

# Weybridge Methodist Church

**Newsletter June & July 2019**



**‘All things bright and beautiful’**

# COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 8 JUNE

10 – NOON



**Today's special: Strawberry Scones**

**ADDLESTONE METHODIST**

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**STATION RD, KT15 2AR**

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## The Methodist Quadrilateral by Tom Stuckey.

The American scholar Albert Outler has given us the 'Wesleyan Quadrilateral'. We are encouraged to do our theology within the dynamic framework of four components; scripture, reason, tradition and experience. I contend that our context has changed

so dramatically that the quadrilateral is no longer fit for purpose.

**Reason:** The Enlightenment, with its emphasis on reason, provided the Wesley's with a new framework for settlement, growth and progress. Today with the rise of popularism and post-truth, reason has lost its cutting edge.

**Experience:** 'Personal experience', is highly valued today but understood very differently from the Wesleys. Now it has little to do with the Holy Spirit and everything to do with existential 'self-fulfilment'.

**Bible:** Any consensus about the authority of the Scripture has long since disappeared. Methodists today have seven different ways of looking at the Bible.

**Tradition:** The 1932 Deed of Union highlights the 'fundamental principles' of the historic creeds, the Protestant Reformation and the remembrance of Methodism's providential purpose. Today we live in an age of amnesia. Pragmatic Methodist practice no longer 'remembers.' Gill Dascombe has suggested that 'wisdom' should replace Bible, 'science' for reason, 'culture' for tradition and 'community' for experience. I propose an evangelical alternative which bears more directly on the **Deed of Union:** a sort of quintilateral in which **faith, information, memory and mystery** revolve about the central pillar of **Scripture.**

**SCRIPTURE:** Donald English argued that the Bible was the 'centre piece for our knowledge of God through Jesus by the Holy Spirit.' He saw reason, tradition and experience revolving around the Bible like the dangling pieces of a baby's mobile. **The Faith and Order** statement that 'the Bible bears witness to God's self-revelation, but the Word of God itself is far greater than the words of the Bible' is broad but divests the Bible of authority. Furthermore the first part of the sentence tends to exclude the possibility that the Bible might indeed be **the** witness to God's self-revelation. Following Karl Barth, I contend that the Bible '**becomes**' the Word of God analogous to the Word 'becoming' flesh. Putting a Methodist slant on this, it is the 'preached word' from Scripture which in the power of the Spirit becomes 'the Word of God'.

FAITH: For grass root Methodists, faith is a 'doing' faith. Timothy Keller in his book *Making Sense of God* says that 'all varieties of secularism are sets of beliefs, not the simple absence of faith'. He is arguing that each person, whether religious or not, *chooses* (sometimes unconsciously) their own paradigm of belief. Some Methodists will place their faith in Conference, others in the Bible, others in 'reason' but most swallow the unarticulated norms of their local church. The point I am making is that the authority we give to the Bible is something we 'choose' in a 'faith' decision. Having embraced this particular paradigm we need **information**, **memory** and **mystery** as qualifiers

INFORMATION: All Christian theology is contextual. If we are to hear what God is saying in a particular place we must first 'know' the place. If the Word is to become flesh then the 'flesh' of that community must become part of my 'flesh' as I become identified in heart, mind and soul with the experience and the stories of the people who live there.

MEMORY: Information on its own does not produce wisdom. The American Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann highlights the importance of memory which like a magnet draws the people of God back in order to stimulate prophetic imagination in the present. It serves a subversive purpose and energizes new action. 'Only memory allows possibility'. A church suffering from amnesia has no future.

MYSTERY: A functional fast consumer context has no place for mystery. Mystery suggests surprise, wonder, and the unexpected. It has no name, apart from Trinity, but comes from beyond to quicken the pulse, stimulate the imagination and fire the emotions. In Wesleyan language it is the action of prevenient grace. Charles Wesley turned Methodist theology into sing-able poetry which entered our veins. Unless this 'numinous' quality touches the interactions of any quadrilateral or quintilateral we simply produce dead utilitarian theology.

