

The Link

The Monthly Newsletter of Marehay
and Waingroves Methodist Church

April 2026

Welcome to The Link which covers all the news and everything that's happening at Marehay and Waingroves Methodist Church (MWMC) during April.

MAREHAY METHODIST CHAPEL



Village coffee

COFFEE.TEA.SCONES.CAKE

LAST THURSDAY OF
THE MONTH 10AM-12PM

MWMC — Waingroves

COMMUNITY CAFE

OPEN
FRIDAYS

10.00 am - 12.00 noon
ALL WELCOME



The next meetings are:

- 9th April – Formal Progress meeting for the Sanctuary Annexe Waingroves 10am
22nd April- Church Council Meeting Marehay 7.30pm
23rd April - Formal Progress meeting for Sanctuary Annexe 10am

MAREHAY & WAINGROVES METHODIST CHURCH

Stewards Ruth Beresford, Kath Brydon, Viv Walters, Mark Ratcliffe Margaret Storer, Christine Aldred

Enquiries & Bookings Sarah Moss - sarah.mwmc@outlook.com or 07989329944

Prayer Chain Jackie Cracknell (Waingroves) 01773 748843
Christine Aldred (Marehay) 07841 01126

Stay and PLAY GOES LARGE!

8th April
Marehay Methodist Church

**Come and learn about the
Wise and Foolish Builder!**

10am-12pm
12pm Light Lunch Served

Free session for all school aged children and their siblings!

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.



MWMC (Waingroves)
ACTIVITIES FOR THE OVER 55'S
January – April 2026
(every Wednesday morning)
10.00am – 12noon

DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT
7 th January	Sanctuary Bereavement Group
14 th January	Art & Crafts
21 st January	Quiz
28 th January	Film
4 th February	Sanctuary Bereavement Group
11 th February	Art & Crafts
18 th February	Quiz
25 th February	Games & Puzzles
4 th March	Sanctuary Bereavement Group
11 th March	Film
18 th March	Quiz
25 th March	Games & Puzzles
1 st April	Sanctuary Bereavement Group
8 th April	Arts & Crafts - Cancelled
15 th April	Quiz
22 nd April	Games & Puzzles
29 th April	Film

For More Information Contact:

Alison Wood (CAMEO Pioneer Worker)

Telephone: 07791 960 228

Email: cameo.mdmc@btinternet.com

**If you have a problem,
Citizens Advice is here for you.**

Our Outreach Adviser can help you find solutions.

Our advice sessions are available at:

Waingroves Methodist Church
on **Friday mornings.**

Drop-in service. 10am - 12pm

24th October 2025	13th March 2026
14th November 2025	24th April 2026
12th December 2025	15th May 2026
16th January 2026	12th June 2026
13th February 2026	

For urgent advice call our
freephone Adviceline

0808 278 7954

Open Monday to Friday,
9am to 4pm



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Drop-in service. Wesley Room, 10am - 12pm

30th October 2025	26th March 2026
27th November 2025	30th April 2026
29th January 2026	28th May 2026
26th February 2026	25th June 2026

