

Dear Friends,

After nearly 30 years in ministry, I've just discovered the joy of Easter sunrise services (and the struggle in getting up early for them!)

Last year I was at Cowey Sale Open Space in Walton with other Christians on the south side of the River Thames for the Sunday Easter early morning service. Folk from Walton Church continued the Methodist tradition of participating in that service again this Easter.

However, I was elsewhere this year. I joined with Christians from Byfleet, West Byfleet, Ripley, Pyrford and Woodham for the Easter early morning service facing the abandoned ruins of Newark Priory just as the sun was rising. I had seen the Priory for the first time last year when I walked the path of the River Wey. Although in ruins, it sits in a dignified manner on an island surrounded by the River Wey and Abbey Stream. It is a spectacular view and Easter gave me a chance to get closer to it.

We even witnessed vapour trails left by two planes in the shape of the Cross above the Priory (pictured). It was a poignant moment.



Newark Priory fell victim to the dissolution of the monasteries in the mid-Sixteenth Century along with nearly 900 other religious houses. It was a monstrous act and the desecration of the work of faithful Christians up and down the land who were committed to lives of prayer and service.

Yet despite that, here we were nearly 500 years later still worshipping in the shadow of the Newark Priory. We were reminded during the service that the Priory was run by an Augustinian order. Pope Leo XIV is the first Augustinian pope so that tradition continues. Our group was a diverse group of Christians continuing lives of prayer and service in this part of Surrey.

Easter proclaims that death does not have the last word. Love has the last word. To experience it close to Newark Priory was well worth getting up early for.

Shaun

Resources/Good News

Programme for Christian-Muslim relations in Africa

Private audience with His Holiness Pope Leo XIV

PROCMURA (Programme for Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa), a partner of the Methodist Church in Britain, was honoured to have a private audience with His Holiness Pope Leo XIV at the Vatican on Wednesday 25 March, in a moment that reaffirmed the shared commitment to advancing constructive Christian-Muslim relations across Africa.

Read the full story in the link below:

[Programme for Christian-Muslim relations in Africa - The Methodist Church](#)

Have Your Say On Bus Travel In Surrey

Surrey County Council invites you to share your views to help better understand how residents use bus services.



Hearing directly from people who use buses, as well as those who don't, helps to understand what's working well and where improvements are needed. This feedback plays a vital role in shaping how the Council works with bus operators and where future investment is focused.

Please take a few minutes to share your views by completing the survey here: [Have Your Say Today - Surrey Bus User Survey - Commonplace](#)



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



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)

STOUGHTON METHODIST CHURCH

(On the corner of Stoughton Road and Grange Road)

COFFEE CORNER

Tuesdays from 10 am – 12 noon



7th April
14th April
21st April
28th April

2026

5th May
12th May
19th May
26th May



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

Everyone welcome – bring a friend!

Saturday 18 April 2026 2.00-4.00pm

Knaphill Methodist Church, The Broadway, Knaphill GU21 2DR

(between Boots & the old Lloyds Bank)

Clothes4U

a clothes bank supporting the local community

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

We can accept donations again, and are looking for clothes for all age groups, but especially for men and teenage boys.

Donations can be left in waterproof bags outside the church on 18 April before 1pm

FREE EVENT



Healthy Ageing Fair

An event for all things health. Physical, mental, financial and legal.

Feeling lost about ageing and later life Find clarity, support and a pool of resources all in one place through a multitude of organisations we've called together to guide and help you.

- Thursday April 30th
 - 14:00 - 16:00
 - QE Baptist Church and community centre
- Guildford, GU2 9LX

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 FREE ON-SITE PARKING

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to find out more

■ **01483 904594**
mike.boniface@radfieldhomecare.co.uk

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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!**

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!



Retiring Collection for..



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Research

pcr.org.uk

**WITH GUEST SOLOIST
ANXO GARCIA
WINNER OF THE WOKING YOUNG
MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR 2026**



**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

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...



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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