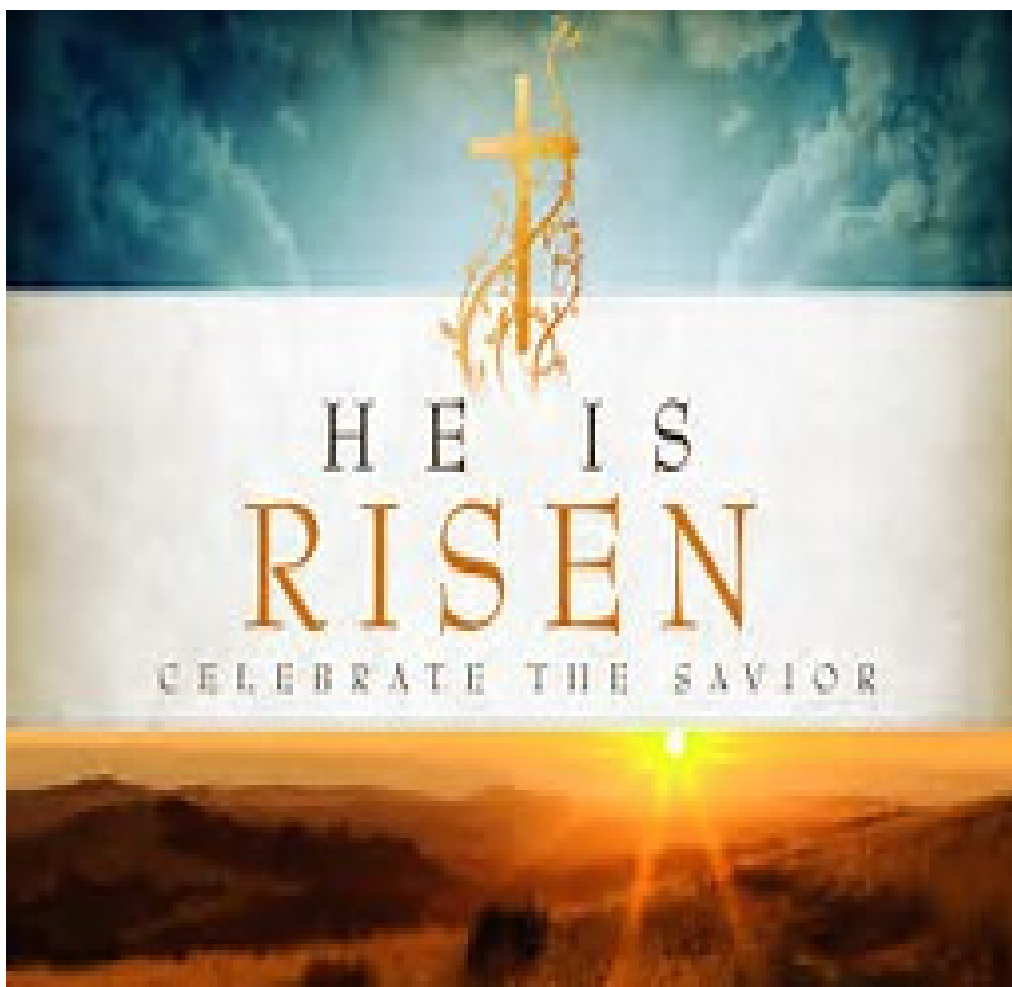


Weybridge Methodist Church

Newsletter May 2017





John Wesley was almost in despair. He did not have the faith to continue to preach. When death stared him in the face, he was fearful and found little comfort in his religion. To Peter Böhler, a Moravian friend, he confessed his growing misery and decision to give up the ministry. Böhler counselled otherwise. "Preach faith till you have it," he advised. "And then because you have it, you will preach faith." A wise Catholic once made a similar statement: "Act as if you have faith and it will be granted to you."

John acted on the advice. He led a prisoner to Christ by preaching faith in Christ alone for forgiveness of sins. The prisoner was immediately converted. John was astonished. He had been struggling for years. Here was a man transformed instantly. John made a study of the New Testament and found to his astonishment that the longest recorded delay in salvation was three days--while the apostle Paul waited for his eyes to open.

The Moravians assured him their personal experiences had also been instantaneous. John found himself crying out, "Lord, help my unbelief!" However, he felt dull within and little motivated even to pray for his own salvation. On May 24th, 1738 he opened his Bible at about five in the morning and came across these words, "There are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, even that ye should partakers of the divine nature." He read similar words in other places.

That evening he reluctantly attended a meeting in Aldersgate. Someone read from Luther's *Preface to the Epistle to Romans*. About 8:45 p.m. "while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

It took him some time to learn how to live the life of faith, for he was not always possessed of joy and thought he had fallen from salvation. It took time for him to see that it is not Christ and good works, but Christ alone who saves, resulting in good works.

As time went on, John Wesley was mightily used of the Lord to reform England. His Methodists became a national force. John rode thousands of miles (as many as 20,000 a year) preaching as only a man filled with the Holy Spirit can preach, telling the gospel to all who would listen. He acted "as though he were out of breath in pursuit of souls." Wherever he preached, lives changed and manners and morals altered for the better.

