

Dear Friends,

Life is proving to be a particularly rich roller coaster of highs and lows at the moment.

It was an absolute joy to welcome Shaun and Phoenix (on Sunday afternoon) into the life of the Circuit at a service at Walton. We surround Shaun with prayer and support as he begins his ministry with us in Wey Valley.



Many of you will no doubt be aware that we have another cause for prayer. Last week Sam Funnell had emergency surgery for a twisted bowel and is currently recovering from that ordeal. We give thanks to God for the incredible skills of surgical teams, and we surround Sam with prayer that will lift her and help her to feel supported and cherished in the days to come.

You may feel that that is quite enough to be getting your prayers around as we start the new Methodist year together, but there are lots of other issues around that have added to the sense of not knowing where the next issue is coming from.

Revd Dr David Hinchliffe, Revd Shaun Sanders & Revd Dr Paul Glass

It was with some relief, therefore, that I came to the Covenant Service prayer at Knaphill last Sunday and allowed myself to be aware of the presence of God, and that no matter what I/we face - we face it in the sure knowledge that God walks with us.

I recently used this quote from the script of the TV drama '*Tiny Beautiful Things*' at St. Mary's and a number of people (including me) found it helpful...

*'If God does exist, I know he's not some spirit man who may or may not hear our prayers and swoop in to save us when the going gets rough. So, what if we thought about God differently and realised that God isn't in the answers to our prayers but in the people praying for us? What if together those people form a raft that will hold your weight and keep you afloat by the human love given to you when you needed it the most? If I believed in God, I'd see evidence of his existence in that. What if you allowed God to exist in the simple words of compassion others offer you?'*

May we know and be very aware of the walking, calming, healing, encouraging presence of God walking with us as we journey...

Paul

**Resources/Good News**

**Celebrate Disability Awareness Week with Revd Helen Cameron**

The President of the Methodist Conference will launch Disability Awareness Week with a special service held at Brierley Hill Methodist Church on 15 September 2024. The service has been planned with the charity Through the Roof and will be livestreamed.

[Celebrate Disability Awareness Week with Revd Helen Cameron - Methodist Church](#)

You can watch the launch service, available after 3.00pm on 15 September [here](#).

**You are invited to a Cream Tea**

**Godalming United Church  
Bridge Road, Godalming, GU7 3DU**

**Saturday 7th September 2024**

**2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.**

**In the GUC Church Gardens or River Room  
(depending on the weather!)**

**Donations in aid of the Gambian Ophthalmic Project  
which provides funds for cataract operations and follow-up  
care.**





# COFFEE MORNING



IN AID OF

# KSSX

# AND SALES

**AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY**  
KENT SURREY SUSSEX

Registered Charity No: 1021367

There will be various stalls including:  
Cakes, Body shop, Raffle, Tombola, Bric - a - Brac.  
Guess the Weight of the Cake, Guess the Name of Teddy,  
Guess How Many Sweets in the Jar & Model Railway.  
*Offers of help and donations of items welcome! Contact Tarina Berry*

**Bacon Butties!**



To be opened by **JONATHAN LORD**

**KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH HALL**

**Saturday 7th September 2024**

**10am to Noon**

[www.knaphillmethodist.co.uk](http://www.knaphillmethodist.co.uk)



## STOUGHTON METHODIST CHURCH

(On the corner of Stoughton Road and Grange Road)



### “COFFEE CORNER”



**Fortnightly on Tuesdays from 10.00 a.m – 12 noon**

3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September

1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October

12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November

10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>\*\* December

\*\* 17<sup>th</sup> December will be in aid of Cherry Trees, Clandon

Enjoy Coffee & a Chat, Coffee & a Game, or Coffee & a Book

The choice is yours!



Everyone welcome – bring a friend!





**St Mary's Church Quarry St  
Guildford GU1 3UP**

***Heritage Open Days  
13 – 15 September***

**Friday & Sunday 12.00 – 16.00**

**Saturday 10.00 – 16.00**

*\*also open 17 & 19 September 11.00 – 15.00*

*including*

**‘OUR TIME 2’**

*exhibition of art*

*from prisoners at HMP Send*

*Refreshments available*