

Weybridge Methodist Church

Newsletter June 2017



All things Bright and Beautiful
The Weybridge contribution to the Byfleet Flower festival –
with thanks to Carol

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**All of them were
filled with
the Holy Spirit!**

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WEYBRIDGE

United Service for Pentecost

Weybridge Methodist Church

Sunday 4 June, 6.00pm

Followed by refreshments



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Staying in the city



In the 1960s Marvin Gaye sang: “Wherever I lay my hat – that’s my home?” There is something rather impressive about people who sit that lightly to places. In Jeremiah 29 there is an account of Jeremiah’s remarkable letter to all the people who were in exile in Babylon. Jerusalem was, for them, the only place where you could truly worship God. Since all of life’s activities were associated with religion, work, family life, existing in society. then it is hardly surprising that they were so frustrated in exile. All they could do, like refugees across the world today, was to long for it all to be over.

But Jeremiah told them that God was not only to be found in Jerusalem but was in fact with them even in exile. So he said: “get on and live out your lives, build houses and live in them, plant gardens and eat the produce, form relationships, marry, have families for generations”. It was clearly no short term solution. And Jeremiah went even further telling them to ‘*seek the welfare of the city and pray to God on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare*’. They might have lost their homes, their holy places, their familiar places, but they had not been abandoned by God and they would not be abandoned by God.

There is a similar feeling right at the end of Luke’s gospel. The two disciples who had had their eyes dramatically opened at Emmaus had run all the way back to Jerusalem to tell the other disciples that they had seen the risen Jesus. As they are all discussing this incredible news, Jesus himself appeared amongst them. He demonstrates how physical he is by showing them his hands and feet, using the words that would have been familiar to them ‘peace be with you’ and then eating a piece of fish in front of them. He then helped them to understand how his death and resurrection had been foretold and what it meant for them. Then he gives his final instruction. As they wait for the power of God to come upon them – they are to ‘*stay there in the city*’.

Surely Jerusalem was the last place on earth where they wanted to stay. This was the place where everything had fallen apart for them. This was a place of betrayal, of the ending of their hopes, a place of loss and brutality

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and fear. It would have been so much better if Jesus had told them to wait in the friendlier environment of Galilee where they could go back into normal life. In Matthew's gospel, the risen Jesus did in fact appear to the disciples in Galilee. The point Luke is making is significant. Before the disciples are empowered by the Holy Spirit, they have to muster all their courage to stay there and to believe that God's power was coming.

"*Stay in the city*" said Jesus according to Luke. "*Seek the welfare of the city*" said Jeremiah. What makes us feel that we are in exile? It could be a very real sense of isolation caused by illness, fear or addiction. It might be the speed of development of the virtual world and the possibilities of social media. It might be the political world or injustice. The natural human response is to look for security.

In churches though, there is a danger that we will locate our need for sanctuary and security in our church buildings, our hymn books, our familiar seat, or our favoured traditions. Then it becomes so difficult for us when any of those things change, and we can be a block in the development of a church. Surely it is much better to locate that need that we all have *in God*. God's love for us will not change. He made us, he called us, and He planted potential within us. When we are at sea in this bewildering world, let us allow God to be our anchor. Then everything becomes possible. We can then seek the welfare of the people we do not understand, We can seek the welfare of corners of our world that others think are hopeless, we can seek the welfare of whole communities who will never think like us or share our priorities or opinions. And miracle of miracles – when we do that – we will also discover our own welfare – our own hope, strength, courage and calling. So rather than retreating into our settled traditions and hoping that the threats will go away, perhaps we can all take the courage given to us through God's Spirit to fling wide the doors and offer vulnerable hospitality as part of our living communities.

May God help all people in their own context to stay in the city and to seek the welfare of the city – wherever we lay our hat.

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Thank you

- To the person who puts the gardening bin out for collection each fortnight
- To those who support the Au Pair group
- 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
- To Mel who continues to keep the garden looking so good.
- To all those who help out at services by providing music, undertaking readings and providing refreshments. Your continued and regular help is much appreciated

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### Prayers: Please pray for

- Fiona, who is still experiencing health problems.
- Lili who is struggling to shake off a chest infection
- Tiffany who undergoes more knee surgery this month
- Brenda & Keith
  - Mary & Stan
  - The Au Pair support group
  - The Bedding and Clothes Bank
  - The Wey Valley Circuit as it celebrates the end of its first year.

