



Shirley Methodist Church Notices 2022

Sunday 26 June 10.30am: Songs of Praise service led by Mildred Pratt

Sunday 3 July 10.30am: Revd Choi (Holy Communion)

Eldon Ave, Shirley, Croydon CR0 8SD **Website:** www.shirleymeth.org.uk

Minister: Revd. Soon Cheol Choi **Lay Ministry:** Pastor Bennie Harms

All are welcome to join our online Zoom services. To receive an automatic link please email smchurchzoom@gmail.com Join us from 10.15am, for a 10.30am start. An audio recording of the service will be available from the Church website (www.shirleymeth.org.uk)

PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact us if you would like someone, or yourself, to be prayed for by members of our Prayer Chain. Names are only taken with the consent of the person concerned and stay on the chain for a week. You can get in touch with your Pastoral Link or contact Mrs Elizabeth Smart on **0208 777 2055** or visit our website and complete the 'contact us' form. Thank you.



Father God, we pray

For Josie Riddiough, Vicky Lynch-Shyllon, Peggy and Maurice Graham, Lambert Rae, Reg Young, Alan Correya, Anthony and Lesley Vigurs, Gwen Richardson, Syureya dos Santos and Marcos, Adele and her brother John.

For the residents of Hall Grange, the staff and their families.

For Revd Choi and Sarah and for Bennie and Jenni as they prepare for next part of life's journey. May they know your love and Grace.

For the Methodist Conference and all those taking part this week.

For Afghanistan following the devastating earth quake this week. For those who have died and been injured. Lord, give strength to all who are affected and the many giving aid and support

The Croydon Methodist Circuit requests the pleasure of your company at the leaving service of Revd Nadine Wilkinson, Revd Soon Cheol Choi and Lay Pastor Bennie Harms on **Sunday 24 July 2022** at Shirley Methodist Church. Refreshments at 4.30pm followed by the Service at 6.30pm. **RSVP** by **11 July** to Mrs Juliet Smith at Circuit Office, West Croydon Methodist Church, 91-93 London Road, Croydon CR0 2RF or office@croydonmeth.org



'Reflect – Be still and know' Southern Retreat lead by Revd Hilary Fife. From Friday night (29 July 2022) to Sunday lunchtime (31 July 2022) at Wychroft Retreat Centre. There will be inputs from leader followed by time for private reflection. Wychroft is set in the heart of the Surrey countryside near Bletchingley and five miles from Redhill train station. The cost for the weekend (accommodation and full board) is £190. Contact Brian Sherrell to find out more.



Shrublands Food bank

We're supporting families in our community. **Please keep giving as your donations are a lifeline to many. Thank you.** A list of urgently needed items is available in the

Welcome Area. Food can also be put in the basket at the Co-op on Wickham Road. For more details about the Food Bank contact Bev on 0203441 7887/email

info@shrublandstrust.org

If you would like any information included in this newsletter, please forward to RUTH DODOO by 9pm on Wednesdays by phone: 020 8777 1987 or email: ruthdodoo@outlook.com

Reflection

This week's [reflection, prayer and reading](http://www.methodist.org.uk) are taken from www.methodist.org.uk - **Ministries: Vocation and Worship in the Connexional Team**. Original materials by Revd Claire Hargreaves

If the opening sentences of this reading are what remains with you ("the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few" v2), please do not be discouraged! For the next words remind us that God will be with us in our mission, provided that we thoroughly steep our outreach in prayer. Seeking God's will through prayer before embarking on any Christian project is essential to underpin human efforts. God needs to be involved if Christians are to be successful in preaching his good news effectively. This may seem to be an obvious statement, but too often we rely upon our own resources and carry out our own ideas without first asking God what it is we are to do in his name. The disciples were sent out "like lambs among wolves" with the blessing and protection of the Lord, and the added encouragement of those he provided to offer support and hospitality. The seventy messengers were overjoyed with the success of their prayers and healings. But Jesus threw a note of caution to them, reminding them not to be too self-congratulatory but rather to rejoice that they were doing God's work. For we do not preach the gospel in our own strength but in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Prayer

Creator God

Who gives us sunshine and showers to enable plants to grow, we praise you for the gift of nature. Just as the rain falls on the soil and produces green shoots, we praise you that your spirit constantly inspires and nurtures us. When we fail to produce our best for you and shrink from our tasks, forgive our apathy and refresh our hearts with your love.

For all the times we turn away from you

For all the wrongs that separate us from you,

Forgive and restore us.

The Lord hears our prayer and pours out his mercy upon us.

Amen

Reading:

Luke 10.1-11

The Mission of the Seventy

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near."

Luke 10.16-20

'Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.'

The Return of the Seventy

The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.