

Circuit letter 30.8.23

Rev Dr Paul Glass

At about this time of year, as I look over the Facebook feeds of any friends of mine who are Methodist Ministers, I see a lot of requests for prayer for new people in new places starting new work.

There are many points where beginnings take place. January 1st is an important one of course as we start a new calendar year, but September 1st feels like an important new beginning as well. It marks the beginning of the new academic year - summer holidays are over; exam results are in and the whole business of the new year for Schools and Universities begins. As Chaplain at the University of Surrey we have been busy sending out offers, talking to students about results and thousands of new students descend on Guildford from all over the world in the next three or four weeks. I will be there at Freshers Fair with my 'Methodist Chaplain' polo shirt and hoodie on - smiling at everyone and giving a warm welcome.

It is also, of course, the start of the new Methodist year. I am pleased to be starting my second year in the Circuit and both Sydney Samuel and I will be taking up new responsibilities and Churches. We offer you a very warm welcome to Knaphill Methodist Church on September 10th at 6pm, as we hold a Circuit Service to celebrate those new beginnings and to mark the beginning of a new year. Please do join us if you can as we mark this new year together.

There is bound to be a lot of looking back at the year that has passed and the things that we think are to come as we move through times like this. What I do know is that God, who I know has been with me in the past, is with me now as I write these words and will be with me in all that the new year holds.

Praise be to God!

Paul

Resources/Good News

ULEZ

You may be aware that the ULEZ (Ultra Low Emission Zone) has been expanded as of yesterday to reach areas bordering Surrey. For more information, please visit [Surrey Live ULEZ](#). You can also check whether your vehicle is compliant at [TFL Check Your Vehicle](#).

Guildford Opera Company

Guildford Opera Company will be presenting "Opera in Concert" on two dates in September. The flyer on the following page contains more information.



OPERA IN CONCERT

Join Kevin John and Friends
as he continues his series of concerts this autumn
featuring professional Guildford Opera soloists
performing well known arias, duets, and songs

Tickets: Adult £15 Children and students £7.50

Saturday 2nd September 2023 7.30pm
Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, GU1 3RR
and

Saturday 9th September 2023 7.30pm
East Horsley Village Hall, KT24 6QT

Come and hear the Pearl Fishers duet, arias by Verdi, Puccini and more....

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