

Friends of the Wey Valley Circuit,

At the leaving service for Anna and Sydney Samuel a few weeks ago, I began my sermon by saying that “goodbyes are the hardest part of ministry”. I was, of course, referring to the fact that Methodist clergy are itinerant and begin any church knowing they will not be there forever.

However, this week, I have been reminded of another way in which “goodbyes” are the hardest part of ministry: when a much beloved and respected member passes away. On Tuesday of this week, our church faced that with the loss of Sylvia Kelley.

I’m not going to eulogise Sylvia here. Frankly, I don’t have the emotional energy to do so right now, and many of you knew her better than I did anyway. However, you might remember her as a strong presence in the work and mission of Godalming United Church and the Methodist circuit.

Ministry is something of a contradiction. We’re supposed to care for our members, but not get too close. We’re supposed to love them, yet remember that there are professional boundaries. I remember one elder in the United Methodist Church saying that “your parishioners are your family, but not your friends.”

While I understand the reasoning behind such words, there is a part of me that has always rebelled at them. Every once in a while, there is a particular member whose wisdom, kindness, and support makes them impossible NOT to get close to.

Sylvia was one of those people for me. She was the first person to meet with me after my call to Godalming. She offered advice, and sometimes correction, with a gentle smile and kind spirit. I’m not ashamed to say that I loved my friend, Sylvia, and will miss her greatly.

To Sylvia: “Well done, thy good and faithful servant.” You have earned your rest and we’ll see you again.

Adam Payne

Resources/Good News

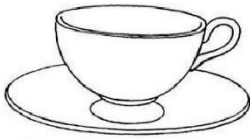
See The Love

We’ve all witnessed what happens when hate comes before love. That’s why we’re encouraging everyone to #SeeTheLove.

Across the UK we have seen misinformation breed separation. Riots, unrest and destruction. But we know there is a better way. This a prayer for communities, minorities and all of us.

Follow the link to watch the film. Use it as a chance to reflect, pray and see the love around you.

[See The Love \(youtube.com\)](#)



Stay for FREE tea,
coffee & a chat

Clothes4U

Pre loved clothes with TLC

from

Knaphill Methodist Church

Broadway, Knaphill, Surrey GU21 2DR



Saturday 17 August 2024 2 - 4pm

To claim your FREE clothes, collect a voucher from 30+ places in Surrey.

Email us to find out where they are: clothes@knaphillmethodist.co.uk



All are welcome to join us for tea, coffee, cake & a chat in a friendly environment



Whether you're looking for clothes for yourself, friends, or family



We have lovely, pre-loved clothes for everyone to take away & enjoy wearing



We look forward to meeting you & your family



If you would like to donate clothes, please contact us on the email below



If you would like to volunteer, we would warmly welcome your help

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clothes@knaphill-methodist-church.com

WE NEED YOUR CLOTHES!

PLEASE DONATE UNWANTED CLOTHES

to
Clothes4U Clothes Bank
Knaphill Methodist Church

We give clothing to anyone who needs it.



CLOTHES

NEEDED URGENTLY!!

PLEASE DONATE CLOTHES FOR MEN WOMEN BOYS GIRLS & BABIES

HOW TO DONATE

bring your clothes to Knaphill Methodist Church (use glass door down side passage)
1:30-3:30pm on these dates:

Saturdays 20 July, 17 August

Can't make those dates?

email us to arrange another time
clothes@knaphillmethodist.co.uk

**COFFEE
AND CAKE
AT ST. MARY'S
QUARRY ST. GUILDFORD GU1 3UP**

**MAY – AUGUST
2024**

10.30 – 12.00



Everyone welcome

Thursday 23 May

Thursday 27 June

Thursday 25 July

Thursday 22 August

- each month features a different charity

Stroke Café

Cranleigh - Surrey Hills Rehab and Stroke Recovery Service

The stroke café offers an informal place for people affected by stroke to meet with others in a similar situation and socialise within a relaxed café setting.

At Snoxhall Community Centre

Dates September 3rd 2024

Times 11:00

Rebuilding lives after stroke

For more information contact the Cranleigh - Surrey Hills Rehab and Stroke Recovery Service. Telephone: 07860187653 or email elena.vasiliu@stroke.org.uk

Stroke
Association



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



TEA
COFFEE
BISCUITS
BACON
BUTTIES

IN AID OF

AND SALES

Bacon Butties!



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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

To be opened by **JONATHAN LORD**

KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH HALL

Saturday 7th September 2024

10am to Noon

www.knaphillmethodist.co.uk

