

WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Message from the Leadership Team (LT)

Yesterday evening we had one of our regular Church Council meetings. The good news is that I can advise that the long awaited upgrade to the family room to make it a comfortable space for prayer is approved and starting this week. By Sunday some of the initial stripping out will have started, with building works proper starting on Tuesday. I am expecting it to take about 3 weeks to complete, though there may be some decorating to do thereafter.

Though I am not a member of the prayer group, I am looking forward to this improved space helping us to build up the strength of the churches prayer life. As a member of the LT I am aware how thinly the LT are spread - not enough stewards and the work that we do increasingly falling on fewer and older shoulders. It is easy to despair. And yet we are surrounded by opportunity, in a way that many churches are not. We have the Friday Messy Fun Church, The Foundry along with our morning worship. Discussions towards joining with the Chinese church are progressing well, and the project to deal with our building challenges is very much alive. The vision is that, through these opportunities and doubtless many others to come, we can give Trinity a solid bedrock that will benefit the next generation or two.

A couple of months ago I used the 'My Stories' slot in morning worship to tell you about the visit I had from the CEO of a UK Christian Charity. We discussed many things, but one thing I recall him telling me was the focus his church placed on praying for the things that we need to make the most of those opportunities God has given us. He told a story of praying with his churches prayer group for someone who would help them undertake a building project. The very next Sunday there was a newcomer in the congregation. Turns out he was an Architect. Recently retired and yes, he was interested in helping. God is good!

I am sure that the prayer group is not waiting for a new prayer room before starting to pray, however I do hope that it might be the catalyst to encourage others to join the prayer group, and that perhaps those of us on the more 'doing' side of our operation will be mindful that there is a group to whom we should be giving any needs we have. And yes, that was a bit of a slap on the wrist to myself!

I'll keep you posted on prayer room progress, or you can look through the window and see for yourself.

Take care, and do pray for all that is going on and for those who are taking the strain.

Hugh Bowerman

Please note that - at the end of the prayer diary for the first half of June there is a question for you to answer.....

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE EMAIL FOR
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Forthcoming Services

Sunday 14 June 2026

Morning Worship
led by
Grace Pratt Morris-
Chapman
at 10.30 am

Sunday 21 June 2026

Morning Worship
led by
Hugh Bowerman
at 10.30 am

6 pm Foundry Worship



[Circuit Prayer Diary for the first half of June](#)
or visit the website for the most up to date one
www.veyvalleycircuit.org.uk/publications

[Circuit Letter for this week click here](#)
or visit
www.veyvalleycircuit.org.uk/home/news



Street Angels urgently needed

Woking Street Angels are urgently seeking volunteers to train and to join their team. We are a friendly bunch, the task is not onerous and requires a commitment of only one night every 4 weeks. Days and 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 who needs help may not get it that night. Please call 07827 914714, email wokingstreetangels@gmail.com or go to www.wokingstreetangels.org.uk for information or to apply.



It's World Cup time! Over the next few weeks teams from all over the world will put all their training into practice and try to be the best in the world! In every match the Referee



will make sure that the rules of the game are followed to keep the players safe and the final result fair. Every player must know and play by the rules. A verse in the Bible talks about rules:

"Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules." **2 Timothy 2:5 (NIV)**

God's 'rules' are like the rulebook for a game. They tell us how to treat others, like being kind, forgiving, and helpful. An athlete cannot win a gold medal, or a football team the World Cup, if they cheat and don't follow the rules.



God also wants us to be 'winners' in living the right way by being honest and fair, loving God and other people. Jesus showed us how to do this. But living like Jesus takes practice and self-control and, just like an athlete or a World Cup

footballer, we must also practice, train regularly and follow God's rules. When we make good choices and follow His teachings, we are playing by His rules.

How we live matters just as much as what we achieve. Living God's way brings peace, joy and the best rewards for us and others.



How can you be a 'winner' this week?



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

Our June coffee donation charity is FoodWise

FoodWise TLC is a Christian based charity delivering food provision, training and education to local communities. They currently work in partnership with churches and community groups in and around Woking and Guildford in Surrey.



FoodWise seeks to relieve the impact of financial hardship through the provision of food coaching. Providing free cookery

skills training courses, they teach people how to prepare and cook delicious and nutritional food on a restricted budget.

This helps to build confidence in food preparation, strengthen cooking skills, make food budgets stretch further, expand nutritional food choices and improve health and well-being

All the equipment and food required for each cookery skills session is provided free of charge. Course participants get to take the meal they have prepared home with them.

All money donated for refreshments and coffee in June will be given to FoodWise



WPOF Pilgrimage 2026

SATURDAY 13 JUNE

STARTS AT ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH, WOKING - 10:30AM

Opportunity to observe Catholic Mass* at 10.00 am - 10.30 am at St Dunstan's Church

Stops include: Christian Science Church, United Reformed Church, Shah Jahan Mosque and end at St Paul's Church where other faiths will be represented.

- All ages and fitness levels are welcome
- Refreshments along the way
- Dress for the weather (Headscarf for women at the mosque)
- Just turn up - all welcome!
- Donations appreciated
- Free Parking at St Dunstan's Church or Shah Jahan Mosque



Woking People of Faith
Diverse Beliefs: United Action

*Holy Communion will be offered to Catholics; others are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing.

Further details including the route is on our website: www.wpof.org.uk

Each month we have a dedicated **Coffee charity** to which all the refreshment donations are given. Over the course of the year this amounts to hundreds of pounds given to worthwhile causes. Some are local charities, others National charities. Do you have a charity that is particularly meaningful for you, or one that you feel would be good for Trinity to support in this way? If so, please let Helen Bowerman know and we may be able to include this over the coming months.

