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**"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest,
And cold and heat, And summer and winter, And
day and night Shall not cease."
Genesis 8:22**

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Message from our Superintendent

Dear friends,

It is a huge pleasure to write to you as your Superintendent Minister. I am sorry that Paul Chesworth has had to leave you for health reasons, especially when Woking Methodist Church is looking strategically at local mission.

You may know Stevie Smith's poem, *"Not waving but drowning"*. It is easy to feel empathy with the character in the poem when we feel overwhelmed by the demands of life – work, family and even church.

I often read the blog of the scholar Bill Mounce. He writes about a story which is often misunderstood: *"Jesus is out on the sea with his disciples, the storm comes up, and the disciples wake up Jesus to ask him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" (NIV) "*. So often we assume this suggests that the disciples showed no faith in Jesus, but the question in the original language is phrased *"so as to mean the disciples assumed that Jesus did in fact care. They assumed that his answer would be, "Yes, I do care." "*.

Bill Mounce translates it: *"Teacher, you do care if we drown, don't you?"* This wasn't a question based only on fear, but of faith mingled with fear. Their understanding of Jesus clashed with His sleeping through the storm. Their question shows

faith, "a faith in his care for them, a faith that was being tested by the storm". That's very different.

Many of us will experience that sense of bewildered faith from time to time. We believe that God cares for us but then life happens and questions emerge. The hard moments of our lives test our faith in Him, "*but in the midst of pain we can certainly cry out to him, expressing our faith in him, and yet asking for his help*". Isn't that exactly what Jesus did on the cross?

God bless you,
Keith
(Keith C. Beckingham.)

Early Morning Communion

The dates for our 8.45am service in the coming months are:

28th October 2018

25th November 2018

23rd December 2018



Church Family News

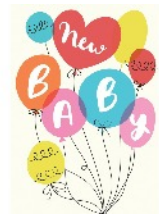
Thanksgiving

On Monday 28th August 2018 a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Gilbert Wayne Kirkman.
May light perpetual shine upon him



Congratulations

To Christopher and Angharad (Harri) for the safe arrival of Megan Jones on 25th July 2018. A granddaughter for David & Susan.



To Charlie & Fran on the safe arrival of Monty Olley Taylor on 12th September 2018 a 2nd grandson for Ruth.

To Doreen & Maurice Lee on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary.



Thank you

Thank you so much for a very fine send-off. Liz and I felt very blessed by the occasion. Everyone was very kind. Lovely food and an amazing cake, Sam! A very big thank you to Trinity for the amazingly generous cheque which is undeserved and unexpected, but very much appreciated. We will have work to do on the new house, my first task being to convert the garage into an office for Liz, so this will go a long way towards the cost of the materials which is a huge blessing to us. Lovely also to have a photo of the famous stained glass - thanks!

Paul & Liz

Congratulations to all our young people for their recent exam successes

Sophie Kozlowski has achieved GCSEs and is off to Farnborough College

Edward Lee, Benjamin Cave and Elin Raynaud have completed AS levels and continue into upper 6th.

Harry Taylor has completed his A levels and is going to Birmingham University to study history.

Anna Kozlowski has completed a course in discipleship at Cheltenham Trinity Church and is going on to study to prepare for missionary work.

Jess Waddington, Paul Best, Adam Best, Elizabeth Kozlowski, and Josh Cudby have all completed their first year at University. Elizabeth has directed a play at Edinburgh Fringe Festival which won Best Young Cast.

Daniel Taylor has completed his second year at Imperial College and Abigail Lee has completed her second year at Bath University.

Eleanor Cudby, Isobel Barrott, and Jenny Mote have all achieved first class honours in their degrees and Isobel has gained an MPhil in Computational Biology.

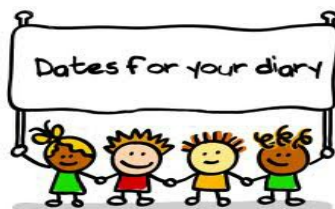
Lawrence Barrott has gained his PhD in mathematics

Well done to all our young people!



Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 6th October	Harvest Supper	6.30pm- 9pm
Sunday 7th Oct	Harvest Festival	10.30
Sunday 4th November	All Souls	4.00pm
Sunday 11th November	Remembrance Sunday	10:30
Sunday 18th November	Service Church Lunch "Come & Catch Up!"	10:30 Following the service
Sunday December 16th	Nativity Carol Service	10.30 6.30pm
Monday 24th December	Christingle Midnight Communion	5pm 11.30pm
Tuesday 25th December	Christmas Day	10:00
Sunday 6th January 2019	Covenant Service	10:30



Trinity Foundry Project

Encouraging Jesus-like living

Stage 1 - Worshipping, praying, dreaming, encouraging, growing

What is the Trinity Foundry Project?

We believe God is leading Trinity Methodist Church in a new direction. This will require us to journey in faith as God leads. We will be challenged, we will need to work hard, risk will be involved. However, by faithfully moving onward in the love of Jesus, we know we will experience His grace and find great joy. This is a process we are willingly engaging in – we are calling it the Trinity Foundry Project.

Why Foundry?

- 1.** John Wesley's first HQ in London was in an old Foundry. The faith, actions and energy of the early Methodists transformed this country, some would argue the world. Let's pray that God will do the same through us!
- 2.** A Foundry takes tired and worn out items, melts them down, and then casts them into something new and better. This seems an appropriate analogy - we want our church to be 're-cast' so we are better at sharing the good news of Jesus.



Do we yet know the general direction of the project?

Our initial 'vision' in starting the Foundry project is summarised below:

- To provide opportunity for people to worship in ways appropriate to them, whether it be traditional or contemporary, English or Chinese!
- To create an outward looking and caring community that shares it's faith with those around us
- To provide a hub of Christian support and activity, a constant presence near to the centre of Woking, a place that helps us and others to find and fulfil our calling
- To re-model our premises to support the above

The above is a bit sketchy. How will we go about turning that into a proper plan?

We will work in stages. The first stage is about our individual and corporate relationship with God. We need to grow and energise a group who will encourage each other and lead us forward. We want to dream the apparently impossible together, to imagine our part in Gods kingdom. We want to listen, pray, learn, explore, discern – and perhaps start doing a bit. We will then flesh out the basic vision – what, when and how – produce a proper plan . . . and then really start!

How many stages will there be?

As many stages as are needed, but hopefully not too many (five?). We'd anticipate the second stage starting when we have a detailed plan and need to set about obtaining the necessary approvals from local and church authorities. Each stage will represent a shift in emphasis.

Will the Trinity Foundry Project change the church as we know it?

Our intent in the early stages of the project is that Trinity church life will continue exactly as it is at the moment – the project will be *'additional to'* rather than *'instead of'*. Once detailed plans are drawn up and agreed, we will start the project proper. There will be aspects of this (e.g., building works) that will inevitably affect us all. Longer term we'd expect aspects of the project to infiltrate every part of church life.

When will the Foundry project start?

We plan to start meeting to worship and pray from the beginning of October 2018 – we can consider this the start of stage one. Our first meeting will be 5pm on Sunday October 7th 2018. We will meet every other week. If you want to join us but this time doesn't suit you, please let us know.

Are there other ways I can be involved?

Yes. Below are some suggestions:

- Pray for the project. We will keep everyone up to date on what is going on (emails; weekly news sheet; reports in services)
- Be bold and share your ideas and dreams with us! These will all help shape our thinking and praying.
- Volunteer to explore an idea for us. How feasible is it? What experiences do other churches have? What types of regulations may we be up against?

How do I find out more?

We will set-up a web site, facebook page and twitter. We will keep this up to date. Alternatively please contact any of the

following people who would be pleased to tell you more about the Foundry Project:

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Normington

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Hugh 01483 764779 hugh.bowerman@gmail.com
Bowerman

What if I have concerns about the project?

We are aware some people will have concerns. Please don't underestimate the importance of these to us. We also know how difficult it can be to share these. Ann Dawson (01483 770400, anndawson789@googlemail.com) has agreed to be a 'safe' point of contact. She will ensure that concerns are communicated to the relevant people. Hopefully she will also be able to re-assure you. We are hoping a few others will join her to fulfil this role as well.

Finally

Our former minister described the church as having reached something of a 'hinge' point – a change in direction - changes in people, renewed confidence in Jesus, recognition of our own limitations and our need for God. Together these make the current time feel right to look in new directions – and to move! We hope that you share this growing expectation and will give the Trinity Foundry Project your full support – we think there are exciting times ahead as we trust God to 'move us on'.

