

WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Leadership notes

Hugh and I have always enjoyed spotting and identifying birds. Recently this interest has grown with the acquisition of an App on my phone that identifies birds from their call or song. Whenever we are out and about, we tune in to what we hear around us, often, hearing a number of different birds at the same time, and we have to really focus and listen carefully to pick out each individual bird song amongst the backdrop of all the other sounds and songs.

A couple of weeks ago I helped serve refreshments at the District Synod. During the break times there was a real buzz of voices as people met up with old friends and colleagues, made new introductions and chatted over the day's proceedings. Messy Church (noisy!), and Coffee and Chat (a little quieter) are other occasions for conversations and chat, and on Saturday many folks will come together as helpers and guests for our Neighbourhood Party - another happy event with many voices.

Even amongst the chatter though, we can sometimes pick out a voice that needs to be listened to – perhaps a passing comment that speaks of a worry or concern, a point of view that is expressed or a word of wisdom or advice that can get lost in the hubbub of conversation. And we need to stop and listen and really ‘hear’ what is being said.

And, in the same way we need to listen to what God has to say to us – sometimes He speaks in a clear loud unmistakeable way, and sometimes in a still, quiet voice that we might miss when the world around us is ‘noisy’. We need to be ready to focus, listen and to ‘hear’ what He has to say to us individually and to our community as a whole here at Trinity.

Where will we hear God speaking to us this week?

Helen

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Forthcoming Services

**Sunday 11 October
2026**

Morning Worship
led by
Barrie Tabraham
Foundry Worship at
6.00pm

**Sunday 18 October
2026**

Morning Worship
led by
Rev Sam Funnell
at **11.30 am**
Service in English with
Chinese friends and
signing of declaration



**Circuit Prayer Diary for
the month click here**

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most up to date one
www.veyvalleycircuit.org.uk/publications

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this week click here**

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Foundry Worship - Sunday 11th October

We have the return of some of our musicians. Graham's voice returned last Foundry Worship and this week we have Annie, who has been ill since May.

In addition to leading our worship, Annie will be sharing with us something of her recent journey and how God has impacted her life. Judging by her excitement, this is a testimony worth hearing!

We will gather for tea, coffee, biscuits, cake(?) at 5.45pm. Our informal worship will start at 6pm, with our normal mix of praise, listening & sharing and prayer.

I look forward to welcoming you on Sunday as we take the opportunity to worship our great God together.

Take care

Hugh Bowerman
Foundry Pastor



Planning Ahead!

We will be supporting the Charity Samaritan's Purse again this year by filling shoeboxes with toys, personal care items, school supplies, and fun gifts and sending them to children in need around the world. Last year we sent 27 filled boxes, and it would be great if we could do the same or even more this year.

There are several ways you can help.



You can use a shoebox of your own, wrap it in Christmas paper and fill it. Or you can buy a preprinted box Christmas shoe box. We will be ordering a number of these for Trinity in the next few weeks.

Start making or collecting items to go in the box you are sending. If you don't want to fill a complete box yourself, you are welcome to donate items to our Trinity 'collection'. These will be gathered together and members of Coffee and Chat and Messy Church will gladly fill the boxes nearer the time.

You can make a donation of money. A suggested donation of £5 per shoebox is essential to cover project costs including collection, processing, shipping, project materials and training local churches to lead a safe, well-organised children's event where your shoebox will be given to a child in need. donate money to help pay towards the cost of sending the boxes around the world.



Do have a think about how you can join in with this project, and tell your friends and family too! Working through local churches, the more boxes filled, the more we can help demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. **Leaflets are now available giving more information, plus a sign-up sheet if you someone would like to order a shoebox to fill yourself or for someone else to fill.**



Are you ever impatient? Perhaps you are waiting your turn for something, and other people are being too slow, or you want something to happen today, but you have to wait until tomorrow or even next week. Or you may be going somewhere in a hurry, and the

car is stuck in traffic and slowing you down when you really want to go faster. Being patient is not always easy.



Patience means waiting calmly for something you want without getting cross or upset. People sometimes say 'Patience is a virtue' which means that knowing when and how to 'wait' for something can be a good thing. Letting things take time can lead to better results and perhaps stops us making mistakes. When we are patient with someone else, it teaches us to show love and kindness to others and stops us thinking about ourselves.



Jesus tells a story about a Shepherd who had 100 sheep. But one sheep went missing. Even though he had 99 other sheep, the shepherd really wanted to find the one who was lost. So, he looked and looked and kept going until he found his lost sheep. He didn't get impatient and give up but took time even though he was busy and had all the other sheep to look after. Being patient helped the shepherd to find the sheep and show him that he loved him.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, PATIENCE, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." Galatians 5: 22

Patience is one of the Fruits of the Spirit. Being patient is something we may have to learn and practice. And when that gets hard, we can always ask God to help us

Prayer – Help us to be patient with others and to learn to wait without getting cross or upset. Thank you for being patient with us when we are slow to understand or to show love to each other. **Amen**



Open Doors UK

On the 1st November, as part of our Communion service we will be thinking about the work of Open Doors UK as it is their International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church that day.

A particular focus to their campaigning work this year, is their 'Arise Africa' petition - see: Home - [Open Doors UK & Ireland](https://www.opendoorsuk.org/)
<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/>

I would encourage you to have a look and sign it, if you can. They are aiming for 1,000,000 signatures to support their call for:

...the global community to ensure that Christians and other vulnerable individuals in sub-Saharan Africa are treated with dignity and respect through: Protection, Justice & Restoration.