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

*Barnabas prayer group meets every Tuesday between 7.30 – 9.30 pm*

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# The Wey Valley Circuit 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday Celebration 3<sup>rd</sup> June

## Walk the Wey Valley Circuit from Godalming to Weybridge

30 km is no small trek and Claire and I hope to complete it but it does mean that the pace will be purposeful throughout; this cannot be a gentle stroll, so 3km per hour must be the going rate which leads me to a schedule something like this:

Godalming United Church; Leave at 8.15 a.m. sharp

Guildford Millmead; approx. 10.15 am. Guildford St Mary's will be open for refreshments (and facilities) but Debenhams and the Theatre are a little closer to the canal

A320 crossing: approx. 11.15

Bower's Mill; approx. 12.00

Trigg's Lock; 1.00

Newark Bridge and Lock (B327): approx. 3.30

Parvis Wharf (A 245) Byfleet; approx. 5.00

Weybridge Town Lock: approx. 6.30. A few minutes to Weybridge Methodist Church where everything from tea to transport back to Weybridge Station will be available.

All times are approximate except for the start time. I have built in some time for brief stops.

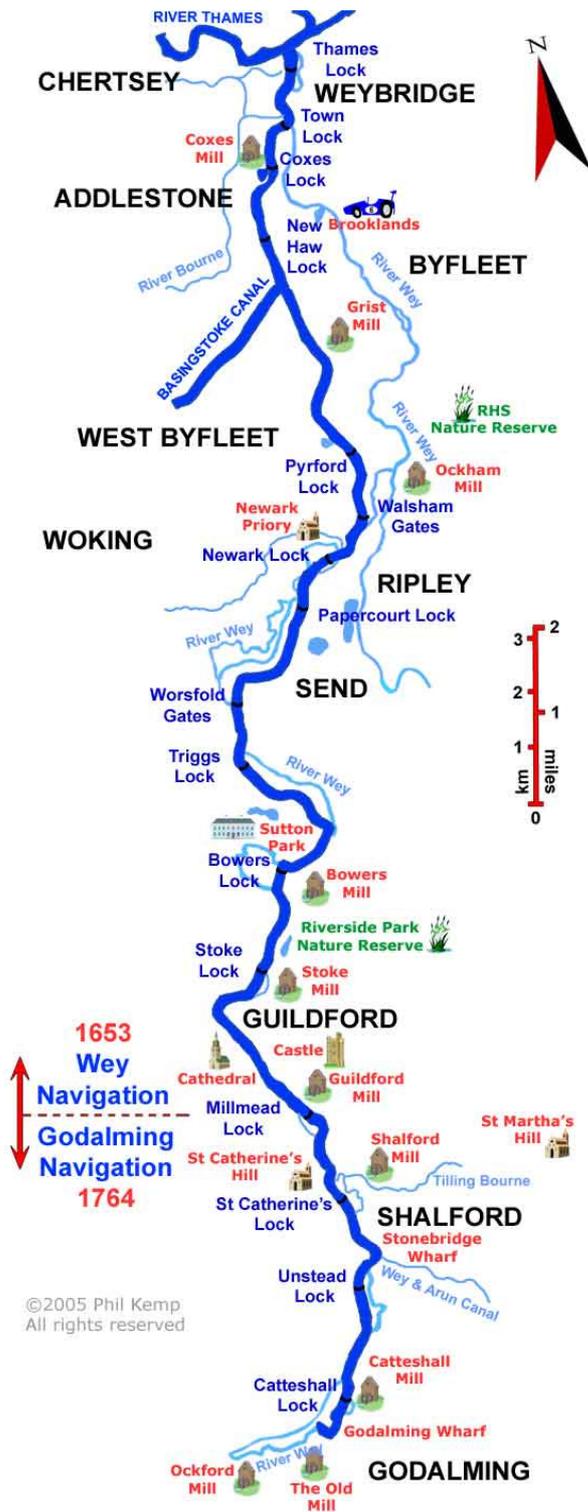
I am away for a few days but will answer emails from the bank holiday. I will provide a telephone number and will suggest that anyone who is seeking our position on the day rings on the hour to get a fix. There are pubs at some of the crossings that could provide refreshment and a stop off.

It would be useful if you could email me with details of where you expect to join the walk so that we can keep an eye open for you.

All good wishes, John Potter

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Our Church has been asked to provide tea/coffee, access to the facilities and transport back to the station for weary travellers. Fiona has volunteered to be on kitchen duty but it would be good for others to assist. This is a tricky mission due to the variable timings but I am sure that we can rise to the challenge.

Several of us will be walking the shorter section from Pyrford Lock to Weybridge and will be able to phone ahead to volunteers with more accurate timings on the day.

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DISCOVERING

## Appreciating Church

An afternoon of **conversation** and **inspiration** to help us explore the church's **vision** and **mission** in an appreciative way.

Come and discover more about **Appreciative Inquiry**, a different way of thinking about church and discipleship.

