

# WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

## Message from the Leadership Team (LT)

As I write, we are in the immediate aftermath of the Doncaster to Kings Cross train stabbings. At the moment it looks as though no-one will have died, but what a horrific event, the terror of which many of us can identify with. I pray that all affected, either physically or mentally, will receive the care and counselling necessary to make effective recoveries.

A hero of the event was the train driver. His quick action, clarity of thought and good communication meant the train stopped on a platform at Huntington station, where police and ambulances could attend. What presence of mind that was, and undoubtedly a life saver.

I'll be honest, I am slightly envious of people who, under great pressure, manage to act quickly and get it right. My style is to try and understand exactly what is happening before acting. I need information and detail. This takes time, and I am frequently told off for thinking too much about detail. My retort is that 'the devil is in the detail, you know'.

I was intrigued why we say "the devil is in the detail". Looking up the origins of this expression, I was surprised to find that it was originally "God is in the detail". That makes much more sense. As the source of creation, God knows the detail and is in a real sense in the detail. Science (from the Latin word scientia, "to know") is about discovering that detail - what a shame science is so often pitched against God. But what about us? There is a tremendous amount of detail in who we are, so much that I'm not even sure we know ourselves, let alone anyone else.

King David, that rather imperfect person, captures something of how detailed and complex we are. Psalm 139 starts "O Lord, you have searched me and known me", then at verse 14, "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made". I don't know about you, but when I reflect on how I came to be the person I am, I can share with David the need to praise God for how fearfully and wonderfully made I am. And it is almost certainly a different 'fearful and wonderful made' to anyone else.

Which takes me back to the train driver. Rather than suppressing a slight sense of envy, perhaps I should be expressing thankfulness, not just to him but to God for the glorious differences in the details that make us who we are. My weakness was the train driver's strength, and it is the coming together of all our strengths and weaknesses that gives us opportunity to be heroes to each other. I think there is a challenge in there for each of us in the week ahead.

**Hugh Bowerman**

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## Forthcoming Services

### Sunday 9 November 2025

Morning Worship  
led by Sam Monaghan  
(Remembrance Service)  
10.30 am

6 pm Foundry Worship

### Sunday 16 November 2025

Morning Worship  
led by  
Graham Warr  
10.30 am

## Live Stream Link [Click HERE](#)

Circuit PrayersThe  
Circuit prayer diary for  
the month of  
November is [HERE](#)

Circuit Letter The  
Circuit letter dated  
5 November 2025 is  
[HERE](#)



## **Foundry Worship, Sunday 9th November at 6pm**

This week our service will be based around the testimony of Elijah Lartey. He and his wife Debbie came to the UK from Ghana. Elijah describes himself as a non-denominational, bible based Christian who believes God's word and stands by the teachings of Christ. Those of us who have met Elijah through recent Foundry services know him as a thoughtful and gentle man with an exceptional musical talent. The latter he would love to use to help engage with young people, the lack of whom in the UK church he finds concerning.

Elijah has titled his testimony "Back from the dead". Come and hear how God responds to the prayers of the desperate, stimulating a deep love of and transforming awareness of God. Be prepared to be challenged and encouraged. I have to say, I am looking forward to being inspired by what Elijah has to share with us.

We'll meet as normal at 5.45pm for refreshments before our Worship starts at 6pm. Our band will lead a time when we can sing praise to God, and there will be time for prayer and reflection.

I hope you will be able to join us on Sunday as we celebrate God's love together and hear how God has worked in Elijah's life.

**Hugh Bowerman**  
**Foundry Pastor**





Woking People of Faith

**Diverse Beliefs: United Action**

## Interfaith Walking Pilgrimage (Knaphill)

Join us for a journey of friendship and faith through Knaphill!

