Dear Friends,

The Armistice, an agreement to end the fighting of the First World War as a prelude to peace negotiations, began at 11am on 11 November 1918. Armistice is Latin for to stand (still) arms. To this day we mark Armistice Day around the United Kingdom with a Two Minute Silence at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month. We commemorate the signing of the Armistice which brought an end to the First World War and remember all those who gave their lives in service to their country since 1914. Most of us have someone in our families who has been involved in conflict since 1914. My paternal grandfather was attached to the cavalry in WW1 and was gassed during the second battle of Ypres in 1915. Fortunately, unlike many of his comrades, he survived.

In the 12 months since the last Armistice Day, horrific images of violence and devastation have bombarded our television screens following attacks on Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, Russia, Nigeria, Cameroon, Sudan, Syria, Iran, never a fully peaceful world. One commentator writes this: 'Into this I struggle to find words. How can people be so barbaric to other humans? We, who have a common humanity under God, are designed to live in harmony together. I realise we will never all agree on everything, but loving disagreement is a vast distance from the horrors of war.' You may remember Lemn Sissay's poem:

> 'Said the sun to the moon,
> Said the head to the heart
> We have more in common
> Than sets us apart'

Before or after we mark the Two Minutes Silence we might consider Malcolm Guite's poem:

Silence

November pierces with its bleak remembrance
Of all the bitterness and waste of war.
Our silence tries but fails to make a semblance
Of that lost peace they thought worth fighting for.
Our silence seethes instead with wraiths and whispers,
And all the restless rumour of new wars,
The shells are singing as we sing our vespers,
No moment is unscarred, there is no pause,
In every instant bloodied innocence
Falls to the weary earth, and whilst we stand
Quiescence ends again in acquiescence,
And Abel's blood still cries in every land
One silence only might redeem that blood
Only the silence of a dying God.

Grace and peace

Allan



Resources/Good News

List of Warm Welcome Venues in Surrey

Warm Welcome Venues by Borough and District

The Warm Welcome scheme for winter 2026 to 2027 is open from 1 November 2026 to 31 March 2027, in community venues and libraries.

These free spaces offer somewhere warm and welcoming to spend time, enjoy a free hot drink and connect with others. Most venues will also provide energy advice and signposting to further support services. There are over 100 venues available, with information listed below.

List of Warm Welcome Venues in Surrey - Surrey County Council

Bottles made into Remembrance Day Tribute Poppies

In case you missed this story, St Michael & All Angels Church in Pirbright asked for donations of bottles and enlisted the help of parishioners to turn them into the artificial flowers.

Bottles turned into poppies for Remembrance Day tribute in Pirbright - BBC News



You are invited to a

COFFEE MORNING

in aid of

Flame Trust

on Thursday 12th November

10.30am to 12pm

at Merrow Methodist Church



Delicious home made cakes – Bring your friends and family!



Saturday 14 November
6 – 8 pm

Trinity Methodist Church

Brewery Road

Woking GU21 4LH

Bring a dish of food to share (savoury or sweet),

and your plate and cutlery and a mug/tumbler.

<u>All are welcome! Teams of 6 on the night.</u>

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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!

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SHARING HOPE

at Christmas

- a series of reflections for Advent

The Christmas message is one of hope, but how do we find it and share it with others? Our lunchtime Advent Reflections this year look at ways in which everyday life can provide an opportunity to relate to that message and the hope it offers. Our speakers will be focussing on a film or a TV programme and suggesting where it provides such an opportunity.

St. Mary's Quarry St Guildford GU1 3UP

Thursdays: 12.15 for 12.30

26 November: Rosemary Lee

3 December: Darlene McCarley

10 December: Andrew Wheeler

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17 December: Carols at Lunchtime: Paul Glass

The Reflections will be followed by a Bread & Soup lunch



A joyful start to Christmas

Carols for All





Saturday Nov 28th

7.00- 9.00 pm

Horsley Methodist Church

(next to W. Horsley Village Hall)

Come and sing your favourite carols with a break for refreshments and mince pies.

Phone requests to

01438 282474

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

at

Merrow Methodist Church

Sunday 6th December 6.30 pm



Advent *is a time of . . . .*

- *Expectancy*
- *Waiting*
- *Hope*
- *Preparing*

for the coming of the King.

Come on 6th December to a service of **readings** and **Advent carols**, to celebrate this short, special season of Advent, during we can prepare ourselves for the joy of Christmas and all that it will bring.

Hot drinks & biscuits will be provided after the service



Join us this Christmas

Churches Together
in Byfleet
Advent Group 2026

For more
information and
resources:

https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/christmasresources/

All Saints, New Haw
Woodham Lane KT15 3DH
Tues 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd December
7.15pm for refreshments
7.30pm start.

St Michael's Church, Sheerwater
Dartmouth Avenue, GU21 5PJ
Wed 2nd, 9th, 16th 23rd December
9.45am for refreshments
10am start.

The **Methodist** Church

itsawayoflife.org.uk/Christmas

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WEYBRIDGE MALE VOICE CHOIR
INVITE YOU TO THEIR

CHRISTMAS Concert

FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER, 7.30PM

St. James' Church, Weybridge, KT13 8DB

With special guests

St. James' Primary School Choir

Retiring collection for

white lodge

Adults - £15 Under 12s - Free



Tickets from Choir Members, by QR Code or ticketsource.com/weybridgemvc

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