And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. "For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?

Mark 8: 34-37

Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

John 8: 12



The Foundry, a damaged building that became
Methodism's first London headquarters

Tales of a Travelling Preacher

Part Four

Challenging Times

For the last eighteen years the ageing and shrinking congregations have become even more apparent. As a preacher the message has subtly changed. I always keep a Children's item available but often don't use it. Sometimes there may be one or two little ones and I do take a story and often one of my puppets just in case.

Recently I have been asked to preach at the Chinese Congregation that worships at Woking Trinity on Sunday afternoons. I had no idea what to expect the first time I preached. Simon, one of the leaders, led me by the hand, and with the exchange of many emails between us I prepared a sermon for him to translate before the service.

I was very nervous but the service went very well. Our great God had prepared me for this experience because as a Heritage Steward at Wesley's Chapel I had conducted groups from Korea and South America who used a translator and I understood how it worked. I was conscious that a fifteen-minute sermon in English, with a translator takes roughly thirty minutes.

The congregation seemed very happy and it was a wonderful experience. When I asked Simon how it worked for him, he smiled, and said, "It was very good, but a bit short; we usually have a longer sermon in Chinese without any translation." It is not often a preacher is told the sermon was a bit short.

I have been preaching there a couple of times a year since and I enjoy the challenge, the wonderful welcome, the sincerity of

the congregation, the joy in their worship but especially that little cup of green tea, slipped into my hand after the sermon. So refreshing!

The new Circuit has brought more travelling and the opportunities to explore new ways of worship and I am back as a bit more of a travelling preacher. However, the Gospel has not changed but how it is presented has and I have been challenged to present it in different ways for different congregations.

It has become clear to me that God wants us as Christians to share the Gospel by talking about our faith with confidence and openness both in and outside church. As congregations our attitude to worship should be positive and to seek God's word for each of us as individuals and congregations. To be positive in our approach to variations and new forms of worship to encourage and support them even if it is not to our taste and to avoid negative criticism.

When I was starting out in 1970 a Local Preacher colleague, who was a member of my church in Lymington, gave me this advice. Don't be afraid of your youth because we need modern ideas to develop and enhance our worship or it will fade away. She was 84 and told me she was always looking to develop and improve her services. She gave me the simple example that she felt the language used about God in Lord's Prayer was out of date and confided that she didn't use 'thy or thine anymore but you and yours'. Since then when using the traditional form, I have always used you and yours. Now we have a more up to date form.

Change to meet changing needs is not the same as change for changes sake. Indeed, our God, Father/Mother, Son and Holy Spirit is always present in all we do guiding, leading and sometimes pushing us to love and serve him in changing ways to serve a constantly changing world. As a Preacher and practicing Christian I am often aware I could and should do better, but our loving Lord is always there to support and forgive.

Over the years I have found this text to be so encouraging and supporting.

'In all things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.'

Romans 8:37-39 NRSV

Graham Warr

New Yoga classes starting in the music room on 25th September.

Chair yoga: This is a class done sitting down for anyone who has breathing, heart or injury issues or who just doesn't feel mobile enough for a floor based yoga class. Emphasis is on opening up the chest and spine to encourage good posture and deeper breathing. Class is from 10.30 - 11.30am

Gentle classical yoga: This is a floor based yoga class which does all the usual yoga moves but at a gentler pace. It is ideal for beginners and those who are just not sure about yoga. All poses can be adapted for all abilities so don't worry if you feel you are inflexible. Class is from 6.30 - 7.30pm

Please wear loose clothing and bring a yoga mat if you have one for the classical yoga (I do have a few you can borrow at first if you are not sure about yoga)

Classes are £5 with a percentage going to Woking MInd each month.

Contact Susan Jones for more details 07905710894.

From Zimbabwe

I greet you all in the name of Jesus Christ our living Divine Lord.

