

WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Leadership notes

'Great Expectations'

On Sunday at Revd. Paul Tabraham's Welcome Service, Revd. Conrad Hicks described the story of Great Expectations in his sermon. He used the story to ask the question 'What expectations do we have of a new minister and superintendent?' He then went on to describe some of the expectations he and his wife had met in taking up new ministry appointments, many of which you would not expect to be in the remit of a minister's duties such as emptying the waste paper bins and putting the bins out each week.

He then went on to ask us what expectations God has of us? The verses from Micah 6 v8 should be familiar to all of us.

'He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?'

Revd. Conrad Hicks sermon made me think about what my expectations were in becoming a steward and then a circuit steward and were they met?

I became a steward when I was relatively new to Trinity (although not to Methodism). I wanted to support the church and give back. I also wanted to make a difference. In fact this is my second stint as a steward at Trinity and I have been very fortunate to be part of a supportive team both times. We have worked through stationing for new ministers, interregnums, when we had no minister, and supported ministers when they have not been well. One of our biggest worries is if a minister or preacher does not turn up for a service on the Sunday morning- as we would have to run the service, but fortunately that has not happened! We do however have more planned occasions when we organise the Local Arrangements, so we are getting used to organising Sunday Services. What I had not expected from being a steward was that when I became redundant from my paid job how supportive the steward network was and how it gave me that continuing purpose I had lost from losing my job.

It has never been an onerous role and to get more involved in the life of the church (and now the circuit as a circuit steward) has been a joy. Sadly, we are finding it hard to recruit both church and circuit stewards. Are people's expectations too great? So many people in the church already take up voluntary roles in the local community, are they already too committed? Are we not explaining the joy of these volunteer role well enough? We are still in need of church and circuit stewards so do come and talk to one of the stewards if you are interested to find out more.

Ruth Taylor, Church and Circuit Steward

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Forthcoming Services

Sunday 13 September 2026

Morning Worship
led by

Graham Warr

at 10.30 am

Foundry Worship at
6.00pm

Sunday 20 September 2026

Morning Worship and
Harvest Festival

led by

Rev Sam Funnell

at 10.30 am



[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

Save the date!

An advance invitation to our
Harvest Tea
Saturday 19thth September at
4pm

Look out for the sign-up sheet in Church
from Sunday 6th September

Everyone welcome!



Supporting



A SIGN UP SHEET FOR
THE HARVEST TEA WILL
BE AVAILABLE ON
SUNDAY TO GIVE AN
IDEA OF NUMBERS AND
DIETARY REQUIREMENTS
- OR PLEASE LET ONE OF
THE STEWARDS KNOW.



JOYFUL JESUS
BY MATT HAGAN

Foundry Worship - 13th Sept at 6pm

We meet again on Sunday
after our short summer break.

Usual timing -

5.45pm for refreshments with a 6pm start to worship.

Our theme this week is Did Jesus Smile?

