

WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Leadership notes

I don't know about you, but recently I have found it very difficult to watch the news as you see all sorts of things going on, all sorts of circumstances, and feel quite helpless to know how you could help.

The only time I have ever been close to a real fire was when I was very young and the jam factory in Low Fell caught fire! Dad wanted to have a look at the flames and so I tagged along. I remember I was quite scared; we were well back but could feel the heat and worst of all was the noise! So, seeing all the news of fires in houses, on golf courses and roads and worst of all, across massive areas of woodland and countryside, is quite overwhelming to watch. What should I be praying for? The damage to trees, to grass and heather but also the wildlife for whom these areas are home is enormous. They talk about areas I just cannot get a grip of. What do 400 football pitches look like for example? Mother nature is great and we are told that eventually, trees and grass will grow, and animals will return and flourish once more, so perhaps we can leave that to God. But I find it hard.

I watched an interview with Justin Welby some time ago, at the time, children and other civilians were being bombed to death somewhere and the reporter was trying to catch Justin out with a question about where is God when all of this is going on? Justin Welby paused and then said very quietly and sincerely, "I don't know, but I do know, God is in there somewhere!"

The other side of the coin is that even in these terrible circumstances, there are also many examples of people loving their neighbour. In Stourbridge, people offering their home to help some of those who have watched their house and all possessions burn to a cinder.

We must believe that through all that is going on in the world, God IS there. It says in the Bible, Isaiah 41: 10
"fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Stay tuned to the news and pray about the sadness and trouble you see, and pray that God will be in there somewhere achieving much that we cannot.

John Nelson

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Forthcoming Services

Sunday 23 August 2026

Morning Worship
led by
Rev Sam Funnell
at 10.30 am

Sunday 30 August 2026

Morning Worship
led by
Dr Paul Glass
at 10.30 am
Foundry Worship at
6.00pm



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**TRINITY
NEWS
& VIEWS**

I am planning the next issue of TNV for publication in mid/late September. Please submit (preferably to tnv@trinitywoking.org) any items – reports, stories, poems, photographs (anything of interest!) - by the deadline of Sunday 13 September.
Thanks, David Lander

A Prayer for our Firefighters.

God of all Creation,

As the effects of Climate Change are laid out before us in the dried-up streams, rivers and canals.

And in the fields that have turned from patches of green to brittle stemmed yellows.

We pray for all affected by the wildfires raging across our lands.

We pray for all whose livelihoods will be and are being affected.

And we pray for those who are living in fear of the flames near to their homes and communities.

We pray especially for our fire-fighters who are exhausted from the ongoing battle to keep the fires contained.

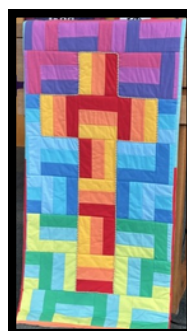
Who see the devastation on the wildlife close at hand, and yet, in teams continue to work both night and day.

God of all creation, receive our prayers. Receive our prayers and sustain all those living through and working in these situations.

In the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Rev Catherine Lewis, Presbyter Methodist Cymru, whose husband is an active fire fighter in South East Wales





DON BATES
1935-2026

Don's funeral will be on
Wednesday 26th August, 3pm

at Hayling United Reform Church,
Hollow Lane, PO11 9EY
and afterwards at

Dilkusha Court, 124 Sea Front, PO11 9HW

PLEASE WEAR SOMETHING GREEN, DON'S FAVOURITE COLOUR.

No flowers but **donations to ANAZAO are invited.**

Everyone welcome.

Please RSVP to pittcity@duck.com so we have an idea of numbers.

PARKING at Dilkusha Court is for residents only.
There is public paid parking on the beach opposite.

Trinity Prayer Group

You are welcome to join the Prayer group at 10am on Friday 21st August. We will meet in the sanctuary at 10am.

Work on the prayer room is progressing, many thanks to those involved in the decorating.

*"May the Lord protect, guide and inspire us as we journey onwards.
Fill us with His peace, wisdom and unending grace. Amen."*



Can you help?

Junior Church

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.





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



**Old Drum Kit
looking for new
home**

As you may have noticed, we have a shiny new electric drum kit, thanks to our friends in the Chinese congregation. The old drum kit is now gathering dust in a cupboard.

Please let me know if you think of anyone/any organisations who might like to have it.

Thanks, Graham Kirby-Smith



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:

- 2 September: Introduction to dementia
- 9 September: Managing behaviours of concern
- 23 September: Falls prevention
- 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>

COFFEE MORNING AND SALE

IN AID OF **KSS** AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY KENT SURREY SUSSEX
Registered Charity No: 1021367

There will be various stalls including:
Cakes, Guess the Weight of the Cake, Raffle, Tombola, Guess the Name of Teddy, Guess How Many Sweets in the Jar, Model Railway, & Bric-a-Brac.
Offers of help and donations of items welcome! Contact Tarina Berry

