

WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Message from the Leadership Team

‘God is with us- how do we know?’

In Fresh From the Word this week there was a reading entitled, ‘God with us – how do we know?’

The Bible reading was Isaiah 63 v9 - ‘In all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them, in his love and pity he redeemed them’.

In this passage Isaiah recognises God as one who hears human distress, which can so often happen when we are hit by something unexpected such as upheaval, loss and grief. Verse 7 states that ‘his love is steadfast’. Often, we only see the presence of God in our lives when we look back on the time of distress. Then we can see God working through those around us who support us in that time.

The writer (Eric Fairbrother) reminds us that we understand the reality of God’s presence through our real life experiences. Through the love and support of friends. This week is a good time to consider and remember those who have been the presence of God for us and to be the presence of God to our family and friends, local community and the people we meet in our daily lives.

Ruth Taylor, Church Steward and Circuit Steward

Circuit Letter

The Circuit letter dated 7 January 2026 is [HERE](#)

Forthcoming Services

Sunday 11 January 2026

10.30 am Morning Worship
led by
Dave Paterson

Sunday 18 January 2026

10.30 am
Morning Worship led by
Reverend Sam Funnell

6 pm Foundry Worship



Live Stream Link

[Click HERE](#)

Circuit Prayers

The Circuit prayer diary for the first part of the month of January is [HERE](#)

Friday 9 January 2026, 7.00pm

Circuit prayer session via Zoom

Meeting ID: 976 1072 5204

Passcode: 471239

*Join us as we commence the
year with a time of prayer*



TRINITY PRAYER CHANNELS



We want to encourage people to feel able to ask for prayer when needed and to know how best to do so.

If you would like a prayer included in the [Sunday service](#), please contact your Pastoral Visitor and they will pass it on to a Steward for inclusion.

If you have an [emergency](#) prayer need, please go through Allison, as Pastoral Secretary and she will pass this on to the Leadership Team for immediate prayer response.

N.B. – If you are asking for prayer for someone else, please ask their permission first; it is part of our pastoral care for people that we only share what people are comfortable with others knowing.

Thank you!

Rev Sam & Allison

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Our January coffee donation charity is York Road Project



The York Road Project's goal is to defeat homelessness in Woking. It has a 10-bed shelter made available for those in urgent need. Plus, it manages three 'move-on' properties, with a total of

14 beds, for those transitioning to longer-term accommodation.

Their people-first, problem-solving approach has helped 816 people transition to stable housing in the past five years. They offer their clients personalised support and guidance to get their lives back on track. Through their move-on properties and Tenancy Sustainment Team, they transform temporary refuge into a journey towards lasting independence.

The project also provides a base for people during the day and backing to rebuild their lives. Having this stability and regular contact with York Road Project means they can help their clients also address any medical, addiction, mental health and housing needs.



York Road Project
Defeating Homelessness Together

All money donated for refreshments and coffee in January will be given to York Road Project

More information at www.yorkroadproject.org.uk

2026 - A New Year



Our Christmas decorations have been taken down and everyone has returned to school and work. A new year stretches ahead with new opportunities and

possibilities. Making a New Years resolution can be a good thing - to get fit, to eat fewer sweets, to be better at football, to read more books or something else, especially if you manage to keep it!

What if our New Year's resolutions though focus on how we treat other people? Could we be more patient, kind, helpful? That's not always easy. How often do we start well but give up quickly. It's hard doing things on our own. Sometimes we need a bit of help and encouragement. The Bible says:

"So do not fear, for I am with you; I will strengthen you and help you". **Isaiah**

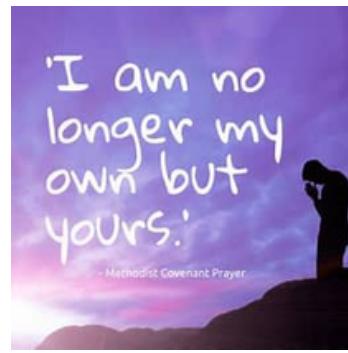


When we struggle to live well in the way that Jesus showed us, we can turn to God and ask Him to help us.
We are never alone.

Perhaps a different kind of New Year's Resolution would be to **Talk to God more**, **Listen to God more** and **Share God's love more** - and with his help we can do it!

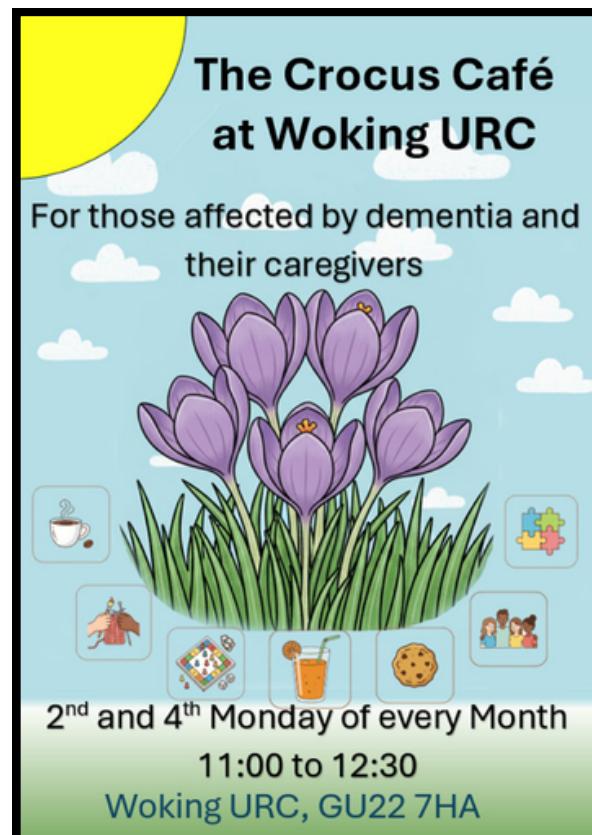
When you pray,
God Listens.
When you Listen,
God talks.
When you believe,
GOD works.





I am no longer my own but yours.
Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you,
praised for you or criticized for you.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service.
And now, O wonderful and holy God, Creator, Redeemer, and
Sustainer,
you are mine, and I am yours.
So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it also be made in heaven.

Amen.



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