

# WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

## Message from the Leadership Team (LT)

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February we have our next Church Council meeting.

A church runs as a Charity, and as such it must have Trustee's. In a Methodist Church these are certain office holders (e.g., the Stewards) plus congregational representatives who are voted into the role at the Annual Church Meeting. So, on Monday the Church Council, legally the most important meeting at Trinity, meet to receive reports and make decisions on Trinity's future. If you have a concern or idea you want raised, then write a letter to Church Council or speak to one of the representatives.

A significant part of a CC meeting is taken up with necessary business - Finances; Property; Reviewing and renewing policies; Receiving reports on what is going on. We vote to accept reports, and vote on any proposals that are tabled. Generally, these are the things that the Charities Commission is interested in. They want to know that we are financially sound and only using the monies donated for the declared purposes of the Charity. You'd be surprised what we can't do, even if we think it is 'our money'!

Each meeting has a set of minutes produced. The minutes of the CC are an important document - the history of Trinity is contained in the back copies of our CC minutes. Reports will contain a record of what has happened in all areas of the church life, but it tends to be of a factual rather than spiritual nature. And that is a fair reflection of the meetings - a church the size of Trinity has a lot of 'business' to deal with in what we aim to be a 1.5hour meeting.

You might question where we deal with the more spiritual side of the life at Trinity? Well,, it is not ignored. The meeting starts with an opening devotion and closes with a prayer. Occasionally, when there is a challenging topic that we have discussed, we may break off and pray about it, but in reality we are time limited and there is not time in the meeting for deep theological consideration and prayer.

So, when do we pray about the life of our church? That is a very good question, but it's one I want to cast out into the wider reaches of Trinity. Those who attend CC give up their time to take part in what is essentially a business meeting. *[continued over.....]*

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## Forthcoming Services

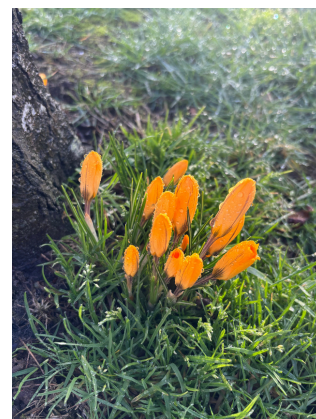
### Sunday 8 February 2026

Morning Worship  
led by  
Revd Sam Funnell  
with Holy Communion  
10.30am

### Sunday 15 February 2026

Morning Worship  
led by  
Rev Barrie Tabraham  
10.30 am

6 pm Foundry Worship



### Circuit Prayer Diary for February

Visit

[www.veyvalleycircuit.org.uk/publications](http://www.veyvalleycircuit.org.uk/publications)

### Circuit Letter

for this week dated  
4 February 2026

Visit

[www.veyvalleycircuit.org.uk/home/news](http://www.veyvalleycircuit.org.uk/home/news)

Perhaps a way of helping us ensure that the decisions we make are steeped in God's will is for those who are not present in person to spend some time praying for God's will to be discerned in what we are discussing.

So, a challenge for everyone. Can you find perhaps 15mins between 7.30pm and 9pm on Monday 9th February to pray for our CC meeting? It would be wonderful to know that at the very time we are meeting and making decisions we are supported in prayer by our wider membership.

**Hugh Bowerman**



**February 17th 2026**, is the start of the Chinese Lunar New Year. It is a special time of saying goodbye to the old year and welcoming in the new year. This is the most important festival in China. It is celebrated by putting up decorations, eating a special meal

with family and friends, giving red envelopes with money and other gifts, setting off fireworks and watching traditional lion and dragon dances.

Each year one of 12 different animals are represented and this year it is the **"Year of the Fire Horse"** - this happens only every 60 years, so 2026 is a very special celebration. Horses are known for being super active, fast, strong, and loving freedom—just like running wild in a big field! Adding fire makes that energy even brighter, warmer, and more creative, like a sun shining down.



Christians can celebrate Chinese New Year by showing love, giving thanks, and sharing God's love. They can recognise all the good things God gives and then share those blessings with others.



In two weeks' time, we will be joining with our friends from the Chinese Church who meet at Trinity every Sunday afternoon, to worship God together and then to share a special meal to celebrate the Lunar new Year.

**Thank you, God, for your amazing creation and for the different ways we can celebrate special occasions with each other.**

## **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

We are invited to join our Chinese friends as they celebrate Chinese New Year 2026, the Year of the Horse. Our morning service on 22nd February will be a joint one, starting at the slightly later time of 11.00am and afterwards we are invited to share a Chinese Banquet.