Light refreshments will be served

**Saturday 10 June, 2.30pm - 5.00pm**

**Addlestone Methodist Church**  
71 Station Road, Addlestone, KT15 2AR

and

**Sunday 18 June, 2.30 pm - 5.00pm**

**Cranleigh Methodist Church**  
188 High Street, Cranleigh, GU6 8RT



For more information and to book your place, please

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## Diary Dates for June 2017

|                                |                                                                                        |                                                                                   |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 28 May 5.30 pm                 | PUDDING & PRAISE                                                                       | Walton Methodist Church                                                           |
| Sat 3 June – all day           | Walk the Wey<br>Navigation –<br>Godalming to<br>Weybridge                              | <u>See Pages 6 &amp; 7</u>                                                        |
| Sun 4 June 10.30 am            | Morning Worship<br>Mr Graham Warr                                                      | <i>Steward: Jose<br/>Music : i-pad<br/>Refreshments :TBC</i>                      |
| Sun 4 June 6.00pm              | CTIW United Service<br>for Pentecost led by<br>Rev David Faulkner<br><u>See page 2</u> | <i>Steward: Linda<br/>Music : Adrian<br/>Refreshments :Carol &amp;<br/>Claire</i> |
| Mon 5 June 8.00pm              | Concert in aid of Action<br>for Children <u>see page<br/>14</u>                        | Walton Methodist Church                                                           |
| Tues 6 June 7.30 –<br>9.30 pm  | Barnabas Group                                                                         | Stan & Mary's home                                                                |
| Sat/Sun 10/11 June             | Flower Festival                                                                        | Godalming United Church                                                           |
| Sat 10 June 10 - 12            | Coffee Morning                                                                         | Addlestone Methodist Church                                                       |
| Sat 10 June 2.30 – 5<br>pm     | Appreciating Church –<br><u>see page 8</u>                                             | Addlestone Methodist Church                                                       |
| Sun 11 June 10.30 am           | Morning Worship &<br>Communion Rev David<br>Faulkner<br><i>Gifts for food bank</i>     | <i>Steward: Pru<br/>Music : Adrian<br/>Communion: Linda<br/>Refreshments :TBC</i> |
| Sun 11 June 6.30 pm            | Circuit Service at<br>Godalming United<br>Church                                       | <u>See page 11</u>                                                                |
| Tues 13 June 7.30 –<br>9.30 pm | Barnabas Group                                                                         | Stan & Mary's home                                                                |
| Wed 14 June 12.30pm            | Munch with Mozart<br>with Martin Barnes                                                | Weybridge United Reformed Church                                                  |
| Wed 14 June 8.00pm             | Jazz Concert                                                                           | Addlestone <u>see page<br/>16</u>                                                 |

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|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thurs 15 June 1.45 – 4 pm                              | Weybridge Old Folks Club                    | Weybridge Hall                                                  |
| Sat 17 June 11.30 am                                   | Bedding & Clothes Bank                      | Church Hall                                                     |
| Sun 18 June 10.30 am                                   | Morning Worship led by Mr Philip Beastall   | <i>Steward: Carol<br/>Music : Jose<br/>Refreshments :tbc</i>    |
| Tues 20 June 7.30 – 9.30                               | Barnabas Group                              | Stan & Mary's home                                              |
| Sun 25 June 10.30                                      | Morning Worship led by Rev Dr Claire Potter | <i>Steward: Linda<br/>Music : Adrian<br/>Refreshments : TBC</i> |
| Sun 25 June 6 for 6.30                                 | Café Church led by Rev Paul Chesworth       |                                                                 |
| Tues 27 June 7.30 – 9.30pm                             | Barnabas Group                              | Stan & Mary's home                                              |
| <b>Advance Dates</b>                                   |                                             |                                                                 |
| Whitechapel Mission collection                         | <u>See pages 13 - 15</u>                    |                                                                 |
| 9 July                                                 | Coffee Morning                              | Addlestone                                                      |
| 15 July                                                | NO BEDDING & CLOTHES BANK.                  |                                                                 |
| <b>30 JULY - NO MORNING SERVICE DUE TO RIDE LONDON</b> |                                             |                                                                 |

The Wey Forward Magazine Edition 4 is now available in the church or online via the website:

<http://www.veybridgemethodistchurch.org.uk/dates-for-your-diary.html>

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**In Praise of Preaching  
Circuit Service**

**‘The Lord gave the word’**

We will be gathering to support the  
12 Local Preachers who will be receiving  
long service awards  
ranging from 27 years to 60 years.



