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Develop Faith

Encourage Each Other

Proclaim the Gospel of Christ

To worship God

Help our neighbours



The Methodist Church in Weybridge

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Newsletter—April 2016



This Church is a one story building. It is His story.

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A STATEMENT FOR ALL THE CHURCHES OF THE GUILDFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT AND THE WOKING AND WALTON -ON-THAMES METHODIST CIRCUIT

At the two Circuit Meetings held on 10th March 2016, a ballot vote was taken on the resolution: "With effect from September 1st 2016 the churches in the present Woking and Walton-on-Thames and the present Guildford Circuits resolve to form a single new Circuit which will be called the Wey Valley Circuit".

The results of the votes were as follows:

Woking and Walton-on-Thames Circuit: agreed unanimously

Guildford Circuit: 27 in favour, 12 against

Previously all Church Councils had voted and 11 churches voted in favour and 2 voted against.

The District Council meets on 23rd March and will consider all of the votes and make a recommendation to the District Synod. The District Chair sees no reason why the District would not now agree to the creation of the Wey Valley Circuit. It will not be formally decided until Conference in early July, but we can now move ahead with a strong assumption that we will become a new Methodist Circuit from 1st September 2016.

Many thanks to all those who have worked so hard to reach this stage and to all church communities for engaging with the process.

Copy deadline for the next newsletter is Sunday 24 April 2016

JAZZ ON A SUMMER'S EVENING

A concert by **THE PHIL BROWN SWINGTET**

(traditional through swing [Bix to Basie], big-band, old pops. – and back!)

on **Wednesday 8th June 2016 at 8 p.m.**



at

Addlestone Methodist Church

**Station Road, ADDLESTONE (nr. Weybridge),
Surrey, KT15 2AR**

*(between Tesco's and the town traffic lights, opposite
Leighton's optician's -
parking in Garfield Road, behind the shops opposite
church)*

Tickets: £10.00

(Limit of ~100 due to space constraints)

**For tickets, please TELEPHONE: 01932 848431 OR
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or E-MAIL phil.pat2530@btinternet.co

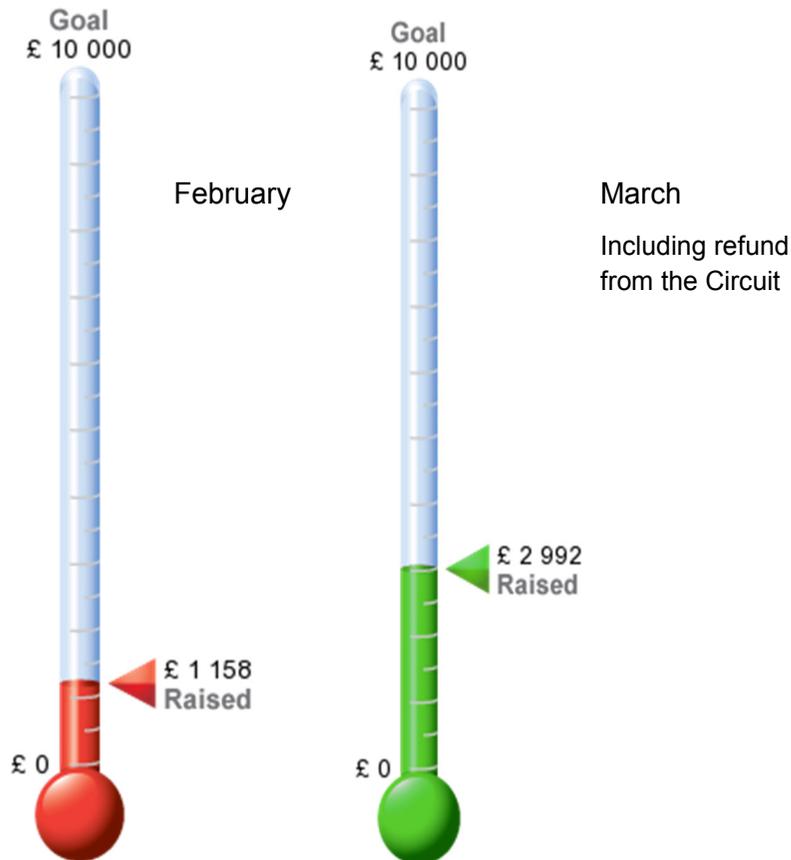
KEEP MUSIC LIVE!

Church Project for 2016

March is over and a new kitchen is still a distant dream. However we have had some luck The Circuit have refunded some of the monies from our 2014/15 assessment due to an underspend on Ministerial costs in that year. Our gallant post box (see page8) is trying to collect funds towards the kitchen and we held a third coffee morning at the Addlestone church premises plus we sold some of the old wooden chairs which we were planning to skip! During March we raised a total of £X124.50. We are still optimistic that someone will take on the role of selling items on e-bay (donations of suitable items to sell will be gratefully received).

Ideas and offers for fund raising events will be welcome.

Should you wish to make a financial donation contact the Treasurer—Robert Lewis or one of the steward's.



MESSAGE FROM THE MANSE – March /April 2016

Dear Friends,

‘On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.’ (Luke 24: 1) NIV

Dear friends,

Are we able to imagine what it was like for those women, that morning, as they came to the tomb? They had come prepared for what must be the saddest of all tasks: the preparation of a loved one’s body for final burial. Jesus’s body had been put in the tomb late Friday afternoon, but because his death had not been expected, at least, not by his disciples, and because the Sabbath law prevented the buying of goods, the women had to wait twenty four hours before preparing the things needed for a proper burial; and then they had waited until first light before going to the tomb. Yet when they arrived at the tomb, it was empty. There was no body. There was no Jesus. Instead, there were men in dazzling clothes who asked them a question: ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead?’

