

WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Message from the Leadership Team

I don't know about you, but I have that 'new term' feeling this week. The weather has turned (I am on 'leak-watch' in the church!), I'm wearing a jumper, and the Autumn TV schedule is out.

The Connexional Year started on Sunday, and the Circuit welcomed Rev Shaun Sanders. He will have pastoral responsibility for Addlestone, Byfleet, Walton and Weybridge. Rev Anna Carrington (yes Rev!) also had her Welcome Service in the Dane and Trent Circuit. So the Presbyters have donned their new school jumpers, met their new classmates, and worked out where the loos are!

As well as the excitement that comes from seeing everyone back, and looking forward to what the year brings, there is the recognition that life isn't static, things change all the time, sometimes slowly, sometimes fast. That can be scary for children and young people moving class, transitioning to Secondary School, or young adults starting University! It's scary for us too!

We're facing a challenging time here aren't we? After the shock of what happened to Rev Sam, the practicalities of caring for the church family, and crucially supporting Sam in the ways she wishes to be supported, are coming to the fore. We are confident we can do that and would ask for your support and prayer. John told you all in the Service last week that Trinity is facing financial uncertainty. That may mean change for us all too.

For people of faith God is a comfort in these times. As are our families, and dear friends.

So as we march towards Autumn, and the inevitable turning of the seasons, grab your wellies and your woolly jumper, put marshmallows in your hot choc, get ready for the Call the Midwife Christmas Special, and recharge your prayer battery - for Sam, the Stewards, Staff, and Volunteers, and the whole church family.
Dan

Update from Rev Sam

Dear Friends,
Rev Sam says thank you very much for your kindness and care and expressions of support as she continues to recover in hospital. She says she has a long road ahead of her and will need time to recover and heal before she is well enough to have visitors. She asks that you keep her in your prayers. Daisy continues to "live her best life" with her doggy friends! We will of course keep you updated.

Upcoming Services

Sunday 8 September
10.30am
Morning Worship
Led by Graham Warr

Sunday 15 September
10.30am
*Pastoral Visitor
Rededication Service*
led by Rev Jackie Case

Foundry Worship 6pm
Sunday 22 September
10.30am
Morning Worship
Led by Rev Paul
Tabraham

Live Stream Link

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Circuit News

The Circuit Prayer Diary for September is available [HERE](#)
The Circuit Letter for 4 September available [HERE](#)



Prayer of the Day



Pray with us today.

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for those treasures we have from you – the gifts of different resources, wisdom, understanding and compassion.

Encourage us to be willing to share those gifts and not to hide them away.

As we journey through this connexional year help us to be truly present in the light and dark of our own lives so that we can encounter your presence with us. Through our personal experiences and discipleship may we also be willing to share the light and darkness of those we are called to serve in our different communities.

We pray in the name of Christ.

Amen

Neighbourhood Party

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTY

SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2024
4:00 - 6:00pm
Trinity Methodist Church
Brewery Road, Woking

There will be high tea, entertainment and a fun quiz.
Invitations will be sent out soon.

INVITE If you know someone who'd appreciate an invitation
CONTACT Marian (07749 094064)
Pauline (07729 301713)

Volunteers would be welcome to...
Help on the day or bake a cake
CONTACT Pauline (07729 301713)

To give someone a lift or sponsor a taxi
CONTACT David Reeve (01483 715462)
Hugh Bowerman

Thank you for your continued support.
The Neighbourhood Party Team

Prayer Corner

The prayer group at Trinity meet together to lift up the needs of our Church and around the world to God - amazing things can happen when God hears our prayers! As a Church and as Methodists one of our core values is connecting with God through prayer so, everyone is welcome to join us for an hour of fellowship and prayer on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month. The next opportunities will be **Friday 20 September and Friday 4 October**

10am in the Prayer Room. All are welcome!

Messy Fun Church returns

Messy Fun Church returns from its Summer break this Friday. Each week, Helen Bowerman writes these short take-home sheets for the children, on the theme of the week which Sue and the team plan a term in advance. Helen prepares a 'party bag' which includes this sheet, a copy of the newsletter, and a small chocolate bar, which each child receives each week.

I thought you might like to see what the children receive and Helen has kindly agreed for me to share it with you. Please give thanks for the work of the whole Messy Fun Church team.

Dan



September is a time of new beginnings – perhaps you are starting a new school or have a new teacher. There may be someone new in your class that you don't know yet. Starting something new or going back to

something familiar that you haven't done for a while can take a bit of time to get used to. Sometimes it's great to be back and see friends you haven't seen for a while



Sometimes it can feel a bit strange for a while, with new people and new things to get used to. Sometimes we can also forget that other people can also feel a bit 'wobbly' too. We need to be patient and kind, qualities that help us to live in the best way - for us and those around us.

It is good when people are patient and kind to us, but sometimes it can be hard to be patient and kind to others. Jesus was patient and kind – he spent time with people when they were lonely or sad, even when he was tired or busy. He loved talking to people and showing them he cared about them. We can be the same.

Prayer - Help us to be patient and kind just like Jesus. Help us to see when others are sad or lonely or worried and show us how to care for them. Thank you that You care for us too! Amen

What can you do to be kind and patient. Smiling at someone can really cheer them up if they are feeling sad or lonely. Or perhaps waiting for someone or helping them if they don't know what to do.

