Wey Valley Methodist Circuit

The Methodist Church in Weybridge

Newsletter—November 2016

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Dear Friends,

November is the month for remembering. We ‘remember, remember the Fifth of November’ (although our Catholic friends still find that deeply uncomfortable). We have Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day (the latter becoming more popular in a non-churchgoing society).

It’s worth thinking about remembering. When it degenerates into nostalgia, the wishful longing for the so-called ‘good old days’, it is a devalued currency. But at its best, remembering is powerful and important.

Losing our ability to remember is tragic. I see that every week with my elderly father, who has Alzheimer’s Disease. The inability to remember (or what we call Dad’s highly improved ‘forgettory’) is a human disorder.

Christians regularly remember. We call it Holy Communion. It follows on from the great Jewish tradition of remembering called Passover.

What are we doing when we obey Jesus’ command to ‘Do this in remembrance of me’? We are connecting our present with the most powerful event in the history of the world. It is like we are transported back to the Cross, and equally, the impact of that event two thousand years ago connects with us now with the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

So in a month when we get caught up with civic and national remembering, let us be all the more open to the powerful remembering of Christ who died for us.

Your friend and minister,

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The annual civic service of Remembrance will be held at St James’ Parish Church on Sunday 13 November at 3.00pm

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A reminder that Rev David Faulkner is taking a well deserved sabbatical from December 2016 until March 2017. We wish Dave a restful and refreshing time of reflection and study.

Rev Paul Chesworth will be providing cover for Weybridge during this period.

Thank you

To those who attended the Coffee morning and bring and buy sale for the Macmillan great British coffee morning at Walton. They are delighted to announce that the event raised £1,037.45

There is a Ploughman's lunch to raise funds for the Sam Beare hospice on 19 November between 12—2.You do need to book a place for this, contact Marion Wadley on 01932 844742

You may have heard that the hospice is closing at the end of this month. This is regrettably correct however the palliative care team will still be working out of Weybridge and funds raised at this event will be ring-fenced for this team.

Church News

Recently we have welcomed Fiona, Kevin & Jennifer to our morning services. It is a joy to have them worship with us and we welcome their presence in our congregation. Thanks to Fiona who has already joined the regular coffee rota providing refreshments on the third Sunday of the month.

On 23 October Rev Dr Claire Potter, our superintendent minister, led our Café Church service on the theme 'Visualising Art'. 22 attendees spent time studying Caravaggio's 'Conversion of Saul' .This led to new insights on the depiction. It was also good to be given some history and background to this work of art.

n.b the National Gallery has an exhibition of Caravaggio until 15 January 2017

The kitchen is complete with the exception of the blind and the microwave. The delay is down to time constraints and these will be sorted shortly. Our next 'project' for fund raising is to replace the hand dryers in the toilets with more efficient appliances.

The Christmas tree will be up in the church on Sunday 11 December when we will receive Christmas gifts for the food bank and monetary gifts to hang on the tree for a local charity.

The post bag will be out on Sunday 4 & 11 December for cards to members of the church family.

Please include the following in your prayers:

Charlotte, Russell, Tom & Amelie.

Brenda & Keith

Stan & Mary

Reg

Remember that Lili holds a time of prayer before service on a Sunday morning from 9.30am—all are welcome

Methodist Women in Britain
South-East District, Western Area Day

" A Welcome in the West"

with Revd Sonia Hicks

Saturday 12 November 2016

10.30am – 3.30pm

at St Andrew's Methodist Church, Slough
2 Merton Road, Slough SL1 1QW

Parking at church limited, public parking nearby

Local contact: Grace Nyamakunda, empoweredcg@yahoo.com

£3.00 minimum day charge covers drinks
and a contribution towards expenses.
Please give more if you can.

Collection for Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY)

Everyone welcome

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Claire

Diary Dates

WEYBRIDGE CHURCH SERVICES	
06/1116	Rev Denis Vernon, Steward Pru. Music Jose
13/11/16	Remembrance Sunday Mr Ken Mills, Steward Jose, Music Adrian
20/11/16	Holy Communion Rev David Faulkner, Steward Linda, music Adrian ***Gifts for the Food Bank will be received***
27/11/16	First Sunday in Advent Mrs Vivien Gerhold, Steward Jose, music ipad

November

Date	Time	Event	Venue
03/11/16	7.30 pm	Barnabas Group	Brett & Angela's
12/11/16	10.00 – 12.00	Coffee Morning Fund raising for new hand dryers	Weybridge/ Addlestone
13/11/16	3.00pm	Civic Service of Remembrance	St James
13/11/16	6 for 6.30	Pudding & Praise	Walton Methodist Church
17/11/16	7.30 pm	Barnabas Group	TBA
19/11/16	11.30—1.30	Bedding and Clothes Bank	
19/11/16	12—2	Ploughman's Lunch in aid of Sam Beare Hospice	Walton Methodist Church
19/11/16	7.00pm	Quiz with Fish and Chip supper	Merrow Methodist Church
26/11/16	10—2	Christmas Fayre	Addlestone
26 & 27 November	All day	Advent weekend—Display of Nativity Sets, refreshments & Concert—see The Wey Forward for more details	Byfleet
December			
03/12/16	7.00pm	Carol Praise	West Horsley
04 & 11 December	10—12	The post bag will be out to received Christmas cards for members of the congregation	
10 December	10—12	Coffee morning and Carol sing. Come for coffee and cake and the opportunity to sing your favourite carol.	Addlestone/ Weybridge

Walton Methodist Church, Terrace Road, KT12 2SR

Pudding & PRAISE

Sunday November 13th 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.

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Christmas Lunch

We will celebrate a family Christmas together with a lunch on Sunday 18th December after the Carol Service.

This will also be the opportunity to exchange Christmas Cards from the post bag.

No God — No Peace.

Know God — Know Peace.

The Gift of Years

The Methodist Church

Anna Chaplain to Older People job advertisement

The Greater Alton Project *Anglicans and Methodists journeying together* (GAP) invites applications for the half time post (20 hours per week) of Anna Chaplain to Older People.

The Anna Chaplaincy is an ecumenical post promoting the spiritual welfare of older people. It is a pioneering role offering spiritual support to older people, especially (though not exclusively) to those living in residential and nursing homes and sheltered housing complexes and to their relatives and the people who care for them.

The Anna Chaplain also has a wider role within the community as an advocate, and champion of the contribution older people make to society. This is an opportunity to join two existing Anna Chaplains for GAP in drawing alongside people of strong, little or no faith, and in encouraging the wider Church to celebrate and cherish older members of their congregations.

The applicant would be part of a growing national network of such chaplains, developing links with our national partners the Bible Reading Fellowship, (BRF), through The Gift of Years- "resourcing the spiritual journey of older people."

It is an occupational requirement for the person appointed to be a professing and practicing Christian (Equality Act 2010.)

Applicants should be ordained or a recognised/accredited lay minister in a church affiliated to the Council of Churches in England and Wales.

Enhanced DBS and references will be required.

For more details and an application pack please call
Tori Hewitt on: 01420 83234 or email: petersalton@btinternet.com

Closing date for applications is Friday 11th November, 2016.
Shortlisting Tuesday 15th November
Interviews to be held on Tuesday 6th December

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