

WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Leadership notes

Where has God been in your lives this week? It is so easy to wonder where God is in the world with all the terrible things that we read about in the news.

This week, I have felt God's presence in a special way through the progress of our new prayer room, which is now almost finished. Seeing this peaceful space take shape has reminded me of the importance of making room for prayer in our busy lives. I have also felt God's presence through the company and fellowship of our prayer group at our meetings. Praying together, sharing with one another, and offering mutual encouragement have strengthened my faith and reminded me that God is with us both in quiet moments and in the support of our community.

Please consider joining our prayer group. We meet for an hour on Friday mornings—twice a month in person at church and through our WhatsApp group at other times.

Gracious God, bring your peace to our troubled world. Comfort those who live with fear, grief, conflict, or uncertainty, and protect all who are vulnerable. Guide the hearts of leaders, soften divisions, and help us to listen with compassion, speak with kindness, and seek justice. Make us instruments of your peace in our homes, our church, and our community. Where there is hatred, sow love; where there is despair, bring hope; and where there is darkness, shine your light. Amen.

Jean Normington Senior Steward and Circuit Steward

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."

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Forthcoming Services Sunday 27 September 2026

Morning Worship
led by
The Leadership Team
Foundry Worship at
6.00pm

Sunday 4 October 2026

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



[Circuit Prayer Diary for the month click here](#)
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www.veyvalleycircuit.org.uk/publications

[Circuit Letter for this week click here](#)
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www.veyvalleycircuit.org.uk/home/news

Foundry Worship 27th September

We meet 5.45pm for refreshments with a 6pm start of worship. Our theme this week will be 'On whose Authority?', a question to Jesus was asked and that he cleverly sidestepped or you might say refused to answer. How do we respond to authority? Is authority something to be imposed by right or is it something that is earned? To what extent does Jesus have authority over us? We will look at Matthew 21 from verse 23 forward to see how Jesus addresses this question of authority. There are some interesting parables here that relate very well to the modern day, even if what they say is quite challenging. The chief priests and Pharisees certainly reacted strongly to them.

We look forward to welcoming you to Foundry Worship on Sunday.

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



What makes you feel joyful? Joy is a strong, deep feeling of being happy that makes you want to laugh, jump, or celebrate.



There is a wonderful story in the Bible describing the time when Jesus was at a wedding – a really joyful occasion, but the family ran out of wine. There was none left to give to the guests, and the family must have felt very unhappy. Jesus performed a miracle and turned water into wine. The celebrations could continue!

Jesus knew that being joyful is good. JOY is one of the fruits of the Spirit but it is not quite the same as feeling happy. We feel happy when things around us go well, but if things go wrong, we can feel unhappy or sad, and it's OK to feel like that. But joy is different. Followers of Jesus believe that Joy is a gift from God – a deep, good feeling that knows God loves you, no matter whatever happens to you. It is a feeling that lasts and, like all the fruits of the Spirit, Joy can grow in us when we ask God to help us.

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

Last Friday we asked everyone at Friday Night Messy Church what they would like to thank God for – what things made them feel joyful, and then these were included in a prayer of thanksgiving at our Harvest service - family, friends, gentle rain, green fields, fun and learning, the wonderful world God has created, amongst many other things. **What gives you JOY?**

Prayer – Thank you for loving me and always being with me. Help me to know this and to be joyful even when things go wrong. **Amen**



PHOTOS FROM TRINITY HARVEST WEEKEND

At Harvest Tea on Saturday we learned about the work of All We Can and their Harvest Appeal - Education-A Harvest that Lasts - supporting children in Sierra Leone.

The Harvest Festival service on Sunday was joyous and the congregation brought many food contributions for those less fortunate than ourselves.



[ALL WE CAN HARVEST APPEAL LINK](https://www.allwecan.org.uk/harvest)
[HTTPS://WWW.ALLWECAN.ORG.UK/HARVEST](https://www.allwecan.org.uk/harvest)



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/>

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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.”

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



Alzheimer's Society

Cream Tea Charity Fundraiser

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.

Sunday 27th September 2026 2-5pm
£10 per person (pay on the day)

 **MIZENS RAILWAY TEA ROOM**

 **Scan Here To Book**

The poster features a blue flower logo for Alzheimer's Society, a yellow circular logo for Mizens Railway, and an illustration of a cream tea set including a teapot, a cup of tea, and a basket of scones.

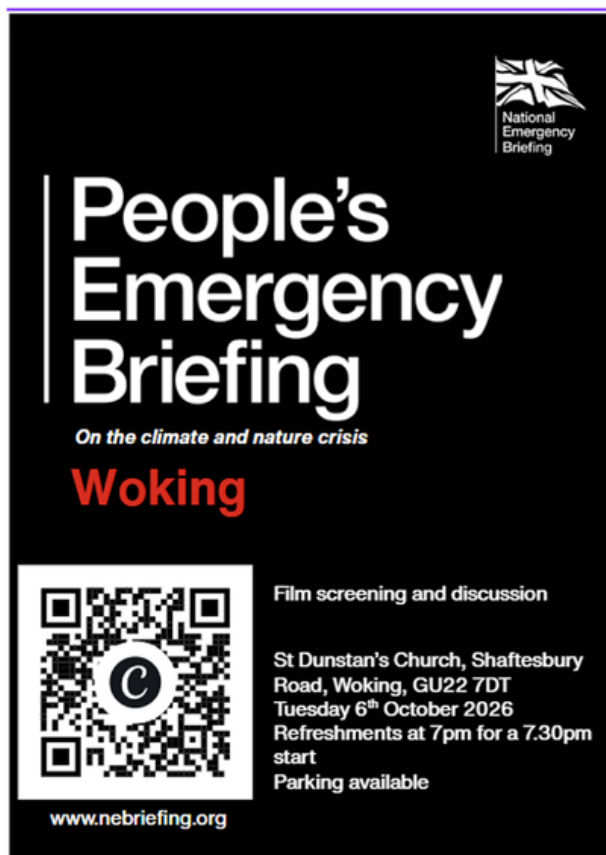


The next foodbank collection will be on Sunday 4th October. Items urgently required are:-

- 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:

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.

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.
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