

# WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

## Message from the Leadership Team (LT)

Three weeks ago, I went back to Epping, in Essex to the church I grew up in to attend their 400th Anniversary service of worship on the same site. Formerly a Congregational church, it had become Epping URC in 1972. Much had changed since I left. The church building where I had been baptised, attended Sunday School and Youth Group, became a Christian and was married, was no longer there. The financial upkeep had been unsustainable and so it had been knocked down and that part of the site sold and redeveloped. What was once the church hall, is now the Sanctuary, with a newer suite of rooms built over recent years. We didn't expect to know any of the congregation either - and we didn't as I left 43 years ago, and my parents moved away 36 years ago, yet it still felt like a 'coming home.' So, it was a lovely surprise to find 3 friends from our old Youth Group who had also come back for the service. We were instantly transported back to the 1970s where, as teenagers, we had spent so much time together and many memories were shared!

But what struck us about the Church was the 'looking forward'. The small congregation, like many churches has had its challenges, but was so enthused and excited about focusing on its Mission, sharing the Gospel Good News and serving the community now and in the future.

Next weekend as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of worship and service in this building there will also be much looking back, perhaps with nostalgia, and celebrating all that has been. But with equal measure we have so much to look forward to. God has a plan for us - He is not done with us! And that is exciting!

I am so thankful for the Church in Epping and its people who helped shape my faith and my life - perhaps not often realising, as the Church navigated the 'day-to-day' and 'ups and downs' of life, that each were playing their part in building God's Kingdom in that place. Just as we are doing here at Trinity, now, and in the years to come. And what a Blessing that is!

**Helen Bowerman**

## Forthcoming Services

### Sunday 8 June 2025

Morning Worship  
led by Hugh Bowerman  
10.30 am

6 pm Foundry Worship

### Sunday 15 June 2025

Morning Worship  
led by Reverend Anna Carrington  
10.30 am

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service**

## Live Stream Link

[Click HERE](#)

### Circuit Prayers

[The Circuit prayer diary for the month is HERE](#)

### Circuit Letter

[Upcoming events can be found in the Circuit letter](#)

[The Circuit letter dated 4 June 2025 is here](#)



**Do join us for our**

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch**

following the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary service next week. **We need to know numbers by Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June** for catering purposes (also of any special dietary requirements)

You can contact us via email  
[trinitywoking@btinternet.com](mailto:trinitywoking@btinternet.com)  
or please let Helen Bowerman know.





The flowers last Sunday were kindly left for us to enjoy by the family of Jim Chisholm after the Service of Thanksgiving for his life during the week

## NEXT FOUNDRY. 8th June 2025 PENTECOST SUNDAY

On the poster below - Meet **Pastor Barnabas from Nigeria** who narrowly survived a violent Islamic militant attack in which 2 of his family were killed. He now lives in desperate conditions in a displacement camp in Northern Nigeria with thousands of Christians. With enormous inspirational faith he says "I will not lose my confidence in God, I will always encourage the Christians here."

**16.2 million Christians** have been driven from their homes by violence and conflict in sub-Saharan Africa alone. Governments worldwide are silent and turn their heads away. **They really need our prayers!**

Foundry on Pentecost Sunday will be led by **Howard Satterthwaite from Open Doors**. He will expand on Barnabus's story and the inspiration of persecuted Christians from some of the **380 million Christians in the 70 countries** that are supported by Open Doors.

**They are inspirational! Come and join us - Everyone is welcome!**

Enid Burman

### 'The Chosen' Watch Parties (continued)

Every Other Thursday @ 7.30pm

Revised Dates



Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Series 1 Episode 4
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Series 1 Episode 5
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Series 1 Episode 6
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Series 1 Episode 7
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Series 1 Episode 8
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Series 2 Episode 1
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Series 2 Episode 2
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> 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.

## MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

Acts 1:7-17; 2:1-4

Pentecost and the Power of Prayer  
Inspiration from the Persecuted Church

Sun 8 June 2025, 5:45pm  
The Foundry @  
Trinity Methodist, Woking



OpenDoors [opendoorsuk.org](http://opendoorsuk.org)

### PASTORAL CARE IN CHALLENGING TIMES



**Led by Andy Peck**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025**  
9.30 am - 1 pm (Coffee available from 9 am)  
at Godalming Baptist Church,  
Queen Street, Godalming, Surrey GU7 1BA

It is said that a crisis doesn't make or break, it just reveals! There are times when we feel challenges in caring for others, either because we feel like we are just 'hanging on' to faith ourselves, or because the situation being faced is stretching us like never before. The recent COVID pandemic left many reeling!

In this session, we aim to step back and provide an assessment of what pastoral care is and what it isn't, look together at our mind-sets as we face challenges, and provide a faith-filled expectant outlook that takes Romans 8:28 seriously, knowing that 'in all things God is at work for the good of those who love him'.