WPOF Pilgrimage 2026

Walk for unity and purpose • Saturday 13 June • Start: St Dunstan's Church, Woking

Route & Parking Guide
www.wpof.org.uk

Map of the walk route

Follow the numbered stops in order. Parking points are marked with P.

Approximate walking route guide. Please follow stewards and check the website for full route details.

Approximate walking times are based on the event schedule and may vary slightly.

Stops in order

- 1** St Dunstan's Church
Shaftesbury Road, GU22 7DT
10.30 registration • 11.00 talk
- 2** Christian Science Church
11 Heathside Road, GU22 7EY
11.40 talk
- 3** United Reformed Church
White Rose Lane, GU22 7HA
12.05 talk • refreshments
- 4** Shah Jahan Mosque
149 Oriental Road, GU22 7BA
12.55 talk
- 5** St Paul's Church
Oriental Road, GU22 7BD
13.25 talks (including other faiths) • 13.45 refreshments

Parking and reminders

- Parking available only at St Dunstan's Church
- Parking available only at Shah Jahan Mosque
- Finish approx: 2.30 pm at St Paul's
- No registration needed, just turn up
- Headscarf for women at the mosque

Supported by

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The Whitechapel Mission has been helping the homeless since 1876

Collections of non-perishable foods, toiletries and clothing will be made at

**Godalming United Church
Bridge Street, Godalming GU7 3DT**

26th June to 6th July 2026

Please see the leaflet to find out how YOU can help!

Whitechapel Mission

The Whitechapel Mission has helped the homeless in 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.

Collection times at Godalming United Church will be:

Friday 26 th June	12 noon to 1.30 pm
Saturday 27 th June	10.30 am to 12 noon
Sunday 28 th June	11.30 am to 12.30 pm
Tuesday 30 th June	2 pm to 3 pm
Wednesday 1 st July	6 pm to 7 pm
Friday 3 rd July	12 noon to 1.30 pm
Saturday 4 th July	10.30 am to 12 noon
Saturday 4 th July	2 pm to 3 pm
Sunday 5 th July	11.30 am to 12.30 pm
Monday 6 th July	7 pm to 8 pm

Items highlighted in **bold** are needed the **most urgently**:

BREAKFAST FOODS		
Peanut Butter	Cornflakes	Weetabix
Bottled water	Chocolate Spread	Brown Sauce
Nutella	Chopped tomatoes	Salt
Chopped Tomatoes	Plum tomatoes	Porridge
Baked Beans	Honey	Biscuits
Sugar	Squash	Coffee
Instant Hot Chocolate	Ketchup	Tinned Fruit
Sugar	Honey	Black Ground Pepper
Peanut Butter		
MEN'S CLOTHING		
Winter Jackets	Winter Coats	Baseball Caps
Woollen Gloves	Woollen Hats	Woollen Scarves
T-shirts	Jumpers	Hand Towels
Bath Towels	Underpants	Boxers
Jeans 28-36"	Trousers 28-34"	Small Rucksacks
Men's Trainers	Men's Shoes	
TOILETRIES		
Toothbrushes	Body Lotion	Body Wash
	Roll-on Deodorant	Razors
Hand Cream	Moisturiser	Shampoo
Spray Deodorant	Shower Gel	Shaving Foam





The Wedding 6/6/26

David and Aster celebrated their wedding on Saturday 6/6/26. David has shared this journey with his family, his house group and with Trinity, and a happy weekend was the culmination of these preparations. His baptism and marriage preparation at Greenford Baptist Church (Aster's church) were part of this process.

It was a weekend of celebration and bringing two families and cultures together – Friday was a pub supper together, and then the wedding on Saturday. Aster was beautiful in her dress that she had embellished, and David had found a beautiful gold suit which went with the yellow colour theme. We had a joyful service with family, friends from near and far, and the local church community. Prayers were said over the couple and Glen had written a song for them. The music was provided by our Glen, Graham and David and provided much joy. Aster and David then moved to the hotel in a carriage with two white horses – a great surprise for Aster!

The celebrations continued at the hotel, with an Eritrean meal, and an opportunity to get to know Aster's large and extended Eritrean family better, and culminated in dancing traditional Eritrean wedding dances and dancing to worship songs.

Our family and friends were invited to Aster's sister's house to continue with a lovely meal on Sunday, with time for more chat and sharing delicious food.

It was such a happy and busy weekend, I was proud to be the mother of the groom, and also felt specially celebrated within the Eritrean family. I have gained a lovely daughter-in-law and a lovely family too!

God Bless the happy couple, from Mumsi (Sue Waddell, Mother of the Groom!)

The next prayer group meeting at Trinity will be on Friday 19th June. 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.



Woking Environment Action invites you to join us for Great Big Green Week 2026, the UK's biggest celebration of community action for climate and nature. From 6–14 June, we're hosting a week of free, friendly events across Woking, from mending and repairing to board games and biodiversity walks. Whether you're a lifelong environmentalist or simply curious to learn something new, there's something for everyone. Come along, meet your neighbours and discover the small swaps and shared actions that add up to real change.

Become an All We Can Champion

All We Can is looking for Champions in Methodist churches across London and the South East. This is a straightforward role for anyone who wants to stand up for global justice in their local church. Champions help share resources we provide—such as posters and newsletter articles—keep the work of All We Can visible, and may help organise an annual collection or small fundraising activity. They also get invited to their exclusive inspiring online events with other Champions to meet All We Can's partners working with communities across the world. If you're interested in encouraging your church to act for justice and hope around the world, they'd love to hear from you.

Contact Paul Richards, Engagement Officer: p.richards@allwecan.org.uk

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