

WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Message from the Leadership Team

Do you wear perfume or aftershave? Have you ever wondered where the ingredients for your favourite perfume come from? In a recent news article, I was horrified to read about how child labour is used to gather flowers.

Egypt produces about half the world's supply of jasmine flowers - a key perfume ingredient. The word is that a handful of companies that own many luxury brands are squeezing budgets, resulting in very low pay. Egyptian jasmine pickers say this forces them to involve their children.

One mother, who lives in a village in the heart of Egypt's jasmine region, wakes her family at 03:00 to begin picking the flowers before the sun's heat damages them. She needs her four children (aged from 5 to 15) to help. Like most jasmine pickers in Egypt, she is what is known as an "independent picker" and works on a smallholder farm. The more she and her children can pick, the more they earn. On the night she was filmed, she and her children managed to pick 1.5kg of jasmine flowers. After paying a third of her earnings to the landowner, she was left with roughly US\$1.5 (£1.18) for that night's work. This is worth less than ever before, given inflation in Egypt is at an all-time high, and pickers are often living below the poverty line.

I was in Egypt earlier this year, and I noticed how many children don't seem to be in school. I understood from our tour guide that there isn't really any proper schooling unless you can pay for it. The children I saw were "working" as hawkers trying to sell things like bookmarks, 4 for £1. Or they were out on paddle boards in the middle of the Nile approaching boats trying to sell things.

It all seems so unfair that children worldwide cannot be treated with love and care, and all have the same opportunities. Jesus told us to look after little children. So, I am pleased that at our monthly Bible Group we support S.O.S Childrens Villages and our monthly donations go to the Arissa Childrens Village in Ethiopia. We have been supporting this village since 1985.

Matthew 19:14 "Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'"

SOS Children's Villages is the largest non-governmental organisation focused on supporting children without parental care and families at risk.

Jean Normington Senior Steward

Are you interested in the graphics we use at the top of the page? They are part of the Methodist Way of Life resources you can find [HERE](#) Well worth a read.



Upcoming Services

Bible Month: Genesis
Sunday 9 June

Morning Worship
Led By Hugh Bowerman
10.30am

Foundry Worship 6pm
Dave Ingoldby: 'Friends'

Sunday 16 June
Morning Worship
led by Elizabeth Gurd

Sunday 23 June
Morning Worship
led by Graham Warr

Foundry Worship 6pm

Live Stream Link

[CLICK HERE](#)

Circuit News

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

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



Bible Month

Each year for the past few years the Methodist Church has produced material to support a 4 week series of services on a particular book of the Bible.

This year it's GENESIS and we are running a series of services for the 4 weeks in June looking at this book in greater detail than we might usually.

9th June - Hugh will lead the service, looking at Chapters 12-25 (The God who Calls and Blesses)

16th June - Elizabeth Gurd, our Local Preacher friend from Knaphill, will lead and look at Chapters 25-36 (The God who Comes to People in their Struggles)

23rd June - Graham Warr will lead the final service on Chapters 37-50 (The God who Confirms and Safeguards Divine Promises)

Hugh writes,

"This Sunday we look at the story of Abraham, found from the very end of Genesis 11 to part way through Genesis 25. As we'll only be able to scratch the surface of the story, you may want to read Abraham's story in advance. As you do so, a few questions to ponder:

- 1. How old was Abraham when God told him to go to Canaan?*
- 2. How many times does God communicate with Abraham?*
- 3. What half-truth did Abraham employ when he felt threatened by a Godless society?*
- 4. How much land did God give Abraham to live in?"*

Foundry Worship

Our theme this week is 'Friends' – not the TV show, but an exploration of how friendship can bring people to Faith. Our service will be led by Dave Ingoldby, who will also tell us about when he met Jesus. Our scriptural anchor is Hebrews 13:1-8.

I hope you will be able to join us for Foundry Worship as we seek to celebrate all that God does for us and to have our Faith encouraged as Dave helps bring God's message to us. Hugh Bowerman, Foundry Pastor

Prayer: Full capacity or low capacity? .

Maybe I should decide to call out more loudly, boldly and persistently, so that God will show me "great and mighty things" of which I do not know. Maybe I'll pray bigger prayers...maybe I'll pray more risky prayers...maybe I'll pray more specific prayers...maybe I'll pray more uncomfortable and dangerous prayers, in case I've set the bar at a safe height and am missing out on more lofty exploits for God's glory. (Simon Guillebaud, Christian writer). Submitted by Graham W.

Prayer Corner

The prayer group at Trinity meet together to lift up the needs of our Church and around the world to God - amazing things can happen when God hears our prayers! As a Church and as Methodists one of our core values is connecting with God through prayer so, everyone is welcome to join us for an hour of fellowship and prayer on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month. The next opportunities will be **Friday 7 June** and **Friday 21 June** . All are welcome!

Prayer of the Day



Pray with us today.

God the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. Strengthen and deepen our commitment to revealing your kingdom through our lives and by our prayers. Grant us, we pray, wisdom to discern signs of your kingdom in the world around us, wherever grace, mercy and truth are present. Enable us to discover, even in unexpected places, the beauty of holiness revealed in personal acts of compassion and sacrifice. Empower all people of goodwill to work towards establishing social structures and relationships that embody justice and peace. Through the faithful endeavour of us and all your people, may your kingdom come your will be done. Amen.

Local Faith Events

At Church Council this week, we were encouraged to support the forthcoming Churches Together in Woking, and Woking People of Faith events.

CTiW have advertised an Election Hustings to be held at Woking United Reformed Church on Friday 14th June at 7.30pm, where there will be the opportunity to put questions to and hear answers from the parliamentary candidates in preparation for the 4 July General Election.

WPoF will be holding a fundraising Beetle Drive here at Trinity on Saturday 13 July. More information available [HERE](#)

Noticeboard

Our tenants and building users have asked us to publicise the following events being held at Trinity.

Limelight Barbershop Quartet in Concert

Saturday 22 June, 7.30pm

Danny Gortler from Rock Choir who regularly hire our space is the lead singer of this award winning group.

Cremona School of Dance

Adult Ballet



WEDNESDAYS 12:15-13:15
TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH WOKING

~ A class based around basic ballet techniques to improve fitness whilst also improving form and strength.

~ The class will be primarily at the barre but will include some centre work too.

~ All skill levels are welcome

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Booking form [HERE](#)

WOKING CREATIVE STITCHERS

Invite you to a talk by local textile artist Fee Frazer.

No Straight Lines – Machine Embroidery.

Fee will tell us about her journey from machine embroidery to her more recent assemblages using found objects.



THURSDAY 20TH
June 2024

10am until 12 noon

Small hall, Trinity Methodist Church, Brewery Road, Woking GU21 4LH

Please use the rear entrance from the car park.

Come along and make new friends.

Membership is for everyone, from beginner to skilled embroiderer, and includes those who just enjoy looking at textile art.

Guests and newcomers are always welcome.

Non - members £5.00

Contact Avril 01483 714165

LEGO

DISCOVERY CLUB

SATURDAY 6 JULY
10AM – 11.30AM

Children under six to be accompanied by an adult.

Snacks will also be provided



TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH
BREWERY ROAD, WOKING



Thank you to Geraldine and Eilish for running this!