

IN TOUCH DIARY

June 2016

Sund 05th – 10.30 Rev Taylor Holy Communion – Church Anniversary
Weds 08th – 20.00 Wednesday Group Social/Outing
Sund 12th – 10.30 Janet Gardham
Sund 19th – 10.30 Rosemary Lee
Sund 19th – 18.30 Rev Claire Hargreaves Holy Communion
Sata 25th – Lions' Day Stall
Sund 26th – 10.30 Rev Brian Treharne

July 2016

Sata 02nd – Whitechapel Mission Clothing Collection at Church
Sund 03rd – Whitechapel Mission Clothing Collection at Church
Sund 03rd – 10.30 Rev Hills Sung Holy Communion – Choir Anniversary
Sund 10th – 10.30 Philip Beastall
Sund 10th – 18.30 Rev Allan Taylor Holy Communion
Sund 17th – 10.30 Kenneth Mills
Sund 24th – 10.30 Rev Claire Potter
Sund 24th – 18.30 Circuit Service at Godalming
Mond 25th – Fri 29th – Holiday Club
Sund 31st – 10.30 – Rev David Faulkner

August 2016

Sund 07th – 10.30 Rev John Goatley – Holy Communion
Sund 14th – 10.30 Rev Claire Potter
Sund 21st – 10.30 Lyn Mackay
Sund 21st – 18.30 Rev Claire Hargreaves Holy Communion
Sund 28th – 10.30 Local Arrangement

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June - August 2016

C r a n l e i g h M e t h o d i s t C h u r c h

LETTER FROM ALLAN

Dear Friends,

I am so pleased to have this opportunity, during Claire's sabbatical, to be able to be more closely involved with you all at Cranleigh and to be able to write this letter for 'In Touch'.

This edition of the church magazine is coming out at a very important time both in the history of our circuit and the history of the nation. In June the result of the Referendum will determine the future direction of this country for many years to come. On June 23rd we will all be asked to answer the question 'Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union?' Opinions on the matter differ, interpretations of the facts differ, the referendum is surrounded by controversy. No-one of us would presume to tell another which way they should vote but the churches ask us to THINK, PRAY and VOTE and so below is a prayer which we might use individually or in groups:

Loving God,
In the referendum which lies before us,
in the challenge of seeking an answer,
in our differences of opinion,
in our need to understand,
may you guide us in our decisions,
make us gracious in our disagreement
and may we join you to work for the
building of your kingdom
rather than our own.
Amen.

At the end of August, as you know, the Guildford Circuit will cease to exist and so I want to encourage each one of you to share in the final Circuit Service on Sunday 24th July at Godalming United Church...a time to remember, and to give thanks for, all that the Circuit has been and done ever since it came into being. And then, I want to encourage you just as strongly to be present at the launch of the Wey Valley Circuit

TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP

I am writing about this at this time, because, sadly, our regular attendance has dropped from five to three, owing to the unfortunate illness of Allan Forster, and the recent move of Daphne Howard to a care home near her daughter in Farnham. Jane, who is very busy with her work and other commitments as senior steward, is often not free to come, and our minister, who will be living in Guildford, may find attendance difficult, although I know she wishes to come. Sally Cozens from our church and Peter Jeorrett from the Baptist Church are the only two regular members of this Group, apart from me. We meet at a very early time, of course, 8.30 am, but this was originally fixed for those who were committed to paid work. Now this is no longer the case, I am wondering whether changing the time of this important activity in our church would make it possible for more to attend, although I suspect the earlier time is more convenient for Jane. If people are put off by what they perceive as the necessity to pray aloud, this is not essential, and silent prayer in the company of others can be beneficial and helpful to the whole group and our prayers are offered to God and not to our friends, though the spoken prayers of others are often also very helpful. We use the structure for daily prayers contained in our very useful Worship Book, so no one's prayers need be entirely spontaneous! Please talk to me about this, if you feel you can, though I think this group will continue in its present format as long there is anyone willing to come to it.

Glenda Sewell

CHRISTIAN AID



This very worthwhile charity is very much in my mind as we approach our major fund-raising week beginning May 15th. We join with other churches, particularly St Nicolas, as we drop our envelopes in doors and collect after a few days. Numbers of collectors have increased recently and we hope for a good response.

