

WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Leadership Notes

The Christian year is structured around the central seasons of Christmas and Easter each preceded by a season of preparation and followed by Ordinary Time. In the Methodist calendar, we are currently in Ordinary Time. I could not find a clear explanation on the Methodist website for what this is, but my research shows that “ordinary” does not mean routine or unimportant. Instead, it comes from the Latin ordinalis, meaning “numbered” or “ordered,” and tempus ordinarium, meaning “measured time.”

During the first period of Ordinary Time, the focus is on the calling of the disciples and the early ministry of Jesus. In the second period, the emphasis shifts to supporting new disciples and the wider congregation as they live out the gifts and callings they have discerned.

My life has been anything but ordinary in recent months, but this time has led me to reflect more deeply on my beliefs and faith. This was not routine or unimportant; it was good to be able to step back for a while and reflect on my Christian life.

What are you doing in your Ordinary Time?

Jean Normington Senior Steward and Circuit Steward

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Forthcoming Services

Sunday 5 July 2026

Morning Worship with
Holy Communion
led by
Rev Sam Funnell
at 10.30 am

Foundry Worship at
6.00pm

Sunday 12 July 2026

Morning Worship
led by
Malcolm Herbert
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/publications**

[Circuit Letter for this week click here](#)

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www.veyvalleycircuit.org.uk/home/news**

**FOUNDRY WORSHIP
5TH JULY 2026
AT 6PM**



We are continuing our Bible Month book of Philippians. A huge thanks to Dave Ingoldby and Graham K-S for helping us get this far. This week it is my turn - Philippians chapter 3.

Although only half way through the book, chapter 3 starts with the word 'finally'. One assumes that Paul intended to stop soon after. However he seems to have got carried away and it is not until we get to chapter 4 that Paul starts his greetings and words to particular people. So what was it in chapter 3 that so excited Paul that he felt obliged to continue? Either look it up yourself or come along on Sunday to find out. Clue: The Bible Month guide entitles this section 'Pressing On'.

We meet at 5.45pm for refreshments with our time of praise, prayer, reading and sharing starting at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Take care,
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.



The next foodbank collection will be on **Sunday 5th July**.

The items required are

- tinned carrots,
- sweetcorn and
- mixed vegetables,
- tinned meat meals,
- tinned ham,
- Long life fruit juice,
- Fruit squash,
- Long life sponge puddings and
- tinned custard.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Carole Hymers



The next **Prayer Group** meeting at Trinity will be on Friday 3rd July. We meet at 10.00 am. We would like to invite anyone interested to join us on this journey of prayer and thanksgiving. We pray for people, projects and situations in our church, local community and across the world.

We meet twice a month in person and at other times via WhatsApp. If you would like to share any prayer requests please pass them to Rev.Sam, Graham W, Jean, Carole or to one of the stewards.

*God of the earth, the sea and the sky,
May we know your steadfast love,
And that in all times and all places
You are there.
Amen.*

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

Prayer Room Project - Update

Despite the hot weather, good progress is being made on the prayer room. Please look in and see what is happening. The whole space will have a very different ambience and practicality when it is finished.

We are moving to the time when we will need to decorate and finish the room. This is down to us. I will be asking around for volunteers to help with this task. We would also like to move any items that loiter in the premises (those things that have laid untouched for years, decades??) from their places of hibernation into the skip - we may as well return it fully filled. Again, more volunteers needed.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to find me or Dave Glynn for more info.

Hugh Bowerman, Property Steward

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



Methodist relief and development

Becoming an All We Can Champion

In recent weeks we have published a call for people to become All We Can Champions, helping to keep the organisation's mission for global justice visible in their local church.

Thanks to Allison Jackson for volunteering for this role.



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www.woking.gov.uk/living-well/social-prescribing




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

Community Worker (part-time)

- Are you experienced in community outreach?
- Do you have a passion to share the good news of Jesus?
- Do new initiatives for community engagement excite you?

We're a parish of three churches in south Woking with growing community work amongst all ages and a heart to grow new disciples. We are looking for a part-time Community Worker to join our ministry team.

Part-time post – 15-18 hours per week over 2-4 days to suit applicant
Salary – £27-29k pro rata depending on experience and qualifications

For a job description and application form go to www.stpeterwoking.org/communityworker or contact the Parish Office 01483 755852, admin@stpeterwoking.org or **Closing date for applications:** 10am Thursday 16 July
Interviews: Thursday 23 July



London since 1876. Today, it is recognized as one of London's most effective homeless charities. The cost-of-living crisis sadly means that the need continues to grow.

The charity provides showers, breakfast, lunches, training, advice and dignity to all who walk through its doors every day of the year. Clients are mainly men, although there are also services for homeless women.

The aim of the charity is to transform lives from homelessness to hope by helping clients reconnect to family, commit to sobriety, find a job and place to live and to be able to plan for the future.

Entirely dependent on public support, the Whitechapel Mission always needs donations of clothing which is in good condition and suitable for street dwellers, toiletries and non-perishable breakfast foods.

This appeal is being coordinated by Godalming United Church, between **26th June and 6th July 2026**.

