

WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Leadership notes

After the service last Sunday, someone reminded me that an alternative definition to being lost is “temporarily unsure of my precise location”!

That started me thinking about being unsure, rather than lost, which is perhaps less dramatic. We can be unsure of so many different things at different times and in different places. I find it can be unsettling; how about you?

There can be times when I feel unsure of where God is, or what does God expect of me in this situation? But looking back in time and reviewing incidents or situations in my life, I can see that God was there, guiding me and encouraging me down a particular path, so much of the time. Perhaps this means that I am taking God for granted much of the time or of course, I believe I can be self-reliant, which probably is true for some of the time, but I am certainly pleased to have God in my life.

Whether we are aware or not, God is with us the whole time no matter how impossible that sometimes seems for mere mortals like me.

When we come to that part of our Sunday morning services when we invite the congregation to think about when God has been involved in their lives and to share that with us all, sometimes there is no response. I then wonder whether that is because we are naturally shy and personal people wanting to keep things like that to ourselves, or do we really think God has not been in our lives this week.

At the Leadership Team Awayday, we were talking about Trinity being a very welcoming church, which we are in so many ways, but then can we as individuals use that moment of welcome to start a conversation about our faith, about why we are at Trinity? Making a huge generalisation, I wonder whether we need to practice talking about our faith so that it becomes the natural thing to do in so many situations. I include myself in this and hope and pray that more of us might become more aware and confident of our faith and more ready and willing to talk to others.

God bless

John

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Forthcoming Services

Sunday 4 October 2026

Morning Worship and
Holy Communion
led by
Rev Sam Funnell
at 10.30 am

Sunday 11 October 2026

Morning Worship
led by
Barrie Tabraham
Foundry Worship at
6.00pm



[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

You are welcome to join the Prayer Group at Trinity on Friday 2nd and 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."



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.**



Have you ever been really worried or scared about something? Sometimes we just can't get something out of our mind and unsettling thoughts go round and round in our mind and won't go away. What started as a little worry can become a big worry. We read in



the Bible a story about Jesus, who was with his friends out on a boat in the middle of the sea of Galilee. A big storm was brewing and, as the wind blew more and the waves got bigger, Jesus's friends began to feel frightened as the sea was getting rough. They couldn't believe that Jesus seemed to be sleeping through the storm. The more the storm worsened, the more troubled they became. They woke Jesus and said to Him "Jesus, don't you care if we drown?" Jesus got up and told the wind and the waves to die down. The wind stopped immediately, bringing a complete calm. The disciples (friends of Jesus) who had been frightened could now begin to feel a sense of peace inside.

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

Peace is one of the Fruits of the Spirit. Having a sense of peace inside us helps us feel safe – safe because we know God is with us. Jesus told his friends "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. – a special feeling of peace when we know that we are not alone and we are loved. (John 14:27)



So, when we feel upset, or worried or troubled, we can ask Jesus to help us and give us his special feeling of peace inside. And he will do that because He loves us and He will be with us, no matter what situation we are in, just like Jesus was with the disciples in the boat in the storm.

Prayer – when we have a worried, troubled feeling inside of us, help us to talk to you and to know that you love us and you are with us. Help us to feel your peace inside. **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

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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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Woking Choral Society
Reigate & Redhill Choral Society
London Mozart Players
The Chantry Singers
The Humphrey Richardson Taylor Charitable Trust

Our lives are threads in God's tapestry
We cannot see the pattern grow
The rougher side where ends are finished off
And knots are tied, is all we know.

Written by Bevan Witney 1965 , scientist and Dorset poet

Churches Together in Woking and Woking Prayer Network
Woking Church Prayer Event - Autumn
Wednesday 7 October 2026
Christ Church Woking
7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Inspired by national prayer campaigns including the [National Week of Prayer](#) and [Turn the Battle](#), we will meet to pray for our nation and our town on the evening of Wednesday 7th October at Christ Church Woking from 7:00pm to 9:00pm and we would like to welcome and encourage all in the local churches to come and join us at what we believe will be a powerful act of Christian unity. The event will be similar to those we have held over the last few years where we will give everybody the opportunity to pray through important national and local issues.

Andrew from Woking Prayer Network is passing this information on so you can put the date in your diary.

