

Dear Friends

Five people...that's it. Not too much. Five people over eleven days. It could be more of course, and over a longer period of time - but five people over eleven days sounds about right.

In 2016 the Archbishops of Canterbury and York invited people to get involved with a movement of prayer for the Church in this country (since then it has spread to 90% of the world's countries and 85 different denominations).

The movement is called 'Thy Kingdom Come' - and it's simple really. For the 11 days from Ascension Day (Thursday of this week) to Pentecost (May 24th) Christians are asked to select five people who they will pray for by name for eleven days. The prayer is a simple one... 'thy kingdom come' - specifically for the people that we are praying for. That they might have a greater understanding...move closer to an understanding of God's love for them at work in their lives.

We've been using 'Thy Kingdom Come' at St. Mary's for a while now. Every year there's a booklet with helpful thoughts and reflections for each of the 11 days - this year with notes by Dame Sarah Mullally. There's also a great website.

[Thy Kingdom Come | Thy Kingdom Come](#)

Why don't you take this on as a spiritual discipline this year? Select the five people you're going to pray for and start today.

You never know what might happen...for you or for them.

Happy Ascensontide.

*Paul*

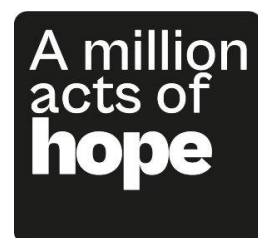
### **Resources/Good News**

#### **A Million Acts of Hope, 13-20 May**

News reports and social media feeds can often make it feel like the UK is more divided than ever. The voices of those who spread hate and seek to divide communities can seem loud, but they ignore the millions of actions which spread hope and kindness every day, and show what is possible when we come together to make positive change happen.

From 13–20 May, A Million Acts of Hope will bring together all these everyday acts of hope and shine a light on the people and communities making them happen. It's a national initiative being led by community and faith groups, and charities big and small.

[A Million Acts of Hope: How your church can get involved - The Methodist Church](#)



# **LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS!**



## **Local Arrangement Resourcing Event**

For Church Stewards, Worship Leaders  
or anyone in the Congregation that is interested.

Please come along and join Dave Ingoldby, Elizabeth Gurd,  
Graham Warr & Sam Funnell for a session on how to tackle  
these and even ENJOY them!

### **Where?**

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

### **When?**

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2.30-4.30pm (Refs from 2pm)

### **What do I need to bring?**

Pen and paper (or laptop) plus an open mind and heart!

**We look forward to seeing you then!**



# Plant sale

for



**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May from 10.00am to 12.00pm**

**Trinity Methodist Church, Woking**

**(Brewery Road, GU21 4LH)**



**Plants  
and  
Homemade  
cakes**



**Coffees and teas will be served**

**(Payment by card or cash)**

**All funds raised go to Christian Aid**



The Methodist Church





## **Circuit Service**

**With Revd Conrad Hicks**

**District Chair,**

**South East District**



**All welcome**

Refreshments will be served after the service

**Sunday 14 June 2026**

**3.00pm**

**Byfleet Methodist Church  
Rectory Lane, Byfleet, KT14 7LL**

≡ You're invited! ≡



**FRIDAY**

**22 MAY**

**10:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

≡ Join us at our session ≡

**Rosemary & Sage** *Café*

**OPEN MORNING**

♥ **EVERYONE WELCOME!** ♥



Find out more about our activities in detail.



Enjoy a **FREE** cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake.



See how our sessions run and what we do.

≡ *Special Guests!* 🎵

We are delighted to welcome

*Cheryl & Jeff*

**MUSICIANS**

Join us for a wonderful **SING-ALONG** and a bit of performance as well! 🎵



**DON'T MISS IT!**



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# LET'S TALK DEMENTIA

**Day 1 4pm - 6pm**  
**Tuesday 19 May**

Join our chatty tables and connect  
with organisations for  
advice/support

Dementia friendly activities for  
loved ones

Cafe open for everyone

**The Hive**  
**Park Barn Drive,**  
**GU2 8EN**

**Day 2 10am - 4pm**  
**Wednesday 20 May**

Join our chatty tables and connect  
with organisations for  
advice/support

Virtual Dementia  
Experience Bus  
(no booking required)

**Guildford Spectrum**  
**Parkway,**  
**GU1 1UP**

Can't make the event but  
have a question? Fill out  
the form and someone will  
get back to you with an  
answer

