

WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Leadership Notes

A chance conversation last week at Friday Night Messy Church got me thinking. We were noting some of the words that identified Trinity on the 'What3Words' app. What3Words is a system that divides the globe into a grid of 3-metre squares, assigning a permanent unique, three random word code to each square. It provides an easy way to pinpoint exact locations, such as a specific building entrance or a park bench and, for example, can help rescue services locate your exact location if you have an accident in the middle of a forest or you are not sure where you are.

The Trinity site comprises many 3 metre 'squares' and therefore many different codes. The communion table sits in the square meal/search/economies, the tech table – shape/gown/push and the kitchen island – shrimp/super/hood.

Three random words giving a unique description. But what three meaningful words would I choose to describe Trinity? They would be unique to me and shaped by my experience, relationships and understanding. And what three words would I choose to describe my faith? Would those words remain constant or would they change over time as my understanding and experience of God's working in and through me changed with passing years. What three words would you choose?

At Friday Night Messy Church our aim is to show the love that God has for each and every one through a shared time of fun, activities and good relationships. I wonder what three words the children and families who attend might use to describe Trinity and those of us they come into contact with?

Messy Church has now finished for the summer break but we look forward to continuing and building on all that we do when we start again in September.

Helen Bowerman

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Forthcoming Services

Sunday 19 July 2026

All age Worship

led by

Rev Sam Funnell

at 10.30 am

Foundry Worship at
6.00pm

Sunday 26 July 2026

Morning Worship

led by

Rob Gill

at 10.30 am



Circuit Prayer Diary for

July click here

or visit the website for the
most up to date one

[www.veyvalleycircuit.org.uk](http://www.veyvalleycircuit.org.uk/publications)
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Circuit Letter for
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Have you ever sneezed and someone has said 'Bless you' to you? Hundreds of years ago, a terrible sickness swept through Europe. Sneezing was usually one of the very first signs

that someone was getting sick. People started saying "God bless you" as a quick prayer hoping the person would stay strong and healthy.

A blessing is a special prayer or a wonderful gift that acts like an invisible hug from someone you love, or from God, to remind you that you are valued and cared for. We say a blessing to say thank you, to keep someone safe and to offer words of encouragement or comfort.

There is a special blessing in the Bible written thousands of years ago that we still use in church and on special occasions today – often at the end of a service when we leave each other.



Numbers 6:24-26: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.



Friday Night Messy Church has its last session this week before we break for the summer holiday. We pray this prayer for each other – and ask for God's blessing on each and every one of us until we meet again in September.

Have a very happy, and safe summer and may God Bless you all.



Foundry Worship - This Sunday we complete our look at Philippians. After the false 'finally' of chapter 3 we get to the final 'finally' in chapter 4. Here Paul gives his customary messages and greetings (what were Euodia and Syntyche disagreeing about?). To my reading he also digs a bit of a hole for himself when trying to thank the Philippians for their generous support - I don't know whether this endears Paul to me or not. What we can't deny is his love and care shining through the weakness of his humanity. Come along on Sunday as we find out more about Paul, but particularly what he values as he shares something of what it means to live in the grace of God.

So that's 5.45pm (refreshments) with the service starting at 6pm.

Then after the service we can stay and watch a certain football match together. 8pm kick-off but we'll try and start watching a bit earlier to get some of the build-up, especially if England get to the final.

I hope to see you Sunday

Hugh Bowerman

Foundry Pastor

Can you help?



Would you be able to help in Junior Church on a Sunday morning? It would be really helpful to have a few more volunteers. No experience needed or requirements to plan, organise or lead – just a willingness to be present if needed and to join in. Unless we have two people present to maintain our safeguarding commitments, we are not able to hold Junior Church, so having a helper each week is vital. Please speak to Helen Bowerman if this is something you could help with – even on an occasional basis.

Our July coffee donation charity is DEBRA

DEBRA is the UK's national charity for people affected by [epidermolysis bullosa \(EB\)](#). These rare, inherited genetic conditions cause the skin and mucosal tissues to become extremely fragile, developing painful blisters and tears from the slightest friction, minor bumps, or even just touching something. With skin as fragile as a butterfly's wings, EB is often referred to as 'butterfly skin'.

