

# Weybridge Methodist Church

## Newsletter April 2017



## Thank you

- To all those who help out at services by providing music, undertaking readings and providing refreshments. Your continued and regular help is much appreciated.
- To those who help at the Old Folks club
- To those who help at the monthly coffee mornings
- To those who help at the Bedding & Clothes bank



### Prayers: Please pray for

- Reg's family as they mourn his passing
- Fiona, who is still experiencing major health problems.
- Brenda & Keith
- Mary & Stan
- Barnabas Group as it changes focus to a weekly prayer group.

*Remember that Lili holds a time of prayer every Sunday before the morning service in the small hall from 9.30am.*

*Barnabas meets every Tuesday between 7.30 – 9.30 pm at the home of Stan and Mary.*

*Give us grace, Almighty Father, so to pray, as to deserve to be heard, to address thee with our hearts, as with our lips. Thou art everywhere present, from Thee no secret can be hid. May the knowledge of this, teach us to fix our thoughts on Thee, with reverence and devotion that we pray not in vain. May we now, and on each return of night, consider how the past day has been spent by us, what have been our prevailing thoughts, words, and actions during it, and how far we can acquit ourselves of evil. Have we thought irreverently of Thee, have we disobeyed Thy commandments, have we neglected any known duty, or willingly given pain to*

*any human being? Incline us to ask our hearts these questions Oh! God, and save us from deceiving ourselves by pride or vanity. Give us a thankful sense of the blessings in which we live, of the many comforts of our lot; that we may not deserve to lose them by discontent or indifference. Hear us Almighty God, for His sake who has redeemed us, and taught us thus to pray - Amen*

*Jane Austen*

The National Portrait Gallery in London houses a treasury of paintings from across the centuries including 166 images of Sir Winston Churchill, 94 of Shakespeare and 20 of George Washington. With the older portraits we may wonder 'is that what these individuals really looked like?' For instance, there are 8 paintings of Scottish patriot William Wallace (c1270 – 1305) but obviously we have no photographs to compare them to. How do we know if the artists represent Wallace accurately?

Something similar might be happening with the likenesses of Jesus. Without realising it, those who believe in Him are leaving an impression of Him on others. Not with brushes and oils, but with attitudes, actions and relationships. Are we painting a portrait that represents the likeness of His heart? This was the concern of the apostle Paul "in your relationships with one another, have the same mind set as Christ Jesus" He wrote (Phil 2v5). With a desire to represent our Lord accurately, he urged his followers to reflect the humility, self-sacrifice and compassion of Jesus had for others.

It has been said "We are the only Jesus some people will ever see". As we "in humility value others above ourselves", we will show the world the heart and attitude of Jesus himself.

Father please build the heart of Christ into my heart that those around me will see Him clearly and desire to know Him too.

*Read Phillipians 2 v 1 – 11*



### Diary Dates for April 2017

Sun 2 April 10.30 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Graham Pearcey	<i>Steward: Pru Music : Jose Refreshments : Paula</i>
Mon 3 April 11.30 am	Service of celebration for the life of Reg Guy	
Tues 4 April 7.30 – 9.30 pm	Barnabas Group	Stan & Mary's home
Sat 08 April 10.00 am	Coffee Morning	Addlestone Methodist Church
Sun 09 April 10.30 am	Morning Worship led by Rev Andrew Smith	<i>Steward: Jose Music : Adrian Refreshments :Lili</i>
Tues 11 April 7.30 – 9.30	Barnabas Group	Stan & Mary's home
Sat 15 April 11.30 – 2.00	Bedding & Clothes Bank	Run by: TBC
Easter Day Sun 16 April 10.30	Morning Worship led by Rev David Faulkner	<i>Steward: Linda Music : i-pad Refreshments : TBC Gifts for food bank</i>
Tues 18 April 7.30 – 9.30pm	Barnabas Group	Stan & Mary's home
Sun 23 April 10.30 am	Morning Worship led by Mrs Jane O'Leary	<i>Steward: Jose Music : Adrian Refreshments : TBC</i>
Tues 25 April 7.30 – 9.30 pm	Barnabas Group	Stan & Mary's home
Sun 30 April 10.30 am	Morning Worship led by Mrs Alison Sage	<i>Steward: Linda Music : Jose Refreshments : TBC</i>
Sun 30 April 6.30 pm	Café Church led by Rev David Faulkner	<i>Steward: Linda Music : Jose Refreshments : TBC</i>

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## Reginald Ernest Guy



It is with sadness that we record the death of Reg on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Reg was faithful servant to this church from the late 1950's until ill health forced him to cease regular worship some five years ago.

