

Dear Friends,

It's been a busy few days.

At St. Mary's we've been busy welcoming over 700 visitors in the first week to the exhibition of paintings from the Methodist Modern Art Collection. This coming Sunday we have an event open to the Circuit where we can listen to Revd. Dr. Leslie Griffiths (Lord Griffiths). Book on Eventbrite now! It's not too late to pop in and see these exquisite pieces of art.

[Discover Mmac Guildford Events & Activities in Guildford, United Kingdom | Eventbrite](#)

At the Chinese Methodist congregation last Sunday, it was my honour to preach as we welcomed three new community preachers into the life of that busy and exciting church.

At our Circuit Mission Supper we ate a lovely meal together and heard an inspirational talk from Mission Partner Grace Pratt Morris-Chapman as she told stories that underlined the examples of 'Unusual Kindness' that litter our lives (see photo).



On top of that there was the Super's residential in Eastbourne and Presbyteral Synod in Folkestone. I have been on a lot of trains with 5.30am rises this last week!

Being busy is okay - I read the journal of John Wesley and I feel quite breathless - but I did take note from one of the speakers at the Art Exhibition this week who talked about the art of 'slow looking' (there was an article about this very thing in the latest National Trust

magazine). The taking time, the lingering and allowing things to speak into the silence, the pondering and wandering and wondering that is so important.

SO - what I am going to tell myself over the next few days (and what I hope I shall listen to) is that I (we) need to take the opportunity for some slow looking, slow listening, slow being as we build up to Easter. If we are going to be prepared for Easter Day that is vital.

I know lots of us are REALLY busy at the moment and diaries are already full - but DO slow down from time to time (if only a little) and look, listen and ponder slowly. You never know what God might reveal to you.

Revd. Dr. Paul Glass

Resources

The Surrey Half Marathon

The Surrey Half Marathon is taking place on Sunday 22 March. A number of roads around Woking and Guildford will be subject to closure. More information below.

[Surrey Half – 22nd March 2025 Road Closures - Surrey Half - 22nd March 2025](#)



Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

To mark Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, the President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Richard Andrew, has released a powerful video telling the story of his recent cancer diagnosis, his treatment and how his faith has sustained him throughout.

[Read his story here](#)

MacMillan Cancer Support also offers information and support [here](#)

FROM DARKNESS ... TO LIGHT

St Mary's
Church



Watanabe: Christ enters Jerusalem



Lee-Elliott: Crucified tree-form – the Agony



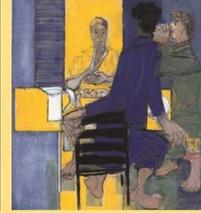
Francis N Souza: The Crucifixion



Graham Sutherland: The Deposition



Richard Bavitt: The Empty Tomb



Ceri Richards: The Supper at Emmaus



Edmonds: The Cross over the City

AN AFTERNOON WITH LESLIE GRIFFITHS

Lord Griffiths shares the build-up to Easter and Easter itself through readings, music ... and his enthusiasm for the works from the Methodist Modern Art Collection

ST. MARY'S QUARRY STREET GUILDFORD GU1 3UP

Sunday 22 March 2.30 pm

Admission by ticket (free) from: Eventbrite – search MMAC Guildford

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www.methodist.org.uk/artcollection

STOUGHTON METHODIST CHURCH

(On the corner of Stoughton Road and Grange Road)

COFFEE CORNER

Tuesdays from 10 am – 12 noon



3rd February

10th February

17th February

24th February

3rd March

10th March

17th March

24th March

31st March

2026



Enjoy Coffee & a Chat, Coffee & a Game, or Coffee & a Book
The choice is yours!

Everyone welcome – bring a friend!

**A DOOR
TO THE HOLY:
CONTEMPORARY
ART AND FAITH**



Richard Bavin: The Empty Tomb

**Wednesday 25 March 2026
7 pm**

**St. Mary's Church
Quarry Street
Guildford GU1 3UP**

Tickets: £10 - see Eventbrite for MMAC Guildford

An evening with

Laura Moffatt

Director of Art + Christianity

as part of

FROM DARKNESS ... TO LIGHT

Free public opening of the exhibition:
Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays
9 March – 5 April 11.00 – 15.00

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FROM DARKNESS



... TO LIGHT

Explore stunning works from internationally renowned artists such as **Graham Sutherland, Elisabeth Frink, Patrick Heron and Maggi Hambling**

**St Mary's Quarry Street
Guildford GU1 3UP**

9 March to 5 April 2026

Public opening hours will be
11.00 – 15.00 (or later)
Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays
and daily from 30 March – 4 April

Further details from www.htsmguildford.org/mmac-2026

Events open to all:

