole at Walton Church.

One in the group noticed the stones we have from Knaphill Methodist Church (pictured) and said he'd seen them elsewhere. It's a reminder of the small world we live in with its many connections.



They said how as they walked, they kept getting stopped by people who wanted to talk with them and ask questions. People are often interested in matters of faith and life.

When they left us, the pilgrims walked on to their final destination that evening in West Molesey. I hope they were able to meet more interesting people as they travelled. You never know who you will meet on life's journey.

Shaun

Resources/Good News

Eclipse 2026: A Methodist Day of Outreach

On the evening of 12 August 2026, Western Europe will experience a solar eclipse the likes of which won't be seen again until 2090. If you want to meet with people in your community, have a collective experience of awe and wonder, and practise authentic faith-sharing, this could be the perfect opportunity.

Churches are invited to host community viewing events for the eclipse as a way of meeting new people, delighting in the beauty of creation, and engaging in gentle, relational faith-sharing.

This could take many forms – in a church garden or the top of a local hill, a lively family barbecue or a space for quiet reflection, a chance for science and faith dialogue or discussions about wellbeing.

The key is to take this opportunity, in a moment when people's openness to the divine might be elevated, to speak something of the love of Jesus – through actions and words – to the people we meet.

This is both an exciting one-off opportunity for 2026 and also a pilot to explore whether an annual Methodist Day of Outreach (with a changing focus) would be beneficial for faith-sharing confidence across the Methodist Church.

The Day of Outreach is being piloted by both the Methodist Church in Britain and the Methodist Church in Ireland.

[Day of Outreach – Eclipse - The Methodist Church](#)

A planning guide and resources to advertise an event are on this link:

[Eclipse 2026: A Methodist Day of Outreach - The Methodist Church](#)



STOUGHTON METHODIST CHURCH

(On the corner of Stoughton Road and Grange Road)

COFFEE CORNER

Tuesdays from 10 am – 12 noon



2nd June

9th June

16th June

23rd June

30th June

7th July

14th July

21st July

28th July

2026



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

Everyone welcome – bring a friend!

Saturday 20 June 2026 2.00-4.00pm

Knaphill Methodist Church, The Broadway, Knaphill GU21 2DR

(between Boots & the old Lloyds Bank)

Clothes4U

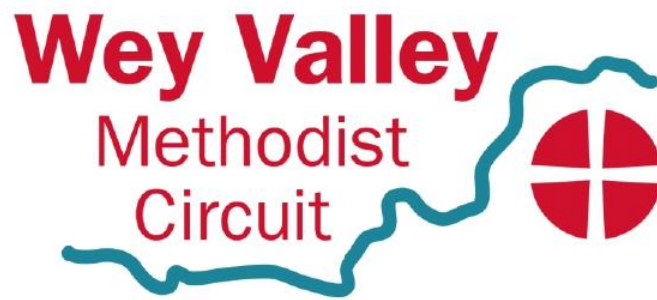
a clothes bank supporting the local community

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

Email us to find out where they are: clothes@knaphillmethodist.co.uk

Donations - not needed!

Due to huge generosity lately from the residents of Knaphill and beyond,
we can't accept any donations at all for the time being.



Circuit Service

**To bid a fond farewell to
Revd Uncle George Quarm**



All welcome

Refreshments will be served after the service

Sunday 19 July 2026

3.00pm

**Merrow Methodist Church
Bushy Hill Drive, Merrow, GU1 2SH**



A safe place to talk with people who understand

Tuesday 12 May, 9 June, 14 July

We start at **10:30am** with discussion followed with a break, and we will end at **12pm**.

Woodhill Church,
Chobham Road, Knaphill
No need to book, just turn up.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Over a warm drink and a slice of cake, our Bereavement Café provides a welcoming space to connect with others who understand the journey of loss. It's a place to talk about the pain of bereavement and find mutual support and encouragement – especially when you need it most.



**The Whitechapel Mission has
been helping the homeless since
1876**

Collections of non-perishable
foods, toiletries and clothing will
be made at

**Godalming United Church
Bridge Street, Godalming GU7 3DT**

26th June to 6th July 2026

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

26th June – 6th July 2026

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

Donation times and specific items needed are detailed inside this leaflet.

Collection times at Godalming United Church will be:

Friday 26 th June	12 noon to 1.30 pm
Saturday 27 th June	10.30 am to 12 noon
Sunday 28 th June	11.30 am to 12.30 pm
Tuesday 30 th June	2 pm to 3 pm
Wednesday 1 st July	6 pm to 7 pm
Friday 3 rd July	12 noon to 1.30 pm
Saturday 4 th July	10.30 am to 12 noon
Saturday 4 th July	2 pm to 3 pm
Sunday 5 th July	11.30 am to 12.30 pm
Monday 6 th July	7 pm to 8 pm

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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
Chopped Tomatoes	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	
TOILETRIES		
Toothbrushes	Body Lotion	Body Wash
	Roll-on Deodorant	Razors
Hand Cream	Moisturiser	Shampoo
Spray Deodorant	Shower Gel	Shaving Foam