

Dear Friends,

It's been a busy old September...It's included:

1. A communion service as Local Preachers and Worship Leaders prepared themselves for another year
2. A vibrant procession at Surrey Pride - including Christians at Pride (see the photo of me in a natty t-shirt!)
3. The welcome service for our new District Chair, Conrad Hicks at Redhill
4. Our September Circuit Meeting - with a fantastic presentation about the recent visit to Iona
5. Distribution of Minutes of Conference and Directories to folks around the Circuit
6. A Celebration Gala event celebrating 60 years of the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre in the presence of HRH Prince Edward
7. An international celebration service with wonderful food at Stoughton
8. A busy Heritage Weekend at St. Mary's Guildford with a display of art from Prisoners at Send.
9. A busy Freshers Week at the University of Surrey plus Freshers Fair
10. Songs of Praise service at Merrow
11. Two Harvest Festival Services - including one at the community centre in Knaphill
12. Synod at Gravesend
13. A monthly service at Cedar Court nursing home
14. A grief cafe at the University
15. Pastoral visits in hospitals and people's homes
16. A visit to Cranleigh Baby Bank
17. Working on the frustrating nature of the Methodist Church national registration system
18. Working with an architect at Knaphill
19. Fielding the usual queries/emails etc. etc.

This is not about me saying 'look what I've done' - this is about trying to identify where God is in all the things that we are surrounded by and pointing to and celebrating that presence. I do realise that sometimes, for all of us, there is too much to deal with. Too many plates spinning, too many things pressing in from every side causing pressure. We live in an environment which asks a lot of us.

It was good then to hear in Adam's letter last week of the joys of seeking out a place of beauty in Iona - a 'thin' place where the voice and presence of God are evident. Where walking, worshipping, singing, and being were the key elements of each day. I need to seek out those moments with a little more intention - as do we all. Times when I allow myself to be refreshed and not constantly to be thinking of the next thing to do.

Does that resonate with you too? As we move through these autumn days - let us remind ourselves to be kind to ourselves as well as others. 'Being' as well as 'doing' is important. Indeed 'doing' things well doesn't happen unless we've paid sufficient attention to the 'being' part of our lives.

Paul



Resources/Good News

Our Story, Our Song: Walking, Welcoming, Witnessing Together

As we step into this Connexional year, the question remains: Where will our walk, our welcome, and our witness take us next?

As the new Connexional year begins, the morning service at Wesley's Chapel, led so thoughtfully by the Revd Dr Jennifer Smith alongside the new minister, the Revd Dr Claire Potter, invited us to remember once again that we are part of a story far larger than ourselves.

[Our Story, Our Song: Walking, Welcoming, Witnessing Together - The Methodist Church](#)

Digital landline switchover and telecare

You may have heard that traditional analogue telephone lines are being phased out in favour of digital ones by the end of this year (see the link below).

A national campaign is urging users of telecare devices to get in touch with their communications provider (in other words, the company who sends the phone bill). This is to let them know that they use a wrist / pendant device, or similar health / fall alarm.

[Digital landline switchover and telecare - Surrey County Council](#)

COFFEE AND CAKE
AT ST. MARY'S
QUARRY ST. GUILDFORD GU1 3UP

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER
2025



Thursday 25 September
- - -
Thursday 23 October
- - -
Thursday 27 November
(first Advent Reflection)

10.30 – 12.00

- each month features a different charity

Everyone welcome

Practical Aspects of Spirituality



led by

Catherine Lomas

Priest and Iconographer

Saturday 25 October 2025

St. Mary's Church

Guildford GU1 3UP

Refreshments from 09.15

If you would like to attend please email gmc.info@hotmail.co.uk

STOUGHTON METHODIST CHURCH

(On the corner of Stoughton Road and Grange Road)

COFFEE CORNER

Tuesdays from 10 am – 12 noon



5th August

12th August

19th August

26th August

2nd September

9th September

16th September

23rd September

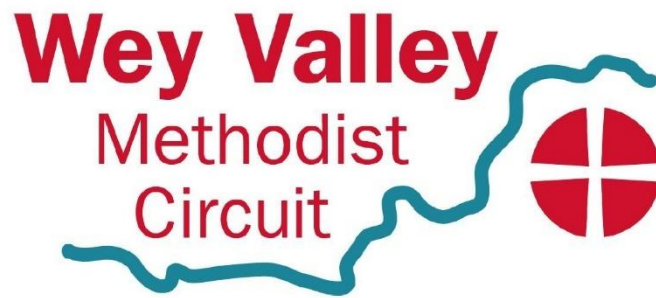
30th September



Enjoy Coffee & a Chat, Coffee & a Game, or Coffee & a Book

The choice is yours!