To assist catering arrangements for that please indicate you will be attending by adding your names to the sign-up sheet provided.

## **Go Ildi...**



I signed up to run 28 miles across the month of February to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. During my cancer treatment, Macmillan has been very supportive and helpful in many ways.

If you wish, and are able, please support my efforts to raise money for them via the following link:  
**<https://socialsync.app/fundraiser/cr-7nw13mdvrj9vx>**

I am also running a 5kms race in March for the same charity.  
*Ildi Johnson*





The WPOF Environmental Working Party invite you to

## HELP THE HEATHER

**JOIN US TO HELP THE HEATHER  
SURVIVE ON HORSELL COMMON!**



**Saturday 14th of February**

**10 am - 12 pm**

**Horsell Common**  
**(meet at Heather Farm at 9.45 am)**

**Bring Boots and Gloves!**

**All welcome!**

For more information email John West:  
[westjohn630@gmail.com](mailto:westjohn630@gmail.com)



The feast of Candlemas occurs 40 days after Christmas, ie last Monday. It celebrates the day when Jesus was brought to the Temple and recognised by Simeon as “a light for revelation to the Gentiles” (Luke 2v32). Thus candles serve as a symbol of Jesus, the Light of the World.

**“The Lord is the strength of my life.  
The Lord is my light and my salvation.  
Jesus Christ is the light of the world,  
A light which no darkness can quench.”**

*(Radstock & Westfield Methodist Church)*



## World Day of Prayer

Friday 6th March 2026

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by women, who share in a wave of prayer celebrated in over 170 countries. It begins in Samoa travelling through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe, and the Americas, ending 36 hours later in American Samoa.

This year's service has been prepared by the Christian women of Nigeria under the theme. “I will give you rest, come.”

All are welcome, so do join us for this year's service which will be held on **Friday 6th March 10.30 am here at Trinity**. The service will be live streamed on YouTube.

*Wendy Rockhill*



## Circuit Mission Supper

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**6pm for 6:30pm**

**At Trinity Methodist Church, Woking**

Fish and Chips (battered sausage  
/vegan options available)

Cost £10 – tickets available from  
the Church Stewards

**Bring your own crockery and cutlery**



**Speaker: Grace Pratt Morris-Chapman**

Grace is a former mission partner, who has worked alongside her husband Daniel, in Cameroon, Italy and Uganda. Grace and her family have now settled in the Northampton Circuit.

Grace will be sharing about her experience as a mission partner and the subject of the talk will be 'Unusual Kindness'.

The Methodist Modern Art Collection is coming to Guildford. It is one of the world's leading collections of modern religious art

## FROM DARKNESS



## ... TO LIGHT

Explore stunning works from internationally renowned artists such as **Graham Sutherland, Elisabeth Frink, Patrick Heron and Maggi Hambling**

at

**St Mary's  
Quarry Street  
Guildford GU1 3UP**

**9 March to 5 April 2026**

Free public opening times will include  
Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays  
9 March – 5 April 11.00 – 15.00

For the detailed programme of events and further information visit  
[www.htsmguildford.org/mmac-2026](http://www.htsmguildford.org/mmac-2026)



***Here is a plea for urgent help. Please note and pass on to anyone who might be interested.....***

Woking Street Angels are urgently seeking volunteers to join their team. We are a friendly bunch, the task is not onerous and requires a commitment of only one night every four weeks. And days/dates can be flexible. If you are aged over 18, please can you give this serious consideration. At the moment we sometimes

have to cancel shifts because we don't have enough available Angels. That means someone in need of help may not get it that night.

Please call 07827 914714, email [wokingstreetangels@gmail.com](mailto:wokingstreetangels@gmail.com) or go to [www.wokingstreetangels.org.uk](http://www.wokingstreetangels.org.uk) for more information or to apply.

## Our February coffee donation charity is 'Mercy Ships'



Mercy Ships is a faith-based international development organisation that deploys hospital ships to some of the poorest countries in the world,

delivering vital, free healthcare to people in desperate need using modern hospital ships to bring world-class volunteer medical professionals directly to the places they're needed most. Nine out of ten people in sub-Saharan Africa have no access to safe or affordable surgery. Mercy Ships partner with African nations to build stronger healthcare services and also train thousands of healthcare professionals who continue the work after the ship leaves port.



One of two ships, the 'Global Mercy' is the largest charity-run hospital ship in the world with six operating rooms and over 600 medical volunteers from around the globe



All money donated for refreshments and coffee in February will be given to **Mercy Ships** More information on [www.mercyships.org.uk](http://www.mercyships.org.uk)

**Our music group preparing to lead Morning Worship.....**



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

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