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Waingroves Methodist Church

PASSOVER MEAL

Maundy Thursday 2 April, 6.30pm



CANCELLED

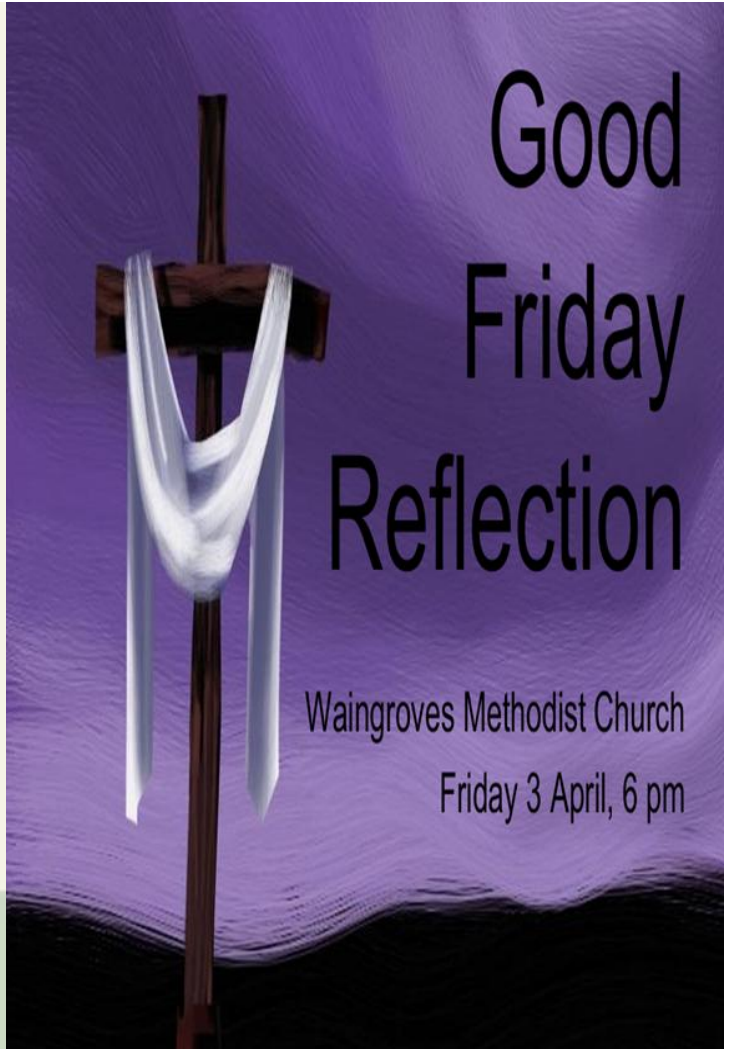
Good

Friday

Reflection

Waingroves Methodist Church

Friday 3 April, 6 pm



Marehay & Waingroves Methodist Church

'Sonrise' Communion Service

On Easter Sunday 4 April – 8 am
At Waingroves Community Woodland
Led by Revd Helen Penfold

CANCELLED



(All are welcome for breakfast at Waingroves Chapel after the service)

Waingroves Methodist Church

FOOD BANK

Open by Appointment

Contact us on 01773 743345, 01773
742107

mwmethoist@outlook.com or
Facebook messenger



March Services

PREACHERS FOR WAINGROVES

APRIL 2026

5 th	10.45	Service led by Ms Sue Wilkins
12 th	10.45	At Marehay Service led by Rev Helen Penfold
19 th	10.45	Service led by Rev'd Sheila Baldock
26 th	10.45	Service led by Rev'd Marian Crawford

All are Welcome

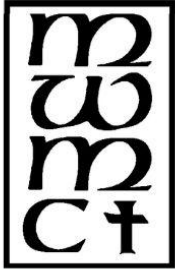
PREACHERS FOR MAREHAY

APRIL 2026

5 th	10.45	Service led by Mrs Kath Brydon
12 th	10.45	Service led by Rev Helen Penfold
19 th	10.45	Local Arrangement
26 th	10.45	At Waingroves Service led by Rev'd Marian Crawford

All are Welcome

MAREHAY AND WAINGROVES METHODIST CHURCH



PRAYER WALK

Waingroves

For the month of April we will be praying for those who live and work on:

Church Street
Pit Lane
Colliers Court
Brierly Court
Orchard Close

About us:

Marehay and Waingroves Methodist Church are aiming to walk Marehay, Waingroves and everywhere in between, in small sections, praying for the community as they go. Our Prayer walk in April will be on Saturday 4th at 10.30 am. We will meet outside Waingroves Methodist Church

If you are unable to join us but wish to join in, here is a prayer you can use:

Lord God we place our community into your hands.
We pray for peace in its streets and in its homes .
We pray for healing where there is pain and hurt.
We pray for kindness between neighbours.
We pray that every child, woman and man will feel loved and accepted.
We pray that each one will know your great love for them and your saving grace.
Open the hearts of this community to welcome Jesus as Lord and Saviour
That our lives may be refreshed and transformed.
Today we place this community and our hopes into your hands.
Amen

IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS OR REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION YOU CAN CONTACT US AT:



mwmethodist@outlook.com



Message us on Facebook at Marehay Methodist Church or Waingroves Methodist Church



