

## A May Message of Hope and New Beginnings — Wey Valley Circuit

Family of God,

First, I thank the Lord for journeying mercies and for bringing me safely back from Ghana – a land where the daily temperatures ranged between **34–42°C**, and even the evenings rested at **24°C**. Life there moves at a different rhythm: joyful, unhurried, and deeply communal. Time seems to have no strict boundaries as people go about their daily work, family life, and religious activities with a natural ease.

Easter in Ghana was a blessing beyond measure. I had the joy of reconnecting with friends and family, and — quite unexpectedly — I was given a last-minute appointment to preach to **over 600 adults and 150 children**. For almost **55 minutes**, I stood proclaiming the risen Christ, followed by the privilege of administering the communion elements. It was a moment of grace, humility, and profound thanksgiving.

Returning now to the Wey Valley Circuit, I carry with me the warmth, the zeal, and the deep love for God that I witnessed there — a reminder that the Church of Christ is alive and vibrant across the world.

### Easter People in a New Season

Easter does not end with the last hymn on Easter Sunday. It continues to breathe through the church — through our worship, our service, our prayers, and our life together. We are Easter people, and May invites us to live as such: people who carry resurrection hope into ordinary days.

This year, **our entire** Wey Valley Circuit stands at the threshold of a new chapter. A new minister will soon join us, and with that comes a natural sense of anticipation. New seasons often stir excitement, fresh ideas, and renewed energy. But they can also tempt us to place our hopes too heavily on personalities, methods, or human plans.

Scripture gently redirects our gaze. The Church's strength has never rested on the gifts of one individual but on the faithfulness of God, who calls, equips, and sustains His people. *"He must increase, and we must decrease."* These words remind us that the heart of Christian renewal is not human-centred enthusiasm but God-centred obedience.

### Anchored in What Matters Most

As we prepare for what lies ahead, may we anchor ourselves in three simple truths:

- Our focus is Christ. Ministers come and go, but the Lord remains the Shepherd of His Church.
- Our calling is to walk with God. Not to chase trends, but to deepen trust, prayer, and discipleship.
- Our mission is shared. God uses His people – all of us – as instruments of blessing, growth, and care for His Kingdom.

When a church keeps its eyes on Jesus, hope does not fade after the first few weeks of a new appointment. Instead, it grows. It matures. It becomes a steady flame that lights the way for others.

### **Stepping Forward Together**

So let us step into May with faith and love. Let us open our doors and our hearts to the future God is shaping among us. Let us welcome our new minister not as the source of renewal but as a fellow traveller whom God will use — alongside each one of us — for His purposes.

We are Easter people. Hope is our language. Christ is our centre. And the best chapters are written when God leads the way.

Every blessing to the whole Wey Valley Circuit. Thank you.

Devotedly yours,

*Revd. George K. Quarm*

### **Resources/Good News**

#### **Allergy Awareness Week, 20 to 26 April**

- Over 30% of adults report adverse reactions to foods, but only a proportion have a confirmed allergy.
- Around 25% of UK children have eczema... these children are more than twice as likely to develop asthma and hay fever, and almost five times more likely to develop food allergy.
- Fewer than 10% of children with food allergy are seen in a specialist allergy clinic.



Allergy affects millions of people across the UK. Despite this, many still struggle to recognise the symptoms or access the support they need. As a result, many people live with allergy symptoms for years without understanding what is causing them or how to manage them safely.

The charity Allergy UK is promoting Allergy Awareness Week, with their campaign “**I Wish I Knew**”, shining a light on a simple but powerful message: **diagnosis matters**. Recognising that symptoms may be linked to allergy and seeking a diagnosis is the first step to accessing the right care and taking control.

Find a wealth of information and support here [Allergy UK | National Charity](#)

*Celebrating 150 years of*

**Horsley Methodist  
Church**

**Songs of Praise**

**SATURDAY APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**7.00-9.00PM**

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**Sunday Service**

**APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2.30-4.30pm

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

# STOUGHTON METHODIST CHURCH

(On the corner of Stoughton Road and Grange Road)

## COFFEE CORNER

Tuesdays from 10 am – 12 noon



7<sup>th</sup> April

14<sup>th</sup> April

21<sup>st</sup> April

28<sup>th</sup> April

5<sup>th</sup> May

12<sup>th</sup> May

19<sup>th</sup> May

26<sup>th</sup> May

2026



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

**Everyone welcome – bring a friend!**

**Saturday 25 April at Knaphill Methodist Church**



# MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING



# AND SALE



**BOOKS, DVDs,  
JIGSAWS, CAKES,  
BRIC-A-BRAC & MORE**



**KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH HALL**

**4th Saturday every month (except December)**

**10am to Noon**

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

COME ALONG!

 FREE ON-SITE PARKING

Get in touch  
to find out more

■ 01483 904594

[mike.boniface@radfieldhomecare.co.uk](mailto:mike.boniface@radfieldhomecare.co.uk)

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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..



Prostate  
Cancer  
Research

[pcr.org.uk](http://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](http://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*'

Resettlement  
Schemes

**Date: Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 10.00am - 1.30pm**  
(Refreshments from 9.45am)

Clothing Banks

**Venue: Redhill Methodist Church, RH1 1BP**

Redhill Station is 5 minutes' walk away  
NCP car park on Gloucester Road opposite the church

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](mailto:hazel.forecast@methodist.org.uk)

Mother-tongue worship

Something else...



Memory Lane

Presents

# MUSICAL MEMORIES

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with Supporting Artists

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**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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RESEARCH UK** **FOR A  
CURE**

# THE BRIGITTE TRUST PRESENTS

## Planning Your Funeral with Judith Dandy



Join us for a FREE talk with Judith Dandy, funeral director and founder of Dandelion Farewells. During the session, Judith will share her extensive knowledge of the industry and answer any questions you may have around end-of-life planning.

Taking place at Effingham Golf Club in Leatherhead, this session will offer a refreshing approach to death and dying, and provide you with the information needed to ensure that you get the perfect send-off.

**WHEN: Tuesday 12th May, 9:30am (for a 10:00am start) until 12:00pm**

**WHERE: Effingham Golf Club, Guildford Road, Leatherhead KT24 5PZ**

This session is free and open to all. If you are interested in attending, please book through one of the following options;

- Contact Mandy East at [mandy.east@brigitte-trust.org](mailto:mandy.east@brigitte-trust.org)
- Visit our Eventbrite page through the QR code →
- Or visit our website at [www.brigitte-trust.org/our-services/the-brigitte-trust-presents/](http://www.brigitte-trust.org/our-services/the-brigitte-trust-presents/)

