

## IN TOUCH DIARY

### March 2016

Fri 4th – 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm – Cream tea at Church  
Sun 6th – Mothering Sunday – 10.30 am - Rev Claire Potter  
Sun 6th – 3.30 pm – Lent Discussion at Church “Welcome the stranger – gift and redemption”  
Sat 12th – 6.00 pm - Auction of Promises  
Sun 13th – 10.30 am – Ken Mills  
Sun 13th – 3.30 pm – Lent Discussion at Church – “City of Sanctuary – cultures of welcome and hospitality”  
Sun 13th – 6.30 pm- Rev Claire Potter Holy Communion  
Sat 19th – 10.00 am – 4.00 pm - Second Hand Book Sale and Cake Stall – Womersley United Reformed Church  
Sat 19th – Christian Aid – 10.30 am Coffee Morning followed by Soup and Snack lunch at 12.00  
Sun 20th – Palm Sunday – 10.30 am – Lyn McKay  
Fri 25th – Good Friday – 10.45 am United Service, Stockland Square  
Fri 25th – 2.30 pm – Reflection led by Rev Allan Taylor  
Sun 27th – Easter Day – 8.00 am – Rev Allan Taylor Holy Communion followed by breakfast  
Sun 27th - Easter Day – 10.30 am – Rev Allan Taylor Holy Communion  
Wed 30th – 8.00 pm - George Hammond – “Life and work in the South Pacific”

### April 2016

Sun 3rd – 10.30 am – Rev Barrie Tabraham  
Sun 10th – 10.30 am – John Oborn  
Sun 10th – 6.30 pm – Rev Das Holy Communion  
Wed 13th – 8.00 pm - RNLI “Saving Children from Drowning”  
Wed 13th – Christian Aid - Short sponsored walk  
Sun 17th – 10.30 am – Rev Allan Taylor Holy Communion - General Church Meeting  
Sat 23rd – 8.00 pm “The Song Writer’s Tale” - Jim Cozens (free entry) Womersley United Reformed Church  
Sun 24th – 10.30 am – Janet Gardham  
Wed 27th – 8.00 pm “Travellers’ Tales” at Marion’s

### May 2016

Sun 1st May – 10.30 am – Rosemary Lee  
Sun 8th May – 10.30 am – Rev Paul Hulme Holy Communion  
Wed 11th May – 8.00 pm - A Murder Mystery Evening at Hilary’s  
Sun 15th May – 10.30 am – Lyn McKay  
Sun 15th May – 6.30 pm – Rev Allan Taylor Holy Communion  
Sun 15th May – Saturday 21st May – Christian Aid Week  
Sun 22nd May – 10.30 am – Phillip Beasall  
Sun 22nd May – 6.30 pm – Circuit Service at Merrow  
Wed 25th May – 8.00 pm –AGM at Hazel’s  
Sun 29th May – 10.30 – Rev Brian Trehame

# I N T O U C H



## March - May 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

## **CRANLEIGH METHODIST CHURCH**

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### **LETTER FROM CLAIRE**

Dear Friends,

**W**elcome to the Spring edition of 'In Touch'. My mind has been full of the idea of giving recently. From the giving of Christmas we move to the Covenant service where we recommit ourselves to giving God everything that we are and everything that we have. "I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal". That is what we have said in the Covenant prayer. We enacted that in tangible form at our church this year in giving out our equivalent of the talents from Jesus's parable in Matthew 25 : 14-29. After that service people were buzzing with their plans to make more from the £5 they had been given. Some are baking, some are sowing seeds, some are making toys, some are making marmalade, some are inviting neighbours to afternoon tea or morning coffee and organising bring and buy sales and concerts. In every one of these plans, someone's God given gifts are being used to help other people, to help the church and to give glory to God. At the service on March 6th, we shall hear the results of all this. More funds will have been raised for the alterations project, more people will

## **SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES**

**S**unday evening services were discussed at the Church Council meeting on 11th February 2016 and it was decided to ask all the congregation their opinions:-

1. Do you find the present Sunday evening service meets your needs or helps you?
2. Would you prefer there to be a week-night service instead of Sunday evening service?
3. Would you like the Sunday evening service to have a different format, for example - bible study, discussion, reflection?