Blistering can also occur on the eyes and on internal organs including the throat and oesophagus.



DEBRA supports 4,000+ members across the UK, including over 2,000 people living with EB. They support those with inherited EB, their families and carers, as well as healthcare professionals and researchers.

Alongside their support work, they fund and drive vital medical research to improve lives.

All money donated for refreshments and coffee in July will be given to DEBRA



More information can be found at www.debra.org.uk



Methodist Prayer Handbook 2026/27

I will be placing an order for the 2026/27 Prayer Handbook in July. If you would like a copy could you please let me know. (LT and Prayer Group I already have your names). They will be approx. £4.99

Jean Normington

Watch a football match at Trinity on Sunday evening?
Yes?

More details on Page 6



Revd Paul Hulme

The death was announced recently of Revd Paul Hulme, who was a minister in this Circuit based at Godalming until his retirement from full-time ministry in 2019.



For those wishing to attend, his funeral will take place on Monday 20th July at 11:00am
Wesley's Chapel
49 City Road, London EC1Y 1AU



SEE MORE ABOUT SOCIAL
PRESCRIBING ON PAGE 6.
MAY BE OF INTEREST TO
YOU OR TO SOMEONE YOU
KNOW?



HELP -
PLEASE
WATER ME!!



THIS IS A PLEA TO ANYONE VISITING TRINITY DURING THE WEEK TO
WATER THE LARGE PLANT POTS SUCH AS THE ONES PICTURED ABOVE.
THE PLANTS WILL REALLY APPRECIATE A DRINK IN THIS HOT WEATHER.

THE WATERING CAN IS ON THE DRAINING BOARD IN THE FLOWER
ROOM (PLEASE RETURN AFTER USE) AND YOU CAN USE THE OUTSIDE
TAPS AT THE SIDES OF THE CHURCH. ONE OF THE OUTSIDE TAPS IS
NEAR WHERE THE CONES ARE STORED.

IF THE SUN IS SHINING STRONGLY IT IS RECOMMENDED TO WATER THE
SOIL RATHER THAN THE LEAVES AND FLOWERS.

MANY MANY THANKS
FROM THE GARDENING TEAM.



The family of Judith Bramall has let us know that she passed away on Saturday 27th June. She is a previous member of Trinity and leaves husband John and family Katie and Ed.

Judith was very much involved in the drama life at Trinity and was a big character who will be sorely missed by family and friends.

The funeral will take place at 1 pm on Thursday 23 July at Fareham Methodist Church, Kings Road, PO16 0NU. All who knew Judith are welcome but please let Ed know if you are planning to attend on edbramall@yahoo.co.uk so they have an idea of numbers.

No strict dress code and Judith was a fan of colours.

Refugee Tales

On Friday Allison, Sue, James and I walked with Refugee Tales from Bognor Regis to Chichester. This was day three of their five day walk.

UK is the only country in Western Europe which detains people indefinitely for immigration purposes. Refugee Tales calls for a future without this indefinite detention since it is inhumane, expensive and a waste of human life.

We walked with around 100 people, including refugees, and heard their stories. It was very hot but we were well looked after with frequent water stops in shade and many small acts of kindness with support at all times. The walk took us along the beach at Bognor Regis, over the fields with Chichester Cathedral in view in the distance, lunch at St Leodegars church and into Chichester along the Chichester canal.

In the evening Anna Pincas (director of GDWG) helped us imagine what it would be like to be imprisoned without a phone, with no-one to speak to in our native language. Lord Stern led the event and we heard letters written by detainees with a letter from Kamila Shamsie, award winning writer. Samrat Majumder played classical guitar music which was very beautiful and restful after a hot walk.

To find out more www.refugeetales.org.

A small act of kindness – you can write to your MP to ask for the end of indefinite detention more details here

<https://www.refugeetales.org/indefinite-detention>

Ruth Taylor July 2026



Do you have social, emotional or practical concerns and need support?