## **Conclusion.**

The central pillar of Scripture around which the components of faith, information, memory and mystery move is 'the preached Word'. If we are to preach the Word in today's context we must take lessons in 'dialogue' from poets, artists and story tellers to ensure that people 'hear and experience the Word'

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*We warmly invite you to our*

# Café Style Service

on Sunday 9th June 2019 at 6.30pm

to be led by Rev Paul Hulme

*Refreshments of Tea/Coffee and Cakes  
will be served from 6pm*

*Our Worship will include:*

Songs of Joyful Praise and Thanksgiving  
Bible Reading and Prayer

We will continue to 'Worship the Lord with gladness  
and come before Him with joyful praise'  
with both hymns and songs.

*We hope you can join us as we continue our  
Evening Service Programme presenting the same Message of  
Jesus Christ in a way suitable for all ages in today's society*

This will be the last opportunity to worship with our dear friend Rev Paul Hulme at our end of the Circuit before he retires on 30 June 2019

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Thank you -

- To Claire for undertaking the weekly checks of the Fire equipment.
- To Lili & Jose for their faithful service in helping Brenda to attend church.
- To all those who continue to help out at services by providing music, undertaking readings or prayers and providing refreshments.
- To those who have signed up to provide flowers on a Sunday morning. The wonderful displays created by Carol on a weekly basis provide a focal point for recognizing God's glory.
- To those who help out at the monthly coffee morning and the Bedding bank.
- To those who add prayers to the prayer tree



## Happy Birthday

*June: there are no June birthdays that we are aware of within the church family.*

July: Stan, Carol & David Smith

Belated birthday wishes to Steve whose birthday was in May.

## Prayer Time:



## Please pray for

- Brenda & Keith as they move to their new abode.
- All those who are travelling during these months whether by air, land or Sea.
- For the Thy Kingdom Come and the Circuit Prayer Vigil.
- For Rev Paul Hulme as he ends his active ministry on 30 June.

## Prayer Vigil and Thy Kingdom Come

The Wey Valley Circuit are holding a 24 hour prayer vigil on Sat 1 and Sun 2 June to tie in with this global event. Our church has been assigned the slots 10 – 11am on Saturday 1 June and 5 – 6 am on Sunday 2 June. Please sign up and commit to at least 30 minutes during these two hours. An 'aide memoire' of prayer needs to assist your time of prayer will be available for your use if you so desire.

The 2019 Thy Kingdom Come prayer event runs from 30 May until 9 June. We will all receive coloured paper stars on which to place the names of the five people for whom we wish to pray and we can hang them on the prayer tree on Sunday 9 June. We will also receive the prayer Novena and a prayer diary. Please sign up on the website and register for your 'light' to appear on the world map.

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/#Pledge2PrayCounter>

The 'mobile' prayer group is open to all. Please add prayer needs as they occur to you. If you wish to be added to this group, contact Linda who will add you to the WhatsApp prayer group.

*n.b the 'WhatsApp' application is downloadable from the App store and it is free. It is the safest application as it is the only one with end to end encryption of all content.*

## Thy Kingdom Come is back at Guildford Cathedral!

From 4pm on 9 June, Christians of all denominations will gather in praise and prayer – come along and join your brothers and sisters in Christ from around the area at this special event.

From 16:00 – 18:00 bring your picnics to enjoy some live music and entertainment outside the cathedral before we join together in a contemporary worship service with a message by Pete Greig until 19:00. There will then be a chance to join a prayer vigil led by the Bishops of Guildford and Dorking that will finish at 23:00.

**No need to book – just show up for as much as you would like!**



### **Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come and the Circuit Prayer Vigil**

God of wind and fire,  
We pray for the coming of your spirit once again to move within the church,  
Inspiring all your people to prayer and action in Jesus' name.

As we join with Christians around the world in the prayer movement Thy Kingdom Come,  
We pray that all will hear clearly your message of love, and turn to you.  
We ask your blessing on all who offer prayers and all who are prayed for during the Circuit Prayer Vigil.  
May the fire of your love and the wind of your spirit  
Move and inspire your church to share your love with all the world.  
In Jesus' name.  
Amen



## **Church Property Matters**

Work to install emergency lighting throughout the building has been completed.

Work to rectify problems on the heating system has been completed.

The annual inspection of the Fire Extinguishers has been completed and the new certificate of conformity is on display.

