

Dear Friends

Last Sunday, September 22nd, as well as being Disability Awareness Sunday was also Peace Sunday. Thinking of the huge number of wars and rumours of wars around the globe we certainly need a Peace Sunday. And of course, we not only need peace between nations but also peace within nations, within communities, within families, within the church.

One of the greatest peace prayers ever written is the one which begins 'Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.' Wouldn't that be a wonderful epitaph to have...'S/he was an instrument of peace.' Perhaps at the beginning of this new Methodist year we might all try, wherever and whenever possible, to be instruments of peace...after all, Jesus himself said 'Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called the sons and daughters of God'. That is because when we make peace, we reflect the likeness of God.

The peace prayer I referred to earlier is often ascribed to St. Francis of Assisi but the truth is that we don't know who the author of the prayer is. It was not until the 1920s that it was ascribed to Francis. By one account the prayer was found in 1915 in Normandy, written on the back of a card of St. Francis. It certainly emulates his longing to be an instrument of peace, reconciliation and redemption in the world.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is error, truth;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

It is in self-forgetting that we find;

And it is in dying to ourselves that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

Blessings

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Resources/Good News

Warm Welcome Launch

For the last two years, The Methodist Church has participated in Warm Welcome and opened up warm spaces to help combat loneliness and isolation in the coldest and darkest months of the year. This year's campaign will be launched at 6.30pm on Thursday 3rd October together with a new 100% Warm Welcome pledge.

[Warm Welcome Launch - Methodist Church](#)

At a more local level, Surrey County Council's Warm Welcome Scheme for 2024/2025 will launch in full on 1 November, however many community venues remain open all year round and details can be found here [List of Warm Welcome Venues in Surrey - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](#)

STOUGHTON METHODIST CHURCH

(On the corner of Stoughton Road and Grange Road)



“COFFEE CORNER”



Fortnightly on Tuesdays from 10.00 a.m – 12 noon

3rd and 17th September

1st, 15th and 29th October

12th and 26th November

10th and 17th** December

** 17th December will be in aid of Cherry Trees, Clendon

Enjoy Coffee & a Chat, Coffee & a Game, or Coffee & a Book

The choice is yours!



Everyone welcome – bring a friend!





CIRCUIT VISION AND STRATEGY

'Talking of God Together' A 4-week discussion group

For the four Fridays of October come and join us for a faith sharing discussion group on zoom. For 45 minutes from 5.15pm each Friday we welcome anyone from across the Circuit to end their week with a four-week course based on the book 'Talking of God Together'. The course aims to build confidence in easily speaking of our faith with others. You will not need your own copy of the book, and all are welcome to join. Don't worry if you can't make all the sessions - each will be self-contained.

4th October

11th October

18th October

25th October

Rev Dr Paul Glass

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/98448089846?pwd=enZ8ldXGe4uu2SPOCosDgYOgdYVsOB.1>
Meeting ID: 984 4808 9846 Passcode: 655618

**COFFEE
AND CAKE
AT ST. MARY'S
QUARRY ST. GUILDFORD GU1 3UP**

**SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER
2024**

10.30 – 12.00



Everyone welcome

Thursday 26 September

Thursday 31 October

- each month features a different charity

Saturday 28 September, Knaphill Coffee Morning:



**MONTHLY
COFFEE
MORNING**

AND SALE

**BOOKS, DVDs,
JIGSAWS, CAKES,
BRIC-A-BRAC & MORE**

KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH HALL

4th Saturday every month (except December)

10am to Noon

Pudding & Praise

Sunday 27 October at Walton-on-Thames

4.00pm



Terrace Road, Walton-on-Thames, KT12 2SR

All are welcome.



Vintage Tea Party

Home Counties Carers, East Horsley WI and West Horsley WI invite you to afternoon tea and live entertainment.

Age UK's Silver Sunday is a national event celebrating older people and their contribution to society.

Sunday 6th October, 3pm - 5pm
West Horsley Village Hall, 99 The Street, West Horsley, Leatherhead KT24 6DD

RSVP to Ingrid at Home Counties Carers to reserve your place.

Telephone: 01483 224985 / 07591 597403

Email: icliff@homecountiescarers.co.uk

Transport can be arranged.

This free event is sponsored by Home Counties Carers – Surrey's Home Care Provider of the Year.

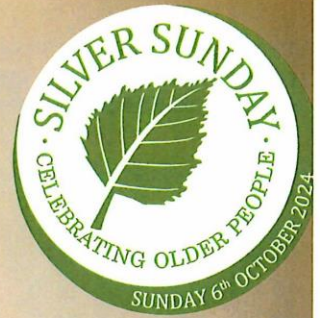


SILVER SUNDAY
CELEBRATING OLDER PEOPLE



Home
Counties
Carers

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INSPIRING WOMEN



AgeUK

Vintage Tea Party

Home Counties Carers and The Coffee Shop invite you to afternoon tea and live entertainment.

Age UK's Silver Sunday is a national event celebrating older people and their contribution to society.

Sunday 6th October, 2:30pm - 4:30pm

St Mary's Church, Church Rooms, Send Road, Send, Woking GU23 7EU

RSVP to Ingrid at Home Counties Carers to reserve your place.

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Pastoral Support

SUSTAINING HOPE AUTUMN 2024



**Are you involved in responding to the needs of
Refugees, Migrants & Displaced Persons -
or interested in becoming involved in some way?**

The Methodist South-East District 'Sustaining Hope' autumn gathering for 2024

will include

- Prayer and time to network
- Keynote presentations on:

- * What drives someone to leave everything and become a refugee?
- * Independent Monitoring Board for immigration detention centres

Date: Saturday, 12th October, 10.00am - 1.30pm

(Refreshments available from 9.45am)

Venue: Redhill Methodist Church, RH1 1BP

Redhill Station is 5 minutes' walk away
NCP car park on Gloucester Road opposite the church

To register, or for more information, email

Rev Hazel Forecast at

hazel.forecast@methodist.org.uk

Please say which Circuit, group or project you are part of

Something else...

Advocacy

Accommodation

Interpreting

Foodbanks

Drop-In Centres

Place of Sanctuary

Befriending

English practice

Cafes

Form-filling

*Resettlement
Schemes*

Clothing Banks

Liaising with other Agencies

Mother-tongue worship



The Bishops' Camino 2024

Sponsored Walk for

The Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund

Saturday 12th October 2024

**Walk to raise funds to support
vulnerable and marginalised people in our diocese**

Join Bishop Andrew and Bishop Paul for a 12 km (7.5 miles) circular walk starting at St Nicolas' Church, Guildford and ending at St Mary's, Guildford, via Hog's Back, Watts Chapel, North Downs Way and River Wey footpath.

The walk starts at St Nicolas' Church, Bury Street, Guildford GU2 4AW Gather at St Nic's from 9.00am ready for informal prayers, refreshments and depart at 9.30am
There will be three short prayer stops along the way

The Camino is open to individuals and parish groups. Youth groups are especially welcome.

The previous walks have raised over £6,000 for the Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund, which provides funds for parish projects that help the disadvantaged and vulnerable across the Diocese of Guildford. Bishop Andrew would love your help once again so that the Fund can support deserving community projects.

To find out more about the walk and how to donate to the Fund
please [click on this link](#)