

WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Message from the Leadership Team (LT)

As we approach the Fifth Sunday in Lent, our symbol is the crown of thorns—a stark reminder of the suffering Jesus endured on the road to the cross.

This Sunday also happens to be the day of the Surrey half marathon. Our house lies on the race route, and we will be acting as a base for my son-in-law who is running. The road closures mean we won't actually be able to get to church that morning—so we will be outside cheering him on. We even have a conveniently placed bus shelter to keep us dry should the weather be wet.

Even though our house is just a kilometre into the race, as the many hundreds of runners pass our house, you can already see written on many people's faces that this race is a challenge and you know that by the end many will be struggling. Running such a distance is not easy - I couldn't do it, not even with training. Yet people do it because there is something deeply rewarding about finishing, about knowing you have given your best.

Lent reminds us of a far more important race. Hebrews encourages us to “run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus.” Jesus endured the cross and wore the crown of thorns—symbol of cruelty and pain—because he was determined to complete the race the Father had given him.

As a church, we too are running the Christian race together. And perhaps the half marathon offers a simple challenge: do we support one another along the route? Do we encourage each other not only through the easy stretches, but also through the difficult ones? Because often, it is the encouragement of others that helps us keep going.

I hope my son-in-law finishes in a time that he will be pleased with. We will, of course, be encouraging him as he passes us during the race. I pray that in our Christian race we too will find similar encouragement from one another, and will be pleased with the race we have run.

Hugh Bowerman

Lent 2026

The Methodist Church of Great Britain website offers a range of resources for study and prayer through Lent and into Easter. For further information and materials [click here](#).

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE EMAIL FOR
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Forthcoming Services

Sunday 22 March 2026

Morning Worship led by
Rev Sam Funnell
at 10.30 am

Sunday 29 March 2026

Morning Worship
led by
The Leadership Team
at 10.30 am

6 pm Foundry Worship



**Circuit Prayer Diary
for March**
[click here](#)

or visit

www.veyvalleycircuit.org.uk/publications

**Circuit Letter for
this week click here**

or visit

www.veyvalleycircuit.org.uk/home/news

GOOD FRIDAY ACT OF WITNESS

3rd APRIL 2026

HELP URGENTLY NEEDED PLEASE
STEWARDSHIP AND SETTING UP IN THE
MORNING.

CALL or TEXT 0777 307 5214 TO
VOLUNTEER

Churches Together in Woking



GOOD FRIDAY ACT OF WITNESS

3rd APRIL 2026 - 10:50am

Join us by Boots, Commercial Way,
Woking at 10:40 for a procession to
Jubilee Square, or meet in the Square,
next to Christ Church for 11:00 a.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WOKING



Have you ever made something special which has taken time and care – something made from clay, or a Lego model, or a kit which meant putting all the little bits



together in the right order? Things we make are precious. But how disappointing when it gets damaged or broken.

We believe God created the world and everything in it – the landscape, every living creature and us – people. All created carefully and beautifully and perfectly.

The earth and everything in it, including its people, belong to him. **Psalm 24:1**

But our world can easily be damaged or broken. Animals are hunted and the places they live are destroyed. We create pollution which damages the world and changes the climate. We fill the land with rubbish which is difficult to get rid of. And people like you and me, who are also part of God's creation, can be damaged or hurt by the actions of others.

Can you imagine how it must hurt and upset God to see the wonderful world he has made being broken or destroyed? The Earth is a gift from God to be cherished and protected. Caring for nature and each other is a way of loving God and saying 'Thank you' for his work. It also helps others who often suffer when our world is damaged.



So, we can be kind to others, care for plants and animals, clean up, and recycle. There are lots of ways we can care for creation. What else can you think of?

God's world is amazing!
Thank you, God. Help us to look after it.

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.

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.



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 Marian (07749 094064)



The Methodist Church



THE FOUNDRY

Thank you for your continued support.

The Neighbourhood Party Team

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!

Besom

WOKING

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



Woking foodbank. The next collection at Trinity will be on Sunday 5th April.

Items most needed are

- long life sponge puddings,
- honey,
- pot noodles,
- cooking oil,
- long life fruit juice
- and fruit squash.

