WEEKLY NEWS

60TH ANNIVERSARY!

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Message from the Leadership Team (LT)

60th Anniversary Project

At Church Council on Monday we confirmed that our 60th Anniversary project would be to make the family/prayer room (behind the glass panels at the back of the church) into a space conducive to prayer - somewhere to be quiet. Over the years this room has become decoratively tired, a bit of a dumping ground and the occasional furniture store. With the sanctuary now used for various events, there is often nowhere to go which we would describe as a 'spiritual place'. Providing a space where we can focus on prayer seems a necessary and worthwhile project with which to mark our 60th anniversary.

The plan is to decorate, remove/tidy cables etc, put in new carpet, new blinds, and furnish with matching and appropriate furniture. This will include large cupboards so we can keep the Chinese Church Choir gowns safe and store toys, bible and other materials that may be required. Better lighting also! We will also tidy up the toilet and lobby area by the fire exit as these 'belong' to the prayer space. We have already made the room accessible from the outside by changing locks.

We don't know how much it will all cost. We will use talent from the Chinese and Trinity congregations to do much of the work, which could impact the price significantly. Our best estimate is between £10k and £15k. Watch out for more details.

Maintenance List

As we focus on 60 years in our current premises, a brief reminder that it takes a lot of behind the scenes work to keep the premises functioning and looking reasonable. Our Wombles are a key part to this, so a huge thank you to them for all that they do. Thinking about it, some of them have been helping to maintain the premises for a very substantial part of that 60 years - maybe a few long service awards are due! Anyway, the list of recent repairs, etc.

- Checked chairs and repaired two
- Replaced hand drier
- Fitted new locks to make us compliant with fire regulations and give access to prayer space from outside
- Recoating front doors to Sanctuary
- Painting panels in large hall (inside and out)
- Eliminating (?) an ant invasion
- Repair to ceiling
- Painting radiators
- Weeding of garden & building perimeters
- Smartening up lounge (please stop using this space as a furniture store!)
- Re-gluing joints and putting on sliders on table and lectern in Sanctuary
- Some ongoing maintenance to the sound system
- . . . and much more besides.

If you're interested in helping, contact David Lorberg for Monday Wombles, or Kevin Bown for Weekend Wombles.

Forthcoming Services

Sunday 15 June 2025

Morning Worship led by Reverend Anna Carrington 10.30 am

60th Anniversary Service followed by Anniversary Lunch

Sunday 22 June 2025

Morning Worship led by Graham Pearcey 10.30 am

6 pm Foundry Worship

Live Stream Link Click HERE

Circuit Prayers

The Circuit prayer diary for the month is HERE

Circuit Letter

<u>Upcoming events can</u> <u>be found in the Circuit</u> letter

<u>The Circuit letter dated 4</u> June 2025 is here

Prayer Corner

60th Anniversary Prayer

On the 60th Anniversary of the current building of Trinity Methodist Church, we give thanks for the life of this place, and the witness of the people who worship here, brick by brick

We give thanks for the worship:
the weekly services, carol services,
Holy Communions, Ash Wednesdays, Maundy Thursdays,
Good Fridays, Easter Day celebrations, Pentecost, the Harvest
Festivals, all age Worship, Parade Services, Foundry Services
hymn by hymn

We give thanks for the life of this Church:
the members of the congregation
and the people who worship with us,
the faithful, the occasional, the long gone,
the ministers, the local preachers, the church stewards,
the organist, the choir, the musicians, the door stewards,
the office holders, flower arrangers
person by person

We give thanks for the special services: the baptisms, the weddings, the funerals, reception into membership, ecumenical services, prayer by prayer

We give thanks for the witness of this place: the house groups, the fellowship groups, junior church, playgroup, youth project, community groups, neighbourhood parties building projects, the committee meetings, offering by offering.

We give thanks for the faith in life, and the life of faith here in this place. We give thanks for this our church. We give thanks for these your people. Amen.

(based on an Anniversary Prayer by Moston Methodist Church)



What do you like to celebrate?

A birthday, Christmas, your favourite football team winning a trophy? Perhaps if you are a bit older it might be passing an exam



or your driving test or getting a new job. It is important to mark what is good and celebrate it.



This weekend our church celebrates 60 years of worship in this building. We are not just celebrating 60 years of a Building - but 60 years of a community of God's people coming together to worship God, working with each other and sharing the good things (and the not so good), supporting each other and serving the community we live

and we do that because we know that we are loved by God and we want to share that love with each other and those around us.

Sometimes this is easy to do, and sometimes it can be a bit harder!! But it is worth celebrating. The Bible tells us:

> Psalm 118:24: "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."



And that is just what we will do this weekend. A special Anniversary helps us to focus and celebrate - but we can continue to rejoice in God's love for us **FVFRY** day.



And that is worth celebrating!



BRING YOUR OWN

REFRESHMENTS (NO

alcoholic drinks

allowed on the

premises)

TRINITY 60TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW

SATURDAY- 14TH JUNE 2025

@ 6.30PM

Trinity Methodist

Church, Brewery

Road, Woking, **GU21 4LH**

Junior Church - help needed!

We are currently blessed by an expanding Junior Church and we want to fulfil the promises we make when children are baptised to nurture and encourage all our children in the Christian faith. We have a small team of helpers in Junior Church, but having two more would mean that each would only be called on once every 7 or 8 weeks. Could you help? There is no preparation to do, no meetings to attend, no hidden jobs to do, but you will need to have a DBS check. You just need to turn up and join in with what has been prepared. We must have 2 people in Junior Church each week to meet the safeguarding requirements of the Methodist Church and we want to continue to give of our best. Please do think whether this is one way you could help... it really is good fun too! Please contact Helen Bowerman on trinitywoking@btinternet.com

'The Chosen' Watch Parties (continued) Every Other Thursday @ 7.30pm Revised Dates



Thursday 5th June	Series 1 Episode 4
Thursday 19 th June	Series 1 Episode 5
Thursday 3rd July	Series 1 Episode 6
Thursday 17 th July	Series 1 Episode 7
Thursday 31st July	Series 1 Episode 8
Thursday 14th August	Series 2 Episode 1
Thursday 28th August	Series 2 Episode 2
Thursday 11th September	Series 2 Episode 3
And Every fortnight	

We will be showing an episode and then discussing it afterwards. You don't need to have been to previous episodes — just watch them for free at https://watch.thechosen.tv/.

It's informal, watching a single episode each fortnight, followed by discussion. It has captivated many who have seen it already, changing lives forever – who knows, it could just change yours.

So just turn up, enjoy, and build knowledge, friendship, and perhaps a new way to live your life.



Our June coffee donation charity is 'Open Doors'

380 MILLION Christians face high levels of persecution and discrimination for their faith.

4,476 believers were killed for their faith last year. 4744 Christians were detained or sentence for faith reasons

Open doors is a Christian ministry supporting persecuted believers worldwide. Founded in 1955 by Brother Andrew - known for smuggling bibles into Eastern Europe – 'Open Doors' now serves in over 70 countries. It provides bibles, leadership training, emergency aid, and advocates for religious freedom. In the UK and Ireland Open Doors mobilises churches to pray, give, speak out, and draw inspiration from the courageous faith of the persecuted Christian family.

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

More information at www.opendoorsuk.org

There will be a Pastoral Visitor meeting on Thursday 3 July, at 7.30pm in the Small Hall at Trinity.

We will go through the new Pastoral Visitor arrangements.

Please RSVP to Allison.

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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

Thank you.