Or you can pop a note in either of the church letterboxes

MWMC Church Diary March 2026 – December 2026
1st April – MWMC meeting at Marehay 7.30pm - Cancelled
2nd April – Passover Meal at Waingroves 6.30pm - Cancelled
3rd April – Good Friday Service at Waingroves 6pm
5th April – Son Rise Service in Waingroves Woodland 8am -Cancelled
8th April – Stay and Play goes Large at Marehay 10-12.30
9th April - Formal progress meeting Sanctuary Annexe at Waingroves 10am
22nd April – Church Council Meeting at Marehay 7.30pm
23rd April - Formal progress meeting Sanctuary Annexe at Waingroves 10am
24th April - Citizens Advice session at Community Café Waingroves 10-12pm
30th April - Citizens Advice session at Village Coffee Marehay 10-12pm
4th-10th of May – Well dressing preparation and Services at Waingroves
13th May - MWMC meeting at Waingroves – 7.30pm
15th May - Citizens Advice session at Waingroves Community Café Christian Aid Special 10-12pm
20th May – MWMC Property Committee Meeting at Waingroves 7.30pm
27th May – Stay and Play goes Large at Waingroves 10-12.30
28th May - Citizens Advice session at Village Coffee Marehay 10-12pm
12th June Citizens Advice session at Waingroves Community Cafe 10-12pm
13th June – MP Coffee Morning at Waingroves 10-30-12-30
24th June - MWMC meeting at Marehay 7.30pm
25th June - Citizens Advice session at Village Coffee Marehay 10-12pm
11th – 12th July – Sanctuary Annexe dedication weekend at Waingroves
13th July – Pastoral Care Meeting Marehay 10.30am
17th July – Book Sale at Waingroves 3-4.30 and 6.30-9pm
18th July - Book Sale Waingroves – 10-12
26th July – St Jame’s Day Service at St James time TBC
3rd – 6th August – Stay and Play goes Large at Marehay 10-12.30
5th August - MWMC meeting at Waingroves – 7.30pm
11th August – Circuit trip to the Seaside – Details TBC
5th September – Marehay Show
5th-7th September - Flower Festival at Marehay
12-13th September Waingroves Show
26th September - 3 Churches Meeting at Codnor 11.15am

MWMC Vision Programme – Update

The MWMC Vision Programme is a series of initiatives to develop the work and witness of the Church and to make our buildings fit for purpose in the modern world. Although the strategy will be set and all decisions made by the Church Council, it’s really important that everyone knows what’s happening and feels comfortable expressing their views and contributing to the plans. With this in mind, we’re going to publish a monthly update in The Link, starting with this one. The Vision Programme is divided into 5 separate workstreams, and the majority of work at the moment is gathering information to enable the Church Council to set direction and make both strategic and financial decisions when it meets in October.

Workstream 1 – Waingroves Property Development

Workstream 1 concerns our building at Waingroves. The church community there has met to determine emerging and future needs that aren’t met by the current setup and ways to alleviate pressure as the building is used so much. This includes:

- Devotional space for when the worship area is in use in the week and on Saturdays.

- Increased storage to release areas for other use.
- Enhancements to the worship area (particularly the acoustics).
- Improvements to the lighting and security arrangements outside.

Progress Update:

The Sanctuary Annexe project is progressing nicely, the plastering has been completed internally, the kitchen units have been installed, the first fix of the electrics has been completed, and the builders have now broken through and begun work to connect the two buildings together. The next tasks are to build the external ramp, the electricians to carry out the 2nd fix and for decoration, carpeting and the disabled toilet to be installed. The completion date has been brought forward, and it is now hoped that the site can be handed back to us on 17th April and we are planning a dedication weekend and service on 11th and 12th July.

Workstream 2 – Marehay Property Development

Workstream 2 concerns our building at Marehay. The church community there has met to determine action to make the building fully accessible and fit for purpose in the 21st century in order that usage may be increased exponentially as we move forward as a joint church. This includes:

- Retaining the pulpit and organ as a focal point.
- Establishing a single level between and within the worship area and the school room.
- Replacing the pews and partition wall.
- Providing direct level access from outside directly into the worship area and school room.
- A ramp to allow access into the building from the pavement
- The removal of the garage in the centre of the garden which contains asbestos.
- An extension to the back of the Wesley room to store large items such as tables and equipment not used regularly and to include a toilet facility that is accessible to the community gardeners from the garden.
- Better storage in the School Room, Church and Wesley Room

Progress Update:

No further progress since March has been made on the work listed above. Currently quotes for the internal and external roof repairs are being sought to present to the Church Council on 22nd April.

