

WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Message from the Leadership Team (LT)

The island of Iona holds a special place in the Christian imagination. For centuries, it has been a site of pilgrimage, a place where seekers come to encounter the holy. Its windswept shores, ancient abbey, and wild beauty evoke a sense of the transcendent—a reminder that the ordinary world is charged with the presence of God. This week a group of 16 from our Circuit, including 3 from Trinity have set off on a Pilgrimage to Iona. We are all travelling there by different means, planes, trains, buses, taxis and ferries! A few of us though will meet at Glasgow Queen Street Station and travel the last legs to Iona together. The journey itself is often a significant part of the experience, involving travel, reflection, and a sense of separation from one's normal life.

At its heart, a pilgrimage is more than a long walk or a holiday with spiritual trappings. It is a journey undertaken for a reason—a search for something beyond the ordinary. In Christian tradition, pilgrims journey to sacred places for a variety of reasons: to seek the divine, to ask for blessing, to fulfil a vow, or to mark a significant moment in their lives. This intentionality sets pilgrimage apart from other forms of travel. It is not simply about reaching a destination, but about the transformation that occurs along the way.

Pilgrims are often seeking a liminal space – a period of transition - and Christians are encouraged to embrace liminal spaces, recognizing that God is present and active even in times of uncertainty. This involves slowing down, reflecting, and trusting in God's guidance.

Please keep us Pilgrims in your prayers this week as we seek our liminal places.

"Eternal God, give us the courage to set off on pilgrimage. May we travel unhindered by worldly possessions, simply trusting in you for all that we need"

Jean Normington Senior Steward & Senior Circuit Steward

Foundry Worship - Sunday 31st August 2025 at 6 pm

After our summer break, we meet again this Sunday for Foundry Worship - join us for tea/coffee etc at 5.45pm before Worship at 6pm.

This week we will be focussing on praising God through our worship. If you have a song that particularly means something to you, please let Graham Kirby Smith know (email:loudsinger@hotmail.com) and we will endeavour to include it. The same goes for readings, poems and, in this day and age, even photographs or video clips - we have the technology!

We hope you will be able to join us for a relaxing time of worshipping God together.

Hugh Bowerman, Foundry Pastor

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE EMAIL FOR
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and for newsletter is newsletter@trinitywoking.org

Forthcoming Services

Sunday 31 August 2025

Morning Worship
led by Andrew Gibb
10.30 am

6 pm Foundry Worship

Sunday 7 September 2025

Morning Worship and Holy Communion
led by Sam Funnell
10.30 am

Live Stream Link

[Click HERE](#)

Circuit Prayers

The Circuit prayer diary for the month of August is [HERE](#)

Circuit Letter

The Circuit letter dated 27 August 2025 is [HERE](#)



Iona Abbey, Iona

The following message has been received from Woking Prayer Network for communication to all our congregation:-

Woking will be hosting a **joint-church time of prayer** for the
National Week of Prayer
which is from **6th to 14th September**.
The event will be held at **St Mary of Bethany church**
on the evening of **Wednesday 10th September**
and will run from **7:00pm to 9:00pm**.

Please can you let your congregation know about this event? It would be great if every church in Woking is represented among those who attend. If you have intercessors in your church who would like to be involved in planning the event, please ask them to contact Andrew Humphreys via wokingprayernetwork@outlook.com

Thanks and God bless

The next foodbank collection at Trinity will be on **Sunday 7th September**.

Items required are long life milk, egg or rice noodles, long life sponge puddings, instant mash, tinned salmon, mayonnaise. Also shampoo and toilet rolls.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Carole Hymers

Our August coffee donation charity is **'Care for the Family'**



'Care for the Family' is a national charity which aims to promote strong family life and to help those who face family difficulties.

Motivated by their Christian faith, ethos and compassion they are committed to supporting families of all faiths or none, with outstanding services and resources.

They focus primarily on the following areas of family life: marriage, parenting and bereavement. Their aim is to be accessible to every family whatever their circumstances and to create resources and support that are preventative, evidence-based and easy to apply. They also offer support and resources to churches who in turn work and support families going through tough times.

All donations for refreshments during
August will go to
Care for the Family



More information on www.careforthefamily.org.uk

PHOTOGRAPHS

Dear Friends,
just a little reminder that we need to take care with taking photos from church and then sharing them (via email, WhatsApp or other means) without people's permission. It's especially relevant regarding young people - where no images of children and young people must be taken or shared without express permission of their parents (it can be from the child themselves if over 13).

Our Messy Church team are aware and take this very seriously but I would just like to remind everyone in the wider Church family.

Let's keep everyone safe and happy at Trinity!

Thank you,
Sam



Resources/Good News

Heritage Open Days 2025: 12-21 September
Heritage Open Days celebrates England's fantastic architecture and culture every year in September. It is a once-a-year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring to life local history and culture.

Free of charge and literally on people's doorstep, Heritage Open Days is an event for everyone, whatever their background, age and ability.

There are fascinating stories to uncover at our historic houses, buildings and museums.
<https://www.visitsurrey.com/whats-on/heritage-open-days-in-surrey/>

Prayer Corner

Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the Son of peace to you

Iona Community

Appreciation for our Church Flower Displays

Every Sunday, our space is brightened by the beautiful flower displays thoughtfully arranged by Wendy. Her creativity and care fill the church with warmth and colour, making our worship special.

Last week's issue had photos of various lovely recent displays and a request for top ups to the flower fund.

Wendy writes this week to say a big thank you to everyone who donated to the flower fund as a result of the article last week.

Please note it's not too late to give!

Also, if anyone wants an arrangement in Church to mark a special anniversary or memory they are welcome to ask Wendy and she will try to accommodate them.



TRINITY NEWS & VIEWS

This is a last call for items for inclusion in the forthcoming issue of TNV.
All contributions are welcome by the deadline which is **Sunday, 31st August.**

Please send them to tnv@trinitywoking.org

David Lander

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

Thank you.