Thanks and God bless

Andrew, Woking Prayer Network

<https://www.ctiw.org.uk/agencies/wpn/>

Jeremiah 29:7 – “Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”



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WWW.TURNTHEBATTLE.UK
WWW.CTIW.ORG.UK

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

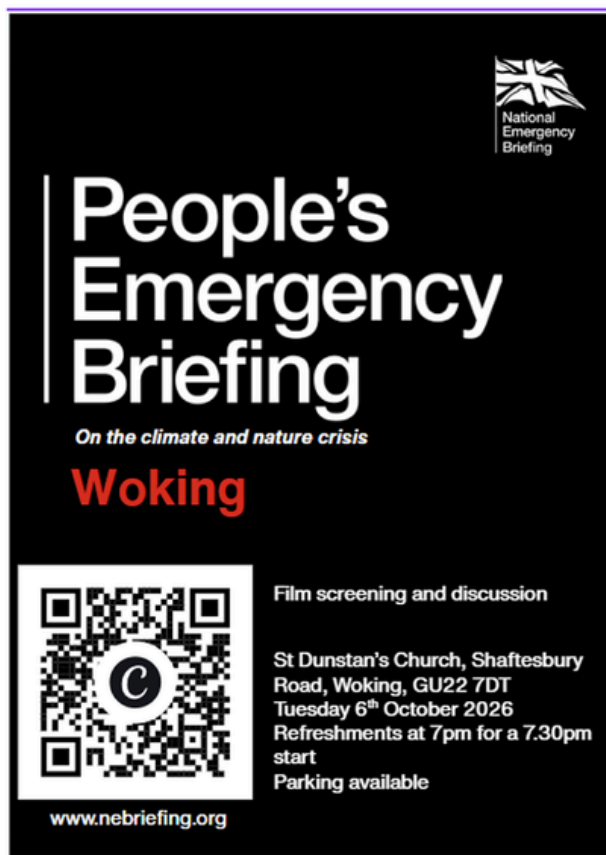


The next foodbank collection will be on Sunday 4th October. Items urgently required are:-

- Small jars of coffee
- Meat and Chicken tinned meals
- Corned Beef, Ham, Salmon tins
- Instant mashed potatoes

Many thanks for the donations at Harvest and your continued support.

Carole Hymers



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:

7 October: Support with personal care
 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>

Screening of the “People’s Emergency Briefing”

St Dunstan’s Church,

Tuesday 6th October - 7pm for 7.30pm Start

The brutal heat and drought have brought home to many of us that we, in the UK, can no longer assume that our temperate climate will protect us from the worst impact of the climate crisis. In November last year, leading experts addressed over 1,200 MPs, peers, and other leaders in Westminster about the latest climate change evidence and its implications for the UK - covering issues such as extreme weather, food insecurity, increased health problems, increased cost of living, and civil and international unrest.

The “People’s Emergency Briefing” brings that evidence together into a 50 minute film, featuring commentary from Chris Packham and reactions from Deborah Meaden and a range of voices from across the UK. The LiveSimply team is hosting one of many nationwide screenings of this important film and we invite you to take this opportunity to understand what we are facing. There will be a structured post film discussion about how best to respond to the crisis. We are expecting Anne-Marie Barker - leader of Woking BC and the Environment Portfolio lead for the new West Surrey & Middlesex Council - to attend.

Places are limited and we are already receiving enquiries from the general public. Therefore, invite your friends and neighbours and secure your free tickets using the link below.

Where: St Dunstan’s Church

Date: Tuesday 6th October

Time: 7pm refreshments for 7.30pm start

Tickets: Free from <https://buytickets.at/livesimplywoking/2344440> (or speak to the church office, if you are not online).

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



More information at

www.allwecan@org.uk

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.

Thank you to everyone who has submitted items for the forthcoming issue of Trinity News & Views. Having feared that there wasn't enough material to go ahead, we have ended up with a bumper edition! It is currently at the printers and should be ready for distribution in the next couple of weeks.

David Lander

Please note: Send any articles for this newsletter to be with the editor
by 12 noon on the Wednesday before that Sunday's issue.
Email address - newsletter@trinitywoking.org



Our next **Neighbourhood Party** is on Saturday 10th October. Planning is well under way. First Aid cover is normally provided by our guiders. This year the party clashes with a guiding event. We therefore need to find someone with a current first aid qualification who can be at the party. If that's you, or you know someone who has a first aid certificate, could you let Pauline Robson or me know

Whilst on the subject, it would be useful if Trinity had a few more people around who have a current first aid certificate. The intention is not to put people on a rota or anything like that, but just to have a number of us who know what current first aid practice is. Perhaps we could run a training session at Trinity for half a dozen or so. If I recall, the training is both interesting and can be quite fun. If you'd be interested, can you let a member of the LT know?

Hugh Bowerman

Neighbourhood Party - 10 Oct 2026

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)

If you know someone who'd appreciate an invitation then please contact either Pauline or Marian.