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Our Vision

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—July 2016



www.wokingwaltonmethodistcircuit.org.uk

Walton Methodist Church, Terrace Road, KT12 2SR
Warmly invites you to

Pudding & Praise Sunday 31th August 2016



- ◆ 6.00 pm for puddings, tea and coffee
- ◆ 6.30 pm for informal evening worship

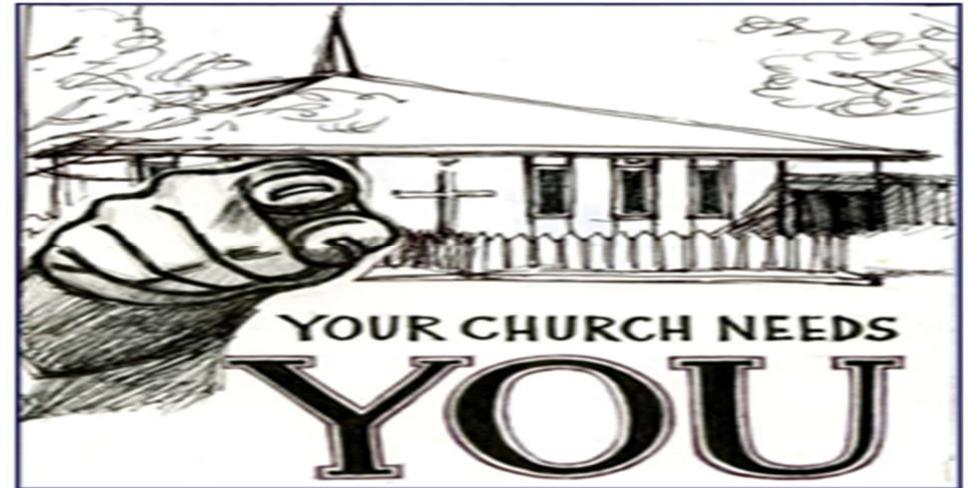
This café style service provides an opportunity to worship God in a friendly, informal setting.



Help create a hugh stir and be part of the
**Worlds Biggest Coffee morning on
Friday 30th September 2016**

10 am to 12 Noon
Walton Methodist Church Hall
Terrace Rd
Walton-on-Thames
KT12 2SR

Tea, Coffee, Cakes,
Bring & Buy stall
Bring your friends



A reminder that at the general church meeting in May it was reported that Angela and Brett are standing down as Vestry steward and Communion steward at the end of August 2016. This leaves vacancies for both positions. Providing that we get some volunteers neither role is very onerous. A new steward would be asked to take duty one Sunday a Month (i.e. 12 Sundays per year maximum and possibly less as Stan is still willing to help in an emergency). All the pre-preparation of contacting the minister is done by our worship contact so it is merely a matter of arranging readers and looking after the preacher on a Sunday morning.

A communion steward would be committing to 6 Sundays a year—or less if we get two volunteers. Apart from what you see the steward doing in the service assisting the presbyter, the only other work involved is setting up and clearing the Elements and Table and washing the glasses.

Please consider carefully how you can help and contact Rev Asif Das or one of the stewards as a matter of urgency. Church Council meets on Tuesday 28 June and it would be good to have some names on the table by then but don't let that constrain you. You can come forward after that date.

