

Dear Friends,

This past Sunday's lectionary reading was the story of the apostle Paul and his conversion on the Damascus Road. It is an inspiring story of how God is able to reach into our lives and change things in an instant. It's a great example of conversion and redemption...but it occurs to me that it's not the ONLY example of how we can change.

In a world that celebrates the instant and the spectacular, we can easily fall into the trap of thinking that change must be swift and dramatic to be real. But the truth of the Christian life—and of any genuine growth—is often quite the opposite. Becoming better people, more faithful disciples, more loving neighbours, is not usually the result of a single, sweeping transformation. It happens day by day, moment by moment, choice by choice.

My daughters' school in Godalming is Broadwater School. When they joined, I was somewhat amused by the school motto, "By Increments Conquer". I used to think that it was a rather lacklustre motto. It didn't seem very inspiring to me. But recently, I've had more cause to think about it and I've decided it's much more wise than I was giving it credit for. It captures the essence of how deep and lasting change takes place. Not all at once, but in increments. Little by little. One step at a time.

Think of how Jesus taught his disciples. He didn't hand them a syllabus and expect them to master it overnight. He walked with them, taught them through stories, modelled grace and truth, corrected them when they stumbled, and gave them room to grow. They didn't become apostles in a day—but they did, by God's grace, become apostles in time.

In our own lives, we too can grow toward Christlikeness by adopting this patient, faithful mindset. You don't have to overhaul your life this week. But you can do one thing today that makes you a better person than you were yesterday. Maybe it's choosing kindness when irritation feels easier. Maybe it's taking five minutes to pray instead of scrolling through your phone. Maybe it's reaching out to someone you know is struggling, or forgiving someone who hasn't asked for it.

These are small things. But they are not insignificant. As the Apostle Paul reminds us in Galatians 6:9: "Let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." Small seeds, faithfully sown, grow into a harvest of righteousness.

So let us take the Broadwater motto to heart—not just as a school slogan, but as a spiritual strategy. By increments conquer. Let us press forward not by striving to leap ahead all at once, but by putting one foot in front of the other, every day, with intention and grace.

May God bless our every small effort, and may God, in time, shape us into the people God created us to be.

-Adam

## Resources/Good News

### **Surrey Day 2025**

The annual celebration of all that is great about our county, Surrey Day is set to return for the seventh year on Saturday 10 May.

There are many different events taking place across the county, from jazz concerts to organised dog walks and craft workshops, and you can find out more about them [here](#).

### **RTS Meter Switch Off**

On 30th June electricity meters that use a radio frequency to switch between tariffs will stop operating correctly, as the radio frequency will be turned off. Electricity suppliers should have contacted all affected customers to upgrade their meter free of charge, but many people have not taken up this offer.

If someone has this type of meter they will potentially be left without electricity and/or hot water or will receive higher energy bills due to incorrect meter readings.

If anyone is unsure if this will affect them, they should contact their energy supplier directly.

[How you can identify if you have a Radio Teleswitch \(RTS\) meter.](#)

## **STOUGHTON METHODIST CHURCH**

*(On the corner of Stoughton Road and Grange Road)*

### **COFFEE CORNER**

Tuesdays from 10 am – 12 noon



**6<sup>th</sup> May**

**13<sup>th</sup> May**

**20<sup>th</sup> May**

**27<sup>th</sup> May**



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

The choice is yours!

**Everyone welcome – bring a friend!**



# Plant Sale

Add charm to your home and garden with a lovely plant! Enjoy refreshments, helpful assistance, and browse a selection of other goods.

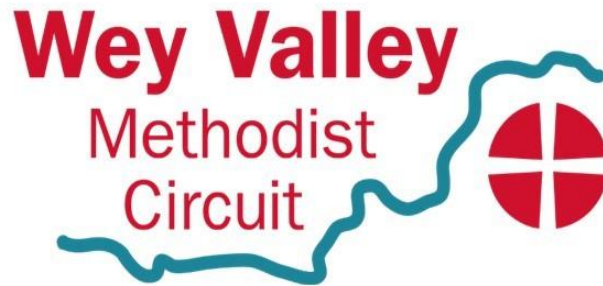


Cash and card accepted.

10 AM to 12 NOON  
**10th May 2025**  
Saturday

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





## **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



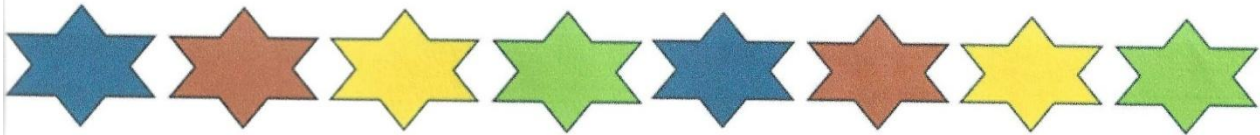
**Saturday May 17th**  
**Horsley**  
**Methodist Church**

(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**

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each  
month – Fun Bingo**

*Donations to Sam Beare Hospice  
or Open Doors Charity*

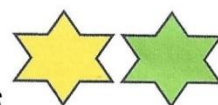


**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays – popular  
hymns & songs to sing to or just  
listen to.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.waltonmethodist.org)

Charity No. 1174524





**JOIN US AT GODALMING UNITED CHURCH TO MARK THE  
10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
'THY KINGDOM COME'**



***The church will be open from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm for private prayer in the Sanctuary on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June.***

***We will also be having Afternoon Tea and Cakes on both Saturdays from 3 pm – 4.30 pm in the River Room and Gardens.***

**Displays of local and national charities will be around the church premises which highlight the positive actions that are already taking place, which are improving people's lives and so bringing us all closer to how we imagine God's Kingdom on Earth would look.**

**Come and have a look around the displays and have a tea and cake with friends. We will also have a Bring and Buy Sale.**

**Donations received from the teas and Bring and Buy on 31<sup>st</sup> May will be sent to Christian Aid and on 7<sup>th</sup> June to the Red Cross Appeal for Gaza.**

***Godalming United Church, Bridge Road, Godalming  
GU7 3DU***

# TRINITY 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SHOW

SATURDAY- 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025

@ 6.30PM



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

**FREE  
ENTRY!**

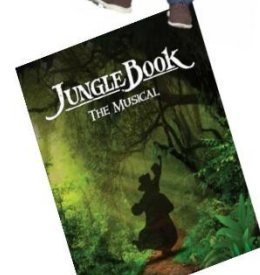
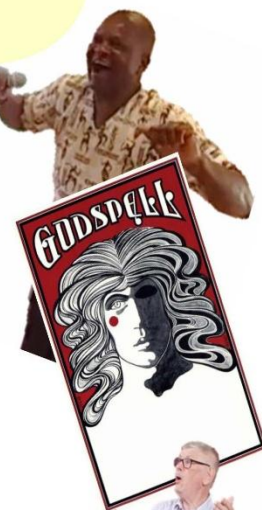
Trinity Methodist  
Church, Brewery  
Road, Woking,  
GU21 4LH

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

**For free tickets please  
contact**

**[sixtytrinity@yahoo.com](mailto: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

