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WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Message from the Leadership Team

I don't know about you, but whenever I watch the news at the moment, I wonder how humans can do what they do, be it soldiers (or terrorists) killing innocent people and children, or occupying a major hospital in Gaza or 12 year old children allegedly murdering an older teenager. I pray about it and just wish that I could sort it all out, but of course I can't...not on my own anyway, but can Christians collectively make a difference?

If we follow as closely as we can The Methodist Way of Life, I think we can. A reminder of what that means:

PRAY We pray daily

WORSHIP We worship with others regularly

NOTICE We notice God in scripture and the world

CARE We care for ourselves and those around us

LEARN We learn more about our faith

OPEN We practice hospitality and generosity

SERVE We help people in our communities and beyond

FLOURISH We care for creation and all God's gifts

CHALLENGE We challenge injustice

TELL We tell of the love of God

LIVE We live in a way that draws others to Jesus

SHARE We share our faith

These are twelve things that we can do as individuals and as a church community. None of these make God love you any more, that's not possible, but they may help us realise how deeply we are loved. Perhaps if we strive to live The Methodist Way of Life, we might just be able to make a difference.

John Nelson

Upcoming Services

Sunday 19 November 2023
Morning Worship
led by Rev Sam Funnell, 10.30am

Sunday 26 November 2023
Morning Worship
led by Rev Barrie Tabraham

Live Stream Link

[CLICK HERE](#)

Circuit News

The Circuit Prayer Diary for November is [HERE](#)

The Circuit Letter for the week is [HERE](#)

Being a good Eco-Tourist

On Thurs 30 November at 7.30pm at St Dunstan's Church, Woking, Jonathan Newell from RHS Wisley will be sharing fascinating insights into his recent conservation work in Crete with loggerhead turtles, speaking about the impact climate change is having on them as well as what we can do to be good ecotourists.

All are welcome to attend.

Mark Wallace, Churches Together in Woking

Coffee and Chat - Coming Up

On **22 November** Mike Cope will be presenting on his drone photography of Surrey and Sussex.

On **29 November** Bernhard Warr will be leading a session on Preventing Scams at Christmas.

Keeping your car secure

Dear Friends,

When parking at church, please make sure your car is secure and you have not left any valuables on display. We have had an incident recently of Contractor's van being rifled through so we know there is a current risk in the car park.

Fortunately the intruder did not take anything.

Best wishes

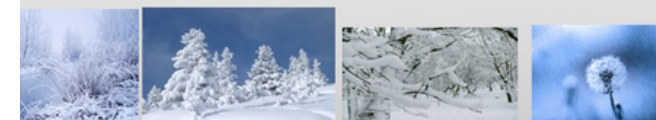
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ADVENT PRAYERS

Dates **8th**, **15th** & **22nd** December
at **5:30PM**

On Zoom ~ask office for link



Reverse Christmas Tree

I know that Christmas seems suddenly very close, but our Reverse Christmas Tree deadline is even closer!! In 2 weeks time, on **3rd December**, Rev Sam will bless all our contributions for the tree during our service. Our plan is to have the tree in the side foyer for couple of weeks before the users of our halls break up for Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who has offered gifts; please would you keep them at home for the time being.

Fresh from the Word

If you would like a copy of Fresh from the Word 2024 please add your name to the list [HERE](#)

A hard copy form is on the church noticeboard, you can add your name there instead.

The max price payable will be £13.50.

The more copies we order the bigger the discount will be on postage and packing, so the final price is likely to be around £13.00

Please respond by 10am on **Friday 24 November 2023**.

Thank you

Dan WS

Trinity Music

We have again been asked to contribute 2 items for the carol service. If you enjoy singing and would like to join the TM choir, then please put the following dates in your diaries for the rehearsals (7.30 in the Music room): Monday 4 December, Friday 15 December. The Service is on 16 December 2023, 5.30pm for 6pm. Janice KS

Opportunity to sing Christmas/winter themed songs @ The Lightbox - Sat 25th Nov

Graham K-S has been invited to sing some Christmas/winter themed songs and carols at the Lightbox Winter Craft Fair, from 11am on Saturday 25th November! There will be an optional rehearsal at 7:45pm on Thursday 23rd (venue TBC).

All are welcome to join in – please let him know if you'd like to come along.

In Times of Need Where is Spirituality 26/11/23

Join us for an insightful event exploring the role of spirituality in challenging times. Registration and refreshments start from 2.30pm and the event begins at 3pm.

During this event, we will delve into the depths of spirituality and its significance when we face adversity. Through engaging talks and discussions, we aim to foster a deeper understanding of how spirituality can provide solace, guidance, and strength during times and putting this towards social action!

Our esteemed panel of speakers, comprised of renowned spiritual leaders and experts, will share their insights and personal experiences. Our speakers include: Julie Siddiqi MBE; Dr Kishan Manocha; Gagandeep Singh; Rev Chris Richardson; Laura Marks CBE; Nishi Joshi-Bhatt (all profile details available on the Eventbrite link) and will be chaired by Lord Lieutenant of Surrey Michael More-Molyneux. You will have the opportunity to learn about various faith and multi faith initiatives to support people during times of need.

Whether you are from a faith community or not, if you are looking to explore ideas, or simply curious about the role of spirituality in challenging times, this event is for you. Be a part of this enriching experience that will leave you inspired and empowered. There will be time for discussions, networking and making connections with faith communities across Surrey. A vegetarian meal will be served at the end of the evening.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to explore spirituality in times of need!

Limited places, register now: In Times of Need, where is Spirituality? Tickets, Sun 26 Nov 2023 at 2.30pm | Eventbrite Click [HERE](#) to book.

Submitted by Woking People of Faith.

Lego Club Saturday 9 December

Do you know any young people, or young at heart folk, who enjoy building lego?

The Dolan - Meldrum family (led by Geraldine who volunteers at Messy Fun Church and is the Beaver Leader for the Trinity Beavers), will be hosting an introductory lego club at Trinity from **10am - 12 noon, in the Sanctuary, on Saturday 9 December 2023.**

Geraldine is hoping to run this once month depending on interest. Come along and have some fun! Under 6s must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

If you're interested in taking part, please speak to Daniela in the office.



Taize Evening at St Dunstan's

St Dunstan's Church, Woking are holding an Advent Taize Evening, to which all churches are invited, on **MONDAY 18th DECEMBER 2023** at 7.30pm for about an hour, followed by light refreshments.

Mark Potter, St Dunstan's Church

Amnesty Cards

Every year, we run Write For Rights, a campaign over November and December where we encourage you to write messages of support to people around the world who have suffered injustice, and show you how to support their campaigns for justice.

We will have cards to sign after the Service this Sunday 19th Nov, and next Sunday 26th Nov. There will be a small cash charge to cover costs and any surplus will go to Amnesty.

Thanks for your support, Allison Jackson