Dear Friends,

A Methodist minister friend of mine was invited for a meal with a religious order of Roman Catholic brothers. When he arrived, it was announced, “the Methodists are here”. Although he was the only Methodist present, the announcement of ‘Methodists’ plural by the brothers was their respectful way of saying that he represented the hundreds of thousands of Methodists in Great Britain.

It’s not just the ordained who represent the wider Methodist Church. All of us do so especially if we hold any office in the life of the church. In every role and job we do to support the church in its worship and service, we represent the Methodist Church to all those we come into contact with.

That’s why Safeguarding processes and training is so important. There have been court cases in the news recently where women in the entertainment industry and in the Methodist Church have not been safe and guilty verdicts have followed. The Safeguarding training and processes we go through are to ensure that everyone feels safe in the Methodist Church and that we undertake all our roles to protect everyone, including protecting ourselves. The theme for Safeguarding Sunday recently on 15th November was ‘Love Protects’ taken from 1 Corinthians 13. It is a biblical calling.

Every task in the church is a calling – from making the coffee, to overseeing the property and finances, from working with children and young people to leading worship – and every role in between. All that each one of us does in the life of the Church, we do so as the Methodists.

Blessings,

Shaun

Resources/Good News

Being Neighbourly is Being Ready

The Government's Be Ready campaign urges us all to prepare to manage for three days should essential services fail. The Methodist Church asks:

How will our churches continue to gather, communicate and care for people if normal systems were disrupted?

The link above includes conversation starters for churches - do take a look.

Knaphill's Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 28 November







St Mary's Church

SHARING HOPE

at Christmas

- a series of reflections for Advent 2026

The Christmas message is one of hope, but how do we find it and share it with others? This series will look at opportunities from everyday life to relate to that message. This week we will find inspiration from another ***Christmas season movie****.*

St. Mary's Church Quarry Street
Guildford GU1 3UP

12.15 for 12.30

Thursday 3 December:

Darlene McCarley

- followed by a Bread & Soup lunch


ADVENT REFLECTIONS
Journey to the Light
Take a little time out from the busyness of the season
to pray, reflect and prepare for the coming of Christ.
Fridays at 7.00pm on Zoom
27 November ✦ 4 December ✦ 11 December ✦ 18 December
Each gathering includes:
Evening Prayer
A Bible Reading
Meditation
Quiet Reflection
Everyone Welcome
"The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light."
Isaiah 9:2
Trinity Methodist Church, Woking
For Zoom joining details please contact:
samfunnell24@btinternet.com
ALL ARE WELCOME

We warmly invite you to the matrix

with young people, for young people

Christmas Quiz 2026

Team sizes of 2-6



Ages 14+ welcome

Tickets £10 each

...or £54 for a team of 6!

IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL YOUTH WORK!

27TH NOVEMBER 2026, FROM 7PM

ALLEN HOUSE PAVILION, EASTGATE GARDENS, GUILDFORD, GU1 4AZ

WALKING DISTANCE FROM THE TOWN CENTRE, OR PARKING AVAILABLE NEXT DOOR AT YORK ROAD CAR PARK - £2.10 FLAT RATE AFTER 6PM (EXIT ON FLOOR 9 OR 11)

TICKETS INCLUDE NIBBLES AND A FREE MULLED WINE / NON-ALCOHOLIC OPTION



BRING-YOUR-OWN DRINKS (ALCOHOL PERMITTED)



PRIZES FOR QUIZ WINNERS, BEST TEAM NAME & BEST JUMPER

FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT AS A COMMUNITY & RAISE FOR A GOOD CAUSE!

Quiz Tickets:

WE ALSO HAVE A FUNDRAISING RAFFLE WITH LOADS OF PRIZES INCLUDING AFTERNOON TEA, PUB VOUCHERS, DISTILLERY AND BREWERY TOURS, GOODY-BAGS, FREE PRODUCTS AND MORE!

Raffle Tickets:

Visit 'linktr.ee/matrix_trust' if you cannot scan QR codes

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


GASKIN'S FREE
CHRISTMAS LUNCH
2026
25th December - Christmas Day
FREE CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH
RESERVE YOUR MEAL BY 20TH DECEMBER.
INFO@FREECHRISTMASLUNCH.COM.
MARTA 07855846957.
FREE DELIVERY TO YOUR HOME.
WITHIN 15 MILES OF GUILDFORD.
DELIVERY 12PM TO 3PM.
VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED
OPEN TO EVERYONE IN NEED.
LONELY, STUDENTS, HOMELESS, VULNERABLE.

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