

October Worship

Oct 7th

11.00 am Morning Worship
Audrey Cox
6.00 pm Evening Worship
Rev. Rachel Hawkins

Oct 14th

11.00 am Morning Worship HC
Rev. Vindra M-Ogden
6.00 pm Evening Worship
Rev. Ruth Reynolds -Tyson

Oct 21st

11.00 am Morning Worship
Dr. Jonathan Wakelin
6.00 pm Evening Worship
Mark Hammond

Oct 28th

11.00 am Morning Worship Ch.
Lys Vaughan
6.00 pm Evening Worship
Rev. Mmasape Zhile

HC = Holy Communion

Ch=Change to plan

For further information, please contact one of our Church Stewards: -
Mrs. Rita Richardson 01494 785935
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Our minister, Revd. Vindra Maraj-Ogden may be contacted by:
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Please avoid Thursdays except in an emergency.



Midweek meetings

In the chapel

Tuesday

2.30 pm Well Seasoned (fortnightly - see programme inside)

Wednesday (except school hols)

Under 3's @ 10.00 - 11.30 am - begins again 12th September

Fridays (unless otherwise announced)
7.30 Christmas Choir Practice

Home Groups

Young People's Fellowship

for 14+ Tuesdays from 7.30 pm
(Weekly) at Neil & Kirsty's

Evening House Group

See inside

OTHER DATES

Wed. 31st October 7.45 pm
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
at the Chapel. All invited to attend.

Friday 5th October 1.00 pm
Open the Book at Ley Hill School

St. George's Dates

Thursday 4th

Women's Fellowship 7.30pm
in the Bangay Rooms

Tuesday 2nd & 18th

Tots on Tuesday 10.00 - 10.30

Saturday 21st 10.00 am
Prayer and Coffee Morning

Morning Prayer

7.00 a.m. every Wednesday

For more info. on St. George's events
☎ Geoff 01494 778185



Ley Hill Methodist Church

MONTHLY DIARY

October 2018

Dear Friends,

At a meeting of the Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire District Synod about eighteen months ago, I was elected to be one of the District's representatives to the Methodist Conference of 2018, held at Nottingham from 28th June to 5th July. It was an amazing, prayerful, emotional time as I engaged with the workings of the Conference for the first time. I came away affirmed in ministry with hope that God is not finished with the people called Methodists!

During the week of Conference, the number 188,000 came up regularly. This is the number of members in the Methodist Church in Great Britain in 2017, although adherents are about 575,000. Whilst this was recognised, it did not deter the positive nature of the Conference and the enthusiasm of the people to serve God and to highlight social justice issues. The agenda dealt with items like, the Ethics of Investment, and Climate Change and Fossil fuels. There were Notices of Motion on Universal Credit, Homelessness, Human trafficking, Displaced people, Gaza and Memorials on Anti- Semitism and the use of plastic. I came away wanting to share this with local churches as we can sometimes be so involved with the day to day challenges of being church in the community that we fail to see that we are part of something much bigger, a Circuit, a District, a Connexion and therein lies much strength and encouragement and hope.



During the Conference, I was particularly touched by the debate that centred around the report by "The Marriage and Relationships Task Group". There was much disappointment that no conclusion had been reached and the pain of many were obvious. Yet the Conference recognised that more work was needed, and a process had to be followed. It was agreed that the Task Group would bring a report to the Conference in 2019 and subject to acceptance, would be referred to district Synods for a year long process of consideration. A final decision would then be made at the 2020 Conference, with any provision implemented with immediate effect.

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I would commend to you the “Mission and Ministry in Covenant” report. This report had been welcomed by the Church of England’s General Synod in February and it was recommended that additional work be undertaken, “on proposals for bringing the Methodist church and the Church of England into closer communion with one another.” It was agreed that further work will be done on this looking particularly at the proposed model of the “President-Bishop as the way of the Methodist Church receiving a sign of the historic episcopate and it was recognised that it cannot entirely be prescribed how its expression will develop.” Additionally, there are concerns as to how the interchangeability of ministries between a Church of England priest and a Methodist Presbyterian would unfold.”

Finally, worship at Conference was led each day by the young people from 3Generate. They received an agreement from Conference that 2019/2020 be designated a “Year of Testimony” recognising the importance of testimony in the life of the church. The testimonies they gave ranged from growing up in the Methodist Church to coming to faith at a later point. They were all powerful!

Please take time to peruse the Methodist Church website and read the Conference reports. “We are pilgrims on a journey, and companions on the road; we are here to help each other, walk the mile and bear the load.” Let each church make the effort to become more circuit minded, recognising that one of the gifts of Methodism is the Connexion!

On a separate note the news would have been shared that I am curtailing this appointment in the next twelve months. I know that this will come as a surprise to many, but I want to assure you that it has been prayerfully done and that I value your love, support and prayers as I discern where God is leading.

With every blessing,

Revd Vindra Maraj-Ogden

CHESHAM ***Rendezvous***

A short midweek service followed by coffee

Wed. 3rd October led by St. Columba’s

12.15 - 12.45 pm at the URC, Chesham Broadway

PRAYER

Prayer Breakfast

October 6th at the Chapel
November 4th at St. George’s

Join us for fellowship and prayer
around the breakfast table - cereal,
toast and pastries.

Topics for prayer:

- ⇒ **Our Church Council Meeting and the decisions to be made**
- ⇒ **Schools experiencing Open the Book for the first time and those already involved**
- ⇒ **Revd. Vindra (see above)**

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

Well Seasoned

Tuesdays 2.30 pm in the Chapel
unless stated otherwise

9th October - “Watch this Space” with Robin McEwen

23rd October - “California here we come” - Margaret & Lindsay

Contact Margaret Faulkner for details 01494 783048

Friday 5th October

Fun Quiz

7pm for 7.30pm start
in Ley Hill Village Hall
in aid of Brain Tumour Cause

£12 per person, includes supper
Please ring Sarah Peterson 776086
for tickets

Saturday 13th October

Quiznight

(Gavin & Neil - quizmasters)
in Ashley Green Village Hall
Nepalese themed food
from 7pm onwards
£10 per person
Raffles, cash bar
Max 10 per team

Email:
angela.reynolds@hotmail.com
for tickets
in aid of World Challenge



Evening House Group

FINDING A VOICE

A Course based around the film
“The King’s Speech”

Wed. 3rd Oct. 7.30 pm
“Chasing the dream or fulfilling the calling”
at Mabank, Jasons Hill

Tues. 16th Oct. 7.30 pm
“Pressing forward an breaking through”
at 182, Botley Road

Wed. 24th Oct. 7.30 pm
“Poisonous words and profane responses”
at 1, Joiners Close

Tues. 30th Oct. 7.30 pm
“Faith in our voice”
at Crabtree Fm