

Dear friends,

When I left my previous Circuit, I was kindly given an old SLR 35mm film camera from the 1970s. These days we usually take photos on digital cameras and mobile phones. Digital photography has huge advantages. We can take multiple shots and see the photos instantly on a screen. The pictures contain more details and the colours, contrast, shadows and highlights can be easily adjusted with software. Indeed, the AI in my mobile phone camera will make a grey sky blue.

I recently used the SLR camera for the first time with a roll of 36-exposure black and white film. When I'd finished it, I had to wait a further couple of weeks from posting the film off to the photolab before receiving the developed photos. (There was one difference from the old days however in that I downloaded the photos as scanned jpgs, rather than getting them as prints.) Below are two of those pictures – Walton Methodist Church and boats on the River Thames.



Film photography isn't cheap. I had to take my time to compose and focus the pictures in the viewfinder as I only really had one opportunity at each shot. The camera's inbuilt light meter wasn't reliable after all these years, but fortunately I remembered the old 'sunny 16' rule to work out the shutter speed and aperture f-number. With a digital camera, I could have produced clearer images at no cost with automatic focussing and exposure - but that's not the point. I was forced to slow down and enjoy the process in taking these photos. It's no wonder that many younger photographers who grew up with digital are discovering and enjoying film for the first time.



Lent is a good time for slowing down and taking the time to reflect up on our life and faith. During this season, many of our churches have special Lent courses and times for reflection. The Methodist Church's Lent theme this year is Soul Food and there is material online which can be found with a simple internet search.

One of the reasons I enjoy photography is that it gives me the chance to look around me in wonder at God's world, to pray for the brokenness and rejoice at the beauty in it. You don't need a film camera or any type of camera to do that. Lent gives us the opportunity for it.

Shaun

Resources/Good News

The Start of British Summer Time!

The clocks go forward on Sunday 30th March at 1.00am, marking the official beginning of British Summer Time (BST).

We "lose" an hour of sleep, but gain an hour of daylight in the evening 😊



Lent Reflections

Would you like a few quiet minutes to reflect at the end of a busy week?

Would you like to pause a while to ponder the meaning of Lent?

Would you like to get closer to God's heart of love for you?

LENT REFLECTIONS

might be just what you're looking for!

There are 3 Zoom sessions: on Fridays 28/3, 4/4 and 11/4,
from 5.30pm until 6ish.

Feel free to join any or all of these
and to have your camera on or off, as suits you best.

Rev Sam – Trinity Methodist Church

To Join the Zoom Meeting – Please follow the link or use the ID and Pass Code below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89733710859?pwd=9Rgf61MHiUxKZEoh7QM7KppNjbHaK6.1>

Meeting ID: 897 3371 0859 Pass Code: 885315

(These details will be the same for all three of the Reflections)

FINDING HOPE IN HARD PLACES

A SERIES OF LENT REFLECTIONS



ST MARY'S
QUARRY ST
GU1 3UP

12.30 – 13.30

THURSDAYS
13, 20 & 27 MARCH
3 & 10 APRIL

SAVE THE DATES!

FOLLOWED BY
A BREAD AND SOUP LUNCH



Stay for FREE tea,
coffee & a chat

Clothes4U

Pre loved clothes with TLC

from

Knaphill Methodist Church

Broadway, Knaphill, Surrey GU21 2DR



Saturday 19 April 2025 2 - 4pm

To claim your FREE clothes, collect a voucher from 30+ places in Surrey.

Email us to find out where they are: clothes@knaphillmethodist.co.uk



All are welcome to join us for tea, coffee, cake & a chat in a friendly environment



Whether you're looking for clothes for yourself, friends, or family



We have lovely, pre-loved clothes for everyone to take away & enjoy wearing



We look forward to meeting you & your family



If you would like to donate clothes, please contact us on the email below



If you would like to volunteer, we would warmly welcome your help

www.knaphill-methodist-church.com/clothes4U

clothes@knaphill-methodist-church.com

DONATIONS - NOT NEEDED!

Due to huge generosity lately from the residents of Knaphill and beyond, clothes donations are not being accept at all for the time being.

Make the most of your Saturday mornings

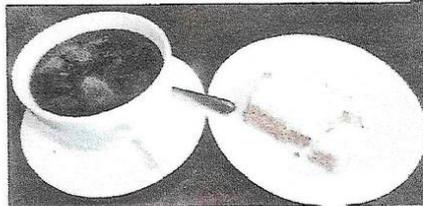
Addlestone Methodist Church

Coffee mornings every Saturday

From 10am to 12 noon

Enjoy a Coffee/Tea and Cake

for just £2



Coffee morning hosts each Saturday :
Addlestone Methodist Church hosts all coffee
Mornings except for the last of the month

Last Saturday of the month –
5th Addlestone Scouts

1st Saturday of every month-

Play Fun Bingo, donations to– Sam Beare
Hospice or Open doors charity.

3rd Saturday Quiz time, test your mind.

2nd and 4th Saturdays, Let us Sing. Popular
Hymns or Songs. Choir backing.

Check notice board for any changes



Genesis Chorale presents
MASS IN C
BY LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

Te Deum by Bizet
Ave Verum Corpus by Mozart
How lovely are thy dwellings by Johannes Brahms

**Music Director:
Florence Price**

**7.30pm, Saturday
5th April 2025**

**St John's Church
West Byfleet,
KT14 6EH**

**Tickets: £18 Adults,
£9 students.**

**Order from website,
choir members and
on the door.**

Genesis Chorale

www.genesischorale.org.uk



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**SUNDAY
27TH APRIL
4.00pm**

PUDDING AND PRAISE

This will be led by

Ross Richardson and Dave Paterson

Come and have some delicious puddings at 4.00pm and then settle down to some great praise, worship and contemplation at 4.30pm

**Delicious puddings and
great Praise**

**If you like a good
pudding come and
taste some**

**Be uplifted by great
praise songs
led by 'Breeze'**

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Sunday 27th April 2025 4pm