Workstream 3 – Net Zero Workstream 3 concerns the target to make MWMC Net Zero by 2030. It is envisaged that environmental features for heating, insulation, water capture, and energy generation and storage will be included in both Workstreams 1 and 2 once initial requirements have been confirmed.

Progress Update:

Work in this work stream is being incorporated into the schemes for work streams 1 and 2

Workstream 4 – Community & Outreach Worker

Workstream 4 concerns the requirement to employ more human resources to scope and then drive forward the mission and outreach of MWMC. Initial thoughts are this work will contain two major strands:

- Getting alongside, enhancing, and future-proofing existing work.
- Determining current and future needs of the community not currently being met by MWMC (both in existing settlements and new housing developments) and commencing work in these areas.

Progress Update: This work stream is currently on hold whilst we ascertain what staffing in the circuit will be like from September 2026. Once this has been established then MWMC can make plans to move forward with this work stream.

Workstream 5 – Sanctuary Project

Workstream 5 challenges MWMC to look beyond our traditional work and geographical boundaries to consider how our premises, funds, and other spare resources could be used to benefit the most vulnerable people in society.

Progress Update: The new extension at Waingroves will be called the Sanctuary and so this element of the vision programme will form part of workstream one once the extension has been built.

	Marehay			Waingroves			Elsewhere
	Chapel	School Room	Wesley Room	Chapel	School Room	Foyer	
Wd 1		9.30-11 – Stay and play 7-8 Box fit		1.15-2.45 Stay and Play 4-8.30pm Slimming World	10-12 Sanctuary Care Bereavement Group		
Th 2		8.30 – Boiler and gas appliance service – Mark Denton	2-4 RCMG	7.30pm Band	7pm Table Tennis		
Fr 3				6pm – Good Friday service led by Rev Helen Penfold		10.00–12.00 Community Café	
Sa 4		Private Party 11-3					10.30 Prayer Walk meet at Waingroves Methodist Church
Su 5	10.45 led by Kath Brydon	No Sunday Club		10.45 Service led by Rev Sue Wilkins	10.45 Sunday School		
Mo 6				6-7 Pilates	6.30 Table Tennis	6.30 Table Tennis	
Tu 7		10-12 – Liver Lantern Support Group		10-30-11.30 Dance 1.30-2.30 Exercise Class 7.45 F&N			
Wd 8		10-12.30 Stay and Play goes Large		1.15-2.45 Stay and Play 4-8.30pm Slimming World			
Th 9		WI 2-4.30		10 Formal progress meeting Sanctuary Annexe 7.30 Band	7.00 Table Tennis		
Fr 10						10.00–12.00 Community Café	
Sa 11							10.30 Prayer Call
Su 12	10.45 Joint Service at Marehay led by Rev Helen Penfold	No Sunday Club		10.45 Joint Service at Marehay led by Rev Helen Penfold	No Sunday School		
Mo 13				6-7 Pilates	6.30 Table Tennis	6.30 Table Tennis	
Tu 14		10-11 CAMEO Chair based Exercise		10-30-11.30 Dance 1.30-2.30 Exercise Class 7.45 F&N			
Wd 15		9.30-11 – Stay and play 7-8 – Box fit exercise Class		10-12.30 Stay and Play 4-8.30pm Slimming World		10-12 CAMEO activities	Assembly team at Codnor Primary
Th 16		8-10pm Ripley Morris Dancers Trial session	2-4 RCMG	5.45 New Pilates Class 7.30 Band	7.00 Table Tennis		
Fr 17						10.00–12.00 Community Café	Handover date for Sanctuary Annexe (brought forward from 24 th April)
Sa 18							10.30 – Prayer call

