

Dear Friends,

In our journey of faith, it is vital to take a moment to reflect on two fundamental aspects of our human experience: life and death. These profound realities shape our individual journeys and invite us to explore their depths, inspiring us to embrace the fullness of our existence.

Life is a beautiful gift, overflowing with opportunities for love, growth, and connection. Each moment we experience, each laugh and tear, reflects the richness of our lives and the enduring goodness that surrounds us. We find joy in the warmth of friendships, the beauty of creation, and the chance to contribute to a world that deeply needs our compassion and kindness.

However, woven into the fabric of life is the certainty of death, a truth that each person processes in their own way. It is essential to acknowledge these emotions; they are a part of our shared humanity. The loss of a loved one or the contemplation of our mortality can feel overwhelming. But as Christians, we are gifted with a perspective that transcends despair, revealing the light of hope that shines even in our darkest moments.

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we uncover a powerful narrative of hope. His resurrection assures us that death is not an endpoint but a transition into eternal life, where suffering is transformed into joy and separation gives way to reunion.

This message of hope speaks not only to believers but also to those who may be searching for comfort amid uncertainty. It invites us all to engage in meaningful conversations about life and death, creating connections with friends and strangers alike.

Let us encourage one another to live fully expressing love, offering forgiveness, and sharing our journeys authentically. Through our actions, we can reflect the light of Christ in a world that often feels overshadowed by despair.

As we navigate these profound themes, let us hold on to the hope that grounds our faith and strengthens our relationships. In times of struggle and uncertainty, may we find solace in the knowledge that we are never alone. Together, let us walk forward in grace and support one another through life's challenges.

My prayer is that together, we strive to live boldly unafraid to embrace both the brevity and beauty of life. That we face death not as an end, but as a doorway. And that we carry hope, rooted in Christ for some, and in the goodness of humanity for others, wherever we go.

As we ponder these truths, I leave you with these wise quotes to carry into your week, month and in the year.

1. "The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away." — Pablo Picasso
2. "For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it." — 1 Timothy 6:7
3. "Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness." — Desmond Tutu
4. "To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all." — Oscar Wilde
5. "Death is not the opposite of life, but a part of it." — Haruki Murakami

May these reflections inspire you, wherever you may be on your journey, and may we all find and share this hope together.

Thank you and God bless.

Yours in hope and grace,

Rev. George Quarm.

Circuit Notices

Peter Youngs – Funeral Arrangements

Peter's funeral will take place on Thursday 8 May. There will be a Thanksgiving service at St. Mary's, starting at 2:30pm which will have been preceded by cremation attended by Peter's family. Refreshments will be served after the Thanksgiving service.

To assist with catering it would be helpful to have an idea of those planning to attend – details to nigel.campion-smith@outlook.com please.

For anyone wishing to write to Peter's family, please send cards or letters to Peter's address - 89 Farnham Road, Guildford GU2 7PF

Resources/Good News

VE Day Celebrations

Britain will host a four-day celebration of the 80th anniversary of VE Day, including a flypast, concert and a service at Westminster Abbey from Bank Holiday Monday on 5 May until Thursday 8 May 2025.

VE Day, or Victory in Europe Day, commemorates the end of World War Two in Europe.

Here in Surrey, towns, villages and local attractions are set to join in the celebrations and carry them on through to Surrey Day on Saturday 10 May.

From town centre commemorations to tea parties and guided walks, you'll find a guide to Surrey's VE Day celebrations here.

[How is the 80th anniversary of VE Day being celebrated in Surrey?](#)





Circuit Service

**In 2025/2026 we celebrate 60 years since
the admission to the Order of Local
Preachers of**

**Revd. Allan Taylor and Revd. Peter Hills
and 70 years since the admission of
Roland Hamon**

**This service will celebrate the significant
milestone of 190 years of preaching, and give
thanks to the faithful ministry of those who lead
our worship.**



Refreshments will be served after the service

Sunday 11 May 2025 3.00pm

**Merrow Methodist Church
Bushy Hill Drive, Guildford, GU1 2SH**

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

Songs of Praise



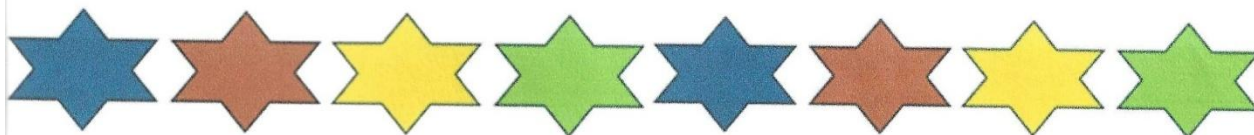
Saturday May 17th
Horsley
Methodist Church

(next to W.H. Village Hall)

7.00p.m.

Come and sing a selection of favourite hymns.

Phone 01483 282474 to make requests.



**Saturday morning events at the
Addlestone Methodist Church café
on Station Road**



***Come along between
10am and 12 to enjoy
tea/coffee and cake and
join in with activities***

**1st Saturday of each
month – Fun Bingo**

*Donations to Sam Beare Hospice
or Open Doors Charity*

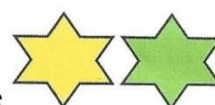


**2nd and 4th Saturdays – popular
hymns & songs to sing to or just
listen to.**

3rd Saturday – time for our Quiz



Check notice board for any changes





PET SERVICE

**Sunday 8th June
15:30**


Walton Methodist Church,
Terrace Road, KT12 2SR

Do come along to this short act
of worship where our pets will
be blessed.

Coffee, tea, biscuits and cakes
served afterwards.

www.waltonmethodist.org

Charity No. 1174524



TRINITY 60TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW

SATURDAY- 14TH JUNE 2025

@ 6.30PM



**BRING YOUR OWN
REFRESHMENTS (no
alcoholic drinks
allowed on the
premises)**

Trinity Methodist
Church, Brewery
Road, Woking,
GU21 4LH

**FREE
ENTRY!**



*Featuring current and past
Trinity members from the
English and Chinese
congregations.*

**For free tickets please
contact**

sixtytrinity@yahoo.com

This is also a fundraising event for
the upkeep of this church building
and our work with the local
community – any donations would
be appreciated.



SCAN ME