The floor plans showing the designated Fire exits are in progress.

We are awaiting a start date for the work to box-in the electrical switches in the front of the church. Once all this work has been completed we will organize a deep clean of the church.

The annual inspection of the Lightening Conductor and the annual P.A.T testing has been booked for July.

The bi-annual treatment of the Mayfield Hall floor has been booked for August.

Once this work is completed we will look at the other recommendations.

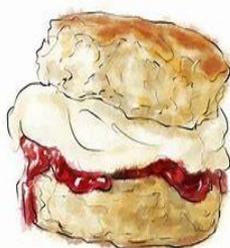
There are also some outstanding tasks from the last Quinquennial report to undertake which will be followed up after we have become compliant with the fire safety recommendations.

## I'm still standing!



Fund raising work has commenced to raise funds for a replacement P.A system. This will be a very expensive piece of work which will run into many thousands of pounds and at present we cannot deal with this as a priority from the general funds.

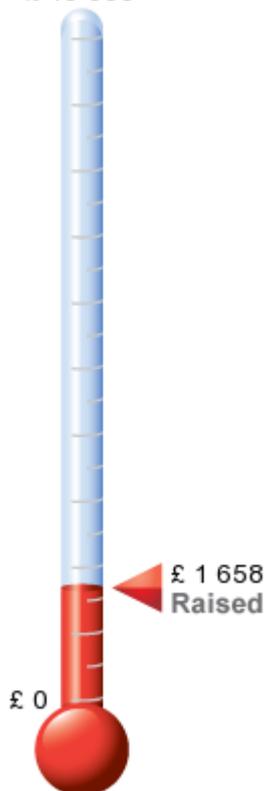
I am always standing proud on a Sunday Morning on the Coffee bar to receive your donations towards this target. As a church we do not hold an annual gift day so your opportunity to contribute is via me.



Thanks to Carol, Paula and Linda who provide and serve cakes on the second Saturday of every month at Addlestone from 10 – 12. The monies raised are being secured towards the new P.A system. Come over and visit us for a cup of tea or Coffee (REAL COFFEE!!!) and a piece of cake for only £2.

### June Special – Scones with Strawberries.

Goal  
£ 10 000



Thanks to another coffee morning and the ladies who ran it, our special fund for the new PA system currently stands at £1,658. The 'total cost' shown is an estimate based loosely on the costs incurred by our sister church at Godalming.

We invite you all to join us at Addlestone Methodist Church on 8 June, from 10 – 12, for our next coffee morning when a summer special of strawberry scones will be on offer.

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## Dates for the diary - June

30 May – 9 June. Thy Kingdom Come		
1 & 2 June	24 hour prayer vigil	10 – 11 (1/6) & 5 -6 (2/6)
Sunday 2 June 10.30 am	Morning Worship	Preacher: Hugh Bowerman Steward: Linda Music: Jose Refreshments: Paula
Saturday 08 June 10 - 12	Coffee Morning Summer special	Addlestone Methodist Church
Saturday 08 June 2.20 for 2.30	Church Family Walk	Meet at Greside Road KT13 8PY
Sunday 09 June	Morning Worship 10.30 am	Preacher: Mrs Jane Briggs Steward: Pru Music: Adrian Refreshments: Lili
Sunday 09 June	Café Church at Addlestone 6.30 pm	Last opportunity to worship with Rev Paul Hulme
Wednesday 12 June 12.30	Munch With Mozart with Martin Barnes	Weybridge United Reformed Church – Queens Rd
Thursday 13 June 1.45pm	Weybridge Old Folks Club	Our turn to help
Sat 15 June 11.30 – 1.30	Church Hall	Bedding & Clothes Bank
Sunday 16 June	Morning Worship 10.30 am	Preacher: Mrs Janet Gardham Steward: Carol Music: Jose Refreshments: Paula
Sunday 23 June	30am Holy Communion 10.30 am	Preacher: Rev Sydney Samuel Lake Steward: Jose Music: Adrian Communion: Claire Refreshments: Carol
Sunday 30 June	Morning Worship 10.30 am	Preacher: Philip Beastall Steward: Carol Music: Jose Refreshments: Adelaide

## Family Walk & Talk



We are planning a second church family walk on Saturday 8 June when we aim to walk along the Broadwater to Cowey Sale and back the same way – there is a fair amount of shade on this route and a dearth of cyclists to avoid.

