

# WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

## Message from the Leadership Team (LT)

I wrote my first Leadership Team message way back in May 2014, which seems like a lifetime ago. In it, I referred to embarking on the ship HMS Trinity for a journey with no specific destination, duration, letting God steer us wherever He felt was right. Mostly it has been a good, sometimes great journey, but the occasional storm has required significant faith, like Peter, to get through it. A bit like life really! But now my journey has come to an end and I must now dis-embark for the road that God has clearly laid out for me towards a (not so) distant land. Of course I will miss Trinity, but it is part of our Christian journey to recognise when God has different plans for you to the one you thought. Both you and the church grow with change and I have every faith that Trinity and myself will thrive in the future.

And so I thank everyone who has been part of my Trinity life and supported me in everything life has thrown at me – you know who you are – but the biggest thanks goes to Big J himself, for it is only through Him, and with Him that we can walk the perfect path.

You'll still see me around from time to time, helping where and when I am able, until the time God blesses me and my wife to be with the home only He knows is right for us, spreading His Word to those that will listen, in unison.

God bless you all, signing off for the last time.

**David Emerson**

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## Forthcoming Services

### Sunday 10 May 2026

Morning Worship  
led by  
Rev Alan Taylor  
at 10.30 am

6 pm Foundry Worship

### Sunday 17 May 2026

Morning Worship  
(All age worship and  
Parade)  
led by Rev Sam Funnell  
at 10.30 am



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## Foundry Worship - 10<sup>th</sup> May

This week we welcome back Idris Rashk. A Christian converted from Islam, Idris was due to share with us some of his experiences from a planned mission trip to Iraq. Unfortunately the Iran-US-Israel war stopped all the flights, so he has yet to travel.

Instead Idris is going to share with us some of the beliefs that Muslim's have about Jesus. Many of us have had conversations with Muslim friends. When they find out that we're a Christian, they tell us how revered Jesus is in Islam, that the life and teachings of Jesus are important. When I first encountered this I was quite confused. So this week, with Idris' help, we will look at some of the differences between the Muslim understanding of Jesus and our own. This will help us to react appropriately when we encounter such a conversation, but my hope is that it will also build our understanding of just who Jesus was and is.

We meet at 6pm (5.45pm for refreshments) in the sanctuary where you can be assured of a warm welcome.

**Hugh Bowerman**  
Foundry Pastor



### **JANET OLIVER'S FUNERAL**

THE SERVICE TO GIVE THANKS FOR  
JANET'S LIFE WILL BE HELD ON  
MONDAY 8TH JUNE 2026,  
AT 2.15PM @ GUILDFORD CREMATORIUM  
(NEW POND RD, ARTINGTON GU7 3DB).  
ALL ARE WELCOME.

PLEASE KEEP HER CHILDREN, RICHARD  
AND ANNELIE, IN YOUR PRAYERS.

## Street Angels urgently needed

Woking Street Angels are urgently seeking volunteers to train and to join their team. We are a friendly bunch, the task is not onerous and requires a commitment of only one night every 4 weeks. Days and dates can be flexible. If you are aged over 18, please can you give this serious consideration. At the moment we sometimes have to cancel shifts because we don't have enough available Angels. That means someone who needs help may not get it that night. Please call 07827 914714, email [wokingstreetangels@gmail.com](mailto:wokingstreetangels@gmail.com) or go to [www.wokingstreetangels.org.uk](http://www.wokingstreetangels.org.uk) for information or to apply.



## Our May Coffee Donation Charity is Christian Aid

Christian Aid exists to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty and injustice worldwide. They work with individuals, local partners, churches and communities.

**Almost a third of their total income** is for humanitarian work, and every year reach millions of disaster-affected people, responding to the urgent and immediate needs of the crisis-affected communities, giving them the means to stand on their own feet.



In addition, they fight injustice, campaign for change and help people claim the services and rights they are entitled to.



**All money raised from refreshments during May will be given to Christian Aid**

More information at [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

Each month we have a dedicated **Coffee charity** to which all the refreshment donations are given. Over the course of the year this amounts to hundreds of pounds given to worthwhile causes. Some are local charities, others National charities. Do you have a charity that is particularly meaningful for you, or one that you feel would be good for Trinity to support in this way? If so, please let Helen Bowerman know and we may be able to include this over the coming months.



**What qualities should a Superhero have?**

A strong sense of right and wrong. Courage, as they face difficult situations and must put the safety and well-being of others before their



own, often putting themselves in danger. They must have compassion – caring for those they want to help. They have a responsibility to use the powers they have for good. And they mustn't give up when the going gets tough! **Wow – that's quite a list isn't it!**

Esther was a young Jewish girl who was chosen to be a Queen by Xerxes, King of Persia. The King didn't know she was Jewish and she had to hide her identity.