For further information on the charity:
www.whitechapel.org.uk
Any queries, contact Ryan Kelley 01483 423261 or Janet Shaw jrshaw15@yahoo.co.uk
Tel: 01483 527670

GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist and United Reformed)
Bridge Street, Godalming GU7 3DT

Urgently needed: **Men's Clothing, Toiletries and Non-perishable Breakfast foods** for

THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION

A collection of these items will be held during the period

26th June – 6th July 2026

Please ask your friends, neighbours and colleagues to help as well!

Donation times and specific items needed are detailed inside this leaflet.

Refugee Tales 2026

We are getting ready for our walk in July by not practising much as it is too hot to go outside the gate!

We will be walking **Bognor to Chichester**, so will be in **Chichester on the evening of Fri 10 July and would love to see you there! (for 7pm).**

If anyone wants to come to the evening event (talks/music), here is the list, and you can book on

Eventbrite or just turn up and pay £5 donation.

Arundel 8 July - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1986002390612?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Bognor 9 July - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1986072280655?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Chichester 10 July - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/evening-with-refugee-tales-chichester-tickets-1986003481876?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Emsworth 11 July - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1986068693927?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Portsmouth 12 July - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1986003931220?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Allison, Sue, Ruth, James

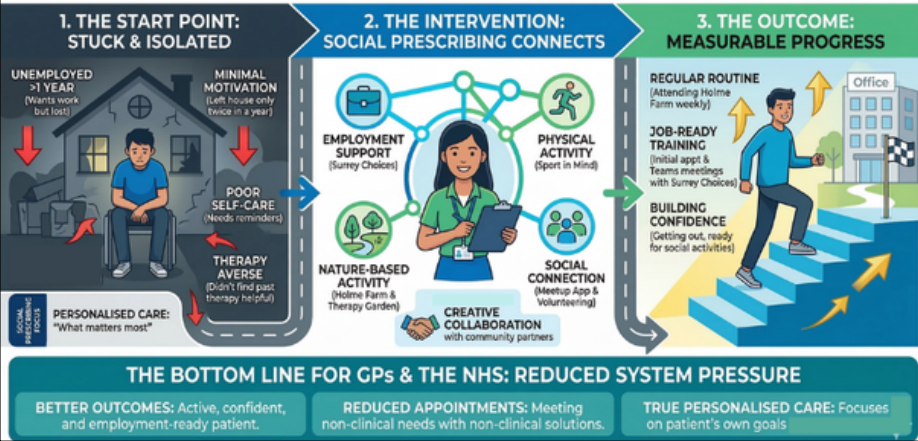
Thanks to the leadership team for the service last Sunday which included a drama group rendition of 'The Royal Treatment' organised by Graham K-S

Starring

Ildi as - A passionate, eager church volunteer who wants everything to be perfect for God
David as Chris's helper, simple, practical and highly observant
Mike as a VIP - a grand flashy important leader
Graham W as a traveller - a tired, dusty person carrying a heavy backpack
Sue W as narrator



SOCIAL PRESCRIBING: A JOURNEY TO CONFIDENCE & EMPLOYMENT



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

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- ♥ Benefits and housing advice
- ♥ Carer support and much more!

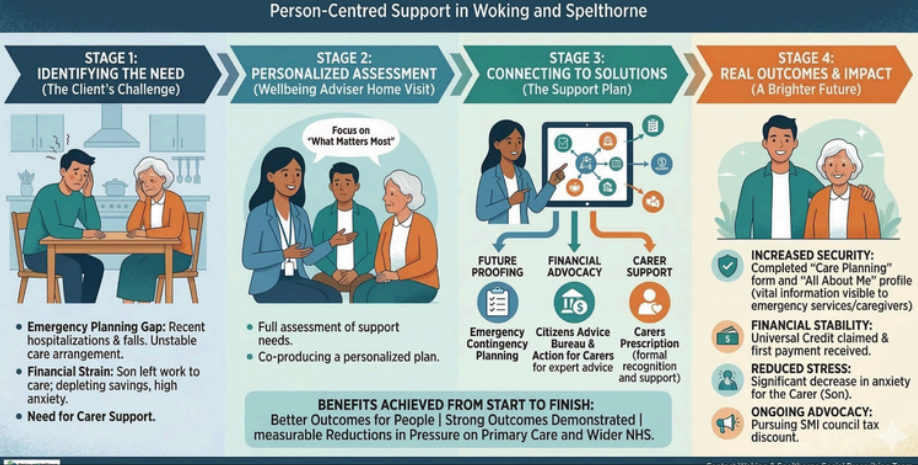
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Drop-in dates from May 2026

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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Lovely photo at the ordination of Rev. Anna Carrington (second from the right) at Shrewsbury cathedral. Ordination and Reception into Full Connexion

In the Methodist Church, ordination is linked with 'Reception into Full Connexion', where presbyters and deacons enter a covenant relationship with the Conference. Reception into Full Connexion takes place on Sunday morning, followed by ordination services in the afternoon. The ordination service is a special form of lifelong commissioning, where presbyters and deacons are authorised to undertake their work.



Please note: Send any articles for this newsletter to be with the editor by 12 noon on the Wednesday before that Sunday's issue. Email address - newsletter@trinitywoking.org