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR HEALTH & WELLBEING

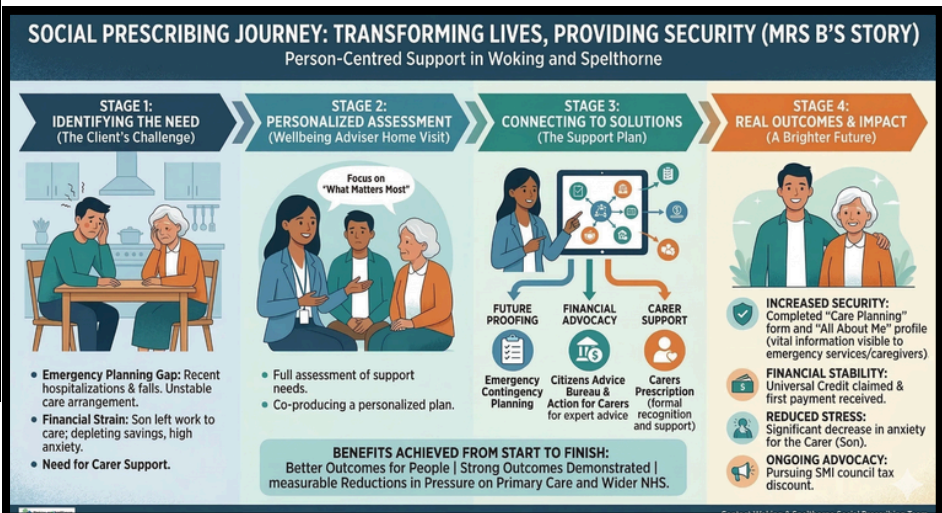
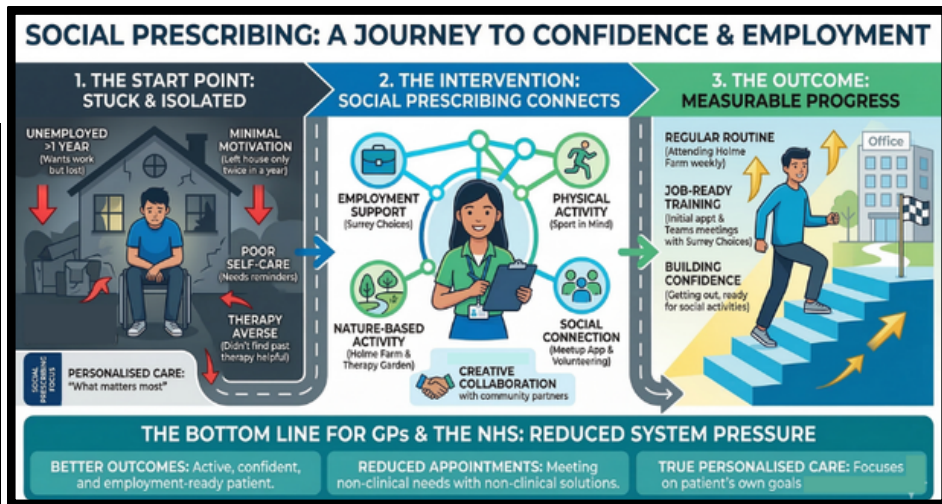
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- ♥ Mental health support
- ♥ Social activities and communities
- ♥ Benefits and housing advice
- ♥ Carer support and much more!

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www.spelthorne.gov.uk/socialprescribing

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BI-WEEKLY DROP-IN SESSIONS

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Drop-in dates from May 2026

Welcome Church – Mondays 11.15am – 1.15pm
18th May
1st, 15th and 29th June
13th and 27th July

GWP - Salvation Army – Tuesdays 12.30pm – 2.30pm
5th & 19th May
2nd, 16th & 30th June
14th & 28th July

Byfleet Methodist Church – Wednesdays 12pm – 2.30pm
6th and 20th May
3rd and 17th June
1st, 15th and 29th July

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This is an invitation to watch the match at Trinity after Foundry Worship on Sunday. You don't need to have come to the service (though you'd be welcome), but those for whom football is their thing you'd be welcome to join us to watch the final. We'll start screening just after 7.30pm in order to capture some of the build up. As I write I know that one of the teams will be Spain, but not sure whether the other will be England or Argentina, but here's hoping. Bring drinks (non-alcoholic as on church premises) and snacks if you need them. We may even be able to order in a take away. Hopefully we will have a great time together, and as I write there's still a chance England might win 😊.

Hugh Bowerman

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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