Please send your responses to these questions, together with any other ideas, to the stewards in writing, by the end of March – Jane, James and Ronnie and Glenda.

### **THE PROPOSAL TO FORM A SINGLE NEW CIRCUIT BY COMBINING THE PRESENT GUILDFORD CIRCUIT AND WOKING AND WALTON-ON-THAMES CIRCUIT**

**A**t the Church Council meeting on 11th February 2016, members were asked to vote by ballot.

Motion: With effect from 1st September 2016, the churches in the present Woking and Walton-on-Thames and the present Guildford Circuits resolve to form a single new Circuit which will be called The Wey valley Circuit.

Votes:	16
Votes for:	12
Votes against:	4

On 10th March both circuit meetings meet at the same time. They will have the Church Council votes in front of them and every member of the meeting is free to vote as they wish (though it is likely that they will take note of the way their church has voted).

## CHRISTIAN AID



Our small committee are planning two events as we lead up to our major fund-raising week beginning May 8th. The first is a soup and snack lunch on Saturday March 19th in our church at about 12 noon, after the coffee morning which usually lasts from 10.30am to 12 noon. We hope you may meet a new friend here, find out more about this very worthwhile cause, and perhaps contribute a little to our funds.

Our second effort is a modest sponsored walk! We hope to walk along the former railway line from Cranleigh to Bramley (and maybe back again if we are fit enough!) Please sponsor us – ten miles is quite a long walk for some of us! Our date is Wednesday April 13th. Further details and sponsor forms will be available soon. Additional walkers would be very welcome!

Please consider joining us in May as we try to cover every road in Cranleigh with our distinctive envelopes and red carrier bags! It isn't an easy job but it is rewarding. I find the hardest thing is knocking on that first door but actually very few people are really intimidating! Our house-to-house collection organisers are Gill Leslie and Jane O'Leary. They would be so pleased to get more volunteers!

**Glenda Sewell**

Next issue will cover June, July & August so the cut off date for submissions for articles and adverts etc., will be around 31st April at the latest please.  
Our contact details are as follows:  
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**email; joleary@oaktax.com and telephone 01483 276100.**

have a connection with the church, and more people's gifts will have been celebrated.

Gifts are prominent too in our planning for our potential new Methodist Circuit. We will not know whether or not we will become one Circuit formally until the Methodist Conference in July 2016, but we will have an indication from the Church Councils and the Circuit Meeting by mid-March and from the District in April. Clearly we need to be planning so that we are ready if the Circuit does come into being. A Methodist Circuit is a resource for the churches so we are looking at the development of a number of resource groups. We have tried these in areas such as property and safeguarding and they are working well. What this means is that many different people can have a role in the Circuit by playing to their strengths and interests – be they in administration, or music, finance or worship or many other areas. Everyone then benefits from the gifts people can offer.

By the time you read this, I will be nearing the start of my sabbatical – another gift – of time and space – from the church. Thank you for allowing this to happen. I am looking forward to the time to reflect, read, think, plan and to be refreshed. I am very grateful to the stewards and to the Rev. Allan Taylor, who will be providing emergency pastoral cover through this time.

By the time you read this, we will also be well on in the season of Lent - a time to consider our own discipleship as we walk with Jesus on that journey to Jerusalem. This is a testing time and we need that time to think about our own relationship with God and how we live it relevantly in our communities. From there comes the certainty of Easter and the wonder of the empty cross.

What gifts God has poured out for us. May we respond by using them for his service.

With all good wishes,

*Claire*

**KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH  
150 YEARS CELEBRATIONS**

2016 is a special year in the life of Knaphill Methodist Church as we are celebrating 150 years of Methodism in the village. Our history starts with a small band of Christians who sought to evangelise workmen engaged in Sunday afternoon games on what is now Waterers Park in Knaphill by holding open air services. They sought help from Local Preachers of the Guildford Methodist Circuit and early meetings were held in a barn and, later, two of Knaphill's pubs.

From these humble beginnings grew the Methodist Society which has continued uninterrupted to this day. Its history is charted in the recently published work: "The Methodists of Knaphill", available by email request to [150@knaphill-methodist-church.com](mailto:150@knaphill-methodist-church.com) price £5. The book will also be on sale at the special events we are holding at church this year to mark our anniversary. Details are below – all events are held at church – and you will be warmly welcome at as many of these as you are able to attend.