Greetings also come from the Methodist Church at Mucheke in the Oldest City of Masvingo. It took me this long to appraise you with Zimbabwean news because we were getting ourselves acquainted to life in Zimbabwe. At the beginning of the year we lost Vongai's father to liver cancer. So now we have one parent between the two of us i.e. my mother who is now 88. In our busy schedule we have always talked about our fellowship at Trinity and my preaching in the circuit while I was in the U.K. I have not forgotten that I still belong to UK as a British Citizen. We still remember the place we sat at every service and the people we interacted with all the time. We would like to thank the stewards and the rest of the people who made our fellowship at Trinity Methodist. I have assumed my preaching roles in Masvingo South Circuit. The Churches are not very far from each other. Some Churches still need to be constructed. There is quite a lot of work to be done in God's work. We will strive to do our best with the rest of the church and see emerging churches built.

Masvingo is 295 km from Harare the capital city of Zimbabwe. Masvingo is just 16 Kilometres to the north of Great Zimbabwe which is a tourist attraction. Great Zimbabwe has a historical background born of the country. The name Zimbabwe comes from the monument Great Zimbabwe. The stones that built the Great Zimbabwe were collected by the Rozwi people. Some of the stones came from very far afield areas only to construct the Great Zimbabwe. The walls have no mortar. Tourists come from all over the world to enjoy the canary*. Vongai and I are happy to host any members of the

Methodist church at Trinity who might want to come and see this attraction for as many days as they wish. We have a house that can cater for two couples at any given time. You are invited to visit us. Your welfare will be our responsibility. The winter has been quite chilly during the months of June and July. This reminded us of the winter in England apart from not having snow.

You might by now have known that Zimbabwe had harmonised elections on the 30th July 2018. The elections were peaceful but not free and fair. The opposition part was right to reject the outcome as they had always insisted that certain reforms be implemented before the polls. Zimbabwe election commission was very partisan in all respects. It was worse in the rural Zimbabwe. There were so many assisted voters. The ruling party capitalised on this and worse there were truck loads of ballot papers which were then staffed to ensure that the ruling party won the presidential elections. There was a lot of cheating. We are waiting for the court challenge which has been launched by the opposition. Clearly the opposition won the elections but have been denied the vote. We are back to the Mugabe era. It is not certain that Zimbabwe will become the jewel of Africa as it has a lot of untapped wealth which needs foreign investment.

The elections have left Zimbabwe more fractured than before. The legitimacy of the incumbent president remains to be seen after the inauguration which has been slotted for 12 August 2018. We also do not know when the court challenge will be heard. From past experiences, this could take a long time if not years. The VII forms are clear that the opposition won the elections by a very big margin.

We now put everything in the hand of the Lord as his choice of a president is as Jesus says in Mark 9v 35; 'Whoever wants to be first must place himself last of all and be the servant of all'. The president elect has always said that he is a changed man who is willing to listen but he has refused to accept that he lost the election.

We wanted a leader with a vision, commitment to God and with integrity one who would lead by example, honesty,

dedicated and one who would sacrifice for his people.

Zimbabwe needs a leader and not a ruler.

The general population is at its lowest as most of the people expected change.

You might also have read about the violence. Yes it is true the army shot six people for demonstrating against ZEC. People election results took too long to be announced hence people were getting agitated. The dilemma is no one wants to apologise for the shootings. The president who is the commander in Chief does not want to take blame yet the army can only take action from his orders.

Things are getting better. We will see what will happen after the inauguration. Maybe sanity will prevail.

Please pray for us and the rest of Zimbabwe. We are doing well in our market gardening. Vongai and myself will be coming back to Britain between April and June next year.

We miss you all. We have started fish farming and hope to be in full swing from September 2018.

For now stay blessed.

Rabson Ziso

**Note from editor – I think Rabson is referring to the Canary Mining Area, Lundazi, eastern Zambia.*

Take Time

In his sermon on Sunday 29th July Rev Conrad Hicks recommended "Take Time" a series of meditations to use in our time of prayer. The link is below.

Take Time - a series of meditations from Methodist Minister, Rev. Clive McKie - can be found at: www.taketime.org.uk.

Beyond Trinity Charity of the month

During September we are supporting Citizens Advice Woking and for October it will be the York Road Project, which is also our Harvest Appeal. There will also be a collection for Woking Foodbank on 7th October.

November



Woking Street Angels was set up in 2010 though, many of us have an idea of their aims, we're likely to be unsure about exactly what the Angels do. Following a helpful chat with Angels Co-ordinator Lucy Chester, I learned teams of two or three Angels will be out and about in the Town Centre on Friday and Saturday nights from 10.00pm till late, *and* that probably means 4.00am. What do they do? They may be:

- Phoning for an ambulance to help someone injured or unwell.