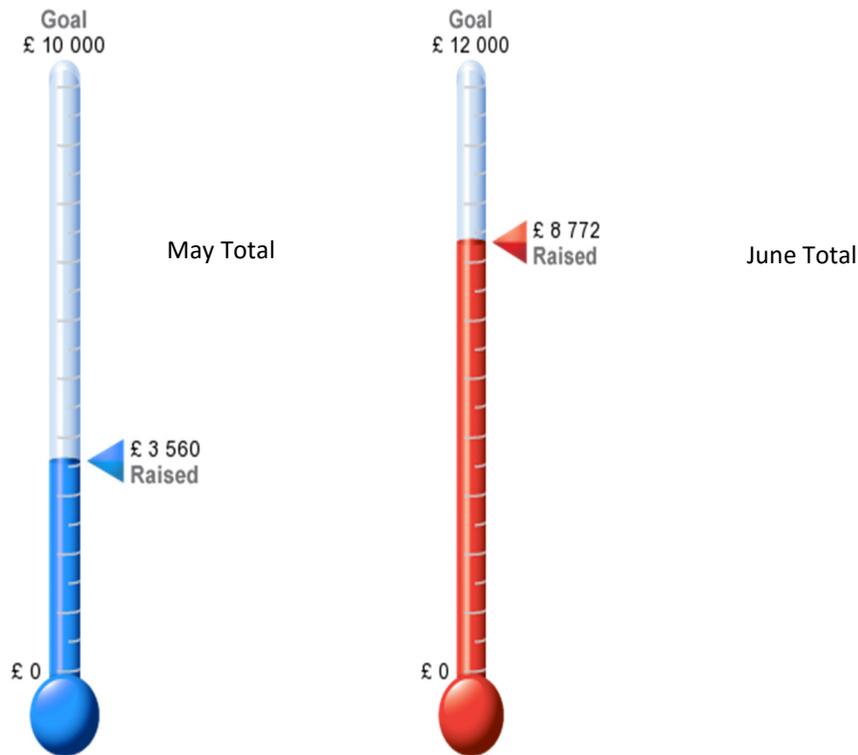
Rev David Faulkner assumes responsibility for Weybridge from September and it would be good to have the team in place ready to help Dave in his ministry here at Weybridge.

June total

Church Project for 2016

YES IT IS CORRECT, The total has jumped to over £8,000!, in fact nearly £9,000. This is due to continued efforts from the small group of dedicated fund raisers, a generous gift from one of our regular visitors and a grant of £5,000 from the Circuit. Carol and Linda went to Circuit meeting asking for a grant of £4,000 and the meeting very generously voted us £5,000. We are still short of our total but things are looking hopeful.

Please include this initiative in your prayers.



July Message

Message from the Manse

Dear Friends

As I write during the second half of June, in the manse garden there are still some vibrant coloured blue, white, yellow and pink wild flowers which first appeared in April time. My wife Martha loves flowers of all kinds, so she let them grow and blossom instead of removing them.

As I think of and look at these beautiful wild flowers in our garden, I am reminded of Matthew 6:28 & 29 "And why worry about clothes? Look how the wild flowers grow; they do not work or make clothes for themselves. But I tell you that not even King Solomon with all his wealth had clothes as beautiful as one of these flowers." This Bible passage really reminds us of our own arrogance and self-reliance. Stop worrying about money, food and clothes; clearly if God can clothe the wild plants and weeds then God will provide for us when we focus on his Kingdom.

It seems to me that either there is a bigger variety of wild flowers growing around this year or it could simply be that I am now much more aware of the beauty of the wild flowers and as such more likely to notice them. Whichever way it is, both reasons demonstrate something important. Firstly that if we forget that we need God's grace and believe that we have all the answers, we will miss out on God's gifts for us as we enter into a negative mode of destruction, just as by cutting down the natural habitats of wild animals, we are losing them. Secondly just as I seem to see lot more wild flowers, if we truly appreciate and value these seemingly insignificant things which glorify God, the more we will see God's face revealed around us.

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What goes on around us that we fail to notice God doing? Who and what in our churches and communities are silent yet vibrant witnesses to the power and love and grace and beauty and image of God, just as the wild flowers in the garden? This summer let's seek out God's glory in the ordinary, in creatures young and small, let go a worry or fear and be sure that God will provide, if we only set our sights on his Kingdom.

Every Blessing in Christ

Asif Das

Birthdays

This month we say Happy Birthday to:

Stan, Carol & David Smith



Thank you to Lili and Jose for leading our Café Church on 19 June. Twelve people (a significant biblical number?) attended as we looked at Differences in Worship.

We concluded that if we worship from the heart we can worship any time, any place and in any way.