**7:30pm, Saturday 27 February**

Concert given by the Almac Bisley Brass Band, in aid of Band-nominated charities and church funds. Tickets are priced £8 (£6 concessions), and are available from Ella Allen, who can be contacted via email at [150@knaphill-methodist-church.com](mailto:150@knaphill-methodist-church.com)

**2:00pm, Wednesday 2 March**

Talk on John Wesley by Lorna Oakes

**7:30pm, Saturday 12 March**

Talk on the history of Knaphill by local historian and author, Iain Wakeford

# HOSPITALITY AND SANCTUARY

**A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS DURING LENT  
AT CRANLEIGH METHODIST CHURCH**

**3:30 – 5:00**

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| <b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> | <b>God takes sanctuary among us</b>                                |
| <b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb</b> | <b>Hospitality to the stranger</b>                                 |
| <b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>  | <b>Welcome the stranger –<br/>gift and redemption</b>              |
| <b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Mar</b> | <b>City of sanctuary –<br/>cultures of welcome and hospitality</b> |





## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CRANLEIGH

We celebrated the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January when various services and gatherings for prayer were well supported by good numbers from the four Cranleigh churches. The best attended was undoubtedly the united service in our church, conducted and co-ordinated by our minister, Claire. The theme was light and salt, which represent two essential ingredients of the Christian life, and the symbolism of these two elements was made obvious through the readings, prayers and hymns, and indeed through the address. It was great to see our church so full!

We are just now beginning Lent, when churches have arranged Bible-study, themed talks, or special services as we examine our deficiencies in a positive way – not just by ‘giving-up’ things! Our own theme is sanctuary and hospitality in these days of refugee crisis, and discussions take place in the Crick Room on Sundays from 3.30 to 5pm.

Our main United Service of Witness is as usual on Good Friday in Stocklund Square at 10.45 am. The Baptists will organise this service, when the singing will be accompanied by a worship band. A cross will be carried in procession from St Nicolas Church to the Square before the service. Please join us at this important celebration.

During Lent too, we maintain our important link with St John’s Seminary, Womersley, when we take part with the staff and students in a special service of Vespers on Monday February 29th at 8.00 pm. I do hope you will also consider taking part in this service: - we are always made very welcome. Please talk to me if you need a lift.

**Glenda Sewell**

### **Easter Weekend, 25 – 28 March**

Exhibition on Methodism and its place in the village, past and future

Opening times are:

Good Friday 25 March: 11:30am – 4:00pm

Easter Saturday 26 March: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Easter Sunday 27 March: 11:30am – 4:00pm

Easter Monday 28 March: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Entry to the exhibition is free, and refreshments will be served

### **Saturday 11 – Sunday 12 June**

Community Flower Festival

#### **4pm, Sunday 12 June**

Songs of Praise Service, led by Rev Dave Faulkner

### **Saturday 24 – Sunday 25 September**

Harvest weekend, to include Harvest Supper

#### **7:30pm, Saturday 15 October**

Dave Bilbrough Concert

The church address is:

The Broadway

Knaphill

GU21 2DR,

The church can be found between Lloyds Bank and Boots.

For car parking, turn into nearby Englefield Road (by the Co-op) and you will find a free public car park. There is an entrance to the church from the car park, clearly marked.

## COMMUNITY CONTACTS GROUP

Following the circulation of the paper “Creating the idea of a Community Contact Group” in September 2015, those interested first met in October 2015 to begin to consider ideas and plan the way forward. Claire reiterated the need for us, as a church, to practise social holiness, to identify and meet local needs and for our planning to incorporate the anticipated opportunities offered by the Phase 2 alterations. A number of ideas have been considered and members of the group have looked into various local needs, visited other groups and met representatives of other organisations to gather relevant information on which to base our decisions.

At a meeting in January we decided to focus on two aspects:-

1. A conversation group for residents with English as an additional language, organised and hosted by our church and to include volunteers from the other churches and the local community.
2. A “Coffee Stop” for a trial period on Thursdays 9.00 - 10.00 am during Lent starting on 25th February 2016.

We are currently planning to arrange a training session for those who would like to be involved with the conversation group in the late Spring/Summer with a view to starting the group in September and an information leaflet giving further details will be available shortly.