- Alerting CCTV to report an incident and ask for continued surveillance.

- Calling police to respond to fights.

- Supporting people who are unwell- maybe as a result of too much alcohol.

They can be immediately recognised by the uniform they wear – a high visibility yellow jacket with their logo clear to see on the back.

Hard facts illustrate the scope of the Street Angel's activities. In 2017; they assisted 959 people in various ways, giving out 108 blankets and clearing 3750 bottles from the town centre.

In April this year the Angel Team found a man huddled in a corner of Chertsey Road too distressed to speak, but finally he was persuaded to write in the Angel's notebook. They learnt he was prone to panic attacks; he was autistic and had lost his friends. After the Team Leader had circulated and searched McDonalds he found three girls who knew him and offered to look after him. Finally I asked Lucy "what do you need most to continue and expand this work?" her answer was immediate "*Having more volunteers is currently our greatest need.*" If you would like more details contact Lucy on 07827 914714; not surprisingly they need donations too, as Lucy explained equipping a team for 2 night each weekend costs £130.

December



All We Can helps find solutions to poverty by engaging with local people and organisations in some of the world's poorest communities to end the suffering caused by inequality and injustice. All We Can is an international development and emergency relief organisation. Focusing on those in greatest need, it is inspired by Christian principles, with its roots in the British Methodist Church.

We support and strengthen local organisations, churches and emerging initiatives that share our vision and values – to implement effective and sustainable solutions for people living in some of the world's poorest and least served communities

We respond to humanitarian crises with emergency support and help communities to be better prepared for disasters

We engage in advocacy and education, both in Britain and internationally, to tackle some of the systemic causes of poverty.



York Road
Project

Harvest Supper



TRINITY
METHODIST CHURCH

Saturday 6th October

6.30pm—9pm

**Fish and Chip Supper
(with Vegetarian options)**

Tickets £10

Speaker Fay Kearley

From York Road Project

(Prop Day Centre Co-ordinator)

**Trinity Methodist Church,
Brewery Road**

Defeating Homelessness in Woking

Within the Circle of your Friends

Within the circle of your friends,
You found a place for me.
Beside those whom I often meet,
Near people whom I've yet to greet
I'm privileged to be,
I'm privileged to be.

Within your commonwealth of love,
You found a place for me
To listen, heal, disturb or care,
Seek words to sing, find truth to share,
Let life be full and free,
Let life be full and free.

Around the table you prepare,
You found a place for me
Where, breaking bread and pouring wine,
You tell us all, "This means you're mine.
And mine you'll always be,
And mine you'll always be."

Now brother, servant, saviour, Lord,
I make a place for you.
Called to your feast, among your friends,
And keen to live as God intends,
I come to be made new,
I come to be made new.

John L. Bell & Graham Maule

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(Several of you enjoyed this hymn which Barrie Tabraham used in his service on 2nd September and asked if it could be printed in TNV.)



We are pleased to report that all of the premises work we talked about in the last TNV has been achieved.

The corridors were decorated by our own team of experts ready for the carpet tiles to be replaced.

The emergency lighting was refurbished as planned and we replaced some of the elderly toilets.

The biggest job was transforming the overgrown east garden into additional parking space. We are considering the best way to use that space and will have white lines painted before too long.

Here are some 'before and after' pictures.

We are most grateful to everyone concerned, particularly David Lorberg who oversaw much of the work and at the same time was PAT testing our vast array of electrical equipment.

Property Committee

Praying Together

The Lord's Prayer part 3

Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and
for ever. Amen.

The words to ponder in this issue are: your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is heaven. One of the first things to notice is that God's will and kingdom have come in heaven and we pray that God's will and God's kingdom will come on earth and all creation will be pursuing doing the will of God willingly and lovingly. Rowan Williams, in a book on the Lord's Prayer, writes that the Kingdom of God is a state of affairs where God is totally in control and acknowledged to be directing and giving meaning to all life, to everything. So, when we pray for God's kingdom to come it is asking God to let the world be open to the depth of God's love which is at the root of it all. It is not asking for God to be ordering everything about but for God in his glory and majesty to be visible for everyone and everywhere. It also means the kingdom of God has come because God as Jesus came to earth so the kingdom of God is here now and also not yet because we still wait the second coming of Jesus.