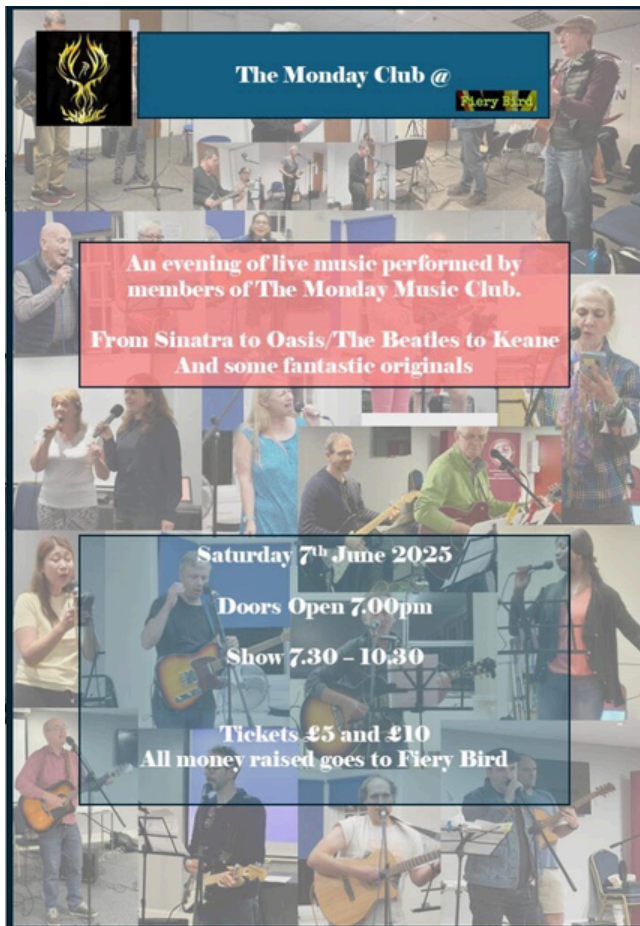
Areas looked at will include:

- What is pastoral care according to the Bible?
- What role might you play in caring for others?
- Looking at the five stages of church involvement and the care needed for each
- How do we understand the suffering that God allows?
- How do we serve at a sustainable pace?
- How do we involve others?
- How might our care extend beyond the local church?

The morning will be a mixture of teaching and small group discussions with time for questions, and notes will be provided.

Please reserve a place, with payment of £8, by contacting Sally Pollard  
email: [pollard3@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pollard3@hotmail.co.uk); tel: 01483 428646  
by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May





Desmond has been worshipping with us for the last 6 months whilst staying with his son Desland and family. He flew back to Jamaica on Wednesday. As a token of his appreciation for the welcome he received at Trinity he arranged for Treavon (his daughter in law) to bake a cake for us all. The picture shows the two of them with grand-daughter/ daughter Octavia. We are thankful for the contribution Desmond made to the life of Trinity, pray he had a safe journey home and praise God for the richness of His worldwide church.

A Fundraiser Concert will be held at Fiery Bird this Saturday for anyone interested (see poster on the left). Entry fee is £5 or £10 and tickets are available on-line or on the door. Fiery Bird is situated next to the Fire Station in Woking and there is ample parking on the premises. The following people known to Trinity will be taking part: Ildi, Shona, Dee and Mike Cope.

### Trinity Methodist Walk in the Surrey Hills Saturday 31st May 2025

The church walk in the Surrey Hills took place on Saturday 31st May 2025. Seven walkers from the Trinity congregation attended. The route started in the Abinger Roughts and included an ascent of the North Downs (Blatchford Down), where there were spectacular views across the valley towards the Greensand Hills. We paused here for a rest and to take some drone photos of the group and the surrounding countryside. The route then continued eastwards along the North Downs Way. After crossing White Down Lane, we investigated an old chalk quarry- a relic of Surrey's industrial past. Some of the group left us at this point and the rest continued eastwards along the North Downs Way. When we reached Pickett's Hole and a WWII pill box, we turned right and began our descent of the Downs, along a line of ancient yew trees. There were spectacular views here along the line of the Downs towards Ranmore Common and Box Hill. After crossing the railway we reached a cluster of farm building, where we turned right and continued along a low level path to the starting point in the Abinger Roughts. The late May weather was gloriously sunny and there were orchids on the chalk downlands and white elder flowers in the hedgerows. Hopefully another walk will be arranged over the Summer, weather permitting.

Mike Cope



**TRINITY 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SHOW**

**SATURDAY- 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025**  
**@ 6.30PM**

**BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS (no alcoholic drinks allowed on the premises)**

**FREE ENTRY!**

Trinity Methodist Church, Brewery Road, Woking, GU21 4LH

Featuring current and past Trinity members from the English and Chinese congregations.

For free tickets please contact  
**sixtytrinity@yahoo.com**


This is also a fundraising event for the upkeep of this church building and our work with the local community – any donations would be appreciated.

**SCAN ME**




**Messy Church**

Just a drop of water on its own it can do very little. But when one drop joins with another, and another and another, there can soon be enough water to drink. A raindrop on its own will make little difference, but many raindrops together can cause a flood!



**We can do so much more together than on our own.** We have been thinking about how we can make a difference to someone somewhere in the world by providing them with a clean safe toilet.



Quite a difficult thing to do on our own, but by working together it is possible. Each of those 20p pieces collected on their own are little things that can't provide much – but together they make enough for us to make a difference.

There is a verse in the Bible that encourages us to work together.

**Hebrews 10:24** Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good.

**Together we can do so much more than on our own.** And if we ask God to help us as well, then .....

**'With God all things are possible!'**

### 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](mailto:trinitywoking@btinternet.com)

**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.**

**[allison.jackson88@btinternet.com](mailto:allison.jackson88@btinternet.com)**

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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Thank you.