Our sponsored walk, undertaken on April 13th, was completed by about ten people, most of whom covered the maximum ten miles of the return distance along the former railway line between Cranleigh and Bramley. To date, it appears the amount raised will be at least £250, which is a magnificent sum to add to our house-to-house collection. Thank you to all our sponsors!

Our committee are organising an event for collectors, other supporters and counters, in the afternoon of Saturday, September 17th in Cranleigh Bandroom. We hope to have a speaker and tea, and also some entertainment. More details will follow. (There is still time to volunteer your time to help with the count – contact Gill or Jane.)

Glenda Sewell

Next issue will cover September, October & November so the cut off date for submissions for articles and adverts etc., will be around 31st July at the latest please.

Our contact details are as follows:

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(a coming together of the Guildford and Woking and Walton-on-Thames Circuits) on Sunday 11th September at Woking Trinity Methodist Church. New circuits don't come into being all that often so these are exciting and challenging times, times which might make us reflect on Charles Wesley's words:

Why hast thou cast our lot
in the same age and place,
and why together brought
to see each other's face,
to join with loving sympathy,
and mix our friendly souls in thee?
Didst thou not make us one,
that we might one remain,
together travel on,
and share our joy and pain,
till all thy utmost goodness prove,
and rise renewed in perfect love?

Every blessing, Allan

MUSICAL NOTES

I mentioned in my last article that our church choir, never large, but containing competent people, is in need of new members. Some people have helped us out from time to time, including Celia Rust and Marion and Denis May, but we are still missing usually regular members through illness or commitments in other churches. Our Choir Anniversary this year, when we have invited friends to join us, is on July 3rd. This will be a sung Communion Service, led by Rev. Peter Hills, a very competent singer, who has fairly recently joined our circuit as a Supernumerary Minister. We hope for your support at this service.

Glenda





CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CRANLEIGH

Our United Service in Stocklund Square on Good Friday was blessed with lovely sunshine and the congregation was the largest we have had in recent years. The organisers this year were the Baptists, but other clergy and lay people took part and hymns were accompanied by a lively worship band from the Baptist Church, led on the piano by Keith Field. We were grateful as always for the refreshments provided afterwards by the Baptist Church. Thanks are also due to our often forgotten, but essential, 'sound man' Colin Longley, who, with his friend, coped magnificently with the added difficulty of the worship band in its relatively unusual place.

No united events are planned this summer, but much is going on around the village churches, to which we are invited. St Nicolas Church will shortly be welcoming their new curate and his family and we look forward to meeting them. Discussions about our future programme will take place at our next committee meeting in June, and prior suggestions for services and other activities will be welcomed.

Glenda Sewell

WHITE CHAPEL MISSION

Our Church is joining in the collection for men's clothing, toiletries and breakfast items and we are working towards collecting for the second weekend of Godalming's stated dates. Therefore, we will be collecting the required items on the mornings of Saturday 2nd July and Sunday 3rd July. Please look out appropriate items and bring them to the Church on these two days. However, if you require any further information or assistance, please contact Pamela Newman-Horwell.

STEWARDS/LAY WORKER

Following the Annual Church Meeting in April, members were given the opportunity to continue the discussion on Rotas and the possible provision of a Lay Worker from the new Circuit.

The Rota for Vestry, Door Stewards and Readers for June, July and August has already been prepared so any changes to be made for future Rotas will need to be decided soon. The comments and ideas put forward will be discussed at a stewards meeting in June/July. The completed form for a lay worker has been sent to the Circuit Office.

Jane O'Leary

Senior Steward

HARVEST

Please note Harvest weekend is 8th and 9th October, with supper and entertainment planned for the evening of Saturday 8th October. Further details will be advised when known.

CHRISTMAS TEA AND CONCERT

This year's Christmas Tea and Concert, as part of our outreach into the community and the celebration of the season with our own members, is planned for the afternoon of Saturday 10th December, so please put the date into your diary for you to come but also for you to consider friends and neighbours in the community to join us.

HOLIDAY CLUB

We will be running a Holiday Club again this summer from 25th to 29th July. This year the theme will be 'The Circus' and is suitable for 5 to 9 year olds. If you know of anyone who will be eligible and would like to join us, please let Hilary or Sue know as soon as possible.