Dear Father God,
We pray that we will worship God and we pray for the time when God's kingdom will come on earth and God's will can and will be carried out all over the earth. Help us to try to

discern and do God's will and to build with God, God's kingdom here on earth. Amen

To pray for the Kingdom of God to come on earth means also to explore who and what God is on earth and look at and support everything that encourages thinking about God. So, prayer can include praying for the Church service, preaching, individual bible study and house group study that each activity points people towards God.

Looking for the Lord's Prayer – *Lent book 2007 compiled by Rev Bob Sneddon*

As a congregation we can pray

Loving Father God

Speak to us Father and Mother God in our services,
Help us to hear and respond to the voice of God whether it is
a whisper or feels like a shout - a jolt in our thinking
May God inspire us in life, including in church services and in
all we do, think and say

We pray for the services at our Church held in the morning,
afternoon or evening

We pray for the stewards, those on duty each week and the
whole leadership team.

Each Sunday there are various services including early
morning communion, main worship, Messy Church, the
Chinese congregation and other services.

During the week house groups meet and we pray for them
that there will be places where people can talk and pray and
discuss and learn.

We pray for all who will take part in the activities for worship
and house groups.

We pray for the greeters who welcome people to services,
hand out service sheets and hymn sheets and help people feel
ready for the service.

God of our minds and bodies, we pray for the technology
surrounding the services – we pray for the microphones and
those who operate them and pray that all will work well to the
glory and praise of God in the service.

We pray for the operation of the screens that enable words for the hymns and songs and liturgy to be seen and read and used by all worshippers. We pray that the use of all the technology will enhance our worship of you the Living Loving God

We pray we may listen to hear the words and music, prayers, spoken and unspoken, ideas from God that every part will work together as part of building your kingdom here on earth. God of beauty in music may the singers and musicians produce music to build your kingdom here on earth.

God of our intelligence and understanding, may the readers, who read the Bible, to help us understand scripture and build up God's kingdom.

Creator God we thank and praise you for the flowers and foliage and the beauty of the floral displays in church. Thank you for the dedication of those who work to create the flower decorations that enable us to feast on the beauty and colour and enjoy their scent. Thank you that our building and display enable us to worship our Almighty Father God.

May the prayers enable us to pray for God's kingdom to come here on earth.

May the preacher weave words and images to help us build your kingdom, God here on earth.

God of learning, study, play and laughter we pray for the congregation and the young people as we all learn more of you in our worship and interaction with other people.

We pray for the collection collectors and those who count the money each week so that money is available for church projects and the day to day running of the church and building of God's kingdom here on earth. We pray for the use of the benevolent fund.

We pray for the makers of the refreshments after the service and may we listen to each other and to you loving Father God during the time after the service.

May we be fed in body, mind and spirit here in the service so we can go out from the service and communion renewed, refreshed and energised ready to continue to build your kingdom here on earth.

In the week ahead, may ideas and thoughts, images and music from the Sunday service mix together in thoughts, words, prayer and action to help us as we build your kingdom here on earth.

God's will be done, your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen

Your will be done, your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. What does this mean?

As God's name is fully held as important and hallowed in heaven may it be the same on earth. Also, as God's kingdom is fully present in heaven may this also be on earth so God's kingdom is fully lived out on earth. As God's will is fully done in heaven may it also be the case that God's will is done on earth. Not just in one small part but everywhere and by everyone and for God and for everyone.

Books consulted

Living the Lord's prayer = Rowan Williams and Sister Wendy Beckett

Looking at the Lord's prayer – Trinity Methodist Church Woking Lent 2007

Ann Dawson



Our Beautiful Front Garden

The Garden at Trinity Horsell Safari?

How lovely it is to see that the bank of brambles and weeds along the East Entrance has been removed. It all looks unbelievably clean and tidy and so much more welcoming to our church building.

Some of us got to reminiscing about clearing the West side of the grounds and the complete overhaul of the island bed in front of the main entrance back in 2012. Since then head gardener Jill has masterminded wonderful displays of flowers that are greatly appreciated by passers-by and church users and members alike. There is now only the small area of wild garden around our notice board to deal with.

