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WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Message from the Leadership Team

Last week I was visiting family, and we were lucky enough to have the weekend in Staithes, near Whitby. We came across the Primitive Methodist Church – which had had one building, and then obviously grown, and built a bigger building next door. We realised that it was now the local museum. It held a random collection of items, as it had been the private collection of one person until he died, and then the townspeople bought the ex-Methodist Church and his collection. He had been a fan of Capt. James Cook, so a lot of the collection related to various expeditions of Cook, local artists, and local events. On the photos, people had written the names of those they knew. To remember them and their stories.

One of my photos is of the old collection bowl which would have been passed along the pews, and they also had photos of the membership cards!

It was interesting and a bit sad to be in a museum that had once been the local Methodist Church, but the volunteers there welcomed us and informed us and cared that we knew their stories.

Back to real life, and I have been doing a Pastoral Care Course.

We have looked at various issues – welcoming, hospitality, praying and listening, and how important each one of us is.

Some quotes from the materials are below:

“The call to care for others is part of the call of Christian discipleship to which we are all invited to respond. To support one another and to pastor to another, is to find a way of living out that pastoral calling with compassion in its widest sense.”

“Jesus’ teaching offers a way of seeing things differently and the opportunity for us to consider again how we might each respond pastorally to the people and situations around us.”

I thank God for the chance to see family, to be by the sea, to engage with new people, to have a chance to learn with new people, and for the caring community at Trinity. It matters that someone knows you.

Allison Jackson



Upcoming Services

Sunday 3 December 2023
Communion Service
led by Rev Sam Funnell
10.30am

Sunday 10 December 2023
Nativity Service
led by Rev Sam Funnell
10.30am

Foundry Worship, 6pm

Live Stream Link

[CLICK HERE](#)

Circuit News

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

The Circuit Letter for the week is [HERE](#)

With your support we will be helping Woking people in crisis. The next collection will be **Sunday 3rd December**. The foodbank warehouse will be organising Christmas parcels later in December, so I would like to suggest the following items from the shopping list:

Tinned meat meals, coffee, hot chocolate, chocolate spread, honey, Christmas biscuits, chocolates and sweets for adults and children. Also the everyday items such as hand soap, shampoo, conditioner, shaving gel/foam, razors and deodorant sprays/roll on.

Many thanks for your continued support.
Carole Hymers.

Coffee and Chat - Coming Up

A reminder that the Ladies of Coffee and Chat will be going to the Mosque for an Interfaith Coffee Morning next Wednesday; 6 December. The men will be meeting in the Kabin for coffee, music, and companionship.

WPoF Ladies Interfaith Coffee Morning 6 December 10:30am



LADIES INTERFAITH COFFEE

Wednesday 6th December 2023
10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Shah Jahan Mosque

149 Oriental Road, Woking, GU22 7BA

For information: administrator@wpof.org.uk

www.wpof.org.uk




'Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree'

The Wombles will be putting our reverse tree up on Monday, and Enid and her team will then be dressing the tree. It is hoped that from Tuesday, visitors to the church will begin selecting gifts, with Christmas blessings from the Church. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this project. At present, we have approx 200 gifts to hang on the tree over the next 3 weeks! Dan WS



Circuit Prayer Vigil Sat 2 & Sun 3 Dec

*Pray without ceasing, pray, your captain gives the word;
his summons cheerfully obey and call upon the Lord.
(Charles Wesley StF 528)*

Trinity has been given two slots Saturday 1.00pm – 2.00pm and 11.00pm – 12.00pm in this year's Circuit Prayer Vigil.

Saturday 3 December 1.00pm – 2.00pm:

The Sanctuary will be available for this session, and we will be following the recommended programme and the aide memoire linked below.

Please come and join in if you are able.

You will be most welcome – refreshments will be provided; or pray wherever it is convenient.

11.00pm – 12.00pm

Use the Aide Memoire to guide your prayers at Home.

Aide Memoire available [HERE](#)

*Merciful Lord, in your loving kindness,
Hear our Prayer and listen to our intercession.
Amen
(Simeu Monteiro, StF 761)*

Wherever you are, and whomever you are with, may God richly bless this prayer time.

Graham

If you would like to attend please bring a scarf to cover your head, and wear a long skirt or trousers.
Daphne Lander



ADVENT PRAYERS

Dates 8th , 15th & 22nd December
at 5:30PM

On Zoom ~ask office for link



[CLICK HERE FOR ZOOM LINK](#)

Epworth Choir Presents

On Christmas Night - Bob Chilcott

...and other seasonal music

Join Epworth Choir for this truly festive occasion.
Beautiful choral classics and audience carols will get you feeling a
lot like Christmas!



Wednesday 6th December 2023

7.30pm

Trinity Methodist Church, Brewery Road Woking, GU21 4LH

Tickets £12 including programme, in advance or on the door
www.epworthchoir.org



Lego Club Saturday 9 December

Do you know any young people, or young at heart folk, who enjoy building lego?

The Dolan - Meldrum family (led by Geraldine who volunteers at Messy Fun Church and is the Beaver Leader for the Trinity Beavers), will be hosting an introductory lego club at Trinity from **10am - 12 noon, in the Sanctuary, on Saturday 9 December 2023.**

Under 6s must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

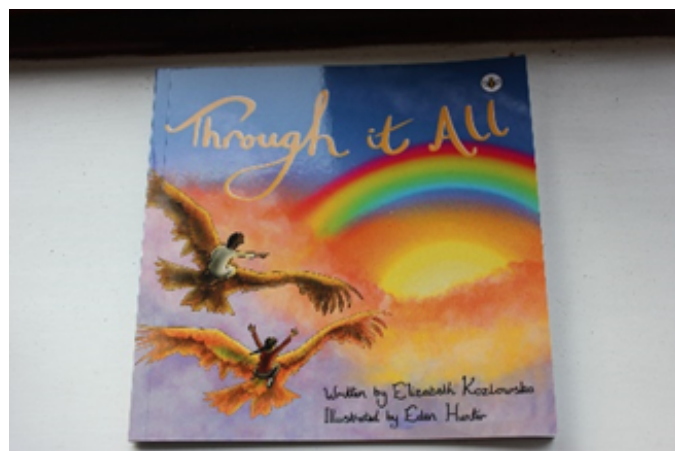
If you're interested in taking part, please speak to Daniela in the office.

'Through it All'

Many of you will remember our granddaughter, Elizabeth. She has written a Christian book for children, called 'Through it All' and it has now been published. She is excited that it is now on sale through Amazon, Waterstones, Foyles etc. It is also on sale at Origin in Christchurch Woking where she is holding a book signing event on **16th December (2pm).**

Please go along to support her and even buy one of her books – it would make an ideal Christmas present for a child!

Joyce Nelson



Trinity Music

A reminder that the first of the choir practices for the Carol Service will be on **Monday 4 December** at 7.30pm in the Music Room. The Carol Service will be on **Saturday 16 December** (5.30pm for 6pm).