

WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Leadership notes

Dear Friends,

This weekend we'll be marking our Harvest Celebrations – with an Afternoon Tea on Saturday and the All-Age Harvest Festival Service on Sunday morning.

We are supporting All We Can with their 'Education = A Harvest That Lasts' campaign – more information about that will be shared at the Tea and in the Service – so do please come along and share, if you are able.

But it got me thinking about the way in which our beleaguered famers in the UK have been talking about the disastrous harvest this year due to the extremely hot and dry weather we experienced.

My thoughts went in two directions:

1. Thinking that we may well be struggling this year but compared to many places in the Global majority countries, we are so fortunate. For some, the struggle to survive is a daily reality. For some, the effects of climate change imperil not just their harvests but their very lives.

How fortunate are we, really, by comparison? We should be immensely grateful for all that we have as well as supporting those that struggle wherever we can.

2. And then, the heat and the dryness – the signs of withered plants, bare soil and brown grass (and an empty pond that I saw in North Camp this morning with some very disconsolate looking ducks sitting around it, seemingly wondering where their water had gone!) – made me ponder how sometimes our spiritual lives can be just like that...dry, barren, parched, over-heated and frazzled – or even wondering where all our serenity and faith has gone!

Then, perhaps, we need to hear the gentle voice of Jesus say to us, as he did to the woman at the well in Samaria, "Those who drink of the water that I will give will never be thirsty. The water that I give will become [in them] a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." (John 4:14)

Harvest time should prompt us to deep gratitude and a returning back to the source of all that is good, and true and life-giving; in Jesus we find the face of the caring God who understand us and refreshes us, always.

May the God of Harvest Blessings be with you this week!

Sam

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Forthcoming Services

Sunday 20 September 2026

Morning Worship and
Harvest Festival
led by
Rev Sam Funnell
at 10.30 am

Sunday 27 September 2026

Morning Worship
led by
The Leadership Team
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

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www.veyvalleycircuit.org.uk/home/news

Do join us for our Harvest Tea on Saturday 19th September at 4.00pm when we will have the opportunity to learn a little more about the work of All We Can – the Methodist Relief and Development Charity and in particular their 2026 Harvest Appeal “**Education = A Harvest that Lasts**” supporting children in Sierra Leone.

**Harvest Tea
Saturday
19th
September
4.00 pm
at
Trinity**

Our Harvest Festival service, led by Rev. Sam, will be at the usual time of 10.30am on Sunday morning. There will be an opportunity in the service to bring tinned, packaged and non-perishable gifts of food which will be donated to Woking Food Bank.



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. **Look out for more information in the coming weeks and a sign-up sheet for anyone who would like to buy a preprinted box.**



The Bible tells us that God created the earth and everything in it – all the plants and animals. You can read about this in the first chapter of Genesis. When He had done this, God said that it was good. And then he created people to live in his beautiful

world – a sign of how much he loves us. **And we in turn need to take care of God's creation and all the wonderful things, animals and people he has made? Sometimes this can be hard.**

But we can be helped The Bible tells us about the **Fruit of the Spirit** - a set of nine special character traits that can grow in us when we ask God to help us. Just like an apple grows on a healthy apple tree, these good traits grow inside us when we are connected to God and let Him help us.



The first Fruit of the Spirit is LOVE. We are celebrating Harvest this weekend and giving thanks to God for all the good things He has given us. In turn, we can show love to others this Harvest time by donating food for Woking Food Bank, and by helping children in Sierra Leone in Africa to have a good education, working with a charity called 'All We Can' **This is LOVE IN ACTION.**

We will be looking at all of the Fruits of the Spirit over the next few weeks.

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



Prayer – Help me to grow in love, and for love to grow in me. **Amen**



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



	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
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DEADLINE FOR TNV CONTRIBUTIONS/ITEMS/ARTICLES EXTENDED TO
FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2026

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



The poster features the Alzheimer's Society logo (a blue flower) and the Mizens Railway logo (a yellow circle with a train). The title 'Cream Tea Charity Fundraiser' is in a large, red, cursive font. Below the title, the text reads: 'We are holding a 2nd Cream Tea Charity Fundraiser this year this time for Alzheimer's Society. Book now for a 45 minute time slot and receive a delightful cream tea with a tea or coffee all in the aid of this charity. Train rides will be running as normal.' The event details are: 'Sunday 27th September 2026 2-5pm', '£10 per person (pay on the day)', and 'MIZENS RAILWAY TEA ROOM'. A QR code is shown with a red arrow pointing to it and the text 'Scan Here To Book'. The bottom of the poster features an illustration of a cream tea set: a teapot, a cup of tea, a saucer, and a basket of scones with jam and cream. A box of 'TRADITIONAL ENGLISH TEA' is also visible.

Alzheimer's Society

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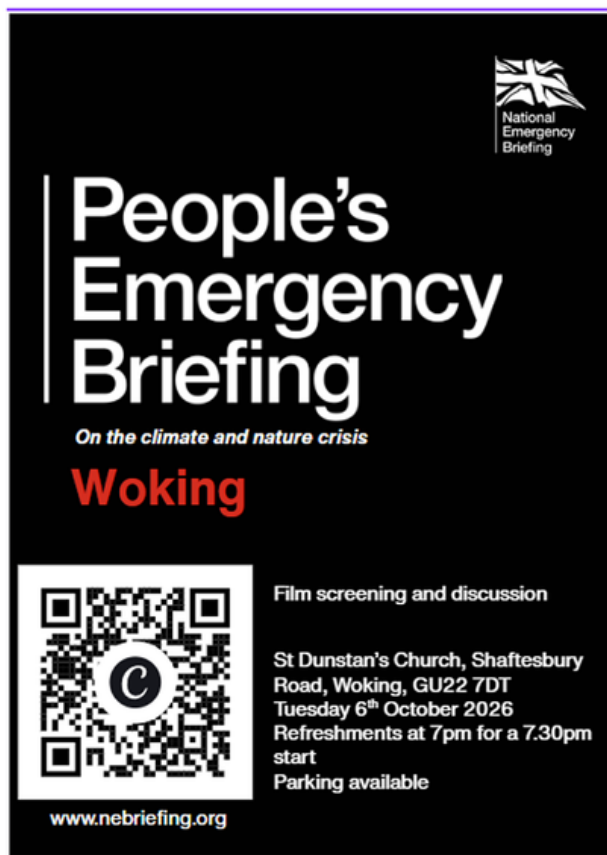
We have received the following from Alison Sage following the death of her Mum Jean Doggett.

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



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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