One of the King's advisors called Haman plotted to kill all the Jews in Persia and he persuaded King Xerxes to agree to his plan. Esther was asked to try and change the King's mind and save all her people. This put her in great danger as she would have to say that she was also Jewish. She could have been killed.



**Esther 8:3** Once again Esther spoke to the king. She fell at the King's feet and cried. She begged the king to stop the evil plan of Haman the Agagite.

**Was Esther a superhero?** Well perhaps not quite like Superman **BUT** she knew what was right -she was courageous as she risked her own life. She cared deeply for her people and wanted to help them, knowing that she was the only one who could change the King's mind. And she didn't give up. She spoke out against something wrong, and the Jewish people were saved.

**Now that does sound like a Superhero to me!**

**Superheroes come in all shapes and sizes and ages!**



**Ordinary people – Empowered by God!**



**LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS!**



**Local Arrangement Resourcing Event**

For Church Stewards, Worship Leaders or anyone in the Congregation that is interested.

Please come along and join Dave Ingoldby, Elizabeth Gurd, Graham Warr & Sam Funnell for a session on how to tackle these and even ENJOY them!

**Where?**

Trinity Methodist Church, Brewery Road, Woking, GU21 4LH

**When?**

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2.30-4.30pm (Refs from 2pm)

**What do I need to bring?**

Pen and paper (or laptop) plus an open mind and heart!



We seek your peace for all people. Bless and strengthen those from every area of society who are endeavouring to bring an end to injustice, hostilities and conflict. In our peace-making, together may we find courage, resilience and hope.



Ildi on the run again

On 7th June, I'm doing another 5K race. This time, I'm raising funds for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Everybody should have the right to feel safe and secure! If you would like to and are able to, please support my efforts to raise money for their work via the link below! Thank you! 😊

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/ildiko-johnson-1?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=EM&utm\\_campaign=lc\\_frp\\_share\\_transaction\\_fundraiser\\_page\\_donation\\_received\\_-\\_first\\_donation](https://www.justgiving.com/page/ildiko-johnson-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM&utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_fundraiser_page_donation_received_-_first_donation)

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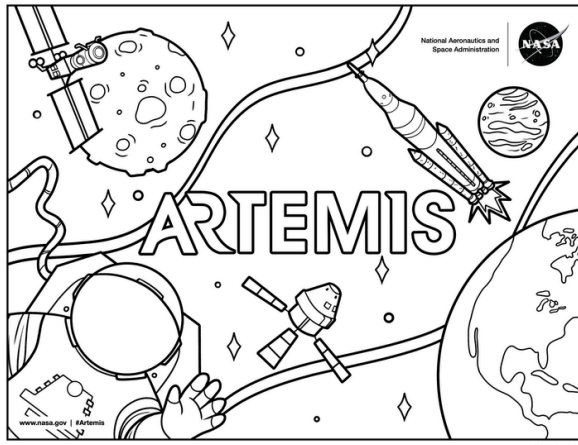
## Enjoy Spring and Summer at Othona West Dorset

Upcoming events include...

14-17 May		<b>Wellbeing Workshop</b> yoga, mindfulness and coaching exercises with Julie Leoni
3-7 June		<b>Integrating Doing and Being</b> finding better work/life balance with Rhian Taylor and Jacqui Avery
11-14 June		<b>Songs to Celebrate Midsummer</b> singing for all - with Susannah Gooch
17-21 June		<b>Art and Craft for Adults</b> enjoy seaside art with Cathrin Jones
9-13 July		<b>Caring for Someone You Love</b> time for carers to rest and share, with Susanna Wallace

**bookings@othonawestdorset.org.uk or 01308 897130**





## Prayer for May 2026

This Spring, a time of continuing wars, hardship and suffering, Creator God, our Heavenly Father, we thank you for the successful Artemis mission recently. We experienced astronauts travelling further into space than ever before, marvelling at Your creation with awe and wonder. We thank you for blessing humans with the intellect, curiosity and skill which allows us to experience Your universe and we pray that such space exploration will be for the good of all.

Amen

## Manchester Methodists

### **Please note - Christian Aid Plant Sale on 16<sup>th</sup> May at Trinity - CANCELLED**

Sadly we have had to cancel the Christian Aid Plant sale on 16th May. However, Trinity still wants to support the Charity in its wonderful work around the world and so suggestions are welcome as to how we do this.

1. Hold the Plant sale but on a different Saturday in May.
2. Holding a cake sale.
3. A retirement collection for Christian Aid and /or using some of the monies we have for “special” needs.
4. Cash or card donations for when we feel that God has touched us and we want to give thanks for those special moments by donating to the cause.

These are just some suggestions – please do let the Leadership team know if any of these touch your hearts or indeed if anything else comes to mind.

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**by 12 noon on the Wednesday before that Sunday's issue.**  
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