The “Coffee Stop” will initially run weekly on Thursdays until Easter, 9.00 – 10.00 am at the back of the church or in the Crick Room. It will be open to all with a particular invitation to parents/carers of Blossom Nursery children and will serve tea/coffee and toast and provide a place to sit and chat.

Please see Pamela Newman-Horwell or Stella Halloran for further information about either of these or if you think you might like to be involved.

# COFFEE STOP

(THROUGH MAIN CHURCH ENTRANCE)



## THURSDAYS TO EASTER

**9 – 10am**

**Drop in for coffee / tea,  
toast and a natter**

## Local fundraising

A number of events were held in the autumn including the very successful dance/concert presentation in November. The £5 talents initiative was launched in January and several events are taking place. The Alterations Project Group is very grateful to all those who have been involved in organising all these local fundraising events.

**James Strawson and George Hammond on behalf of the Phase 2 Alterations Project Group**

## THEY FIT SO WELL THEY SHOULD BE IN A DICTIONARY

### ADULT

A person who has stopped growing at both ends  
And is now growing in the middle

### BEAUTY PARLOUR

A place where women curl up and dye

### CHICKENS

The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead

### COMMITTEE

A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours

### DUST

Mud with the juice squeezed out

### EGOTIST

Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation

### HANDKERCHIEF

Cold storage

### INFLATION

Cutting money in half without damaging the paper

## MUSICAL NOTES

Cranleigh Choral Society is presenting their Spring Concert in the Emms Centre, Cranleigh School, on Saturday March 19th at 7.30pm. It is a programme of contrasts, including only the second performance of Oliver Tarney's Magnificat and Haydn's popular Little Organ Mass. This Magnificat is interesting, containing some of the usual text, but also other dramatic dialogue with striking harmonies. The choir recently met Mr Tarney when he conducted a rehearsal. He will sing the tenor solo himself in his own composition. It should be an exciting concert, containing two such different works.



Further details and tickets from Brian, Teresa, John or myself, Glenda.

You may have noticed that numbers in our own church choir have grown fewer of late. This is due to illness, other duties, including leading services elsewhere, and the increasingly popular off-season holidays. Generally, however, our members are extremely loyal, coming regularly to Friday practices on cold winter evenings! Perhaps you could help occasionally, as some already do, when they realise the need. You don't have to be a competent sight-reader, though of course that is an advantage! Please consider giving it a try, if only occasionally!

We were pleased with our Christmas fund-raising, particularly at the Community Tea, which for us was a new venture. As always, Christmas proceeds went to Action for Children. Thank you to our guests at the Tea and also to our friends at Elmbridge who always give us such a warm welcome!

**Glenda**

## PHASE 2 ALTERATIONS PROGRESS REPORT

### Planning Permission

Waverley Borough Council granted planning permission for the alterations at the end of November. This is subject to a number of routine conditions including the provision of more detailed drawings (eg for buildings regulation approval). Peter Brocklesby, our architect, is working on these. A drawing showing how the new entrance will look from the High Street is included in the display at the back of the church.

### Methodist Property Consents Process

The information required for the consents process has been completed and the Connexional Conservation Officer has approved the plans. Final District approval awaits the submission of an application to the District for a contribution towards the cost.

### Preliminary work

A number of preliminary actions have been taken to prepare for the implementation of the project. These include soil investigations (to determine the nature of the Church and Crick Room foundations) a drain survey, and the appointment of a CDM consultant who has prepared a helpful report on the safe management of the construction phase bearing in mind the ongoing requirements of the wide range of organisations which use the premises. Work is also in hand to replace the boiler and upgrade the hot water system.

### Grant applications

As we have received a very generous grant of £300,000 from the Circuit (using money available through the Model Trust Fund), various external grant applications can now be progressed. These include Garfield Weston (target £75,000), the South East District (target £25,000) the Laing and Rank Trusts (target £7,500 each) and possibly the National Churches Trust and the Surrey Community Foundation.

# The Song Writers Tale

Venue - Womersley United  
Reformed Church

With music and introductions  
by Jim Cozens

8.00pm Saturday 23rd April

Free Entry - tickets available on the  
door or by phoning 01483 892579

There will be a retiring collection in aid  
of "Shooting Stars CHASE

Refreshments available during the  
interval