

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, I had the joy of being part of two harvest festival celebrations.

The first was the harvest service with holy communion which I led at Addlestone. The produce we collected in the photo below (to which there is more to be added) will be donated along with some money donations to the York Road Project in Woking to help defeat homelessness. For a congregation which is one of the smallest in the Circuit, we collected a good amount of food.



I then drove over to Walton to share in their harvest lunch with delicious soup and plenty of puddings. The service in the morning had been led by Graham Warr and involved the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Air Scouts and Guides which all meet at the Church during the week. The food and goods collected in the photo below will go to the Walton & Hersham Foodbank which helps local people in crisis.



Giving thanks for the harvest goes back to biblical times. Our Jewish friends are currently celebrating Sukkot (one of three Jewish types of harvest festival) this week and it has roots in our shared Scriptures.

The modern harvest festival dates back to 1st October 1843 when Rev Robert Hawker invited his parishioners in Morwenstow, Cornwall to give thanks for the plentiful harvest. It is a tradition which continues today not only in rural churches but also urban ones. Even where we no longer have much contact with farming, we continue to give thanks for all that God has provided for us. It continues to be a joy.

Blessings,

Shaun

Resources/Good News

Get winter ready: Resources to stay safe and well

As winter approaches, taking simple steps to prepare can help protect your health and wellbeing. Cold weather can increase the risk of illness, particularly for older people, young children and those with long-term health conditions.

Whether you are a resident, carer, volunteer or health and care professional, there are a range of resources and support services available to help you stay warm, healthy and connected throughout the winter months.

[Public Health Bulletin - September 2026](#)



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COFFEE AND CAKE

AT ST. MARY'S

QUARRY ST. GUILDFORD GU1 3UP

**SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER
2026**



Thursday 27 August

- - -

Thursday 24 September

- - -

Thursday 22 October

10.30 – 12.00

- each month features a different charity

Everyone welcome



St. Mary's Church

Quarry St GU1 3UP

visit

OUR TIME 2

**- an exhibition of art
created by**

women prisoners from HMP Send

Opening:

Thursday 1 October 11 am – 5 pm

Friday 2 October 11am – 5 pm

Saturday 3 October 11 am – 5 pm

Sunday 4 October 12 noon – 5 pm

Thursday **1st October, 7.00-8.30pm at St John's, Waterloo** - hear the testimony and call to action of a Palestinian farmer and peace activist from *Tent of Nations* in the West Bank. Supported by *Embrace the Middle East* and the CEO of *All We Can*. Tickets can be booked at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-struggle-for-land-justice-and-peace-in-the-west-bank-tickets-1998351370744>

Saturday **3rd October 10.00am-1.30pm - *Sustaining Hope* gathering at Redhill Methodist Church** with presentations from two people on the front-line of supporting asylum-seekers and people recognised as refugees in the south of our District. In view of the current increased intimidation of communities and people of goodwill, do take this opportunity to learn more and share your support. Details are on the poster or from hazel.forecast@methodist.org.uk.

Pastoral Support

Advocacy

Accommodation

SUSTAINING HOPE IN 2026

Interpreting

Foodbanks

Drop-In Centres

Place of Sanctuary

Befriending

English practice

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

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

Cafes

will include

- time to network

- Deacon Vicky Welsh: 'Unexpected voices within a small town'

- Rossana Leal: Becoming 'Refugee Buddies'

Form-filling

Date: Saturday, 3rd October, 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

To register, for more information, or for the livestreaming link, please email
Rev Hazel Forecast at
hazel.forecast@methodist.org.uk

Liaising with other Agencies

Mother-tongue worship

Something else...



Weybridge Sings

**Treble Clef and
Weybridge Male Voice Choirs
in Concert**



treble clef choir
WEYBRIDGE



Registered
Charity
No: 1038624



**Friday 9th October at 7.30pm
Christ the Prince of Peace
Portmore Way, Weybridge. KT13 8JD**

**Adults £15 U12's go Free
Pay Bar for Refreshments.**

Retiring collection
in aid of

Princess Alice
Hospice

**Tickets from Choir Members, or
www.ticketsource.co.uk/weybridgemvc**





Woking People of Faith

FAITH TO FAITH FORGIVENESS

AN INTERFAITH CONVERSATION



EVENT DETAILS

DATE

Thursday 15
October 2026

TIME

7.30 pm

DURATION

60–90 mins
maximum



VENUE

Friends Meeting House, 41 Park Road
Woking GU22 7DB

What to expect

A focused evening of listening, reflection and exchange.

01

Faith perspectives

Five minutes from each speaker on forgiveness in their faith.

02

Small groups

Time to discuss, ask questions and share reflections together.

03

Shared session

Concluding with common features and distinctions between faiths.



Light refreshments provided

Please arrive in time for a prompt 7.30 pm start.



Parking available

On site and on nearby side roads.

JUST TURN UP!

PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS AND NO FAITH WELCOME



Woking People of Faith

The WPOF Environmental Working Party invite you to

HELP THE HEATHER

**JOIN US TO HELP THE HEATHER
SURVIVE ON HORSELL COMMON!**



Saturday 17th October 2026



10 am - 12 pm



Horsell Common

(meet at Heather Farm at 9.45 am)

Bring Boots and Gloves!

All welcome!

For more information email John West:

westjohn630@gmail.com

POP-UP PLAY CAFÉ

Wednesday 29 October 9.30 – 11.30

... call in at
ST. MARY'S
Quarry St
Guildford GU1 3UP

- space to play
- time to relax
- coffee and cake

All ages welcome



SAVE THE DATES

Join us for our 2026 series of

Advent Reflections

followed by a bread & soup lunch

**Thursdays – 26 November
and 3, 10 December**

12.15 for 12.30

Carols at Lunchtime: 17 December

St. Mary's Quarry St Guildford GU1 3UP

Tea/Coffee and Cake

Pay as You Feel

every Saturday, 10.00 - 12.00pm



Addlestone Methodist Church

(Next to Subway on Station Road)

Free Prize Bingo &
Games Mornings

on 1st and 3rd Saturdays
of month!



We always need donations and volunteers to
keep serving the Addlestone community. Please help us!

Play  
Chat. Connect



Saturday 21st November 2026
2pm

At Walton Methodist Church Hall
A maximum of 6 people per team
Refreshments being served at half time.

Email:

waltonmethodistchurchsecretary@virginmedia.com
to book your place!

tearfund.org/quiz

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