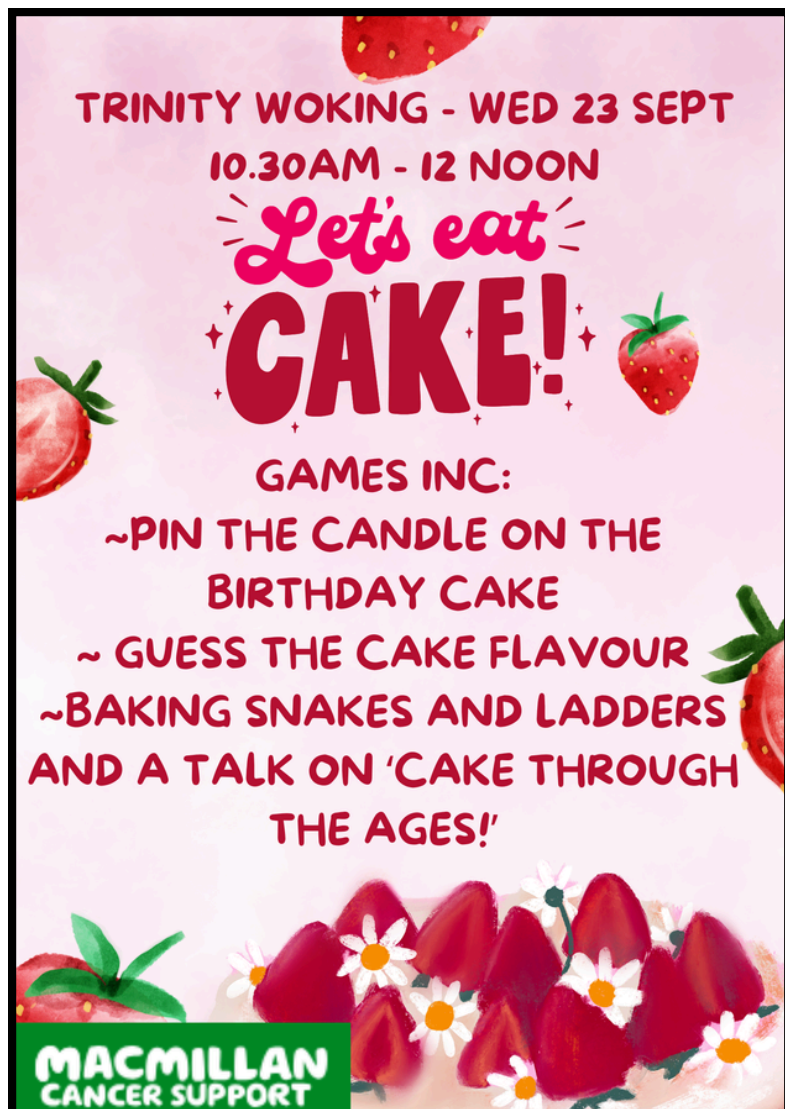
When we share the peace, it would normally be accompanied by a smile. In Italy this year, I was reminded how powerful this is. At Assisi we were standing at the back of an evening Mass. TBH, could only see peoples backs. We were excluded by language and backs! Then it got to the part where the Peace was shared. People turned round and started smiling at one another, and all of a sudden we were included. A smile cuts across language. But what does a smile represent? What does the bible tell us about smiling? How important is a smile? We will delve into the biblical, historical and anthropological understanding of smiling. Hopefully this will be a bit of fun (make us smile?), but think it will also raise some interesting questions and thoughts.

The service will include times of prayer led by our band together with times of listening, sharing and praying.

We would love you to join us for this informal time of worship and praise

Hugh Bowerman, Foundry Pastor

Daniela is kindly running a Macmillan Coffee Morning
at Coffee and Chat
on Wednesday 23 September 2026
(see poster below)



**TRINITY
NEWS
& VIEWS**

I am planning the next issue of TNV for publication in mid/late September. Please submit (preferably to tnv@trinitywoking.org) any items – reports, stories, poems, photographs (anything of interest!) – by the deadline of Sunday 13 September.
Thanks, David Lander

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.”

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



We have received the following from Alison Sage following the death of her Mum Jean Doggett.

For those who remember Jean and may like to join a service of thanksgiving the details follow below:-

You are invited to join us in the celebration of Jean Doggett's life at a service of thanksgiving on

Sunday 8th November 2026
at 3 pm
at Woking United Reformed Church
White Rose Lane,
Woking
GU22 7HA

RSVP Alison Sage
Alison.d.sage@gmail.com
Telephone 07889128348



The school holidays are over but, as we look back over the past few weeks there may be some occasion or event that we will remember for a long time - sometimes something small and



perhaps not very important, but special for us.