Originally Reg worshiped at Walton Methodist church but in the late 1950's he was asked to help in the Sunday Schools at both Shepperton Methodist Church and Weybridge Methodist church which he did.

After his marriage to Irene and their move to live in Weybridge, the family commenced regular worship in this church where Reg remained to the end. During his life at Weybridge he taught in the Sunday school (he enticed Derek Mayland to Weybridge to play the piano for the Sunday school and he also stayed to the end) eventually becoming Sunday school Superintendent. He conducted the church choir for many years and organised several big concerts - the silver Jubilee concert in 1977 was particularly memorable! He ran an extended Youth Club (i.e. the whole family attended) for many years and you challenged him to a game of Table Tennis at your peril!! Many of those who attended this church in their youth remember the Sunday school outings organised by Reg and Derek, by coach and occasionally by train.

After the fire of October 1977, Reg and Irene opened their home so that Sunday school could continue on a Sunday morning whilst the congregation had to worship in the Mayfield Hall.

In the 1980s Reg moved from the Sunday school to the vestry where he served as steward and senior steward for many years. It was Reg who spearheaded the centenary celebrations for this church in 2000.

For many years Reg was a church representative to Churches Together in Weybridge. He was always keen to promote inter church worship and activities.

After his retirement from work he worked tirelessly in the area of pastoral care and this led to him receiving Maundy money from the Queen at Guildford cathedral in 2006.

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Reg was pleased to see his children married in this church and some of his grandchildren christened here also

When he retired from church office, Reg continued to worship weekly until ill health forced him to stop regular attendance about five years ago.

He will be greatly missed by his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and many friends.



## Munch With Mozart

The Weybridge United Reformed Church are holding a series of lunch time organ recitals on a Wednesday lunch time. You are invited to bring a sandwich to munch on whilst listening. The church will provide tea and coffee. There is no entry fee but a retiring collection will be taken up in aid of the Musicians Benevolent Fund.

Date are:

- 12 April – Gillian Lloyd at 12.30
- 10 May – Stephen Lacey at 12.30
- 14 June – Martin Barnes at 12.30
- 12 July – David Markby at 12.30



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# Confirmation and Reception into Membership of the Methodist Church

- ❖ Do you want to explore a little more about your faith and what it means to make a Christian commitment?
- ❖ Are you considering becoming confirmed and received as a member of the Methodist Church at one of the churches in the Wey Valley Methodist Circuit?

Then why not come along to a series of informal meetings which will explore the whole idea of Christian commitment, living a Christian life and being a Methodist.

The meetings will include plenty of space to ask questions.

This is a time of exploration, so even if you are not sure whether you want to become a church member, come along to think it through. If you are already a member, you would be welcome to join these meetings as a form of refresher. If you have been confirmed in another denomination, but are now worshipping in a Methodist Church, and would like to know more, you are also welcome.

Services of confirmation and the reception of new members will be arranged with your ministers and held in your own churches during 2017.

The meetings are being held on the following days:

Wednesday 26 April 2017 7.30pm

Wednesday 3 May 2017 7.30pm

Wednesday 17 May 2017 7.30pm

Wednesday 31 May 2017 7.30pm

these will all be held in the Circuit Office at Merrow Methodist Church, Bushy Hill Drive, Guildford GU1 2SH and will be led by Rev. Claire Potter

It is important that everyone who is interested tries to attend all of these meetings

If you would like to find out more, or if you are planning to come, please contact Claire Potter on telephone: 01483 575667

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# Songs of Praise



**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May**  
**West Horsley**  
**Methodist Church**  
(next to W.H. Village Hall)  
**7.00p.m.**

**Come and sing a selection of favourite hymns.**

Phone 01483 282474 to make requests.

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