We have been thinking that it would be lovely to have Trinity garden included in the Horsell Safari next year. It would be a great way to welcome people to our church. We could have chairs out on the grass and supply refreshments, **BUT** the garden group now consists of only four regular workers and we would need to tidy up and replant the notice board area as well as keeping the whole garden looking good.

So, **help is needed**. We meet every Saturday morning, weather permitting, and would love you to join us. There is no pressure to come every week and you don't have to be as strong as an ox or know everything about flowers. This summer you would have been most welcome just to hold a hosepipe or keep us supplied with drinks. If you think the Safari is a good idea, please consider giving the Garden Group a hand. You would be as welcome as the flowers in Spring!

Elaine Slatter and the Garden Team

Bill Hewison

The Reverend William Hewison, formally pastor at Trinity, has died at the age of 85. A service of thanksgiving for his life and work, held at Rustington Methodist Church on the 23rd of July was attended by representatives from Trinity and also from Orpington and other churches where he had served as minister. His wife Marion had predeceased him by some years but his children and grandchildren, some living in France, were present as were family and friends living further afield.

Bill, as he was universally known, served as Minister at Trinity from 1984 until 1990. He came to us from Orpington but despite having spent many years in the South East he was always proud of his origins in the North east of England. He attended Chester-le-Street grammar school, and after a period of National Service in the RAF trained at Hartley Theological College. He went on to minister to congregations in Maple, Derby and Orpington.

We will remember him as an inspirational preacher, able to attract the attention of all ages, but particularly the young. He was an exponent of Incarnation theology that avers that Jesus is fully God and fully human, his two natures being joined in hypostatic union.

His period at Trinity was not without controversy. It was a time when Mrs Thatcher and her government were riding high and Bill who was not reluctant to make his left-wing views known clashed with some members of the congregation who seemed to consider that a capitalist economy overrode all other considerations in charting the way through a Christian life.

One incident, mentioned at the memorial service, was when he made a point of putting a black doll into the crib at Christmas. When a member of the congregation questioned his choice, he retorted that he chose a black doll because he couldn't find a Jewish one! How things have changed!

He will be remembered with respect as a man fully prepared to grapple with the mysteries of faith and with affection as a lovely human being.

Gareth Davies



Trinity Methodist Church

Brewery Road, Woking GU21 4LH

Thursday 4 October

7.30pm

The truth is, we are all going to die, yet people are reluctant to talk about it. **Grave Talk** gives you a relaxed space to talk about death and dying, to think about your funeral, to ask questions and share your thoughts with people of all faiths and none.



Tea and cake provided



Grave Talk isn't able to offer individual support or bereavement counselling. It is not generally appropriate for those who have recently been bereaved or who are facing terminal illness of family or friends – where 1:1 support is more helpful.

The Pastoral Team will be holding a session of Grave Talk on Thursday 4 October, at 7.30. This is a safe space to talk about death and dying, to think about what might happen, and to share. It will be an informal, café-style evening, including cake!

Do come along for some interesting discussion.

It is not appropriate for those recently bereaved or who are facing terminal illness of family or friends.

UNICEF

Join us to celebrate and support children around the world

After a spectacular carol concert last year, this winter we're celebrating the festive season with a very special Christmas Show in central London.

Kick start the merriment with your friends and family on Saturday 1 December and share some festive magic with some of Unicef's best known supporters.

There'll be enchanting performances, and together we'll sing choral classics and raise vital funds for children around the world.

All proceeds from the concert will help keep children safe and warm this winter.

To find out about Christmas Show tickets, please email us at christmasshow@unicef.org.uk.

Christmas Show event details

Date: Saturday 1 December, 2018

Time: 19:00 – 20:30 (doors open at 18:00)

Location: Central London

Remembrance Concert

The next Epworth Choir concert will take place in Guildford cathedral on Sunday 24th November at 7.30p.m. when they will share the platform with Islington Choral Society.

The program will include Mozart's Requiem and a violin solo by Chl e Hanslip.

Watch out for posters and handbills during October.

