

Friends of the Wey Valley Circuit,

Last month, I achieved a long-term goal of mine: to visit the Sagrada Familia, the renowned basilica in Barcelona, Spain.

Interestingly, I have been referencing this church in my sermons for over a decade, despite having only seen a few pictures online. Finally, I gained firsthand experience of this magnificent building that I have often cited as an example of faith.

You are likely more familiar with the basilica than I am: designed by Antoni Gaudi, its construction began in March 1882 and has continued almost continuously for the last 142 years. When questioned about the lengthy construction period, Gaudi famously responded, "My client is not in a hurry."

What I find both fascinating and inspiring is the foresight involved from the start, knowing it would take over a century to complete. The architect who meticulously designed each carving and the workers who poured the concrete or set the stones knew they would not see the finished project. They worked not for themselves but for future generations.

Imagine if our churches adopted this forward-thinking approach, making decisions not for ourselves but for our children and grandchildren. What would our world look like if climate decisions were made with the same long-term perspective?

We can often be shortsighted, but we serve a God who is eternal. God cares not only for the church today but also for its future, indefinitely. We should aim to build a church that will continue to honor God for centuries to come.

-Revd Adam Payne

## **Resources/Good News**

### **Mental Health Awareness Week**

Mental Health Awareness Week is run by the Mental Health Foundation; this year, it takes place from 13 May – 19 May 2024. The theme is Movement: Moving more for our mental health.

Research has shown that regular physical activity can make us happier and healthier. Our bodies release feel-good hormones when we're active, which can reduce anxiety and stress and help us sleep better. By building movement into our day, we can have a positive impact on productivity and focus.

For support and information, visit [Mental Health Awareness Week | Mental Health Foundation](#)



Stay for FREE tea,  
coffee & a chat

## Clothes4U

Pre loved clothes with TLC  
from

**Knaphill Methodist Church**

Broadway, Knaphill, Surrey GU21 2DR



**Saturday 18 May 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](mailto: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

[www.knaphill-methodist-church.com/clothes4U](http://www.knaphill-methodist-church.com/clothes4U)

[clothes@knaphill-methodist-church.com](mailto:clothes@knaphill-methodist-church.com)

## Pudding & Praise, Sunday 19 May at Walton-on-Thames

This Sunday 19 May at 4.00pm Walton Methodist Church will be hosting a Spring Pudding and Praise service, led by Dave Paterson and Breeze, and appropriately themed around the Holy Spirit for Pentecost.

All are welcome.



Terrace Road, Walton-on-Thames, KT12 2SR

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

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**THURSDAY**

**23**

**MAY**

**10.30 – 12.00**

*Everyone welcome*





**Guildford Opera Company**

WED MAY 22 7.30PM  
FRI MAY 24 7.30PM  
SAT MAY 25 6.30PM

**Holy Trinity Church**  
High Street Guildford GU1 3RR

Tickets available on-line  
[www.guildfordopera.com](http://www.guildfordopera.com)  
and also on the door

**AIDA**

GIUSEPPE VERDI  
SUNG IN ENGLISH

The poster features a dark background with glowing green light trails. The title 'AIDA' is in large, white, glowing letters. The Guildford Opera Company logo is in the top left, and a QR code is next to the performance dates.

Guildford Opera are performing Verdi's most well-known opera, Aida, in English at Guildford's Holy Trinity Church on Wednesday May 22 & Friday May 24 @7.30pm and Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> @6.30pm.

With evocative lighting and accompanied by a chamber orchestra, the church is transformed into the centre of the Lotus Cult, where the tragic love story between Aida and Radames unfolds. For ticket info, discounts and concessions: [www.guildfordopera.com/whats-on](http://www.guildfordopera.com/whats-on).



**POP-UP PLAY CAFÉ**

**Wednesday 29 May 9.30 – 11.30**

... call in at  
**ST. MARY'S**  
Quarry St  
Guildford GU1 3UP

- space to play
- time to relax
- coffee and cake

**All ages welcome**

**FREE!**

duplo  
lego  
games  
a quiet corner  
brio  
crafts  
... and more

The poster has a dark blue background with a cluster of colorful balloons (orange, purple, white, yellow, red) on the right side. Text is in various colors and fonts, including a large 'FREE!' in pink.