

Dear Friends,

Something different this week, for this 'different' week, this week we call 'Holy'.

I'm quite sure that this particular week, is one where God invites us (yearns for us even?) to enter into the unfolding story of God's passionate salvation plan, in and through Jesus.

So – no long, comfortable letter for you to sit back and read and keep at a distance but a few short thoughts wrapped around a link to a chunk of the bible and a poem to help you do just that.

This immersive way of approaching and engaging with this Holy Week has been prompted by an overnight online retreat I've just shared in with 'The Community for Spiritual Formation', which I can highly recommend. If you want to know a bit more, have a look at the website: www.communitysf.org.uk

The passage I'd like you to read is the section of Mark's gospel that fills in the gap between the events of Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday, the three days in the middle sometimes called: Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday and Holy Wednesday. You can find these in MARK Chapter 11, from verse 12, through to Chapter 14, verse 11.

You may have a favourite bible version that you like to read from, and that's great but if not, and if having a link from your electronic device is helpful, please see the link here to the NRSVA version on the Bible Gateway website: [Mark 11:12-14:11 NRSVA - Jesus Curses the Fig Tree - On the - Bible Gateway](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+11%3A12-14%3A11&version=NRSVA)

It might take you a while to read it, so you may wish to take it in bitesize pieces, reading a section and then reflecting on what it says to you, before looking at the next part.

What do you think God is saying to you through these words, as they record some of the last things Jesus did before the pace quickens, events get darker, deeper and more dangerous?

Then – read the following poem, written by U A Fanthorpe, apparently written after she'd seen a stage play:

'Afterwards'

The principalities, the powers, the politicians,
The ones who pose in the spotlight
Centre-stage, and magnetise us as they stalk
Towards bankruptcy, murder, betrayal, suicide,
And other traditional exits.

The audience leaves, discussing nuances.
A scatter of sweet-papers, ash,
Smells hanging around behind. The audience leaves.

And in they come, rolling up their sleeves,
With hoovers and mops, buckets and brushes and Brasso,
Making it ready for the next time, nobody watching,
With small uncompetitive jokes, with backchat
About coach-trips, soaps, old men,
And a great sloshing of water.

This is where we ought to be. Not
Up on the stage with the rich and the Richards,
Rehearsing already their entrance for the next house,
The precise strut that registers power,

But down on our hands and knees,
Laughing, and mopping up.

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Then, ask yourself:

- Where might I have been in the events I've been reading about? Centre-stage, or quietly working away in the background?
- Where, and with whom, ought I to be with this week?

May God speak into and bless your reading and reflecting; opening new insights into and appreciation of all that has been done for us, and is still being done for us, in Jesus.

Sam Funnell



Resources/Good News

Surrey County Council Tree and Hedgerow Planting

Surrey County Council has planted over 832,000 trees as part of the Council's [1.2 million Tree Strategy](#), one for every resident in Surrey!

Since 2020 charities and community groups, schools and churches have been helping to plant hedgerows, single trees, copses and community orchards on their land.

If you are interested in planting, the Tree Planting and Establishment Team can offer a site visit and consultation to assess viability of tree planting. No project is too big or too small so do get in touch if you would like further information.

You can either [fill in this link](#) or email the team at trees@surreycc.gov.uk if you have any questions.





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



The Methodist Church



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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Celebrating 150 years of
**Horsley Methodist
Church**

Songs of Praise

SATURDAY APRIL 25TH

7.00-9.00PM

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Sunday Service

APRIL 26TH 10.00AM

PREACHER

REV CONRAD HICKS

followed by

LUNCH IN VILLAGE HALL

(BOOKING ESSENTIAL)

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!**

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.

Weybridge Male Voice Choir's

Spring Concert

Join us for an evening of eclectic and varied repertoire with surprises and debut performances along with refreshments afterwards!



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ANXO GARCIA
WINNER OF THE WOKING YOUNG
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**Friday
24th April
7.30pm**

Christ The Prince of Peace, Portmore Way,
Weybridge, KT13 8JD

Adults - £15 Under 12s - Free

Tickets can be purchased via
choir members or online at
www.ticketsource.co.uk/weybridgemvc



Pastoral Support

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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...



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25 SATURDAY
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Concert 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Cranleigh Baptist Church

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