

Leadership notes

On Sunday 18th October we have a united service with the Chinese congregation that has been meeting at Trinity for over a decade. At the end of the service we will be signing a Letter of Intent, before sharing a light lunch together. What is "The Intent"? To work together over the next year or two with a view to becoming a single church with two congregations. I think this is possibly the most significant event in the life of Trinity since we moved premises from the centre of Woking to our present site. It will help secure a Methodist presence in Woking for a long time to come.

I have been privileged to have been working closely with our Chinese sisters and brothers for a while now. I have learnt so much, though no Cantonese as I am most certainly not a linguist. With many of the Chinese congregation relatively recent arrivals in the UK, I have great admiration for how they have coped with a new language and new culture. Life is a massive change for many of them. But as I look ahead to our two congregation living and working side by side, I am excited by the prospect that we (English speaking congregation) will embrace the opportunity to change as well. Our friends in the Chinese congregation have a fair bit to learn from us about Methodist process and ways, but my observation is that we have a lot to learn from them about Christian living and community.

I appreciate the service time is a little different (starts at 11:30am), but I would urge everyone who reads this newsletter to try and be there. This is a historic occasion, a significant milestone on a journey into the future. I know not everyone will share my excitement, but come ready to accept the challenge of making your contribution to the ongoing work of God at Trinity. My prayer is that with the commitment that signing this 'letter of intent' represents, we will grasp this opportunity to build together a foundation of Christian community here at Trinity, one which future generations will look back on with thanks and appreciation.

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Forthcoming Services

Sunday 18 October 2026

Morning Worship
led by

Rev Sam Funnell
at **11.30 am**

Service in English with
Chinese friends and
signing of declaration

Sunday 25 October 2026

Morning Worship
led by

Hugh Bowerman
Foundry Worship at
6.00pm



[Circuit Prayer Diary for the month click here](#)

or visit the website for the most up to date one
www.veyvalleycircuit.org.uk/publications

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www.veyvalleycircuit.org.uk/home/news

18 OCT SERVICE STARTS AT 11.30 AM INCLUDES THE SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF INTENT AND FOLLOWED BY LIGHT LUNCH

Leadership notes continued.....

You are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow-citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets, with Christ Jesus as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. Eph 2:19-22

Hugh Bowerman

Planning Ahead!

We will be supporting the Charity Samaritan's Purse again this year by filling shoeboxes with toys, personal care items, school supplies, and fun gifts and sending them to children in need around the world. Last year we sent 27 filled boxes, and it would be great if we could do the same or even more this year.

There are several ways you can help.



You can use a shoebox of your own, wrap it in Christmas paper and fill it. Or you can buy a preprinted box Christmas shoe box. We will be ordering a number of these for Trinity in the next few weeks.

Start making or collecting items to go in the box you are sending. If you don't want to fill a complete box yourself, you are welcome to donate items to our Trinity 'collection'. These will be gathered together and members of Coffee and Chat and Messy Church will gladly fill the boxes nearer the time.

You can make a donation of money. A suggested donation of £5 per shoebox is essential to cover project costs including collection, processing, shipping, project materials and training local churches to lead a safe, well-organised children's event where your shoebox will be given to a child in need. donate money to help pay towards the cost of sending the boxes around the world.



Do have a think about how you can join in with this project, and tell your friends and family too! Working through local churches, the more boxes filled, the more we can help demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. **Leaflets are now available giving more information, plus a sign-up sheet if you someone would like to order a shoebox to fill yourself or for someone else to fill.**



What does it mean to be kind? To show kindness means to show someone you care for them by the way you behave, by what you say and by how you think, without expecting anything in return. Being kind is something we all can and should do, but it is not always easy and sometimes we can be unkind in what we do or say or think. Kindness is another fruit of the Spirit. Our world needs kindness.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, KINDNESS goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." Galatians 5: 22

Jesus told a story about a young Jewish man who was attacked by robbers and left by the side of the road, badly injured. Two people – also Jewish, walked past him without stopping to help. A third man walked by, saw the hurt young man and stopped to help him. He was a Samaritan, from a country called Samaria. Samaritans and Jews did not get on with each other at all! But he showed great kindness to the injured man and took him to somewhere safe where he would be looked after until he was better. He was a stranger, but that kind act probably saved the injured man's life.



