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WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Message from the Leadership Team

I don't believe that things come in threes, but we are living with the news that three of our Church family have died in the past week. These friends - Don, Dorothy and Lisa, will all be in the minds of their families and friends, who are feeling their loss. We have been remembering each of these people in our chats and prayers, and I personally have lost a great friend Lisa.

Rev Sam preached on Isaiah 40 on Sunday, which begins with the words "Comfort, comfort my people, says your God" with the comforting message that we must comfort each other, and receive God's comfort.

I do not have many words at this time, so have included a poem and a prayer, and know that God is with us in our grief.

God says to us in Jesus
I love you,
I will always love you.
My love is stronger than death.
Some days we seem to want more than that.
We want to know what happens to us when we die.
We want to know if we will meet our loved ones again.
We want to know if there's a place or a state called heaven, and what it's like.
We want to know if we'll meet Jesus.
We want to know if a part of us lives on forever.
And we want answers now, before we die.

And God says to us in Jesus:
There's no way I can explain it to you now.
You'll have to wait and see.
But I've been there and I will be with you.
I will always love you.
My love is stronger than death.
(Ruth Burgess)

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Upcoming Services

Sunday 11 February 2024
Morning Worship
led by Graham Warr
10.30am

Foundry Worship 6pm

Sunday 18 February 2024
Morning Worship
led by Rev Sam Funnell
10.30am

Live Stream Link

[CLICK HERE](#)

Circuit News

The Circuit Prayer Diary for February is [HERE](#)

The Circuit Letter for the Week is [HERE](#)

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Circle us, Lord,
With arms of love,
And rid our hearts of fear.
Circle us, Lord,
With Spirit's power,
And cast aside despair.
Circle us Lord,
With words of peace,
Sufficient for each hour.
Circle us, Lord.
Circle us, Lord. Amen.
(John Birch)

LT Message written by
Allison Jackson

Live Stream viewing from home

We are glad that people are still benefitting from our weekly live stream of our Sunday Services.

We would love to know who you are, and if you would like any more support or welcome from us!

If you do watch regularly, we appreciate your greetings in the live chat. If we don't know who is online, please could you email the office (trinitywoking@btinternet.com) or leave a message on 01483 730754 with a contact email/number, and we will get back to you.

Thanks. (From the Pastoral Team)

A reminder that the livestream hyper link is on the front page of the newsletter each week.

A prayer for LGBT+ History Month (Feb)

Shared with us by Pam Gold, coordinator for the [Methodist LGBT+ Solidarity Circle](#).

Let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

We praise you creator God for creating all in your image, an image of pure love.

God of love, we pray for your forgiveness where we have fallen short of your call to mirror your love to others.

God of Love, as we prepare to celebrate LGBT History Month we hold before you those who bear the scars of rejection, isolation, and feelings of unworthiness.

We pray for your healing touch.

God of Love, we give thanks for all the work undertaken in "God, in love unites us." We give thanks for the courage of those from the LGBT community who have shared their stories, their lives, and their ministries within the Church.

We give thanks for those who have been open to change as the Church took the journey of discovery, culminating in the decision to be fully inclusive. We give you thanks for the grace shown by all.

God of love, we pray for the continuing work of the Church as we encourage all to fully embrace the diversity of our siblings.

God of all
God for all
God within all,
We praise you.
Amen



From Methodist Church Social Media

A Prayer for Racial Justice Sunday 11.2.24

Migrant God, unbound and free from borders, your presence spans the universe.

In all our travel and travail, you are the constant companion of all, in you is our eternal rest and refuge.

In Jesus who had nowhere to lay his head, you reveal yourself taking sanctuary among us.

We behold you still in the face of all who are uprooted from their homes by war and weather, persecution and poverty.

We bless you for their courage and resilience in seeking justice, freedom and sanctuary.

Grant them safety in all their trail and turmoil.

Be the shelter of their lives and souls.

Enfold in your peace those who have died on the way.

Give to us all compassion and the capacity to listen and learn as people share their stories of their search and struggles for safety.

Strengthen us as we work together to build communities and congregations of warm welcome, protective hospitality, and sanctuary for all.

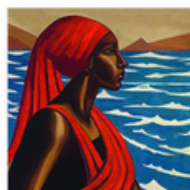
Bless us all pilgrims together, here we have no abiding city, bring us where you want us to be.

A prayer for

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal



RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY
EXODUS!