

Dear Friends,

You will know that every week at St. Mary's we have a Friday evening vigil where we invite people who are out and about in Guildford on a Friday night to come in and light a candle for peace.

We have recently topped 18,000 visitors since we started this project for peace. The impetus for the start of doing this piece of weekly ministry was the invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces. Years on we still have that conflict as a centre of our attention but over time sadly other conflicts have been added to our PowerPoint slide show and our growing concern. Israel and Gaza/Palestine, the US and Israel against Iran, and also Sudan.

The conflict in Sudan is complex and long running. Revd. Andy Wheeler who worships at St. Mary's has a long-time relationship with the church in that country having been involved with the training of clergy there for a number of years. We were blessed not long ago to be visited by Ezekiel - Archbishop of Sudan at our Friday vigil and he spoke movingly of all that is going on in that troubled place.

I know the plight of Sudan is on the minds and hearts of a number of us around the Circuit. Christian Aid and CAFOD both have emergency funds open so that you can give directly to help. It's a situation that doesn't find its way into the headlines very much. Our media is so obsessed with the next big story they have very little appetite for something that is going to go on for more than two or three days.

There are ways you can help - by making others aware - writing to your MP etc. The important thing is that when the news moves on, we need to be continually aware that there are consequences to be picked up and shattered lives left behind. I have recently come across a situation close to home where this has happened - just a few weeks ago, the chaplaincy team at the University of Surrey were working with others to cope with the effects of a crossbow assault on campus. That story disappeared within a couple of days though the effects do not.

We need to be people of faith, people of perseverance in prayer, people who don't get bored and move on, people who do not get tired of doing and being good to the world. Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can as long as ever you can - John Wesley is reported as saying. Good words to base a life upon.

Paul

Resources/Good News

Meet our new President and Vice President for 2026/27

In last week's letter, I included a notice about the induction of Revd Mark Slaney and Caroline Stead as President and Vice-President of the Conference.

Here is an introductory video from them both.

[Meet our new President and Vice President for 2026/27](#)

Albury Produce Show and Fair

Saturday 18 July

The Albury Produce Show is a traditional village produce show, located on the beautiful Albury Heath. It attracts a wide range of visitors, primarily from within the Surrey Hills. Attendance is around 1,500 people and the show is open to the public from 2.00pm - 5.00pm. There is a main marquee which displays all the show class entries, e.g. vegetables, fruit, flower arranging, photography, children's projects and handicrafts. Outside there are a range of side shows, stalls and attractions.

Outside will be; music, Punch and Judy, Morris dancing, terrier racing, teas, BBQ, ice creams, beer, Pimms, tombola, children's corner, tombola, book stall, produce stall and more.

Entrance to the show ground on the afternoon:

£5, £2 under 16, under 5 free

Show Address:

Albury Cricket Club

Albury

Surrey

GU5 9DB

<https://www.alburyproduce.org.uk/index>





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**

WEYBRIDGE MALE VOICE CHOIR
INVITE YOU TO THEIR

SUMMER Concert

FRIDAY 17TH JULY, 7.30PM

St. James' Church, Weybridge, KT13 8DB

With special guests Retiring collection for

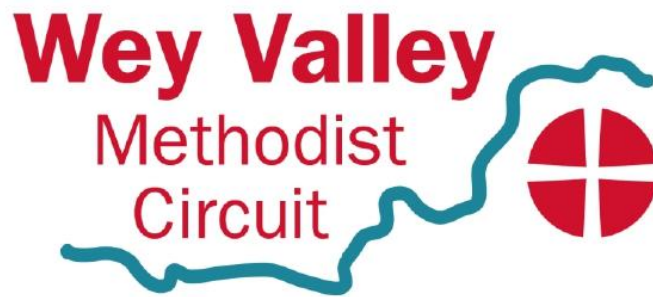


Adults - £15 Under 12s - Free



Tickets can be purchased via
choir members or online at
www.ticketsource.co.uk/weybridgemvc





Welcome Service

for

Revd Paul Tabraham

Our new Superintendent Minister

Light refreshments will be served before the service



Sunday 6 September 2026

6.00pm

**Knaphill Methodist Church
Broadway, Knaphill, GU21 2DR**

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!



COFFEE MORNING



TEA
COFFEE
BISCUITS
BACON
BUTTIES

IN AID OF

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AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY
KENT SURREY SUSSEX

Registered Charity No: 1021367

AND SALE

There will be various stalls including:

Cakes, Guess the Weight of the Cake, Raffle, Tombola, Guess the Name of Teddy, Guess How Many Sweets in the Jar, Model Railway, & Bric-a-Brac.

Offers of help and donations of items welcome! Contact Tarina Berry

Bacon Butties!



To be opened by **Cllr Saj Hussain**

KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH HALL

Saturday 5th September 2026

10am to Noon

www.knaphillmethodist.co.uk