When we were on holiday, walking in the mountains, we saw two birds flying high above us. I have a wonderful App on my phone which records and identifies birds by their call, and this told me they were Golden Eagles. I've never seen a Golden Eagle in the wild before and this was one of those 'special' moments I won't forget. The eagles soared high above me - lifted up and held in the air by rising warm air, not needing to flap their wings. A really beautiful sight.

Watching them reminded me of a verse in the bible we looked at a little while ago that talks about eagles.

Isaiah 40:31 Those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles.

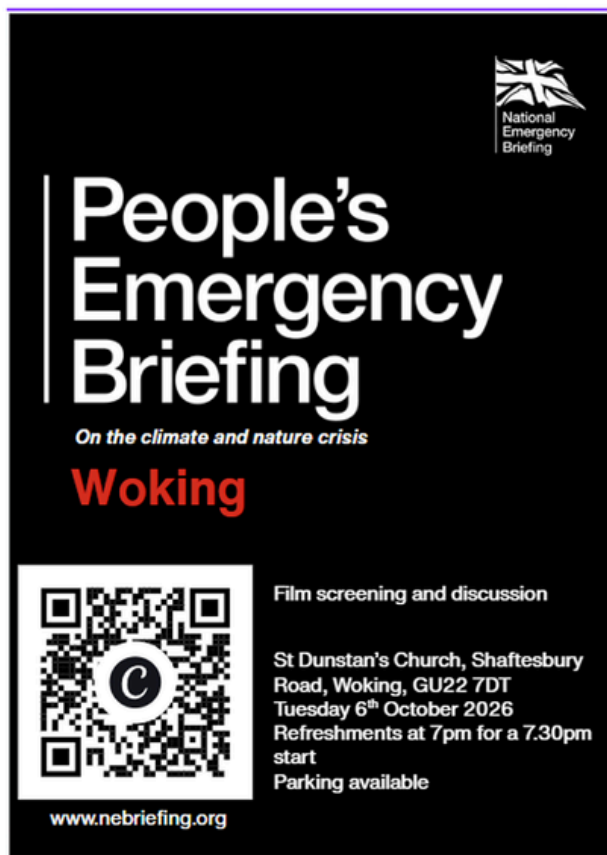
This verse promises that God will give us energy, courage and strength when we are tired or sad. His love and power can 'hold us up' just like the warm air holds an eagle soaring high in the sky. Trusting means believing that God is with us and loving us and doing what is best for us even when things are very difficult.

What special moments will you remember from the summer?



Prayer - Thank you Jesus for special memories, and reminders that you love us and we can trust in you. **Amen**

(If you are interested, the App is called 'Merlin' - and it's free!)



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:

- 2 September: Introduction to dementia
- 9 September: Managing behaviours of concern
- 23 September: Falls prevention
- 30 September: Nutrition and hydration
- 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 coffee donation charity for September is Macmillan Cancer Support

Macmillan helps everyone with cancer live to life as fully as they can. It offers confidential advice on benefits entitlement, housing costs, and managing the financial impact of cancer. They also provide one-off **Macmillan** Grants to help with everyday expenses.



A free Support Line, a peer-to-peer online community, and trained volunteers are available to provide emotional support as well as funding and supporting Clinical Nurse Specialists (Macmillan Nurses) and support workers who guide patients through diagnosis and treatment.



In addition, **Macmillan** works to influence UK healthcare policies and decision-makers to make cancer care fairer and more accessible and provides healthcare professionals and employers with the training and resources needed to support staff affected by cancer.

All money donated for refreshments and coffee in September will be given to **Macmillan Cancer Support**

More information can be found at www.macmillan.org.uk



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.

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.

You are welcome to join the **prayer group** on Friday 18th September at 10am at Trinity.

Heavenly Father rekindle our zeal,
Enlarge our vision, increase our faith
And show us what you would have us do
In the service of your kingdom.
Amen

Please note: Send any articles for this newsletter to be with the editor **by 12 noon on the Wednesday before that Sunday's issue.**
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