Kindness comes in all shapes and sizes – from something small like a smile and a 'hello' to someone who looks sad and lonely, to doing something extraordinary for someone, like the Samaritan in our story. We can all show kindness every day and also see kindness in other people.



What a gift kindness is!



Prayer – Help me to show kindness to my friends, family and to everyone I meet – even if I don't know them. **Amen.**

Open Doors UK

On the 1st November, as part of our Communion service we will be thinking about the work of Open Doors UK as it is their International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church that day.

A particular focus to their campaigning work this year, is their 'Arise Africa' petition - see: [Home - Open Doors UK & Ireland](https://www.opendoorsuk.org/)
<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/>

I would encourage you to have a look and sign it, if you can. They are aiming for 1,000,000 signatures to support their call for:

...the global community to ensure that Christians and other vulnerable individuals in sub-Saharan Africa are treated with dignity and respect through: Protection, Justice & Restoration.

Sam

All Souls' Service
Trinity Methodist Church
Sunday 1st November 2026 at 4.30pm

A gentle, reflective service to remember those people we have loved and lost over the years.
All are welcome – no matter when your bereavement was.
Refreshments will be served after the service, which will last about 45 minutes.

If you would like the name(s) of your loved one(s) read out during the service there are 3 ways to let us know.

- If you have a smartphone just scan the QR code at the bottom right hand corner of this poster
- You can go to the Trinity website (<https://trinitywoking.org.uk> and click on the link
- You can phone the church office (01483 730754) and we will complete the form for you

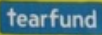




The Big Quiz Night
Saturday 14 November
6 – 8 pm
Trinity Methodist Church
Brewery Road
Woking GU21 4LH

Bring a dish of food to share (savoury or sweet), and your plate and cutlery and a mug/tumbler.
All are welcome! Teams of 6 on the night.
FUNDRAISING FOR TEARFUND

tearfund.org
Registered Charity No. 1047800, Registered Office: 1047800, Woking, Surrey, GU21 4LH
Registered with the Charity Commission, Reg. No. 1047800

 Registered with the Financial Regulator 

**COME ALONG TO OUR
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SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER,
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AT TRINITY**

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FUNDRAISING FOR TEARFUND
BRING A £1 COIN FOR THE FINAL FUN ROUND.

THERE IS A SIGN UP SHEET AT TRINITY.
DO COME ALONG FOR THIS FUN EVENING.
PLEASE COULD WE HAVE 3 VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH PREPARATION AND ON THE EVENING, INCLUDING POWERPOINT.

RSVP TO ALLISON



Subject: Trustees needed for Woking Street Angels

Woking Street Angels urgently seek two new trustees. The role is not onerous, with just 4 meetings a year and there is no need to commit to pounding the streets of Woking at weekends until the early hours! Just an awareness of the values and aims of Street Angels and what they do is all that's required. Any other details will be quick to pick up.

If you would like to learn more, without commitment, a short meeting can be arranged, in person or via Zoom. Maybe there is someone in your church or community you would like to nominate. A member of clergy would be great as well as lay people.

Please just get in touch at chairwokingstreetangels@gmail.com.

The need for new trustees is urgent so Woking Street Angels would love to hear from you or others you care to invite.

Best wishes
Mark Potter

Our October Coffee Donation Charity is...

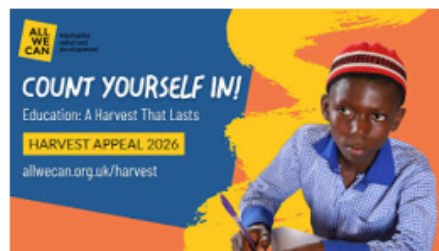
'All We Can'

"Education = A Harvest that Lasts"

All We Can is an international relief and development movement, rooted in the Christian faith. Their partners represent years of relationship. Together, they find solutions to poverty. **All We Can** does not import solutions and potential to the places they work. Instead, they walk alongside local partners to help communities uncover their own solutions and their own potential.

"Education = A Harvest that Lasts"

Working with 'All we Can', their Partner organisation 'Pikinto-Pikin' in Sierra Leone is ensuring all



children have the resources they need to learn and thrive. Better access to education enables children to flourish, provides guidance, structure and a positive pathway for a brighter and promising future.