Jesus has arisen. He is alive! From being the saddest and most stressful moment of their lives, hearing this news turns out to be the most joyful experience of their lives! Indeed, life would never be the same again.

May joy and peace be yours this Easter, and may the Good News of the Resurrection fill you with hope as you look no longer to the closed grave, but to the empty tomb and beyond to life eternal, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Thank You

We record heartfelt thanks to Elly who, for ten years, has prepared the food for the Old Folks club every time that our church was rostered to do duty. This has meant that rest of us only had to turn up and serve tea and wash up. This Mission to the community has been quietly happening in the background and we are deeply thankful for Elly's cheerful service across the years.

What this means now is that when our church is rostered for duty, volunteers are needed from 1.30—4. Our next duty is Thursday 14 April, a date which was changed, meaning that two of the regular helpers are now unavailable. If you can be free to help Linda on this date please let her know.

Annual Church Meeting

17 April 2016

The Annual church meeting will take place on 17 April. It is at this meeting that the church family ratifies the Church Officers for the following year. We have been fortunate during the last year as Angela & Brett offered themselves for Steward and Communion duty at the ACM of May 2015. We are grateful for their service however they have indicated that they wish to stand down at the end of the Connexional year i.e. August 2016. We therefore look for new volunteers fill these roles, particularly that of Communion Steward - which is the least onerous of the two. Please consider prayerfully if you could offer yourself to assist in one of these areas.

Following the resignation of Kobus as Treasurer after many years of selfless service we welcomed Robert Lewis to this position. The Church Council approved the appointment but it does need to be formally approved by the ACM.

Circuit News

Our Superintendent, Rev Dr Claire Potter, has commenced well deserved sabbatical. We wish Claire (and John) rest and refreshment as she uses this time for renewal and refreshment away from the business of daily life.

Rev David Faulkner will be acting as Superintendent for our Circuit during this time.

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## Local Preachers News

Mr Dave Paterson of the Walton Methodist Church, known to us for his work with the Thames Homeless Project, has requested a 'Note to Preach', This request was approved by the Local Preachers meeting who advised the Circuit meeting to ratify this request. Circuit Meeting indeed accepted this advice and Dave will commence his studies towards becoming a Local Preacher when the next plan is made. We send good wishes to Dave as he answers God's call to him.

Elizabeth Gurd of Knaphill who has now completed her studies was accepted as a fully accredited Local Preacher at the Local Preachers meeting, this decision being ratified by Circuit Meeting. Her official service of recognition will take place in July.

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Churches Together in Weybridge

Can you help?

The bedding bank needs some hardwearing plastic storage boxes, preferably with lids, to store the bedding items in keeping them dry, stackable and making it easier to pack and unpack. Heavy duty cardboard ones—such as those used in house removals—would also be acceptable.. Please contact Claire or Carol if you can help or email clothesandbeddingbank2015@gmail.com



DO YOU RECOGNISE ME?

Have you seen me? I can be found on the coffee tray on a Sunday morning trying to collect money which will go towards the new kitchen.

Please post your cash donations for coffee into me. I am helping you to save up for a new kitchen.

During March I collected £15.50 towards the new kitchen.

Our next coffee morning and cake sale will be held at Adlestone Methodist church on April 9th from 10—12. Donations of home made cakes are also needed.

Please tell your friends and family about this and encourage them to attend. All monies raised go towards the new kitchen.

The March Coffee morning raised £68.



 **The Methodist Church in Weybridge**


Café Church

Characters around the empty tomb.

Sunday 17th April 2016, 6.15 for 6.30pm



Join us for coffee, tea and cake and a time of fellowship with God and with each other

They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!

Services for March 2016

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| 03 April 10.30 am | Mr Neil Wingrove | Steward: Stan Music : i-pad |
| 10 April 10.30 am | Mr Patrick Coad | Steward: Jose Music: Adrian |
| 17 April 10.30am | Holy Communion Rev Asif Das | Steward: Linda Music: Jose |
| This service will include the Annual Church Meeting | | |
| 6.30 pm | Café Church | Rev Dave Faulkner |
| 24 April 10.30 am | Mr John Oborn | Steward: Angela Music: Adrian |

Refreshments will be served after the services.



Dates for March 2016

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| 07 April 7.30pm | Barnabas | Brett & Angela's, |
| 09 April noon | Coffee Morning | 10—12 |
| 13 April 7.30pm | Stewards Meeting | |
| 14 April 16.00 | Old Folks Club | 1.30— |
| | Weybridge Hall | |
| 16 April 11.00am | Bedding & Clothes Bank | |
| 21 April 7.30pm | Barnabas | |

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### Advance Dates 2016

Old Folks club dates: 19/05, 16/06, 07/07, 22/09, 20/10

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Coffee morning dates: 14/05, 11/06, 09/07, 13/08, 10/09, 08/10, 12/11, 10/12

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Bedding & Clothes Bank Dates: 21/05, 8/06, 16/07, 20/08, 17/09, 15/10, 19/11, 17/12.

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Jazz Concert—Addlestone Methodist Church

This will take place on Wednesday 8 June at 8.00pm. Tickets available from Daphne Platt, daphne.platt@tesco.net