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 **The Methodist Church in Weybridge**

Café Church

Snapshot on a Sabbatical

Led by Rev David Faulkner

Sunday 30th April 2017, 6.15 for 6.30pm



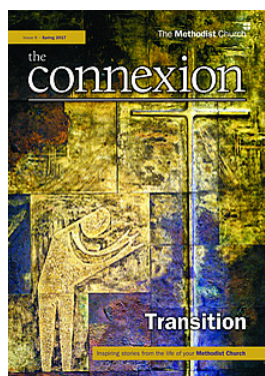
**Join us for coffee, tea and cake and a time of fellowship with
God and with each other**

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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
- To Carol who continues to provide splendid floral displays



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**Prayers:
Please pray for**

- Fiona, who is still experiencing health problems.
- Brenda & Keith
- Mary & Stan
- The Au Pair support 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

Au Pair Support

At the church council in February 2017 Lili put forward a proposal to start a Christian support group for Au Pairs, of which there are very many in the local area. Initially this will focus on Hispanic speaking au pairs from around the world and will take place twice a month. It will be an informal gathering over tea and coffee but will include a short time of Christian study and/or reflection. The church council agreed to support this out-reach opportunity by allowing use of the premises and of course to support this initiative in prayer. Lili will speak to individuals about any practical help she requires. This group will commence on Friday 19 May 2017 and will run from 8 – 9.30 pm on a fortnightly basis. Your thoughts and prayers are requested for this group.

Coffee Morning at Addlestone, Saturday May 13th

We are looking for volunteers to help Paula on Saturday 13th May with our monthly coffee morning at Addlestone. Linda has to attend a District meeting on that day and cannot attend as usual. IF you can help please contact Paula or Linda

Diary Dates for May 2017

Tues 2 May 7.30 – 9.30 pm	Barnabas Group	Stan & Mary's home
Sat 6 May 10 - 14	Coffee Morning for Cancer Research	Trinity Methodist Church, Woking
Sat 6 May 7.00pm	Songs of Praise	West Horsley
Sun 7 May 10.30 am	Morning Worship led by Mr John Mitchell	<i>Steward: Pru Music : i-pad Refreshments : Paula</i>
Tues 9 May 7.30 – 9.30 pm	Barnabas Group	Stan & Mary's home
Wed 10 May 12.30pm	Munch with Mozart with Stephen Lacey	Weybridge United Reformed Church
Sat 13 May 10.00 am	Coffee Morning	Addlestone Methodist Church
Sun 14 May 10.30 am	Morning Worship led by Rev Andrew Smith	<i>Steward: Jose Music : Muriel Smith Refreshments : Lili</i>
Tues 16 May 7.30 – 9.30	Barnabas Group	Stan & Mary's home
Thurs 18 May 1.45 – 4	Old Folks Club – our refreshments	Weybridge Hall
Sat/Sun 20/21 May	Flower Festival	Byfleet Methodist Church
Sat 20 May 11.30 – 2.00	Bedding & Clothes Bank	Run by: TBC
Sun 21 May 10.30	Morning Worship and General Church Meeting led by Rev David Faulkner	<i>Steward: Linda Music : Adrian Communion: Paula Refreshments : TBC Gifts for food bank</i>
Tues 23 May 7.30 – 9.30pm	Barnabas Group	Stan & Mary's home
Sun 28 May 10.30 am	Morning Worship led by Mrs Janet Gardham	<i>Steward: Stan Music : Jose Refreshments : TBC</i>

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Tues 30 May 7.30 – 9.30 pm	Barnabas Group	Stan & Mary's home
Advance Dates		
Sat 3 June 8.30 am onwards	Celebration of 1 year of the Wey Valley Circuit	Walk from Godalming to Weybridge along the Wey Navigation - details to follow
Sun 4 June 6.00pm <i>Followed by refreshments</i>	Churches Together in Weybridge Pentecost Service	Weybridge Methodist Church
Sat/Sun 10/11 June	Flower Festival	Godalming United Church
Sunday 11 June 6.30pm	Circuit Service <i>will include the recognition of long service for Local Preachers</i>	Godalming United Church
Sunday 25 June	Café Church	Church Hall



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:

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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FIRST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

WALK THE WEY



The **WEY VALLEY METHODIST CIRCUIT** is one year old and its new logo shows the River Wey winding through its bounds. The **River Wey** and its **Navigation Canal** run from the walls of the **Godalming Methodist Church** to the Junction with the Thames, not far from **Weybridge Methodist Church**. Twenty miles of easy walking link the two on the tow path.

The **Celebratory Walk** will cover these 20 miles on **Saturday 3rd June** and Claire and I hope that some of the Circuit will join us for all, or part, of the way. The plan is to leave Godalming between 8 and 8.30am in the morning, be in the centre of Guildford at about 10am, near Send at noon, not far from West Byfleet by 3pm and to finish at the Thames Lock north of Weybridge by about 6pm.

The tow path from Weybridge to Guildford has been trodden for over 350 years and the extension to Godalming for 250 years: Claire and I hope that you agree that now is the time for a few more steps along the Wey.

Interested? Please contact me on **01483 575667** or at johnpotter169@btinternet.com

A more precise route plan will be available nearer the day and I shall also be able to supply information about connecting bus services, hostelries on or near the tow path and the possibilities for car parking to any who might need it.

I look forward to hearing from you!

John Potter