Su 19	10.45 Local arrangement	9-10 Sunday Club		10.45 Service led by Rev Sheila Baldock	10.45 Sunday School		
Mo 20				6-7 Pilates	6.30 Table Tennis	6.30 Table Tennis	
Tu 21	11am Funeral			10-30-11.30 Dance 1.30-2.30 Exercise Class 7.45 F&N			
Wd 22		9.30-11 – Stay and play 7-8 – BoxFit exercise Class	7.30 Church Council Meeting	10-12 CAMEO activities 1.15-2.45 Stay and Play 4-8.30pm Slimming World			
Th 23		6.30-8pm Craft Club		10– Valuation and progress meeting Sanctuary Annexe 5.45 – Pilates 7.30 Band	7.00 Table Tennis		
Fr 24				10-12 Citizens Advice session 6-8.30 Sound healing		10.00am–12.00pm Community Café	
Sa 25							10.30am Prayer Call
Su 26	10.45 Joint Service at Waingroves Service led by Rev Marian Crawford	9-10 Sunday Club		10.45 Joint Service at Waingroves Service led by Rev Marian Crawford	10.45 Sunday School		
Mo 27				6-7 Pilates	6.30 Table Tennis	6.30 Table Tennis	
Tu 28		10-11 CAMEO Chair based Exercise 7-9 Musical Dimension		10-30-11.30 Dance 1.30-2.30 Exercise Class 7.45 F&N			
Wd29		9.30-11 – Stay and play 7-8 – BoxFit exercise Class		10-12 CAMEO activities 1.15-2.45 Stay and Play 4-8.30pm Slimming World			
Th 30		10-12 Village Coffee	10-12 Citizens advice session	5.45 – Pilates 7.30 Band	7.00 Table Tennis		

SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER CALL

An invitation is extended to all to meet virtually at 10.30 am each Saturday morning to pray for common concerns across the community, country and world. (N.B. The first Saturday of Each month in a prayer walk at 10.30)
We use Zoom to connect - you do not need any special equipment and can join from anywhere by dialling a number from your landline or mobile phone or using the Zoom app from your smartphone, tablet, laptop, or pc.
Instructions how to join are issued each week. If you wish to receive details, please let Mark, John, Ruth, or Kath know.

Circuit Dates 2026

Saturday 3rd January 11.00am to 6.00pm
Sunday 1st February 4.00pm to 6.30pm
Sunday 15th February 2.00pm to 3.30pm
Wednesday 18th February 2.00pm
Saturday 7th March
Sunday 15th March 2.00pm to 3.30pm
Tuesday 31st March 7.30pm

Tuesday 14th April 7.00pm
Saturday 25th April
Sunday 26th April 2.00pm to 3.30pm
Sunday 3rd May 4.00pm to 6.30pm
Sunday 10th May 6.00pm

Friday 12th to Sunday 14th June
Wednesday 24th June 7.30pm
Wednesday 1st July 7.00pm
Sunday 26th July 3.00pm
Sunday 2nd August 4.00pm to 6.30pm
Tuesday 11th August

Muddy DAY INN at Darley Dale Methodist Church
Rooted at Wellspring Church, Wirksworth
All Saints Church, Matlock
Ash Wednesday Service at Codnor Methodist Church
Sponsored Walk for 8-18 year olds on the Peak Wesley Way
Muddy Church (venue to be decided)
Holy Week Reflection followed by LWP Meeting at Belper Methodist Church
Circuit Meeting at Wellspring Church, Wirksworth
District Gathering including Synod at Uttoxeter
Muddy Church (venue to be decided)
Rooted at Ambergate Methodist Church
Circuit Easter Offering Dedication Service at Horsley Woodhouse Methodist Church
Muddy Church Campout at Lea Green
LWP Meeting (venue to be decided)
Circuit Meeting (venue to be decided)
Circuit Celebration Service (venue to be decided)
Rooted (date to be confirmed and venue to be decided)
Circuit Coach Trip to Skegness

A CELEBRATION OF RENEWAL

Date: 19th April 2026
Time: 2:00 PM
Location: Ilkeston Methodist Church

ALL ARE WELCOME

Ilkeston Methodist Church
Celebrating the renewal of our building and our hearts

Circuit and District News

FRIDAY 12TH JUNE - SUNDAY 14TH JUNE

Muddy Camp 2026

"Facing life's challenges with God — and for God."



WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR CAMP 2026.
WHATEVER YOUR AGE, YOU ARE INVITED TO WANDER AND WONDER
TOGETHER WITH A WEEKEND OF WORSHIP, ACTIVITIES, STORYTELLING,
GAMES AND CRAFTS.

This year we have a new larger residential venue, offering lots of outdoor and indoor space.

Rooms are on a first come first served basis.

Children must be supervised by a 'well-known to them' adult at all times.