Neighbourhood Party

Twice a year, as part of its outreach into the local community, Trinity hosts a Neighbourhood Party. These parties are for housebound guests from the Woking area, who otherwise would have little or no opportunity to attend such events. Trinity takes care of the invitations and the transport. The next party is planned for Sunday 21st October starting at 4pm. The guests are welcomed into the large hall, which is decorated with flowers for the occasion. This time the main entertainment will be a visit from the Salvation Army Band, who will play a selection of their favourite tunes. We look forward to hearing their uplifting music. So we would like to extend our invitation not only to family members and visitors, but particularly to all brass music enthusiasts. After that a high tea will be served, consisting of home-made sandwiches and cake. The afternoon will conclude with a different activity, e.g. a quiz, a poem, or contributions from the guests themselves. At 6pm the guests are taken home after an enjoyable and well spent afternoon. They always look forward to the next party: "See you in six month time!" is the regular greeting.

Needless to say that there are many different ways in which you can help to make this party a success. First of all by making Trinity aware of any potential guests, so that the people who really would enjoy the party most, can be invited. Then by helping with the invitations, transport, welcoming, baking a cake, hosting, serving tea, and, yes, even with the washing up. Any help, however small, is very much appreciated and does not take a lot of time. There will be reply slips in the weekly notices nearer the time, but otherwise give your name to someone you know who is already involved, or else give me a call on 01483 (Woking) 762715. I look forward meeting you on 21-OCT as from 4pm.

Henk Innemee

Woking Foodbank

The Foodbank provides 3 days' worth of short term emergency food to local people in crisis. There are many reasons why people find themselves in need of this help. The Foodbank works with a number of groups to identify those in need, including Citizens Advice Woking, home-school link workers, health visitors and social workers. The demand is continuing to grow. In the first 8 months of this year, the Foodbank has provided food for over 1888 adults and children. Many thanks to all of you have continued to support the Foodbank. It would not be possible to operate the Foodbank without this support.

Trinity members have responded generously by donating items on the list of shortages that appear monthly in the Sunday Notices. As well as food and toiletries, you could also help by donating strong carrier bags and if anyone would like to get more involved, the Foodbank regularly needs drivers to collect food from local supermarkets.

The Foodbank operates from The Lighthouse on the High Street (opposite the station) there are other activities there that also need volunteers, including The Cosy cafe, and Jigsaw which provides baby and children's clothes, equipment and toys for those in need.

If you would like to know more you can speak to Carole Hymers or contact the Foodbank directly by emailing info@woking.foodbank.org.uk or calling 0789607760.

Ripley Christmas Fair

Ripley Christmas fair takes place on Sunday 2nd December from 12 noon to 4.30p.m. There will be stalls on the grass verges through the village selling arts, crafts, Christmas novelties and last minute presents. Also there will be cake stalls and street food. There will be fairground rides on the village green, choirs singing Christmas music and Santa Claus in one of the shops.

A grand procession of Harley Davidsons will precede the switching on of the Christmas lights.

Barbara Phillips

Calling all knitters!

Do you remember the Angels some of us knitted last year? This year we hope to knit figures from the nativity scene. Please let Daphne know if you would like to knit a figure (or two!)



What's on at Trinity

Prayer Group	Sunday (weekly) 9.45am Friday (weekly) 9.45am	Ann, W 770400
Y Group	Monday (1 st & 3 rd) 8pm	Allison W 725439
Coffee & Chat	Weds (weekly) 10.30am	Margot, W 762059
Bible Study Fellowship	Weds (weekly) 10.30am	Sarah Jo W 892067
Bible Study	Friday (monthly) 10.30am	Peggy, W 763605
Phoenix	Friday (fortnightly) 8pm	Joyce, 722457
Quest Group	Sat (monthly) 9.30am	John, W 762059
Family Club	Friday (weekly) 5pm	Sue Waddington, 01932 859636
Junior Church	10:30am	Sue Waddington, 01932 859636
Messy Church	3 rd Sunday 10am	Sue Waddington, 01932 859636
Trinity Toddlers	09:30:00	Kim Wilson,, 07791 763241

A note to contributors

It is our practice to publish each edition of TNV on the Trinity website. It is an important source of information about church life at Trinity and something we want to share with others. At the same time we recognise that some contributors may be uncomfortable for their personal details to appear on the internet in this way. We will be happy to omit names and any other personal details in any future issue if requested to do so.

From the Editor

Thanks you to all who have helped with the preparation and distribution of this issue of TNV. David Lander will be editing the next issue which will be our Christmas edition.

Jean Normington

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