

WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Message from the Leadership Team

‘The Waiting Game’

Advent is a time of waiting, waiting for Jesus to be born. I’m afraid and ashamed to say that advent for me was a time of waiting for a loved one to pass away. I knew Roger, my stepson, was terminally ill and he left us on Christmas Eve. So as Advent ended so did my time of waiting. But it hasn’t ended because now I am waiting for his funeral to take place so I can finally say goodbye to him.

We wait for God to answer our prayers, and even though we want immediate answers that seldom happens. When you think of the number of prayers God must receive it shouldn’t be a surprise that we have to wait. Are you like me and are impatient for answers?

What are you waiting for this year, for yourself, the community, our country, the world? What are we waiting for at Trinity in this our 60th year?

Spoiler Alert! At the service on 26th January, we will be asking these questions!

*Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.*

John Greenleaf Whittier

Jean Normington
Senior Steward, and Senior Circuit Steward

Morning Worship

Sunday 19 January 2025
Morning Worship, 10.30am
led by Dave Ingoldby

Foundry Worship, 6pm

Sunday 26 January 2025
Morning Worship
led by the team

Sunday 2 February 2025
Communion Service
led by Rev Dr Paul Glass
11am followed by
Chinese New Year celebrations!

Foundry Worship, 6pm



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Circuit News

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

Foundry Worship

This week our theme is Worship and Tradition. We will be led by David Ingoldby (busy day for David). We meet at 5.45pm for tea/coffee with our worship starting at 6pm.

This weeks theme is the first in a series of Foundry Services where we will consider whether we inadvertently limit God's grace and mercy by clinging on to things that are important to us, or perhaps it's that we have been taught they are important. The hymn *There's a wideness in God's mercy* by Frederick William Faber (1814-1863) captures the essence of the series, which just shows that things that concern some of us today were in the minds of people 150 years ago. I particularly like verse 5:

*But we make his love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness
With a zeal he will not own.*

What are our false limits? What are we passionate about protecting? Are we sure God is quite as passionate as we are?

If you're curiosity is roused, why not join us for Foundry Worship.

Hugh Bowerman
Foundry Pastor

Prayer Corner

The next opportunities for prayer together at Trinity will be **Friday 7 February and 21 February**, 10am in the Prayer Room. All are welcome!



Pray with us today.

Lord, send us out.

Send us out from our buildings, full of history and comfort and meaning, and lead us into your world as your disciples where the story is still being written.

Send us out with our hearts full of love and concern and fear and hope, and lead us into your heart for this blessed and beautiful world where the story is still being written.

Continue to bless places for lonely people to gather; soup lunches and warm spaces; moves and renovations; missions and prayer gatherings; and all the ways we seek to move from where we are to where you want us to be.

Lord, send us out. And remind us – remind me – that the story is still being written. Amen.

Children's Worship

Messy Fun Church handout for Friday 17/1



The Bible is an amazing book! It is full of stories about people who have trusted God, and some of the adventures they have had. One of these was Noah. Noah lived at a time when all the people were fighting and

being disobedient to God – they were not living in a way that was right and good for everyone. This made God very sad.

But unlike everyone else, Noah and his family loved and trusted God. A terrible flood was coming that would destroy the earth, but God wanted to spare Noah and his family. God told Noah to build an Ark, (a large boat), and gather

together all kinds of animals to save them from the flood. Noah listened to God and then did what God asked of him. The flood came and everything was destroyed – but not Noah, his family and the animals. **All were**



saved. When the flood waters had gone, Noah thanked God for keeping them safe. Noah was faithful and obedient. When God saw what Noah had done, he made a promise – that even if people became very bad there would never again be a flood that would destroy all the earth.

And God gave a sign to remind us of this promise - a rainbow.



So, whenever you see a rainbow, thank God that he loves us and that He keeps His promises.



The next collection at Trinity will be **Sunday 2nd February**. Items that are most needed are laundry detergent, long life sponge puddings, long life milk, cooking oil, long life fruit juice, tomato ketchup, chocolate spread, egg noodles and rice noodles. Many thanks for your continued support.

Carole Hymers

Junior Church

We meet every week, currently in the courtyard at 10.30am. We return to join the congregation for the end of the service.

We already have a few volunteers, but to meet safeguarding requirements we need a few more so that no-one is over-committed. These volunteers will have no planning to do and no meetings to attend. You will be able to just turn-up on your agreed day, join in with the planned activity and get to know our great young people.

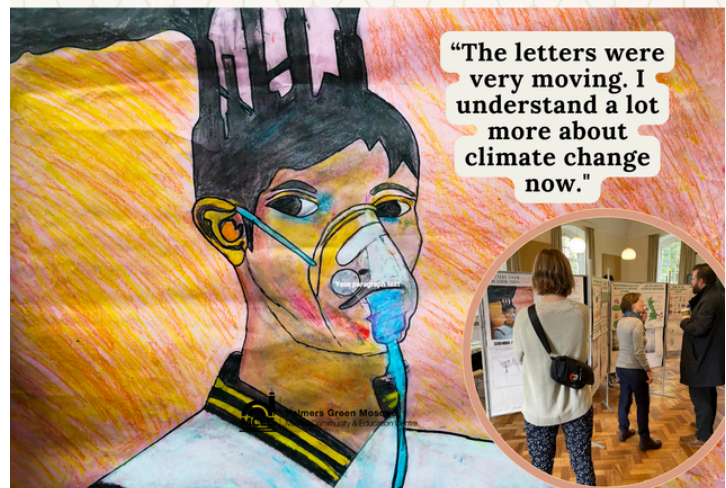
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