

Dear Friends

Is it just me or does the world seem to you to have gone a little crazy recently? I'm really worried that we have lost sight of the difference between truth and lies. We believe things that we are told from unreliable sources because they match the narrative that we want to be told.

A good example of this happened last week when weather forecasters in America started receiving death threats because of hurricane Milton. Large numbers of conspiracy theories had started circulating online that the strength of the hurricane had artificially been altered by the federal government who clearly wanted somehow to do damage to the people of Florida in the build up to the November US election.

This was not only a dangerously violent reaction to weather forecasters who were just trying to give important information, but it put the lives of rescue workers and Florida residents at risk as people ignored government advice.

In this country during the summer, we had another example of this as a tragedy at Southport was distorted by online rumours that fuelled paranoia and caused rioting and widespread lawlessness.

There are far too many people who get their news from unreliable or biased sources. The BBC has spent large amounts of money setting up a 'verify' unit to check the facts of stories which are reported on their news broadcasts. In an age of connectivity, our sources of news are too often in the hands of wealthy billionaires, or corporations, or hacked by overseas countries with their own agendas about the stories that we see.

The truth has never been more important - and that is not the story which you agree with most closely - it is the one that tells you the ACTUAL truth.

Jesus once said that 'the truth shall set you free'. It is a sadness to me that we have never been surrounded by so many people who only seem to have a nodding acquaintance with the truth.

We need to be people of the truth. People of grace and peace, and hope and love. That means we need to be wary of people (particularly online) who have an agenda that they want to push or an extreme opinion that they want to press on us, or sometimes people who just tell us what we want to (rather than 'ought' to) hear.

Friends - the truth is a precious thing and is worth searching out and holding onto. In this crazy world let us try to do that - in Jesus' name.

Paul

Resources/Good News

New way to report highway issues

Surrey County Council has made it easier for residents to report and track road and pavement issues in their local area. Simply enter your postcode, locate the area of the problem on the map and enter the details of the problem. The council will then investigate.

[Surrey County Council FixMyStreet \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://surreycc.gov.uk/fixmystreet)

Art in the Garden

A trip to The Savill Garden in Windsor Great Park is always a treat, but for a limited time until 29 October, The Surrey Sculpture Society Art in the Garden exhibition combines eye-catching sculptures, with horticultural excellence. As you explore the Garden, you'll encounter sculptures in varying styles, subject and materials; all inspired by the natural world and accompanied by the artist's statement.

[Art in the Garden - Windsor Great Park](#)



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CIRCUIT VISION AND STRATEGY

'Talking of God Together'

A 4-week discussion group

For the four Fridays of October come and join us for a faith sharing discussion group on zoom. For 45 minutes from 5.15pm each Friday we welcome anyone from across the Circuit to end their week with a four-week course based on the book 'Talking of God Together'. The course aims to build confidence in easily speaking of our faith with others. You will not need your own copy of the book, and all are welcome to join. Don't worry if you can't make all the sessions - each will be self-contained.

4th October

11th October

18th October

25th October

Rev Dr Paul Glass

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/98448089846?pwd=enZ8ldXGe4uu2SPOCosDgYOgdYVsOB.1>

Meeting ID: 984 4808 9846 Passcode: 655618

STOUGHTON METHODIST CHURCH

(On the corner of Stoughton Road and Grange Road)



“COFFEE CORNER”



Fortnightly on Tuesdays from 10.00 a.m – 12 noon

3rd and 17th September

1st, 15th and 29th October

12th and 26th November

10th and 17th** December

** 17th December will be in aid of Cherry Trees, Clandon

Enjoy Coffee & a Chat, Coffee & a Game, or Coffee & a Book

The choice is yours!



Everyone welcome – bring a friend!



Pudding & Praise

Sunday 27 October at Walton-on-Thames

4.00pm



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

All are welcome.

Additional Needs Service showcase

**Tuesday
22nd October
9.30am -2pm**

Cranleigh Village Hall
Village Way, Cranleigh, GU6 8AF

- ✦ Come and find out about local and national services!
- ✦ Age range 0-25 years for Children and Young People with Additional Needs

If you have any questions please email:
localoffer@surreycc.gov.uk

**No need
to book,
just show
up!**



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

**SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER
2024**

10.30 – 12.00



Everyone welcome

Thursday 26 September

Thursday 31 October

- each month features a different charity



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Extraordinary Women of the Bible



Events open to all:

Tuesday 29 October	10.30 – 12.00	Trinity Club: a first view of the exhibition
Thursday 31 October	10.30 – 12.00	Coffee and Cake: time to enjoy the exhibition - along with friends and refreshments
	14.30 – 16.00	The Artist's view: Sylvia Dimitrova introduces the art of icons and her paintings
Sunday 3 November	10.30	Morning Worship: Bishop Graham Kings, with Holy Communion and the St. Mary's Choir
Friday 15 November	19.30	Festival Concert: Paintings, poetry and anthems together Tickets £10 available on Eventbrite
Saturday 16 November	09.30 – 12.00	Practical Aspects of Spirituality Time for reflection, personal growth and refreshments, led by Bishop Graham



Sincere thanks to Rt. Rev. Dr. Graham Kings for his participation and loan of the paintings which were commissioned for him.

with the exhibition also open for viewing

Tuesday 29 October	12.00 - 15.00	Thursday 7 November	12.30 - 15.00
Wednesday 30 October	12.00 - 15.00	Saturday 9 November	11.00 - 15.00
Thursday 31 October	10.30 - 14.30	Sunday 10 November	12.00 - 14.00
Friday 1 November	11.00 - 15.00	Thursday 14 November	12.30 - 15.00
Tuesday 5 November	11.00 - 15.00		

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