Dear People of Faith,

In a small seaside town, Cynthia, known for her warm smile and kind heart, faced one of life's greatest storms: a devastating diagnosis requiring extensive treatment. The news shook her, and waves of uncertainty crashed down upon her.

During her surgery, Cynthia felt adrift in a storm, but she sensed the presence of her friend Emma, like a guiding light. This unwavering support became her compass, reminding her that she was never alone in her struggles.

Years later, Cynthia would reflect on that moment: "During my surgery, it felt like I was adrift in a storm. I was immobile, aware of the chaos swirling around me, yet utterly helpless. But there, in the depths of it all, I sensed Emma's presence, much like a guiding light. Even in silence, I knew she was holding space for me, allowing me to rest while she navigated the turbulent waters."

On the other side of the surgery, as Cynthia began to heal, she carried that unwavering sense of support within her. It became her compass, reminding her that she was never truly alone in times of profound struggle.

Reflecting on her journey, we see that life can feel like a tempest. Just when we think the waves will overwhelm us, the promise of companionship and love shines through, offering solace. We find strength in knowing we are supported by those we love and by a divine presence that never leaves us.

During this Lenten season, let us reflect on the warmth of that guiding hand. Draw strength from these wise words:

- 1. "When the world says, 'Give up,' hope whispers, 'Try it one more time.'" Anonymous
- 2. "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." Martin Luther King Jr.

<u>A Prayer</u>

Heavenly Father, as we gather in Your presence, we bring our hopes, fears, struggles, and joys. We ask for Your guidance and strength within the Wey Valley Circuit this lent. Help us remember we are never alone, for You promise to hold our hands through trials and in quiet moments. May our hearts be open to receive and share Your grace abundantly in our community. In the name of Jesus, our steadfast companion, we pray. Amen.

A Reflective Poem

In the quiet of our hearts, we tread, Through Lenten paths, where fears are shed. Thoughts once tangled, now unwind; In solace and grace, we seek and find.

Temptations whisper, fierce and sly, But strength from within, we cannot deny. With hearts aligned and spirits bright, We journey through the Lenten night. Each step in faith is a guiding light, Through trials and shadows, dark and bright. With hope renewed, our souls ascend; In love and faith, our hearts mend.

As Lent unfolds, we rise above, Embraced by grace, in endless love. In quiet reflection, peace we gain; Through heart and thought, His light remains.

Thank you.

Devotedly Yours,

George

Resources/Good News

Bringing good news from George that our congregations in Merrow, Stoughton and West Horsley are doing wonderfully well, especially during the thriving Tuesday and Thursday coffee mornings. A true testament to our strong community spirit. We thank God.

Mary Bosanquet-Fletcher: Paving the way for female preachers

Mary Bosanquet-Fletcher rejected her comfortable upbringing to set up an orphanage and school. In the late eighteenth century, she became one of the first female Methodist preachers and was instrumental in persuading John Wesley to allow women to be lay preachers. This is the first profile of prominent Methodist Women written to celebrate Women's History month.

Read her story here



An Evening with the Surrey Police Band, in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care

Saturday 15th March 2025, 7.00PM

Emmanuel Church, Stoughton, Guildford GU2 9SJ

An enjoyable evening of music making from the Surrey Police with music to suit all tastes.

<u>Upcoming Performances – Surrey Police Band</u>

FINDING HOPE IN HARD PLACES

A SERIES OF LENT REFLECTIONS



SAVE THE DATES!

ST MARY'S QUARRY ST GU1 3UP

12.30 - 13.30

Thursdays 13, 20 & 27 March 3 & 10 April

FOLLOWED BY A BREAD AND SOUP LUNCH



Make the most of your Saturday mornings

Addlestone Methodist Church

and the base

Coffee mornings every Saturday

Enjoy a Coffee/Tea and Cake

From 10am to 12 noon

for just £2







Coffee morning hosts each Saturday : Addlestone Methodist Church hosts all coffee Mornings except for the last of the month Last Saturday of the month – 5th Addlestone Scouts

1st Saturday of every month-Play Fun Bingo, donations to- Sam Beare Hospice or Open doors charity.
3rd Saturday Quiz time, test your mind.
2nd and 4th Saturdays, Let us Sing. Popular Hymns or Songs. Choir backing.
Check notice board for any changes

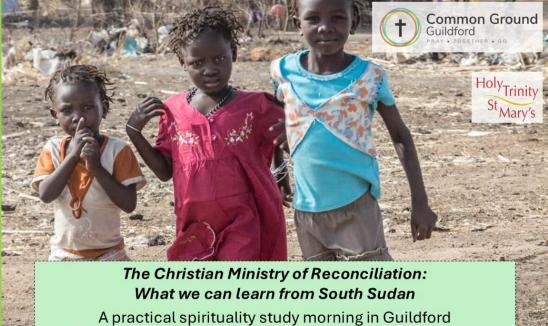


DONATIONS - NOT NEEDED!

Due to huge generosity lately from the residents of Knaphill and beyond, clothes donations are not being accept at all for the time being.



Saturday 22 March 2025, Knaphill Coffee Morning:



A practical spirituality study morning in Guildford Led by Canon Joseph Bilal, Episcopal University of South Sudan St Mary's Guildford Saturday 22nd March 9.30am-noon



care uk 🚫



Enjoy a cuppa, biscuits and great company at The Sunflower Cafe. The cafe is aimed specifically at individuals living with Dementia and their carers providing them the opportunity to meet with others in a welcoming environment!



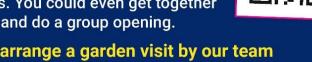
Godalming Baptist Church, 15 Queen Street, Godalming, GU7 1BA

Nearest Parking: Queen Street Pay & Display next to the Church or Crown Court Car Pay & Display approx. 2minute walk.

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Thursday 13th February 2025 Thursday 13th March 2025 Thursday 17th April 2025 Thursday 8th May 2025 Thursday 5th June 025

Gardens of all size and design can take part. If you have a unique and interesting garden we would love you to join our 2025 Open Gardens. You could even get together with your neighbours and do a group opening.



To find out more and to arrange a garden visit by our team please call 01252 729446 or email fundraising@pth.org.uk



Phyllis Tuckwell[®]

at

Do you love

your garden?

Why not open your garden to friends and family, or join our

money for local hospice care.

public 2025 Open Gardens

campaign, and help raise



Find us on: Fix Phyllis Tuckwell, Waverley Lane, Farnham, Surrey GU9 8BL

in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell

Call for Gardens