Dear Friends

Last year, Weybridge Methodist Church had a table display (pictured) at the ecumenical Day of Prayer and Remembrance at St James Church, Weybridge. It takes place every year on the day before Remembrance Sunday. We came together from diverse Christian traditions for prayer and reflection and we will do so again this year on 8th November from 10.00 am until 1.00 pm. There will be special prayers every hour, space and silence for lighting candles, displays from the local churches and refreshments. We will end with a simple shared lunch.



The following afternoon on Remembrance Sunday 9th November, we will return to St James for the civic remembrance service which follows a wreath laying ceremony at Weybridge war memorial. It is an event in which various organisations, youth groups, civic leaders, veterans and ordinary people come together to remember those who have died in war.

Churches throughout the Circuit will be marking Remembrance Sunday in different ways. At Byfleet and Walton, there will be services at 10.00 am followed by wreath-laying and 2 minutes silence at the local war memorials. They are always moving occasions. We will remember those who gave their lives in war for freedom and peace, those who continue to bear the costs of conflict and we will commit ourselves to working for peace and justice.

I have just read a book about a Methodist minister's commitment to peace-building in the former Yugoslavia. 'In Spite of our Differences' by Rev Clive Fowle is not only Clive's story, but it also tells the story of many ordinary people who survived the horrors of war in that part of

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Europe. Clive was a predecessor of mine in Milton Keynes and during his ministry there, he established a link between the churches in Milton Keynes and Leipzig which was then in the former East Germany. I was able to benefit from a later visit to Leipzig after the reunification of Germany and from a return visit of guests from Leipzig to Milton Keynes. Clive has also helped to set up neighbourhood mediation services in circuits he has served in. His book is available for £12 from the publisher, Spring View Publications: https://www.springview.uk/

As well as several photos of poppy displays on the table in the picture, you might also pick out a photo of St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace which arose again after an IRA bomb attack in 1993. It stands in the shadow of the Gherkin building.

The world continues to be scarred by ongoing wars and the threat of wider war. During this time of remembrance, we seek our peace with God, with each other and with the wider world.

Revd. Shaun Sanders

Resources/Good News

Planning For Care

Surrey residents and their families can now benefit from a simple new online tool to help them be prepared for the costs of care, if they become less able.

Surrey County Council's new <u>Care Cost Indicator</u> allows people who arrange and pay for their care to see how much it may cost to stay in a typical residential / nursing home compared to receiving care or support in their own home. Using a simple slider to choose the number of weeks, months or years they wish to plan for, people can judge how long their savings or assets may last.

Guildford Christmas Makers Market | Guildford Cathedral

Step into the magic of the season and shop small this Christmas at our festive Craft & Flea Makers Market – a joyful celebration of creativity, community, and local talent!

Wander through twinkling stalls filled with handmade gifts, unique treasures, and vintage finds, all lovingly crafted by independent makers, designers, and artisans from your area.



Discover everything from beautiful ceramics, festive illustrations, and cosy candles to sparkling jewellery and one-of-a-kind vintage pieces perfect for thoughtful Christmas gifting.

Saturday 1 November 2025 10am – 4pm Guildford Cathedral Parking available Please note: not dog friendly

Entry £3 — Kids under 12 go free!

SAM'S ZOOM AROUND GREECE

Back in May, as a large part of my Sabbatical, I went on a 10-day pilgrimage around Greece.

I'd now like to offer friends around the Circuit the chance to share some of the sights and experiences I had, as I travelled with my fellow pilgrims, in the footsteps of St Paul.

To that effect, please find below some Zoom link details for **THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER at 7.30pm** (I'll open the meeting at 7.25pm), for about an hour or so.

You'd be very welcome to join me!

Yamas! (That's 'Cheers!' in Greek)

Sam.

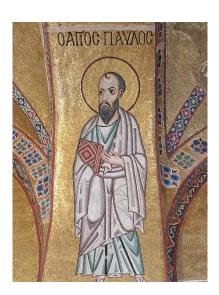


Image of St Paul - Taken at Hosias Loukas, in the 11th century church

ZOOM LINK:

Topic: Circuit Zoom - Sam's Sabbatical Travels in Greece

Time: Nov 6, 2025 07:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting -

https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/84676600289?pwd=wxk4b8JLdfYYZkSgzRgXTeGTxThMyO.1

Meeting ID: 846 7660 0289

Passcode: 600496

THREADS THROUGH THE CROSS

25 SEPTEMBER – 3 NOVEMBER 2025 GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL



Talented textile artist

Jacqui Parkinson

presents

'Threads through the Cross'

 - a stunning series of panels exploring the life and teachings of Jesus, from his birth to his final weeks, culminating in Pentecost.

Jacqui's intricate stitching and vibrant design bring Christ's story to life.

The exhibition is free to view – please don't miss it!

COFFEE AND CAKE AT ST. MARY'S

QUARRY ST. GUILDFORD GU1 3UP



Thursday 25 September

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Thursday 23 October

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Thursday 27 November

(first Advent Reflection)

10.30 - 12.00

- each month features a different charity

Everyone welcome

Saturday 15 November 2025 2.00-4.00pm

Knaphill Methodist Church, The Broadway, Knaphill GU21 2DR

(between Boots & the old Lloyds Bank)

Clothes4U

a clothes bank supporting the local community

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

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



STOUGHTON METHODIST CHURCH

(On the corner of Stoughton Road and Grange Road)

COFFEE CORNER

Tuesdays from 10 am - 12 noon



7th October

4th November

14th October

11th November

21th October

18th November

28th October

25th November

FREE or gift Donations

Enjoy Coffee & a Chat, Coffee & a Game, or Coffee & a Book
The choice is yours!

Everyone welcome – bring a friend!



Diverse Beliefs: United Action

Interfaith Walking Pilgrimage (Knaphill)

Join us for a journey of friendship and faith through Knaphill!

Saturday 15th November, 10 am till 2 pm





70 years at MERROW METHODIST CHURCH

COME TO THE

MERROW CHURCH CONCERT

SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 7PM

MERROW METHODIST METHODIST SINGERS Sketches

Piano

Poetry

Surprises!

There is no charge but donations will be invited on the night to be made to

The Matrix Trust.

Carers' Information Fair

Saturday 22nd November 2025 10am - 2pm

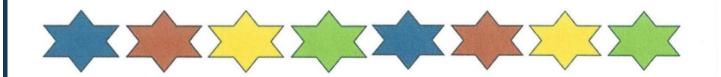
The HIVE, Park Barn Drive, Guildford, GU2 8EN

Practical & financial advice from Surrey charities & organisations

Action for Carers - Admiral Nurses - The Hunter Centre - Energy Manage - Surrey Sports Park -BRAAIN - Family Information Service - plus others

of people who are providing or have provided unpaid care do not identify themselves as a carer





Saturday morning events at the Addlestone Methodist Church Café on Station Road



Come along between 10am and 12 to enjoy tea/coffee and cake and join in with activities

EVERY MONTH

1st Saturday - Fun Bingo

Donations to Sam Beare Hospice or Open Doors Charity





2nd Saturday – A time to sing – favourite hymns & songs

3rd Saturday – give popular games a go





4th Saturday – Hymns, songs and time for prayer

Check notice board for any changes



(next to W. Horsley Village Hall)

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

Phone requests to 01483 282474