Everyone welcome – bring a friend!



Our Story, Our Song

Circuit Service

*Celebrating the harvest of our
lives*



All welcome

Refreshments will be served after the service

Sunday 5 October 2025 3.00pm

**Godalming United Church
Bridge Road, Godalming, GU7 3DU**



70 years at MERROW METHODIST CHURCH



When

SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER 7PM

Questions covering the years 1955 - 2025

General Knowledge.

Light Entertainment.

Sport



History.

Geography.

Spelling

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Musical Intros. What Comes Next – Lyrics,

Quotations.

This Weeks News.



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WE WILL BE SERVING A PLOUGHMANS SUPPER.

ALL TEAMS OF 8 ARE WELCOME.

NO CHARGE FOR TICKETS BUT DONATIONS INVITED ON THE
EVENING TO THE OAKLEAF ENTERPRISE CHARITY

Weyfarers

The circuit book reading and discussion group, which began way back in 2009, has decided to adopt a new name. Henceforth it will be known as WEYFARERS travelling the Way and the Wey.

In recent months we have lost a number of members through illness, death, house moves etc but we have also gained some new members. We meet fortnightly on Friday afternoons either in members' homes or in one of our churches.

Over the years we have read many books by a rich diversity of authors e.g. Bishop Tom Wright, Oxford Professor Keith Ward, Chair of District Tom Stuckey, Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sachs, Archbishop Rowan Williams and many more.

For more information, contact me on 07708 573661 or jat.hoschap@yahoo.co.uk

Do come and join us!

Revd. Allan Taylor

Saturday 27 September at Knaphill:



MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING

AND SALE

TEA
COFFEE
BISCUITS
BACON BUTTIES

BOOKS, DVDs,
JIGSAWS, CAKES,
BRIC-A-BRAC & MORE

KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH HALL

4th Saturday every month (except December)

10am to Noon



Memory Lane

Presents

MUSICAL MEMORIES

A concert given by

MEMORY LANE MUSICIANS
with Supporting Artists

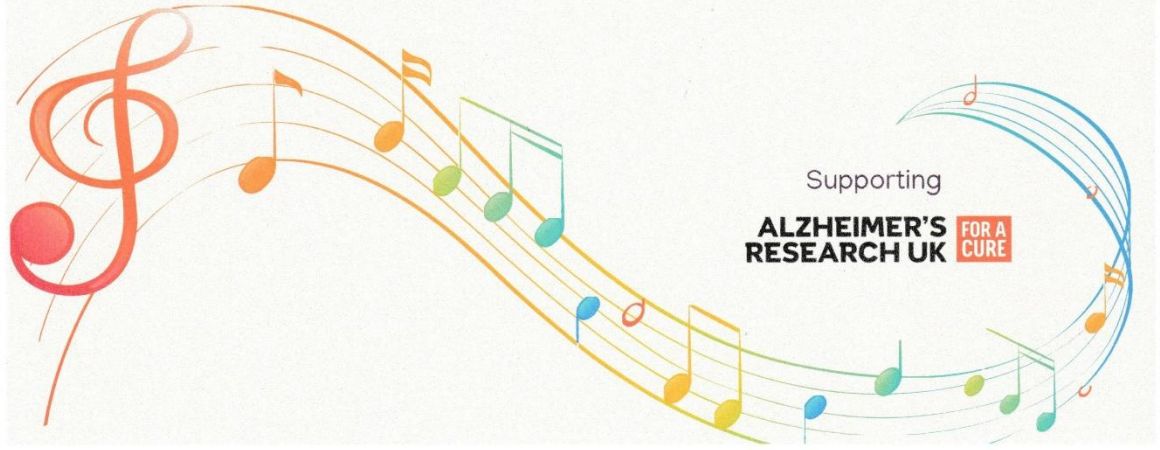
11 SATURDAY
OCT Doors open 2pm

Concert 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Cranleigh Village Hall

Tickets: £10, to include
refreshments during the interval

Call: 07876 528704



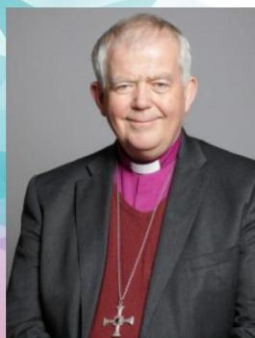
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**ALZHEIMER'S
RESEARCH UK** **FOR A
CURE**

Study Day: Speaking of Justice in Worship and Preaching



Rachel Lampard
Director of Social
Justice & Social Action
for The Methodist
Church
She is talking on
Politics in the Pulpit?



