

Dear friends,

Since I've been in the Wey Valley Circuit, I've discovered a new interest – football. In particular (thanks to Linda and Allen at Weybridge), I've become a fan of Walton & Hersham and go to matches whenever I can. We even won the Premier League last season - the Southern League Premier South to be more accurate (pictured).



I've always enjoyed watching football on TV, joining in the atmosphere of the World Cups and European Championships over the decades. I've also watched the occasional match in person. I was taken to my first game to see Plymouth Argyle just before my first birthday. Now I'm a season ticket holder at Walton & Hersham.

There are common themes between football and faith, although I sometimes find these analogies can be quite forced. However, one thing they have in common, especially in lower league football, is the time, commitment and money (through tickets and other purchases) given by volunteers. Fans stick with their team through wins and losses, promotion and relegation, and all kinds of weather. (I remember getting drenched during a very wet match against Gloucester City one Tuesday evening in January.) Volunteers will often help out at matches on the turnstiles, producing programmes, taking photos, selling refreshments and many other ways.

Our churches are kept going by the love and kindness of folk who dedicate themselves to the ongoing worship and service of our life together. One example I'm pleased to share is our Saturday coffee mornings at Addlestone where a small group of volunteers serve the community with refreshments and other activities every week. There are many kinds of different examples in every church in our Circuit.

Unfortunately, Walton & Hersham lost the first match of the season in the National League South last weekend. However, I can't wait to go to the first match at home this Saturday. I'm a fan!

Shaun



Resources/Good News

Fireworks and Pyrotechnics – Have Your Say

Fireworks play a big part in many of our favourite celebrations, but they can also bring real challenges for our communities. From sudden, loud bangs that terrify pets and livestock, to the distress caused to vulnerable neighbours or issues with anti-social behaviour, many of us have experienced the darker side of firework season. To address these growing concerns while still allowing everyone to celebrate safely, the UK government has launched a public consultation on updating the rules around fireworks and pyrotechnics.

This is your chance to help shape future laws across the UK. The proposals look at restricting the loudest fireworks so they are only available to trained professionals, banning high-risk products, and modernising rules for low-risk novelty items. Whether you love local displays, worry about animal welfare, work in public safety, or run a business, your real-world experience matters. Have your say today by taking a few minutes to complete the online consultation. [Fireworks and pyrotechnics in the UK - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/fireworks-and-pyrotechnics)



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**

COFFEE MORNING FOR

AL-AHLI HOSPITAL – GAZA

(The oldest and only Christian Hospital)

Thursday 10th September
Coffee and Cakes from 10.30am
at Merrow Methodist Church

Talk by Dr Ang Swee Chai at 11.30am

A Senior Consultant at Barts Hospital. She has worked as a surgeon in both Gaza and Lebanon and has spoken at the United Nations. She is a founder member on the Board of MAP (Medical Aid for Palestinians).



Please come and listen to this wonderful, courageous lady who has worked tirelessly against injustice.

STOUGHTON METHODIST CHURCH

(On the corner of Stoughton Road and Grange Road)

COFFEE CORNER

Tuesdays from 10 am – 12 noon



4th August
11th August
18th August
25th August

1st September
8th September
15th September
22nd September
29th September

2026



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

Everyone welcome – bring a friend!

Saturday 15 August 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.

Welcoming Service Invitation
Saturday, 5th September 2026
3:00pm Trinity Methodist Church
481 Clay Hill Road, Basildon, SS16 4NN

You are warmly invited to join us as we begin this new chapter of ministry and fellowship in Basildon. Thank you for your kindness, prayers, and support.

Rev George & Ama Quarm



The poster features a central illustration of a woman in a green shirt and orange headband serving coffee from a blue kettle. To her left is a brown banner with the text 'COFFEE MORNING' in white. Below this is a red banner with 'AND SALE 4' in white. To the right of the woman is a blue sign listing 'TEA', 'COFFEE', 'BISCUITS', 'BACON BUTTIES'. Below the sign is a close-up of a bacon butty. In the top left corner is a circular logo for KMC (Kent Methodist Church) with the text 'OUR CALLING... REACH OUT... SUPPORT EACH OTHER'. Below the main illustration is a yellow box with text about stalls and contact information. At the bottom left is a photo of a helicopter. The bottom right contains the event details in a black box with white and yellow text.

 **COFFEE MORNING**

AND SALE 4

KSSX

AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY
KENT SURREY SUSSEX
Registered Charity No: 1021367

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

To be opened by **Cllr Saj Hussain**

KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH HALL
Saturday 5th September 2026
10am to Noon
www.knaphillmethodist.co.uk

Bacon Butties!





Saturday 21st November 2026
2pm

At Walton Methodist Church Hall
A maximum of 6 people per team
Refreshments being served at half time.

Email:

waltonmethodistchurchsecretary@virginmedia.com

to book your place!

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