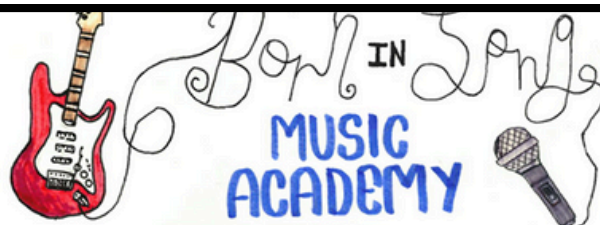
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 10 am till 2 pm**

Start: Knaphill Methodist Church, Broadway, GU21 2DR  
Stops include: Dhammakaya Buddhist Temple and local churches  
Finish: St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church (GU21 2AA) – with other faiths represented

Free parking at Englefield Road Car Park



- Refreshments along the way
- Dress for the weather
- Just turn up – all welcome!
- Donations appreciated



## Create and Record a Christmas Worship Song

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November - 10am to 3:30pm**

**Windsor Methodist Church, Alma Road**

**Are you aged 11-18?**

**Do you want to write and record new music?**

**If you are a budding lyricist, song writer, poet or a musician come and create a new Christmas worship song/hymn**

**The day will involve group and individual work**

- writing lyrics and music
- arranging the hymn/song ready for recording
- performing and recording

The final recording will be shared on social media, with the wider Methodist Church and be available to participants to share.

**£12.50\* – book in advance at [bit.ly/4mGLN8q](http://bit.ly/4mGLN8q)**  
(\*limited spaces - £15 on the day if places available)



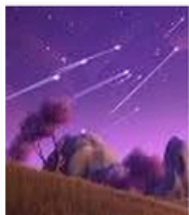
**It's firework time of the year!**  
If you haven't seen any yet, you may have heard them!

Fireworks were invented over 2,000 years ago in ancient



China by accident when different ingredients were packed into bamboo stalks. When the bamboo was thrown into a fire, it exploded with a loud "bang!" Over time, fireworks became a way to celebrate. The Chinese used them for festivals, and they became a big part of celebrations like Chinese New Year, and other countries especially Italy, became experts at making different colours and

designs. Fireworks became very popular with kings and queens for big celebrations, such as weddings and festivals.



Fireworks in the night sky are beautiful, but they last for just a few seconds! The sun, moon and stars light up our sky all the time. And sometimes when the sky is clear and dark, you can see shooting stars – God's own amazing light show.

**"When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place," Psalm 8:3:**

**Thank you, God,** for the beauty of the world you have created and for the beauty of the things you have enabled us to create.

Thank you for the beauty of fireworks and all the amazing things we can wonder at and enjoy in the world around us. **Amen**



## Our November coffee donation charity is Christians Against Poverty (CAP)



Poverty robs people of dignity, hope and opportunities.

CAP, a National charity, works in

partnership with local churches to support those in their community who are facing unmanageable debt. All CAP's services are free, face-to-face and for everyone – of any faith or none.

CAP handles the financial, legal and practical details and supports Churches to help people become debt free – to manage their money, budget, prioritise expenses, find employment or learn practical life skills. It equips churches with professional tools, training and resources, enabling them to provide effective, expert support to those trapped in debt and poverty.

All money donated for refreshments and coffee in November will be given to CAP

More information from [www.capuk.org](http://www.capuk.org)

christians  
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poverty

**CAP**



## **Please note change of date for December Communion Service**

At the Church Council meeting on 3 November it was decided that, in order to accommodate the Nativity Play on 7 December, the Communion Service will be moved to the following week and take place on 14 December instead.

**Message from Church Council  
Secretary, Ildi**



## **SAM'S ZOOM AROUND GREECE**

Back in May, as a large part of my Sabbatical, I went on a 10-day pilgrimage around Greece.

I'd now like to offer friends around the Circuit the chance to share some of the sights and experiences I had, as I travelled with my fellow pilgrims, in the footsteps of St Paul.

To that effect, please find below some Zoom link details for THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER at 7.30pm (I'll open the meeting at 7.25pm), for about an hour or so.

You'd be very welcome to join me!