We will stop for a comfort break and refreshments at Cowey Sale (hot or cold drinks and ice cream are available).

Meet at 2.20 pm at Grenside Rd (KT13 8PY) for a prompt start at 2.30pm.

*n.b there is street parking available at Grenside Rd*

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The Spirit lives to set us free,  
Walk, walk in the light.  
He binds us all in unity,  
Walk, walk in the light.  
*Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light of the Lord.*

The Spirit lives in you and me,  
Walk, walk in the light;  
His light will shine for all to see,  
Walk, walk in the light.  
*Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light of the Lord.*





The PeerTalk Charitable Foundation  
are recruiting  
**Volunteer Support Group Facilitators**

PeerTalk is a national charity that supports anyone who lives with depression and related conditions.

*"I have never been to any kind of self-group before, so I wasn't sure what to expect or whether it would be any help. I was pleasantly surprised at how much better I felt after each session just from talking to strangers who were willing to listen and could empathise".*

### PeerTalk seeks Volunteers

PeerTalk's Volunteer Facilitators offer four evenings in a three month period to take their turn on a rota to facilitate the peer support group.

Group Facilitators are not mental health experts and their role is not to give clinical advice or counsel. At each support group meeting two volunteers work together using listening and facilitating skills to enable the groups' attendees to offer each other mutual support and encouragement.

PeerTalk trains volunteers in the skills required and provides ongoing support

#### PeerTalk in Guildford

meets at

#### The Spike Community Centre

Warren Rd, Guildford GU1 3JH

**Every Wednesday**

**@ 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm**

#### Volunteer as a PeerTalk Facilitator

For full role description

[www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/](http://www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/volunteer)

**volunteer**

or email

**admin@peertalk.org.uk**

PeerTalk's next training event is to be at Old Thorns Hotel Liphook, GU30 7PE

On Saturday 6th July 9.45am - 4.00pm

 [www.peertalk.org.uk](http://www.peertalk.org.uk)  [@peer\\_talk](https://twitter.com/peer_talk)  [@peertalk1](https://facebook.com/peertalk1)

The PeerTalk Charitable Foundation, registered charity no. 1169830

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## Dates for the Diary – July

Sunday 7 July 10.30 am	Morning Worship	Preacher: Graham Pearcey <i>Steward: Carol</i> <i>Music: Adrian</i> <i>Refreshments: Paula</i>
Wednesday 10 July 12.30pm	Weybridge United Reformed Church	Munch with Mozart David Markby
Wednesday 10 July 8.00pm	Vestry	Church Council
Thursday 11 July	Weybridge Old Folks Club	Our turn to help
Saturday 13 July	Addlestone Methodist Church	Our Coffee morning
Sunday 14 July 10.30 am	Morning Worship	Preacher: Rev Peter Hills <i>Steward: Pru</i> <i>Music: Jose</i> <i>Refreshments: Lili</i>
Tuesday 16 July 7.45pm	Merrow Methodist Church	Circuit Meeting
Sat 20 July	NO BEDDING BANK	
Sunday 21 July 10.30 am	Holy Communion & Morning Worship	Preacher: Rev Barrie Tabraham <i>Steward: Jose</i> <i>Music: Adrian</i> <i>Communion: Paula</i> <i>Refreshments; Carol</i>
Sunday 28 July 10.30 am	Morning Worship	Preacher: Mrs Rosemary Lee <i>Steward: Linda</i> <i>Music: Jose</i> <i>Refreshments: Church family lunch</i>
Sunday 28 July After service	Family BBQ	Elm Lodge – house adjacent to the church, home of Steve & Teresa
<b>REMINDER Sunday 4 August</b>		
<b>No morning worship due to Ride London</b>		

## SAVE THE DATE - Sunday 28 July 2019



### Church Family BBQ

Steve & Teresa invite all church members to a BBQ lunch at their home – which is immediately next door to the church.

Steve will have a list of items for us to contribute nearer the time.

Please keep this date free and join us to share a time of fellowship accompanied by a shared lunch.