**Sunday 11th June 6.30pm**  
**Godalming United Church**  
Bridge Road, Godalming, GU7 3DU



## 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:

14 June – Martin Barnes at 12.30

12 July – David Markby at 12.30

A blue invitation poster with a background of faint musical notes. The text is centered and reads:

**THE METHODIST CHURCH FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

INVITE YOU TO

**A SUMMER TIME CONCERT**  
WITH  
**THE TREBLE CLEF LADIES CHOIR**  
MUSICAL DIRECTOR – **TIM WOODFORD**  
ACCOMPANIST – **HANNAH STANLEY**

In the  
**Methodist Church**  
Terrace Road, Walton  
On Monday, 5th June 2017  
At 7.45pm For 8pm  
Admission Free

Retiring Collection for **ACTION FOR CHILDREN (NCH)**

**Refreshments**

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## Welcome



On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May, the Weybridge United Reformed Church formally welcomed Rev Michael Hodgson as minister for both Weybridge and Walton United Reformed Churches. Carol & Claire were at the service of welcome representing both Churches Together in Weybridge and our church family. We welcome Michael to Weybridge and wish him a happy and prosperous ministry amongst us

**GODALMING UNITED CHURCH, (*Methodist and United Reformed*), Bridge Street, Godalming**

## Whitechapel Mission

Whitechapel Mission runs a centre for homeless men open each morning from 6am to 11am, 365 days of the year. All who come – up to 300 each day – are provided with the opportunity to shower and to have a change of clothes, as well as breakfast.

Clothing needs to be appropriate for street dwellers and not in a poor condition. There is a particular need for men's socks, underwear and trainers, as well as shirts, sweaters, jeans, trousers, and outer clothing.

If you are able to help with the provision of any of these items it will be of much benefit. A full list is inside this leaflet.

This appeal is being coordinated through the local Methodist churches of the Wey Valley Circuit, during the period up to 17th July. Each Church will make its own arrangements for the collections locally, and all will finally be collected together at Godalming.

For further information [www.whitechapel.org.uk](http://www.whitechapel.org.uk)

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Any queries contact: Ryan Kelley 01483 423261 or Janet Shaw 01483 527670

Can you help with providing **Men's Clothing** and  
**Non-perishable Breakfast Foods** for the  
**WHITECHAPEL MISSION?**

A collection of these items will be held during the period 2nd **July to 17<sup>th</sup> July.**

Please ask your friends, neighbours and colleagues to help as well!

Planned times for the collections to be brought to Godalming United Church, when someone will be present to receive them, are listed inside this leaflet, as well as information on what is specially needed.

**Collection times at Godalming United Church will be**

|                                |                                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July    | 11.45 am to 12.45 pm             |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July   | 2 pm to 3 pm                     |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July | 6 pm to 7 pm                     |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July    | 12 noon to 1.30 pm               |
| Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> July  | 10.30 pm to 12 noon              |
| Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> July    | 11.45 am to 12.45 pm             |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July   | by request                       |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July | by request                       |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July   | 12 noon to 1.30 pm               |
| Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> July | 10.30am to 12 noon<br>2pm to 3pm |
| Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> July   | 11.45 am to 12.45 am             |

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2.30pm to 4pm

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 7pm to 8pm

Whilst there is a high need for all items within the following categories, items that are desperately needed are highlighted in **bold**.

### **Breakfast Foods**

|                 |                      |                  |
|-----------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Porridge        | <b>Plum Tomatoes</b> | Squash           |
| Pepper          | <b>Baked Beans</b>   |                  |
| <b>Biscuits</b> | <b>Hot Chocolate</b> | <b>Honey</b>     |
| <b>Coffee</b>   | <b>Sugar</b>         | Pot Noodles      |
| Tea             | Ketchup              | Breakfast Cereal |

### **Men's Clothing and ancillaries**

|                    |                        |                            |
|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Winter Jackets     | T-shirts               | <b>Jeans 28" to 36"</b>    |
| Winter Coats       | Padded Shirts          | <b>Trousers 28" to 34"</b> |
| Jumpers            | <b>Men's underwear</b> |                            |
| Men's Gloves       | <b>Socks</b>           | <b>Rucksacks</b>           |
| Black Woollen Hats | <b>Men's Trainers</b>  |                            |
| Woollen Scarves    | <b>Men's Shoes</b>     |                            |
| Baseball caps      | Jogging Bottoms        | Sleeping Bags              |

### **Toiletries (including for ladies) & sundries**

|                            |                     |               |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| <b>Toothbrushes</b>        | Deodorant           |               |
| Face cream                 | Body lotion         | Body wash     |
| Hand Cream                 | Face Cream          | Shampoo       |
| Soap                       | <b>Carrier bags</b> | Nail clippers |
| <b>35mm Film Canisters</b> |                     | <b>Razors</b> |

# **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!)*

**Wednesday 14th June 2017, 8.00-10.30 p.m.**

at

**Addlestone Methodist Church**

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

*([Tickets: £10.00](#) (cash, or cheque to "Addlestone Methodist Church"))*

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