Yamas! (That's 'Cheers!' in Greek)

Sam.

**ZOOM LINK:**

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Topic: Circuit Zoom - Sam's Sabbatical Travels in Greece

Time: Nov 6, 2025 07:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84676600289?pwd=wxk4b8JLdfYYZkSgzRgXTeGTxThMvO.1>

OR

Meeting ID: 846 7660 0289

Passcode: 600496

Image of St Paul -  
Taken at Hosias Loukas,  
in the 11th century church





IF THE LINK BELOW DOES NOT RESPOND  
PLEASE [CLICK HERE TO DONATE TO TEARFUND](#)

Looking forward to seeing you for  
**THE BIG QUIZ** on  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 6-8pm

Come along and join the fun.  
Bring a dish for a shared Buffet supper (savoury or sweet)  
and sign up on the flip chart if possible.  
Please also bring your plate, cutlery and mug/tumbler  
so that no-one spends the night in the kitchen!  
**Fun & Fundraising for Tearfund!**

Donate here:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/trinity-woking-tearfund-2025?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/trinity-woking-tearfund-2025?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)



Teams can be sorted on the night, or bring your own!



AT TRINITY SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER  
6 TO 8 PM



### Your Last chance to....

Help Messy Church and Coffee and Chat fill a Shoebox of small gifts to send to Children who live in difficult places around the world – a lovely Christmas Gift.

Any of the following could be included:

**Toys** – Toy cars, animal figures, building blocks, skipping rope, tennis ball, Yo-yo, Spinning top, Mini frisbee, Fidget spinner, Finger puppets, Slinky, Travel games, Small musical instruments, Small puzzles etc.

**School Supplies** – Pens, Pencils & sharpeners, Crayons, Felt tip pens, Ruler, Eraser, Writing pads or notebook, Solar calculators, Geometry set, Glue stick, Preinked Stampers, Colouring books, Watercolour paint set (solid only), Safety scissors, Craft kits

**Personal care** Comb – Hairbrush, Toothbrush, Flannel, Bar soap (packaged and/or in a container), Sponge, Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (Fill an empty container with non-liquid items such as sunglasses or flannel to make use of the space), Non-liquid lip balm, Nail clippers and file, Stick deodorant, Compact mirror,

**Accessories and other items** – Hat, Gloves, Sunglasses, Cap, T-shirt, Socks, Flip-flops, Small backpack, handbag or drawstring bag, Hair bows or clips, Friendship bracelets (woven with yarn or embroidery thread), Watch, Windup Torch, Necklace or bracelet, Stickers, A personal note and photo



There will be a collection box in the east Entrance for the next few weeks for any contributions you are able to make. We will be packing our boxes on 14<sup>th</sup> (Contributions by 13<sup>th</sup> November please)

There is a suggested donation of £5 per shoebox to cover transport. – If you would like to contribute to our project in this way – please speak to Helen Bowerman. Thank you.





Poppies to remember  
lives laid down in war -  
hopes and bodies broken,  
wounds forever raw.  
Red and white and purple  
tell of what's been lost,  
summon us to silence  
as we count the cost.

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Help us to remember  
now and every day  
sacrifice and service,  
Lord of life, we pray.

“Do this to remember,”  
Jesus tells his friends;  
by his death securing  
life that never ends.  
Broken like his body,  
bread on which we dine;  
blood that's shed for us  
recalled again in wine.

REFRAIN

Help us to remember...

Jesus, we remember  
this the debt we owe;  
and we pledge our service,  
that the world may know  
all that leads to freedom,  
all that makes for peace.  
Let your Kingdom come, Lord!  
Let all bloodshed cease!

REFRAIN

Help us to remember...



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### **Trinity News and Views**

The next issue will after all be published in  
the New Year with a revised copy deadline  
on 14<sup>th</sup> December. A reminder will be  
issued nearer the time.

**David Lander, Editor TNV**

Please note: Send any articles for this newsletter to be with the editor  
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Thank you.