Right Reverend Nick Holtam
Bishop of Salisbury from 2011
until his retirement in 2021.
He is talking on *Study this
age, sense its need, preach
to its condition – preaching in
such a time as this.*

Saturday 11th October 2025 from 10.00am to 2pm

At Dorset Gardens Methodist Church, Brighton, BN2 1RL dgmc.org.uk

Refreshments: Tea, coffee will be available from 9.30am.

Please bring a packed lunch, hot drinks & soup will be available.

Rachel Lampard, Director of Social Justice & Social Action for The Methodist Church

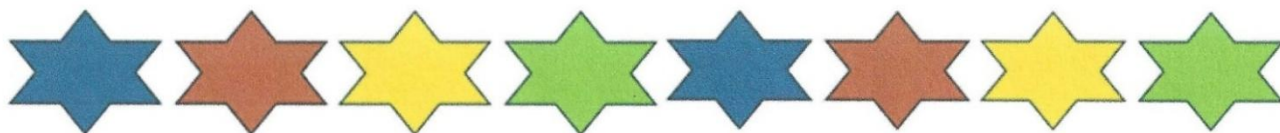
Rachel Lampard has worked for many years to help churches to engage with issues of social justice, particularly through the Methodist Church and the ecumenical Joint Public Issues Team. She is currently the Director for Social Justice and Social Action for the Methodist Church and served as the elected Vice-President of the Methodist Conference in Britain between 2016-17.

Rachel has also spent over a decade working for the Gambling Commission, seeking to regulate the industry to prevent gambling harm, and received an MBE for services to gambling regulation. She is a trustee of the youth work charity, Worth Unlimited, and Chair of Governors at an east London secondary school. She lives in Walthamstow, east London, where she spends much of her time trying, and failing, to keep up with the rest of her cycling-mad family.

Right Reverend Nick Holtam. He served as Bishop of Salisbury from 2011 until his retirement in 2021.

Nicholas Holtam was ordained deacon in the Church of England in 1979 to a curacy at St Dunstan's Stepney and retired from stipendiary ministry in 2021 as Bishop of Salisbury and the Church of England's lead bishop on the environment. In between he taught Ethics and Mission at Lincoln Theological College and was the vicar of two parishes – the Isle of Dogs in East London and St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, where he was a regular broadcaster of worship, mostly on BBC Radio 4 and the World Service. He has therefore preached in a wide variety of contexts and will talk about the purpose and context of preaching, drawing on a variety of examples and issues from his experience.

Please contact Steve Preston steve.preston@brightonhovemethodistcircuit.org.uk to register attendance and if you have any questions.



**Saturday morning events at the
Addlestone Methodist Church Café on
Station Road**



***Come along between 10am and
12 to enjoy tea/coffee and cake
and join in with activities***

EVERY MONTH

1st Saturday – Fun Bingo

*Donations to Sam Beare Hospice or
Open Doors Charity*



**2nd Saturday – A time to sing – favourite
hymns & songs**

3rd Saturday – give popular games a go



**4th Saturday – Hymns, songs
and time for prayer**

Check notice board for any changes

Pastoral Support

Advocacy

Accommodation

SUSTAINING HOPE AUTUMN 2025

Interpreting



Foodbanks

Drop-In Centres

Created by John Kock
from Noun Project

Place of Sanctuary

**Are you involved in responding to the needs of
Refugees, Migrants & Displaced Persons
- or interested in becoming involved?**

Befriending

The Methodist South-East District 'Sustaining Hope' autumn gathering for 2025

English practice

will include

- Prayer and time to network
- Keynote presentations on:

Cafes

Surrey Refugees' Football Club - Martin King
The Impact of Climate Change - Paul Richards (All We Can)

Form-filling

Date: Saturday, 4th October, 10.00am - 1.30pm
(Refreshments available from 9.45am)

Resettlement
Schemes

Venue: Redhill Methodist Church, RH1 1BP
Redhill Station is 5 minutes' walk away
NCP car park on Gloucester Road opposite the church

Clothing Banks

**To register, or for more information, email
Rev Hazel Forecast at
hazel.forecast@methodist.org.uk**

Something else...



Saying Goodbye Remembrance Service Canterbury, Kent

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

4TH OF OCTOBER, 2025 - 11AM

**A SERVICE FOR ANYONE WHO HAS
LOST A BABY IN PREGNANCY, AT BIRTH
OR IN EARLY YEARS, WHETHER THE
LOSS WAS YESTERDAY OR 80 YEARS
AGO. THIS EVENT IS ALSO FOR THOSE
GRIEVING THAT THEY HAVE NEVER
BEEN ABLE TO HAVE A CHILD.**

[SAYINGGOODBYE.ORG](https://sayinggoodbye.org)

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