

Dear Friends,

Now of course you don't have to agree with me on this, but I get slightly tired by the way some people use the word 'woke'. First of all, it's not a word I would want to use about any person or action, but there are lots of people who love to use it. When I hear it being used it's normally to describe a huge range of things that the person using it doesn't like.

In fact, it's a word that's become weaponised by certain groups of people to describe pretty much anything that they find difficult about modern society. So, plays and TV dramas and the actions of companies or organisations are condemned for being 'woke'. What has usually happened is that a story or action has been condemned for being aware that there are groups in society other than white males and that those groups may well have their own stories to tell and a need to see themselves represented in culture and literature.

An example recently has been the actions of the National Trust in terms of telling the important stories of the people who lived in some of the houses that they have in their care. I'm not quite sure what is wrong about the Trust being honest, for example, about how the family who lived in a huge mansion made their money. If a family made the majority of their fortune profiting from the slave trade, I think it is quite legitimate - indeed important for that story to be told.

Most of the time it seems to me that when people are criticised for being 'woke' what they are actually being criticised for is empathy and wanting to hear stories that have too often not been heard, or for wanting a variety of groups to be represented and their voices to be heard.

I am really not sure why anybody needs to be frightened by that - indeed it seems to me that it honours the rich variety of the world that God has placed us into and the love that is shared with EVERY person no matter who they are.

You won't find me using the word 'woke' because to me it has now become a word that is used in a negative way to entrench fear and 'otherness' - and perfect love drives out fear.

Paul

Resources/Good News

Earthquake in Myanmar: The Methodist Church responds and supports Christian Aid appeal

The Methodist Church Upper Myanmar (MCUM) is a Partner of the Methodist Church in Britain, and the main MCUM offices are in Mandalay, at the centre of the earthquake.

[A message from Upper Myanmar and ways to support the appeal](#)

World Autism Acceptance Month - April 2025

World Autism Acceptance Month is an opportunity for everyone to come together and raise awareness, foster acceptance, and create a society where autistic people are supported, understood, and empowered. Whether you're at home, at school, or at work, your involvement can make a real difference. It's about how you show up - whether you're supporting your autistic colleagues, students, or family members, your actions can help create an inclusive and accepting world.

The National Autistic Society provides free resources and a free webinar to help you to support autistic individuals and ensure they feel valued, included, and empowered to succeed.



[Advice and guidance, help change attitudes towards autism](#)

STOUGHTON METHODIST CHURCH

(On the corner of Stoughton Road and Grange Road)

COFFEE CORNER

Tuesdays from 10 am – 12 noon



1st April
8th April
15th April
22nd April
29th April



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

The choice is yours!

Everyone welcome – bring a friend!

Lent Reflections

Would you like a few quiet minutes to reflect at the end of a busy week?

Would you like to pause a while to ponder the meaning of Lent?

Would you like to get closer to God's heart of love for you?

LENT REFLECTIONS

might be just what you're looking for!

There are 3 Zoom sessions: on Fridays 28/3, 4/4 and 11/4,
from 5.30pm until 6ish.

Feel free to join any or all of these
and to have your camera on or off, as suits you best.

Rev Sam – Trinity Methodist Church

To Join the Zoom Meeting – Please follow the link or use the ID and Pass Code below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89733710859?pwd=9Rgf61MHiUxKZEoh7QM7KppNjbHaK6.1>

Meeting ID: 897 3371 0859 Pass Code: 885315

(These details will be the same for all three of the Reflections)

FINDING HOPE IN HARD PLACES

A SERIES OF LENT REFLECTIONS



ST MARY'S
QUARRY ST
GU1 3UP

12.30 – 13.30

THURSDAYS
13, 20 & 27 MARCH
3 & 10 APRIL

SAVE THE DATES!

FOLLOWED BY
A BREAD AND SOUP LUNCH



Stay for **FREE** tea,
coffee & a chat

Clothes4U

Pre loved clothes with TLC
from

Knaphill Methodist Church

Broadway, Knaphill, Surrey GU21 2DR



Saturday 19 April 2025 2 - 4pm

To claim your **FREE** clothes, collect a voucher from **30+** places in Surrey.

Email us to find out where they are: clothes@knaphillmethodist.co.uk



All are
welcome to
join us for tea,
coffee, cake &
a chat in a
friendly
environment



Whether
you're
looking for
clothes for
yourself,
friends, or
family



We have
lovely,
pre-loved
clothes for
everyone to
take away &
enjoy wearing



We look forward
to meeting you
& your family



If you would
like to donate
clothes,
please
contact us on
the email
below



If you would
like to
volunteer, we
would warmly
welcome your
help

www.knaphill-methodist-church.com/clothes4U

clothes@knaphill-methodist-church.com

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.

Make the most of your Saturday mornings

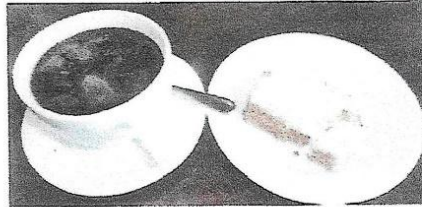
Addlestone Methodist Church

Coffee mornings every Saturday

From 10am to 12 noon

Enjoy a Coffee/Tea and Cake

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



Genesis Chorale presents

MASS IN C **BY LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN**

Te Deum by Bizet
Ave Verum Corpus by Mozart
How lovely are thy dwellings by Johannes Brahms

Music Director:
Florence Price

7.30pm, Saturday
5th April 2025

St John's Church
West Byfleet,
KT14 6EH

Tickets: £18 Adults,
£9 students.

Order from website,
choir members and
on the door.

Genesis Chorale

www.genesischorale.org.uk



Registered Charity no 1048381



**SUNDAY
27TH APRIL
4.00pm**

PUDDING AND PRAISE

This will be led by

Ross Richardson and Dave Paterson

Come and have some delicious puddings at 4.00pm and then settle down to some great praise, worship and contemplation at 4.30pm

**Delicious puddings and
great Praise**

**If you like a good
pudding come and
taste some**

**Be uplifted by great
praise songs
led by 'Breeze'**

WALTON METHODIST CHURCH

Terrace Road
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<http://www.waltonmethodist.org>

Sunday 27th April 2025 4pm

COFFEE AND CAKE AT ST. MARY'S

QUARRY ST. GUILDFORD GU1 3UP

APRIL - JUNE
2025

10.30 – 12.00



Everyone welcome

SAVE THE DATES!

Thursday 24 April

Thursday 22 May

Thursday 26 June