Let everything that has breath, Praise the Lord

Psalm 150

Circuit News

The final circuit meeting of the Woking & Walton-on-Thames circuit took place on 15 June (the final Guildford circuit meeting took place on 16 June). We received an update that Father Iain Forbes of All Saints Woodham has finally signed the Bishops Mission Order. This gives St Michaels' Sheerwater permission to worship as a discreet entity. The Bishop has also appointed an Anglian presbyter to have responsibility for St Michaels. Rev Gillaine Holland will work (50%) along side Rev Paul Chesworth from September to minister to the small but hardworking community at Sheerwater at this time of transition and change for the local community. The meeting approved the proposed list of Officers for the new Wey Valley Circuit and the legal resolutions (mostly financial) and the new constitution which allow the new circuit to operate from 1 September 2016. Grants were approved for Walton Methodist church for their project to replace their antiquated heating system and to Weybridge for the replacement kitchen (see page 10).

Thanks were recoded to Mrs Liz Swift (Byfleet) who stands down as a Circuits steward after six years (the last two as senior CS). Rev David Faulkner as chairman thanked all those who have worked on the Woking & Walton –on-Thames circuit team and those who have represented their home churches on this forum. He also commended those who have offered themselves for service on the Wey Valley Leadership team and those who will represent their home church going forward.

From Weybridge Linda has been elected to serve as a Circuit Steward for the Wey Valley Circuit and is likely to remain as a representative to Synod. Carol Smith and Robert Lewis will continue to serve as Weybridge representatives to Circuit meeting.

Circuit Service to close the Woking & Walton-on-Thames Circuit is on 17 July

Inaugural service for the Wey Valley Circuit is on 11 September.

Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning and cake sale will be held at Addlestone Methodist church on Saturday 09th July from 10—12. Donations of home made cakes are very welcome.

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



I am still here!

I can still be found on the coffee tray on a Sunday morning collecting donations which will go towards the new kitchen.

In May I collected £21.



Circuit Service

Sunday 11 September 2016

6.30pm (preceded by tea)



Preachers: Rev John Hellyer &

Rev Conrad Hicks

Venue: Trinity Methodist Church, Woking

Brewery Rd, GU21 4LH

Services for July 2016

03 July 10.30 am	Mr Rabson Ziso	Steward: Pru Music : Jose
10 July 10.30 am	Mrs Janet Gardham	Steward: Linda Music: Jose
17 July 10.30 am	Rev Asif Das HOLY COMMUNION	Steward: Jose Music: Adrian

Gifts will be received for the Food Bank

6.30 pm Circuit Service—Knaphill

24 July 10.30am	Rev David Faulkner	Steward: Linda Music: Adrian
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31 July NO MORNING SERVICE DUE TO RIDE LONDON

Refreshments will be served after the services. Please add your name to the coffee rota.

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Lili will be leading a time of prayer in the small hall from 9.30 am to 10.00am before service on a Sunday Morning. All are welcome to join her for this time of prayer and reflection.



## Dates for July 2016

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|---------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| 28 June | Church Council              | 8.00pm    |
| 07 July | Old Folks Club              | 1.30pm    |
| 07 July | Barnabas , venue TBC        | 7.30pm    |
| 09 July | Coffee Morning              | 10—12     |
|         | Addlestone Methodist Church |           |
|         | Bedding Bank—change of week | 11.30—2pm |

### 17 July 2016

Circuit Service: There will be a Circuit Service on Sunday 17 July, 6.30pm at Knaphill Methodist church. This will include a thanksgiving for the witness of the Woking & Walton-on-Thames Circuit over its lifetime. It will also recognise Elizabeth Gurd as a fully accredited local preacher.

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| 21 July | Barnabas , venue TBC | 7.30pm |
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Old Folks club dates: 22/09, 20/10

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Coffee morning dates: 13/08, 10/09, 08/10, 12/11, 10/12

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Bedding & Clothes Bank Dates: None in August, 17/09, 15/10, 9/11, 17/12.