Sam

COME ALONG TO OUR BIG QUIZ 2026! SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER, 6 – 8 PM AT TRINITY

BRING A DISH OF FOOD TO SHARE (SAVOURY OR SWEET),
AND YOUR PLATE AND CUTLERY AND A MUG/TUMBLER.
ALL ARE WELCOME! TEAMS OF 6 ON THE NIGHT.
FUNDRAISING FOR TEARFUND
BRING A £1 COIN FOR THE FINAL FUN ROUND.

WE WILL HAVE A SIGN UP SHEET FROM SUNDAY. DO COME ALONG FOR THIS FUN
EVENING.
PLEASE COULD WE HAVE 3 VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH PREPARATION AND ON THE
EVENING, INCLUDING POWERPOINT.
RSVP TO ALLISON



Subject: Trustees needed for Woking Street Angels

Woking Street Angels urgently seek two new trustees. The role is not onerous, with just 4 meetings a year and there is no need to commit to pounding the streets of Woking at weekends until the early hours! Just an awareness of the values and aims of Street Angels and what they do is all that's required. Any other details will be quick to pick up.

If you would like to learn more, without commitment, a short meeting can be arranged, in person or via Zoom. Maybe there is someone in your church or community you would like to nominate. A member of clergy would be great as well as lay people.

Please just get in touch at chairwokingstreetangels@gmail.com.

The need for new trustees is urgent so Woking Street Angels would love to hear from you or others you care to invite.

Best wishes
Mark Potter

Our October Coffee Donation Charity is...

'All We Can'

"Education = A Harvest that Lasts"

All We Can is an international relief and development movement, rooted in the Christian faith. Their partners represent years of relationship. Together, they find solutions to poverty. **All We Can** does not import solutions and potential to the places they work. Instead, they walk alongside local partners to help communities uncover their own solutions and their own potential.

"Education = A Harvest that Lasts"

Working with 'All we Can', their Partner organisation 'Pikin-to-Pikin' in Sierra Leone is ensuring all

children have the resources they need to learn and thrive. Better access to education enables children to flourish, provides guidance, structure and a positive pathway for a brighter and promising future.



All money raised from
Sunday morning refreshment
donations will be given to
All we Can



Methodist
relief and
development

More information at

www.allwecan@org.uk

Dementia training for unpaid carers in Woking



To be held at Woking Library, Gloucester Walk, Woking, GU21 6EP from 11am to 12pm on Wednesdays on the following dates:

14 October: Carer Wellbeing
21 October: Financial advice and support
28 October: Advanced dementia care
4 November: Technology in care

To book a place on any of the sessions listed please email:
communitiesandpreventionprojects@surreycc.gov.uk

Call: 0300 200 1005
Text: 07527 182 861 (for deaf or hard of hearing)
The link to the library events page:
<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries/your-library/find-your-nearest/woking/events-and-activities>



A very Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary to the lovely Diane and David - proud parents of our Reverend Sam - with their celebration cake.

(and Daisy)

Integration with Chinese Church

Our conversations with the Chinese Church leaders have continued and we have now agreed to integrate into a single Church with 2 separate congregations.

We will give you more information about the implications of this during the next couple of weeks.

We have arranged to sign the Declaration of Intent document on 18th October 2026.

Our service that day will be in English, joint with our Chinese friends and will be followed by a brief signing ceremony and then light refreshments.

To enable Paul Glass, who has been involved with the Chinese Church, and Paul Tabraham who is getting to know them, to be with us as the Declaration of Intent is signed, our service will start later than usual.

PLEASE NOTE THE SERVICE ON 18TH OCTOBER WILL START AT 11.30AM

Once the Declaration of Intent is signed, we will continue working together towards sharing responsibility for the building, for finance through a joint Church Council. This will take a little time, so please be patient with us.

**Trinity Leadership Team
September 2026**

Neighbourhood Party - 10 Oct 2026



Following our special Joint Service with our Chinese friends on Sunday 18th October at 11.30am, we will be celebrating the signing of the Joint Declaration of Intent with refreshments. We have been asked to provide cakes.

Could you help? If you are able to provide a cake for cutting, or some small cakes, **please can you let Helen Bowerman know.**

Our next Neighbourhood Party is on Saturday 10th October 2026 between 4 and 6pm. There'll be high tea, entertainment and a fun quiz.

We need lots of volunteers to make this happen.

If you can bake a cake, make sandwiches or jellies or help on the day then please contact Pauline Robson (07729 301713)

To give someone a lift then please contact Marian Nash (07749 094064)

You are welcome to join the Prayer Group at Trinity on Friday 16th October at 10am.

Psalm 90:14 "Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days."

Can you help?



Would you be able to help in Junior Church on a Sunday morning?
It would be really helpful to have a few more volunteers. No experience needed or requirements to plan, organise or lead – just a willingness to be present if needed and to join in. Unless we have two people present to maintain our safeguarding commitments, we are not able to hold Junior Church, so having a helper each week is vital. Please speak to Helen Bowerman if this is something you could help with – even on an occasional basis.

ELGAR
The Dream of Gerontius

Woking Choral Society
Reigate & Redhill Choral Society
Chantry Singers
Octavian Singers
London Mozart Players

Judy Louie Brown mezzo soprano
Dominic Bevan tenor
Ross Cumming baritone
Cole Bendall conductor

28 NOVEMBER 2026 7.30PM **G LIVE**
GUILDFORD

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