Also washing up liquid, small cartons of laundry detergent and toilet rolls.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Carole Hymers

Garden Volunteers Needed

Our church garden is looking wonderful thanks to our faithful gardening team – whose **average age is an impressive 86!**

We'd love a few additional volunteers to help with general tidying and, most importantly, tackling the weeds (which are starting to feel a little too confident).

No gardening experience required – just a willingness to lend a hand.

We meet Saturday mornings from 09:30. If you can spare an hour now and then, please speak to **Sarah in the church office.**

Help keep our garden blooming!

Are you election ready?

Register to vote

- Elections for councillors to represent you on the new East and West Surrey councils will take place on **7 May 2026**. You can vote in person, by post or by proxy.
- You must be registered to be able to vote. If you're not already registered, you have until midnight on **20 April 2026** to do so at gov.uk/register-to-vote

Voter ID

- To vote in person you must bring an accepted form of photo ID. These include a passport, a driving licence or a concessionary travel pass, such as an older person's bus pass. You can use expired IDs as long as the photo still looks like you. For a full list of accepted photo ID visit electoralcommission.org.uk/voterid
- If you don't have an accepted form of photo ID, you can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate (VAC) at gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate
- The deadline to apply for a VAC is **5pm on 28 April 2026**.
- If you are voting on behalf of someone else as their proxy, you will need to bring your own photo ID.

Postal and proxy votes

- If you won't be able to get to a polling station on election day, you can apply for a postal vote or proxy vote online at gov.uk/how-to-vote
- Apply as soon as possible to make sure you receive your postal vote pack or proxy vote in good time.
- The deadline to apply for a postal vote is **5pm on 21 April 2026**.
- For a proxy vote – when a friend or relative casts your vote for you – you must apply by **5pm on 28 April 2026**.

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

Your current services

There is no disruption to council services during this process. Your local council and Surrey County Council continue to deliver services as usual.

If you have a question or need help with an existing service, please contact your local council which remains responsible for delivering and supporting services during the transition period.

Where to go for more information

The Future Surrey website has all the latest information on devolution and LGR in one trusted place. You can also contact us with any questions. surreygrhub.gov.uk

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WOKING CHORAL SOCIETY

Making Music
Registered Charity No 272451

FRENCH CONNECTION

VIERNE Messe Solennelle

DURUFLÉ Requiem

Mezzo-Soprano Ellen Smith
Baritone Oliver Turner
Organ Adam Hope
Cello Leonid Kovrigovich
Conductor Cole Bendall

SATURDAY 21 MARCH 2026 7.30pm
ST JOHN'S CHURCH WEST BYFLEET

Tickets: £20 full • £5 children
Book online: www.wokingchoral.org.uk or at the door.

Supported by **The Humphrey Richardson Taylor Charitable Trust**

The Wey Valley Methodist Circuit Mission Supper was held at Trinity Methodist Church, Woking on Saturday 14th March 2026

We enjoyed a Fish and Chip Supper with pavlova puddings

The speaker was Grace Pratt Morris-Chapman, a former mission partner who has worked alongside her husband, Daniel in Cameroon, Italy and Uganda. Grace shared her experiences in a talk entitled 'Unusual Kindness' and we were all in awe of her amazing smile.



Spiritual

1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? ___
 2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? ___
 1. C'e - ri tu al - la cro - ce di Ge - su? ___
 2. C'e - ri quan - do tra - fis - se - ro Ge - su? ___

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? ___ Oh! ___
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St Mary's Church

FROM DARKNESS ... TO LIGHT

Matisse: Christ enters Jerusalem Lee Ellett: Crucifix tree form - the Agony Francis Vincent: The Crucifixion Graham Sutherland: The Deposition Richard Bacon: The Empty Tomb Carl Richard: The Supper at Emmaus Edwards: The Cross over the City

AN AFTERNOON WITH LESLIE GRIFFITHS

Lord Griffiths shares the build-up to Easter and Easter itself through readings, music ... and his enthusiasm for the works from the Methodist Modern Art Collection

ST. MARY'S QUARRY STREET GUILDFORD GU1 3UP

Sunday 22 March 2.30 pm

Admission by ticket (free) from: Eventbrite – search MMAC Guildford

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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

Epworth Genesis

Two choir collaboration
AND The Chameleon Arts Orchestra!

Joseph Haydn's The Creation

Supporting samson centre

Conducted by Charlie Perry & Florence Price

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

epworth choir HRTCT

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

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