To be opened by **Cllr Saj Hussain**

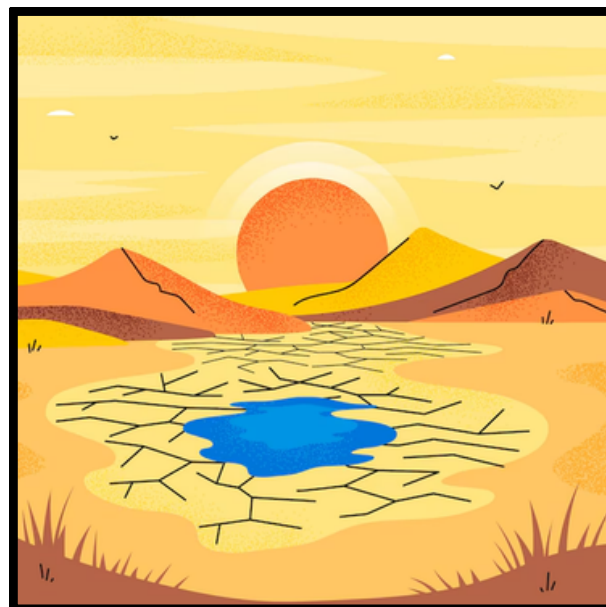
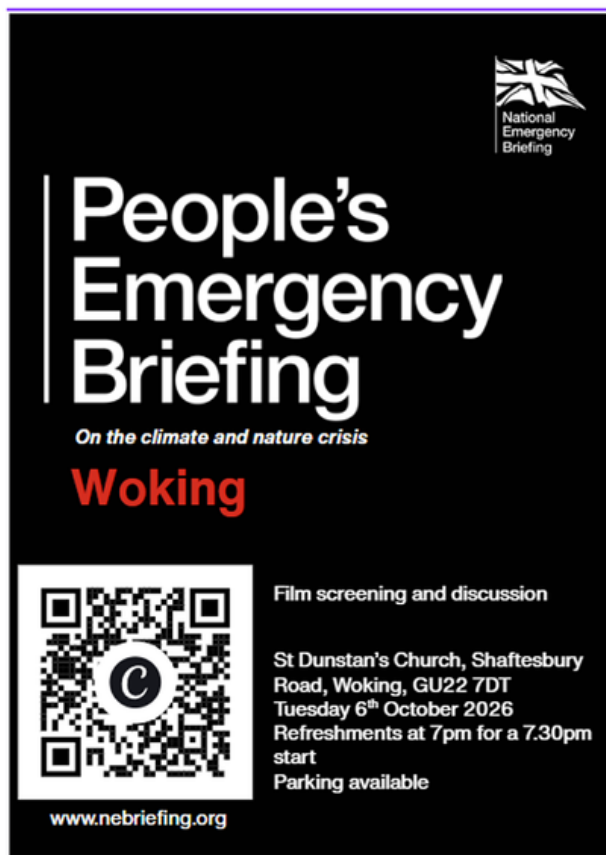
KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH HALL

Saturday 5th September 2026

10am to Noon

www.knaphillmethodist.co.uk

Please note: Send any articles for this newsletter to be with the editor
by **12 noon on the Wednesday before that Sunday's issue.**
Email address - newsletter@trinitywoking.org



Screening of the “People’s Emergency Briefing”

St Dunstan’s Church,

Tuesday 8th 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 August coffee donation charity is **Transforming Lives for Good (TLG)**



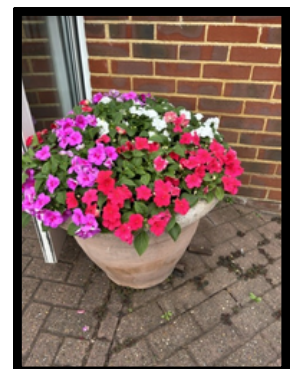
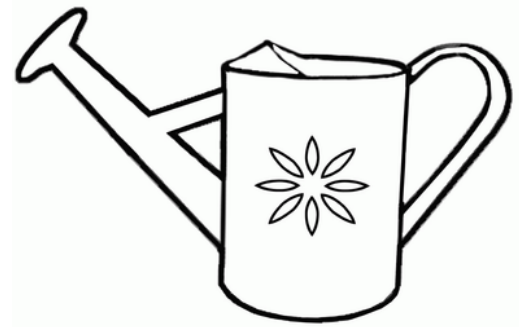
TLG is a Christian charity supporting children with their emotional and mental wellbeing. One in five children and young people are experiencing mental health difficulties. **TLG** equips local churches with proven

programmes, resources and ongoing training- so they can provide meaningful, therapeutic care to children and families going through a tough time.

TLG Early Intervention programmes equip volunteers from churches to go into their local schools and provide one-to-one coaching for children finding it hard to cope - sharing fun with them, listening to them and showing them that somebody cares about them. They also train and resource church-based spaces offering counselling to children and families; and church-run clubs for children and families to share community, belonging and meals that matter. The transformational impact of this consistent trauma-informed approach is immeasurable.

All money donated for refreshments and coffee in August will be given to Transforming Lives for Good

More information can be found at
www.tlg.org.uk



This is a plea to anyone visiting Trinity during the week to water the large plant pots such as the ones pictured above. The plants will really appreciate a drink in this hot weather.

The watering can is on the draining board in the Flower Room (*please return after use*) and you can use the outside taps at the sides of the church. One of the taps is near where the traffic cones are stored.

If the sun is shining it is strongly recommended to water the soil rather than the leaves and flowers.

Many many thanks from the Gardening Team