

WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Leadership notes

Righteousness

A number of the readings in 'Fresh from the Word' recently have been about righteousness. To be honest I was not quite sure what this word meant so searching with google I came up with -virtue, morality, uprightness, decency and justice. These descriptors gave me some insight into the word righteousness.

The Bible passage for the reflections were Isaiah 32: 1-8. and Isaiah 32:9-20

'See, a king will reign in righteousness and princes will rule in justice. Each will be like a hiding place from the wind, a covert from the tempest....' Isaiah 32:1

'The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever.' Isaiah 32:17

The writer describes for us that the passages are pointing to a future ruler, and for Christians this is fulfilled by Jesus Christ who is the ultimate sanctuary and foundation of hope. The writer Alesana Fosi Pala'amo goes on to remind us that Isaiah's vision begins with us. It is shown in how we treat others, do we offer love, kindness and safety and show them the kingdom of Christ in our actions? When we create spaces of love and safety in our churches, homes, families and communities we are showing the hope Isaiah describes. Can we do more of this or do it better in our church? Would actively greeting our tenants into the building show love and kindness? Could we offer to pray for our tenants/hirers if they have a specific need for prayer? What other suggestions do you have?

For the second reading the writer Lemau Fosi Pala'amo talks about the inspiration the Bible reading has given her but how difficult it can sometimes be to choose love over anger and kindness over selfishness.

It was a joyous celebration of the signing of the Declaration on Sunday with our Chinese friends. Working together we can make our church a loving place of kindness and safety for all who enter.

A short prayer to accompany the reading:

'Loving God, help us to reflect your justice, decency and integrity in our lives, becoming a source of hope and inspiration for our church, our families and communities. Amen'

Ruth Taylor, Church and Circuit Steward

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Forthcoming Services

Sunday 25 October 2026

Morning Worship

led by

Hugh Bowerman

Foundry Worship at 6.00pm

Sunday 1 November 2026

Morning Worship

led by

Rev Sam Funnell

at 10.30 am with

Communion and

All Souls Service

at 4.30 pm



[Circuit Prayer Diary for the month click here](#)

or visit the website for the most up to date one

www.veyvalleycircuit.org.uk/publications

[Circuit Letter for this week click here](#)

or visit

www.veyvalleycircuit.org.uk/home/news



Foundry Worship - Sunday at 5.45pm Christian Nationalism

This Sunday Rev Sam Funnell will be leading our Foundry Worship. Her theme is "Christian Nationalism - What is it and how might we/The Church respond?". In a world where church and politics mingle in sometimes baffling ways, this is an opportunity to think about a topic that we should perhaps all be concerned about. Rev Sam will use material produced by Churches Together in England. Foundry Worship is open to all, so if the subject of Christian Nationalism is of concern to you please do come and join us.

We gather for worship at 5.45pm for refreshments before starting worship at 6pm.

Hugh Bowerman, Foundry Pastor

Christian Christmas cards online

If you don't want to face the shops, and can't find the Woking Charity Card shop, why not support one of these organisations?

Transform Trade - <https://store-transform-trade.org/collections/>

Embrace - <https://shop.embraceme.org/advent-christmas/all-advent-christmas>

Compassion - <https://www.eden.co.uk/compassion-christmas-cards/>

All We Can - Extraordinary Gifts - <https://www.allwecan.org.uk/extraordinary-gifts>



We will be filling Christmas shoeboxes at Friday Night Messy Church on Friday 13th November ready to send to children in need around the world through the charity 'Samaritan's Purse'.

If you would like to contribute any items, there will be a collection box in the East Entrance on Sunday, or items can be left in the church office at other times up to the 13th November.

Items that could be included are:

Toys: Small backpack, doll, a jewellery/hobby kit, small puzzles, cuddly toys, toy cars, skipping ropes, yo-yos, or play dough, balls or other small toys

School Supplies: Pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, pens, crayons, pencil case, coloured pencils, notebooks, and glue sticks,

Personal Care & Accessories: Toothbrush, washcloth, comb, brush, nail clippers, sunglasses, hats, socks, and winter caps/mittens, hairbands

Personal Touch: A personal note and a photo of yourself or your family.

Do NOT Include - Any food or Sweets, toothpaste, soap, lotions, liquids, or aerosol cans, toy guns, knives, military figures, or violent toys, medicines, vitamins or, breakable items

A suggested donation of £5 per shoebox is essential to cover shipping and project costs, so please consider if you could support the project in this way.



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.

THERE IS A SIGN UP SHEET AT TRINITY.
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



FRESH FROM THE WORD 2027

WE WILL SOON BE ORDERING
THESE DAILY BIBLE STUDY
NOTES FOR 2027.

THE COST FOR 2027 IS £18.99.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY,
PLEASE LET SARAH OR JOHN
KNOW.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

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:

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>



From left to right : Rev Paul Tabraham ; Pastor Edmond Tsui;
Rev Sam Funnell; John Nelson; Rev David Foo; Hugh Bowerman,
Simon Che; Rev Dr Paul Glass

Trinity and the Chinese Congregation had a wonderful joint service last Sunday.

It was lovely to see the church full and to enjoy some rousing hymns and songs of praise.

After the service, leaders of each congregation signed a Declaration of Intent, following which we retired to the halls for drinks and light refreshments.

A truly joyous occasion from which we can look forward to all the wonderful opportunities that God has in mind for us.



The next Foodbank collection at Trinity will be on Sunday 1st November.

The following items are required:

- Small jars of coffee
- Semi skimmed long life milk
- Long life fruit juice
- Meat and chicken tinned meals
- Washing up liquid
- Shampoo
- Shower gel

Many thanks for your continued support

Carole Hymers

Trinity Garden

A very big thank you to everyone who watered the large plant pots at Trinity during the very dry Summer.

Thanks to you, the Busy Lizzies and Alstromerias have been, and still are, spectacular, and have been much admired and appreciated by many, including visiting Synod members.

Thanks from the Gardening Team



Can you help?

Junior Church

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**
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The Chantry Singers
The Humphrey Richardson Taylor Charitable Trust

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