

Dear Friends

As a small boy I was often taken by my parents to the nearest seaside resort, west from where we lived in Lancashire. The resort was the genteel seaside town of Southport where the sea was always so far out and the sands so solid that cars could be driven onto, and parked, on them. My dad had a smart green and black Morris10...BU 9059...and I have a photo of me as a 5 or 6 yr old boy sitting on the running board of the car, eating a picnic sandwich, on the sands at Southport!

How could anyone possibly have imagined then the events which unfolded in Southport last week. The killing of three young girls, wherever it happens...be it Southport, Gaza or Ukraine... is unconscionable.

Churches Together in Merseyside put out a statement, part of which read:

Life is a precious gift, and for it to be taken from children so young is truly heartbreaking. We offer our sincere condolences to the families and loved ones of all of those whose lives have been lost. We pray for those who remain critically ill and injured...We commit ourselves afresh to standing against brutality and violence in every form and doing all we can to build safe, caring and strong communities.

Since the stabbings there have been protests in Southport which have spread to towns and cities all over the country and morphed into violence and hatred directed against minority ethnic communities. Church leaders and politicians are speaking out and condemning the fact that Muslim and asylum-seeking communities are under attack and feeling unsafe.

As Christians we remember Christ's command to love our neighbour and I'm sure that across the Methodist church that is what we will continue to do. I'm sure that we would all agree with the Catholic bishop of Down and Connor when he says: "standing in solidarity and seeking an honest dialogue with our sisters and brothers from different cultures and religions is the only authentic Christian way forward."

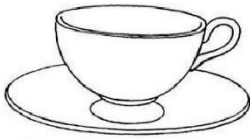
May God be with you in these difficult times.

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Statements from the Methodist Church

[A Statement following the tragic events in Southport - Methodist Church](#)

[Responding to violent disorder - Methodist Church](#)



Stay for FREE tea,
coffee & a chat

Clothes4U

Pre loved clothes with TLC

from

Knaphill Methodist Church

Broadway, Knaphill, Surrey GU21 2DR



Saturday 17 August 2024 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

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clothes@knaphill-methodist-church.com

WE NEED YOUR CLOTHES!

PLEASE DONATE UNWANTED CLOTHES

to
Clothes4U Clothes Bank
Knaphill Methodist Church

We give clothing to anyone who needs it.



CLOTHES

NEEDED URGENTLY!!

PLEASE DONATE CLOTHES FOR MEN WOMEN BOYS GIRLS & BABIES

HOW TO DONATE

bring your clothes to Knaphill Methodist Church (use glass door down side passage)
1:30-3:30pm on these dates:

Saturdays 20 July, 17 August

Can't make those dates?

email us to arrange another time
clothes@knaphillmethodist.co.uk

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

**MAY – AUGUST
2024**

10.30 – 12.00



Everyone welcome

Thursday 23 May

Thursday 27 June

Thursday 25 July

Thursday 22 August

- each month features a different charity

Stroke Café

Cranleigh - Surrey Hills Rehab and Stroke Recovery Service

The stroke café offers an informal place for people affected by stroke to meet with others in a similar situation and socialise within a relaxed café setting.

At Snoxhall Community Centre

Dates September 3rd 2024

Times 11:00

Rebuilding lives after stroke

For more information contact the Cranleigh - Surrey Hills Rehab and Stroke Recovery Service. Telephone: 07860187653 or email elena.vasiliu@stroke.org.uk

Stroke
Association



You are invited to a Cream Tea

**Godalming United Church
Bridge Road, Godalming, GU7 3DU**

Saturday 7th September 2024

2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

**In the GUC Church Gardens or River Room
(depending on the weather!)**

**Donations in aid of the Gambian Ophthalmic Project
which provides funds for cataract operations and follow-up
care.**



POP-UP PLAY CAFÉ

FREE!

Wednesday 14 August 9.30 – 11.30

... call in at
ST. MARY'S
Quarry St
Guildford GU1 3UP

- space to play
- time to relax
- coffee and cake

All ages welcome



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AND

SALES

Bacon Butties!



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KENT SURREY SUSSEX

Registered Charity No: 1021367

There will be various stalls including:
Cakes, Body shop, Raffle, Tombola, Bric - a - Brac.
Guess the Weight of the Cake, Guess the Name of Teddy,
Guess How Many Sweets in the Jar & Model Railway.
Offers of help and donations of items welcome! Contact Tarina Berry

To be opened by **JONATHAN LORD**

KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH HALL

Saturday 7th September 2024

10am to Noon

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