Wednesday 11 March <i>* Ticketed event</i>	19.00	A Journey through the Passion: Prof. Ben Quash in conversation with Rev. Karen Case-Green
Thursday 12 March	12.30	A Lunchtime Lent Reflection: Rev. Sarah Hutton introduces three water-themed images
Saturday 14 March	09.30 to 11.30	Practical Aspects of Spirituality: Dark ... Light ... the Spirit in paint: Rev. Dr. Paul Glass
Thursday 19 March	12.30	A Lunchtime Lent Reflection: Rev. Karen Case-Green introduces Lee-Elliott's Crucified tree-form – the Agony
Friday 20 March <i>* Ticketed event</i>	19.30	From Darkness ... to Light: Reflections in music and poetry, with poet Alwyn Marriage and 'cellist Annelies Terry <i>Exhibition viewing from 18.00</i>
Wednesday 25 March <i>* Ticketed event</i>	19.00	A Door to the Holy: Contemporary Art & Faith A talk by Laura Moffatt
Thursday 26 March	12.30	A Lunchtime Lent Reflection: Rev. Brian Roberts introduces Cazalet's Fool of God and Brokenshire's Pentecost
Sunday 29 March	18.00	Shadows of the Cross - a Palm Sunday Reflection including music from <i>In Nomine</i> Choir
30 March – 5 April		Programme of events for Holy Week to be published on the website

** Ticketed events: £10 each
see Eventbrite for
MMAC Guildford*

More details at
www.htsmguildford.org/mmac-2026
For further enquiries:
MMAC2026@htsmguildford.org.uk



Mark Cazalet: Fool of God. Lee-Elliott: Crucified tree-form – the Agony. Richard Bavitt: The Empty Tomb.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTY



SATURDAY
18TH APRIL 2026
4:00 - 6:00pm
Trinity Methodist Church
Brewery Road, Woking



There will be high tea, entertainment and a fun quiz.



If you know someone who'd appreciate an **invitation**

CONTACT Marian (07749 094064)
Pauline (07729 301713)



Volunteers would be welcome to...
Help on the day or bake a cake

CONTACT Pauline (07729 301713)



To give someone a **lift** or sponsor a **taxi**

CONTACT Hugh Bowerman

Thank you for your continued support.

The Neighbourhood Party Team

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS!?!

*Do you have a conversation in your church
that goes something like this?*

PERSON 1: “We’ve got a (or two, or three!) Local Arrangement(s)
on the Plan this quarter. What are we going to do?”

PERSON 2: “Oh no! I don’t know! Do you think we could get away
with another ‘Songs of Praise’ service? Or can we find someone
else to do it for us?”



Well... DON'T PANIC! Help is at hand!

We've finally got round to planning a session to help you with
some ideas, resources and encouragement.

(Apologies for the delay, someone was a bit poorly!)

Who it's for? Stewards, Worship Leaders;
anyone in the Congregation that it's interested really!

Where? TRINITY, WOKING

When? Sat 30th May, 2.30-4.30pm

**SAVE THE DATE - MORE INFORMATION TO
FOLLOW NEARER THE TIME!**

SHADOWS OF THE CROSS

6 PM

29 MARCH 2026

ST. MARY'S CHURCH
QUARRY ST. GU1 3UP



Watanabe: Christ enters Jerusalem

Choral music, readings and reflections
prompted by works
from the
Methodist Modern Art Collection

led by Rev. Andrew Wheeler

Choir: In Nomine

Conductor: Sebastian Forbes Organist: Peter Wright

including the World Premiere of
Alwyn Marriage's poem

Mothered

inspired by Jyoti Sahi's painting - Dalit Madonna

Composer: Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

Cellist: Annelies Terry

Please join in with the

Walk of Witness

Good Friday • 3 April 2026 • 10:30



**Enter into the spirit of Good Friday, with many Christians from local churches.
We hear the story of Jesus's journey from Gethsemane to Golgotha.**

**We will start outside McDonalds/Friary at 10.30am and then walk up the
High Street towards Holy Trinity.**

**Once the cross has been tied to the railings at the top of the High Street,
outside Holy Trinity Church, you are invited to tape a prayer to the cross,
when you are next in the centre of Guildford,
as a sign laying down your burden at Jesus's feet.**

Pastoral Support

Advocacy

Accommodation

SUSTAINING HOPE IN 2026

Interpreting

Foodbanks

Drop-In Centres



Place of Sanctuary

Are you involved, or interested, in supporting
Refugees, Migrants & Displaced Persons?

Befriending

English practice

The Methodist South-East District 'Sustaining Hope' spring gathering for 2026

Cafes

will include

Form-filling

- time to network

- Rev Nigel Cowgill, Global Communities Officer: '*Being a Global Community*'
- Mary Barrett, Immigration Detention Visitor: '*Support, friendship, advocacy*'

Date: Saturday, 25th April, 10.00am - 1.30pm

(Refreshments from 9.45am)

Resettlement
Schemes

Venue: Redhill Methodist Church, RH1 1BP

Redhill Station is 5 minutes' walk away

NCP car park on Gloucester Road opposite the church

Clothing Banks

Liaising with other Agencies

To register, for more information, or for the
livestreaming link, please email
Rev Hazel Forecast at

hazel.forecast@methodist.org.uk

Mother-tongue worship

Something else...



Memory Lane

Presents

MUSICAL MEMORIES

A concert given by

MEMORY LANE MUSICIANS

with Supporting Artists

25 SATURDAY
APRIL Doors open 2pm
Concert 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Cranleigh Baptist Church

Tickets: £10, to include
refreshments during the interval

Call: 07876 528704



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