All money raised from
Sunday morning refreshment
donations will be given to
All we Can



Methodist
relief and
development

More information at

www.allwecan@org.uk

Dementia training for unpaid carers in Woking



To be held at Woking Library, Gloucester Walk, Woking, GU21 6EP from 11am to 12pm on Wednesdays on the following dates:

21 October: Financial advice and support
28 October: Advanced dementia care
4 November: Technology in care

To book a place on any of the sessions listed please email:
communitiesandpreventionprojects@surreycc.gov.uk

Call: 0300 200 1005
Text: 07527 182 861 (for deaf or hard of hearing)
The link to the library events page:
<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries/your-library/find-your-nearest/woking/events-and-activities>



Neighbourhood Party

Last Saturday Trinity hosted our latest Neighbourhood Party. Our guests were entertained by Graham Kirby Smith, enjoyed a delicious high tea full of homemade food, had a fun quiz and finished with a sing a long.

On behalf of our very appreciative guests we'd like to thank everyone who helped to make this happen from the entertainers, the hosts, the drivers, our flower arranger and all the people behind the scenes baking cakes, preparing sandwiches, making jellies, serving and washing up and setting up and taking down the tables and chairs.

A great team effort and a lot of fun!

The Neighbourhood Party team



Integration with Chinese Church

Our conversations with the Chinese Church leaders have continued and we have now agreed to integrate into a single Church with 2 separate congregations.

We have arranged to sign the Declaration of Intent document on 18th October 2026.

Our service that day will be in English, joint with our Chinese friends and will be followed by a brief signing ceremony and then light refreshments.

To enable Paul Glass, who has been involved with the Chinese Church, and Paul Tabraham who is getting to know them, to be with us as the Declaration of Intent is signed, our service will start later than usual.

PLEASE NOTE THE SERVICE ON 18TH OCTOBER WILL START AT 11.30AM

Once the Declaration of Intent is signed, we will continue working together towards sharing responsibility for the building, for finance through a joint Church Council. This will take a little time, so please be patient with us.

Discover Kew Gardens for less this autumn with £10 Tuesdays. Available every Tuesday from 8 September to 29 December 2026, explore the world-class landscapes, iconic glasshouses and seasonal exhibitions across our UNESCO World Heritage Site for just £10. Valid for entry on Tuesday only.
<https://www.kew.org/kew-gardens/visit-kew-gardens/tickets>

Trinity Leadership Team



Following our special Joint Service with our Chinese friends on Sunday 18th October at 11.30am, we will be celebrating the signing of the Joint Declaration of Intent with refreshments. We have been asked to provide cakes.

Could you help? If you are able to provide a cake for cutting, or some small cakes, **please can you let Helen Bowerman know.**



The next Foodbank collection at Trinity will be on Sunday 1st November.

The following items are required:

- Small jars of coffee
- Semi skimmed long life milk
- Long life fruit juice
- Meat and chicken tinned meals
- Washing up liquid
- Shampoo
- Shower gel

Many thanks for your continued support

Carole Hymers

Trinity Garden

A very big thank you to everyone who watered the large plant pots at Trinity during the very dry Summer.

Thanks to you, the Busy Lizzies and Alstromerias have been, and still are, spectacular, and have been much admired and appreciated by many, including visiting Synod members.

Thanks from the Gardening Team

Can you help?



Would you be able to help in Junior Church on a Sunday morning? It would be really helpful to have a few more volunteers. No experience needed or requirements to plan, organise or lead – just a willingness to be present if needed and to join in. Unless we have two people present to maintain our safeguarding commitments, we are not able to hold Junior Church, so having a helper each week is vital. Please speak to Helen Bowerman if this is something you could help with – even on an occasional basis.

ELGAR
The Dream of Gerontius

Woking Choral Society
Reigate & Redhill Choral Society
Chantry Singers
Octavian Singers
London Mozart Players

Judy Louie Brown mezzo soprano
Dominic Bevan tenor
Ross Cumming baritone
Cole Bendall conductor

28 NOVEMBER 2026 7.30PM **G LIVE**
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Logos: WOKING CHORAL SOCIETY, R&R Reigate & Redhill Choral Society, LMP LONDON MOZART PLAYERS, Octavian Singers, The Chantry Singers, The Humphrey Richardson Taylor Charitable Trust

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by **12 noon on the Wednesday before that Sunday's issue.**
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