

WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Message from the Leadership Team (LT)

Prayer at Trinity - Our Weekly Prayer Group

Did you know that we have a prayer group meeting on Friday mornings most weeks? Whether gathering in the prayer room or connecting via WhatsApp chat, we come together regularly to share in prayer and fellowship.

Every week, as we join in prayer, we give thanks for the good things that have come our way – sometimes it's as simple as gratitude for a ray of sunshine. Our prayers cover a wide range: we pray for people we know, those we've never met but have been asked to pray for, and all requests are kept confidential. We pray for (amongst other things) Trinity, our Minister, future services, and everyone who helps keep the church running smoothly. We also pray for situations in our own community and across the world.

Prayer is powerful, and there's even greater strength when we come together. We warmly invite you to join us – to share, to listen, and to support one another in faith. Your presence and your prayers will be truly valued and appreciated.

We are not meant to travel life's journey alone. Our prayer group offers a space to connect, encourage, and deepen our relationship with God, side by side.

In our busy lives, it matters to pause and be still before God. Our prayer group is a haven for hope, comfort, and renewal – and we would be delighted for you to join us.

If you would like more information, please speak to Sam, Graham, Carole or Jean.

Jean Normington, Senior Church & Circuit Steward



Woking foodbank update . On Monday 23rd February The Lighthouse, including Woking Foodbank, has opened at our newly refurbished community space at Unit 4, on Church Path. A wide variety of projects are run primarily on the generosity of donations and volunteers. Do check out the website for information about the many projects supporting local needs. The Cosy Coffee House is a not-for-profit cafe using funds to support the community projects at the Lighthouse. Open Monday to Friday 9:30am to 2:30pm, do call in and support us!

Carole Hymers

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Forthcoming Services

Sunday 1 March 2026

Morning Worship
led by
Graham Pearcey
at 10.30 am

6 pm Foundry Worship
(see Page 2 for further
information)

Sunday 8 March 2026

Morning Worship led by
Rev Sam Funnell
at 10.30 am



Circuit Prayer Diary for February

[click here](#)

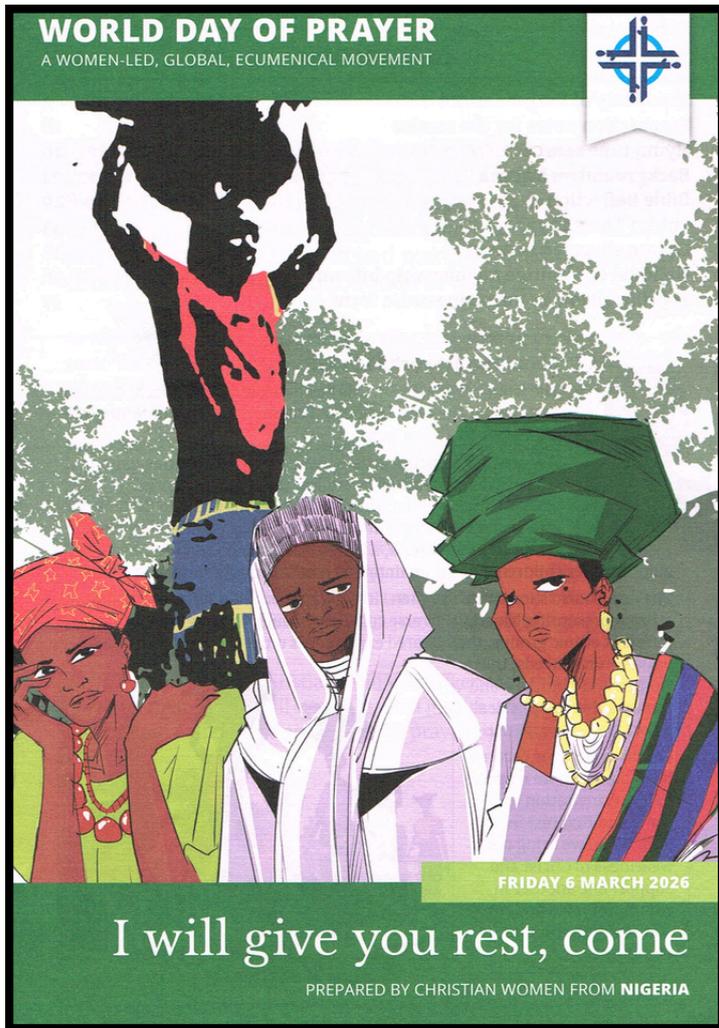
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All are welcome, so do join us for this year's service which will be held on Friday 6th March 10.30 am here at Trinity. The service will be live streamed on YouTube

Lent 2026

The Methodist Church of Great Britain website offers a range of resources for study and prayer through Lent and into Easter, starting this week with the theme *'Let go of idols, make room for God'* as we think of Jesus' temptations in the Wilderness (Matthew 4 vv 1-11). For further information and materials [click here](#).

A prayer that we may give welcome to others

Dear Lord, we come to you in prayer, seeking your guidance to help us to continue to make our churches places of welcome and acceptance.

We know so many people of all ages are lonely and long to belong.

We want to build church families of all ages, who worship together with joy.

We need always to put prayer at the heart of all our planning and action.

Help us to sing a new song that tells of your love, by always listening and learning to become receptive to new ideas that translate into loving action in our neighbourhoods. Amen.

Eileen Simmons, Anna Chaplain and local preacher, Leigh on Sea

Foundry Worship - Experiences of a Muslim background Christian

This week we welcome Idris Rashk to our Foundry Worship. Idris has a Muslim background as a Syrian Kurd but is now a Christian believer. What brought about this change? What is Idris's calling now? How does the transformation affect his actions and priorities?

