

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Grace and Peace,

Firstly, thank you for all the good wishes and the warm welcome that Claire and I, Matt and Evan have received since moving in the middle of August. We've had some lovely cards, flowers, and various messages over the last few weeks – all much appreciated! Rev. Paul and the ministers, Lucy and our Circuit Leadership Team have all helped with the preparations for us coming and David Lander has been a wonder with the manse and getting us sorted and connected. A shout out too, to Rev. George who in this midst of his own move helped with giving me a good heads up of what I needed to know.

Now the boxes are unpacked and ministry in the Wey Valley Circuit is about to begin, it all feels very new. I almost feel as if I should be saying 'Happy New Year' to you all! It might not be January but it definitely seems as if a new year is about to begin.



If you're in school, college or university, then September is definitely the beginning of a new year. If you work in finance in any way, your new year is likely to be 6th April each year. If you celebrate Chinese New Year, you'd have celebrated it on 17th February this year (the Year of the Horse if you're wondering). Iranian New Year is in March and if your heritage is Zulu it would be in July, while Inuit people celebrate New Year with a festival that begins on Christmas Eve. Come to think of it, I could begin every Circuit Letter with the greeting 'Happy New Year!' and technically I'd be right – for someone, somewhere at least!

Do you remember these words from Revelation?

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband... And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21: 1-2,5).

These beautiful, poetic and mysterious words suggest that God didn't just stop at creation, sit back and bask in the glory of what God had made. No, God continues

to be immersed in his creation, continues to shape, guide, move people, warm hearts and give life. Our ultimate destination is God, but on the way God will provide new hope, new opportunities to love others, new moments where he is revealed in glimpses, and new people to share this life with. That's definitely true for us in the Wey Valley Circuit.

So for this year in all the newness and beginnings we will experience, we can be sure that God will be present in each and every thing that happens: could be school and study, work or home, friends, family, church. In all the new things ahead, may God continue to bring peace, hope and joy to us all, to those we love, and to those we sometimes find it hard to love. We can be sure that in all life's changes, God is with us, and his blessings will be as new as each day.

Happy New Year!



Rev. Paul Tabraham

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Resources/Good News

Reflections from the President, the Revd Mark Slaney

[Start of the Connexional Year Reflections from the President, the Revd Mark Slaney - The Methodist Church](#)

With You NHS Talking Therapies Surrey

NHS Talking Therapies provides free, NHS commissioned talking therapies for anyone aged 17 or over who is registered with a Surrey GP, supporting people experiencing difficulties such as depression, anxiety, panic attacks, phobias, and social anxiety. At present, there are no waiting list for Assessments or Low Intensity treatments, and High Intensity therapy typically begins within 3–8 weeks.

Self-referrals, GP and professional referrals can be made through the [Online Portal](#)

Prayer for Nepal and Tibet

Loving God,

We pray for all those affected by the floods in Nepal and Tibet.

Be near to those who mourn the loss of loved ones, and to all who wait in uncertainty for news of family and friends.

Hold close those whose homes, livelihoods and communities have been swept away, and all who are shocked, displaced or afraid.

Strengthen rescue workers, local communities, churches and all who are searching, serving and offering care in the midst of this crisis.

Grant courage and resilience to those waiting for news, facing uncertainty, and fearing the days ahead.

As we witness the growing fragility of creation, renew our commitment to care for one another and for the earth of which we are a part.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.



COFFEE MORNING



AND SALE

IN AID OF

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

Bacon Butties!



To be opened by **Cllr Saj Hussain**

KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH HALL

Saturday 5th September 2026

10am to Noon

www.knaphillmethodist.co.uk





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.

Tea/Coffee and Cake

Pay as You Feel

every Saturday, 10.00 - 12.00pm



Addlestone Methodist Church

(Next to Subway on Station Road)

Free Prize Bingo &
Games Mornings

on 1st and 3rd Saturdays
of month!



We always need donations and volunteers to
keep serving the Addlestone community. Please help us!

Play  
Chat. Connect



Stay for FREE tea,
coffee & a chat

Clothes4U

Pre loved clothes with TLC

from

Knaphill Methodist Church

Broadway, Knaphill, Surrey GU21 2DR



Saturday 19 September 2026 2 - 4pm

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



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

www.knaphill-methodist-church.com/clothes4U

clothes@knaphill-methodist-church.com

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 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!

tearfund.org/quiz

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