BOOKING OPENS:
2ND FEBRUARY
PRICE:
ADULT - £68
CHILD - £34
UNDER 5: FREE

We do understand this is a steep increase on other years.
Pros: Much more space and better facilities.
Clarity: The rooms will cost us £68 per person. The circuit is subsidising costs to create half price beds for children, as well as all resources and food being included at no additional cost for the weekend.
Options: Paying in instalments can be available. Low income household bursary support options available.

TO BOOK AND FOR MORE INFORMATION- PLEASE CONTACT:
roanna.outreach@gmail.com 07359089198



REROUTED

Circuit Youth Group

Year 7 to Year 13

Time to relax with friends, games, discussions and pizza!

Circuit Mini-Bus available for return journey for those living further away.



Planting our roots in Jesus as we figure out our route in life!

WHERE

Temporary home:
Darley Dale Methodist

WHEN

Friday's - 6:30pm-8pm
9/01, 30/01, 13/02, 27/02

For more information and to book the mini bus contact Roanna:
roanna.outreach@gmail.com
07359089198

Starting 2026

Muddy Camp Helpers-
Muddy Camp will take place from the 12th to the 14th of June
We are still in need of some help:
If anyone has time they can offer to help cater, Friday Evening,
Saturday/Sunday morning, Saturday/Sunday lunch or Saturday evening, please get in contact.
If you could offer part of your day to help the team lead worship, or run activities again please let us know.
You do not need to give your whole weekend or a whole day but if you could lend some time that would be amazing.
best wishes,
Roanna Pilsbury
Lay Mission and Outreach Worker

The Dwelling Place, Mansfield Road, Heanor is in desperate need of volunteers between 12noon and 3.30pm. We are seeing increasing numbers, and we want to encourage this work to grow. If you can help in any way, serving lunches, helping out in the food cabin, general help to chat to people who might need a listening ear, then please do let me know, your help would be very much appreciated.

With many thanks.
Rachel & Alison

Alison Wood
CAMEO (Come & Meet Each Other) Pioneer
Tel: 07791960228

Hello Everyone

As most of you will now know I am now part time Faith Rooted Community Organiser Lead (FRCOL) for the district. What you may or may not be aware of is that FRCO is NOT something else to add to another list of to do or another "project". Instead FRCO is a practice. A LENS through which we can see the world and our local communities. A practice rooted in our original Methodists roots of seeking to work with and support our local communities all whilst be a presence of God within their midst. In today's churches work this might look like a toddler group, a youth group, an older people's group or a foodbank etc all of which I KNOW we already do in an amazing way across our district.

FRCO although given a fancy name is simply this.....DEEP LISTENING.....not just to the words spoken by people and communities but by their / its actions, culture, history, socio -economic standing, class and much more. It roots what we do as churches deep into the core of what makes a community tick and how we can then best respond. See power point slide.

I am really really keen to start having discussions with EVERYONE about this and how it can enhance the amazing work already being done.....So how can you support me?.....I would LOVE to come along to your church, fellowship, CLT, church council or in fact anywhere you gather as church!!!!!!!!!!!!.....I would love to come along and Deeply Listen to what are your thoughts, dreams and wishes.....SO PLEASE INVITE ME!!!!!!!!!!!!

I honestly think if we can re imbed this deep listening practice we as church and our local communities will truly benefit and best of all it not SOMETHING ELSE to set up.....So please do get in touch.....I am here FOR YOU

Blessings

Kind regards

Suzanne Morton
Part Time New Places for New People Lead
Part Time Faith Rooted Community Organising Lead

Forest Church

Come and join us for a walk in the woods.
Every first Sunday of the Month.

Meeting at 2pm
at Darley Dale Methodist Church.

A time to explore the woods, meet new people,
and praise God in his creation.

The woods will be our cathedral!



You will need shoes with some grip
and also bring clothes suitable for
the great outdoors. Paths will
sometimes be uneven.

Phone Anne for more details
07599298793

'When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:

How great thou art, how great thou art!'

SPRING FAYRE

25th April 2026

10.00am - 3.00pm

Horsley Woodhouse Methodist Church Hall

Tombola / Raffle

Local Craft Stalls

Light Refreshments

Children's Activities
including facepainting

To book a stall (£10 each)

Contact Alison Wood (CAMEO Worker)

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