Idris will share his testimony with us before explaining a little about the differences in his life as a Christian believer relative to being a Muslim. There will be opportunity for Q&A's. Idris will also tell us about a mission trip he is going on at the end-of-March to Syria/Iraq.

For western people who struggle to escape the pull of safety, money and comfort, Idris's story will be both of interest and a challenge. I would urge you to come along whether you are a Foundry regular or not as God speaks to us through Idris.

As usual we gather at 5.45pm for refreshments before starting worship at 6pm. In addition to hearing Idris's story, our band will lead us in songs of praise and we will have a time of prayer, an opportunity to pray for Idris and his mission as well as for the other needs we bring.

I hope you will be able to join us

Hugh Bowerman, Foundry Pastor



Spending time together with friends is important -Time to relax, share news and enjoy each other's company. We do this each week at Friday Night Messy Church. When we do this, we get to know each other better and we can share with each other when we feel happy and things have gone well, but also when we are sad or upset things have not gone as we would like.



In the Bible we read that Jesus loved spending time with his friends. He had a group of close friends who travelled with him – his disciples, and he spent a lot of time with them. He also visited old friends and made many new friends as well.

Often, he would share a meal with them – just like we do together on Friday nights. I expect when he was with a group of his friends there would have been a lot of chatter and it probably would have been a noisy and happy occasion. Enjoying each other's company is an important part of life. And Jesus calls **US** his friends too.

John 15:14 You are My friends if you do what I command you.

And what does Jesus ask us to do? **To Love one another.** We have been talking at FNMC about being kind to each other, the world and ourselves. **AND** we can have fun and enjoy each other's company at the same time!

Prayer -Thank you for friends and being able to share good times together. Thank you Jesus for being our friend. Help us to be good friends to others. **Amen**



Circuit Mission Supper

Saturday 14th March 2026

6pm for 6:30pm

At Trinity Methodist Church, Woking

Fish and Chips (battered sausage /vegan options available)

Cost £10 – tickets available from the Church Stewards

Bring your own crockery and cutlery



Speaker: Grace Pratt Morris-Chapman

Grace is a former mission partner, who has worked alongside her husband Daniel, in Cameroon, Italy and Uganda. Grace and her family have now settled in the Northampton Circuit.

Grace will be sharing about her experience as a mission partner and the subject of the talk will be 'Unusual Kindness'.

Our **March** coffee donation charity is The Besom - Woking



Woking Besom is a non-denominational charity which provides a bridge between those who want to give money, time or things and those who are in need and ensures that what is given is used effectively. The service it provides is free.

Subject to availability and resources, they can provide and deliver: Furniture, white goods, bedding, linens, towels, curtains, cutlery, crockery and kitchen utensils.

Besom also organises working parties for Decorating and Garden clearance. Referrals are given to other agencies where appropriate, for example: Foodbank, Jigsaw, Christians Against Poverty (CAP) and other agencies.

Woking Besom is run on prayer, never asking anyone for anything specific. Who is going to help? They pray and God answers!



A ministry to those who give, as well as those who are in need.

All money donated for refreshments and coffee in March will be given to www.wokingbesom.org



I signed up to run 28 miles across the month of February to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. During my cancer treatment, Macmillan has been very supportive and helpful in many ways.

If you wish, and are able, please support my efforts to raise money for them via the following link:

<https://socialsync.app/fundraiser/cr-7nw13mdvrj9vx>

I am also running a 5km race in March for the same charity.

Ildi Johnson

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

The Methodist Modern Art Collection is coming to Guildford. It is one of the world's leading collections of modern religious art

FROM DARKNESS



... TO LIGHT

Explore stunning works from internationally renowned artists such as Graham Sutherland, Elisabeth Frink, Patrick Heron and Maggi Hambling

at
St Mary's
 Quarry Street
 Guildford GU1 3UP

9 March to 5 April 2026

Free public opening times will include
 Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays
 9 March – 5 April 11.00 – 15.00

For the detailed programme of events and further information click here
 or visit
www.htsmguildford.org/mmac-2026

We give thanks for the fellowship at the recent joint service with the Chinese congregation and the Chinese New Year lunch to celebrate the Year of the Fire Horse.



At Coffee and Chat on Wednesday 4th March there will be a talk by Surrey Police's Woking Safer Neighbourhood Team on Scams, Fraud and how to keep ourselves safe.

All are welcome to join us from 10.30am.

Epworth Genesis

Two choir collaboration
 AND The Chameleon Arts Orchestra!

Joseph Haydn's
The Creation

Supporting
 samson centre

Conducted by Charlie Perry & Florence Price

Let there be Light! Experience Haydn's Masterpiece

Saturday 28th March 2026
7.30pm

Tickets £25 including refreshments and programme
www.epworthchoir.org

Welcome Church
 Woking
 Church St. West
 Woking, Surrey, GU21 6DJ



NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTY

SATURDAY
18TH APRIL 2026
4:00 - 6:00pm
 Trinity Methodist Church
 Brewery Road, Woking

There will be high tea, entertainment and a fun quiz.

INVITE If you know someone who'd appreciate an invitation
CONTACT Marian (07749 094064)
 Pauline (07729 301713)

Volunteers would be welcome to...
 Help on the day or bake a cake
CONTACT Pauline (07729 301713)

To give someone a lift or sponsor a taxi
CONTACT Hugh Bowerman

Thank you for your continued support.
 The Neighbourhood Party Team

