

WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Message from the Leadership Team (LT)

Last week, I travelled to the Loire Valley in France, where I had the opportunity to visit various châteaux and gardens. Among the many beautiful sites we explored were Le Clos Lucé, known as the final residence of Leonardo da Vinci, and the gardens of Chateau Villandry – reputed to be the most beautiful in France. The experience of wandering through these historic locations offered both aesthetic pleasure and moments of contemplation.

It was fascinating to observe the behaviour of my fellow travellers during the holiday. Although the majority of my companions would not describe themselves as religious, there was a clear interest in visiting Tours Cathedral. This was not something I had expected. Our guide arranged for us to visit the Cathedral. However, when we arrived, we found that a funeral service was about to begin. As a result, we were unable to enter the cathedral at that time. Later, when we were granted some free time to explore the area independently, most of our group chose to return to the cathedral.

This experience led me to reflect on what it is that attracts people to places like cathedrals, even if they do not consider themselves religious. I believe it is the sense of peace and quiet that these spaces offer—a reassuring atmosphere that suggests all is well. There is a feeling that God is present with us, even if we are not consciously aware of it.

Jean Normington Senior Steward & Circuit Steward



Gardens of Chateau Villandry

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Forthcoming Services

Sunday 19 October 2025

Morning Worship
 led by
 Reverend Sam Funnell
 10.30 am

Sunday 26 October 2025

Morning Worship
 led by
 Leadership Team
 10.30 am

6 pm Foundry Worship

Live Stream Link

[Click HERE](#)

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

Circuit Letter The
 Circuit letter dated
 15 October 2025 is
[HERE](#)



Stained Glass Window Tours Cathedral



Have you ever looked at a painting or a beautiful embroidery or piece of pottery or a wood carving and wished you could do that?



Our world is full of beautiful things which have been made by people with skill and imagination and creativity who make things which bring us joy and make us think. Some people just seem to have a natural talent; others learn a skill and with practice and time develop their skills and talents. Each are creators in their own way.

It says in the Bible:

He (God) has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work as engravers, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen, and weavers—all of them skilled workers and designers. [Exodus 35:35](#)

God, our Creator has made us to be creators too! We may not turn out to be an amazing artist like Picasso or Van Gough, or a potter like Josiah Wedgwood, or produce stunning, richly decorated embroidery, yet we can all create something of beauty or use that gives us enjoyment – enjoyment in the making and creating. Baking a cake, making a birthday card for someone, writing a poem or a story, making a Christmas decoration.

At Messy Church we made autumn wreaths and leaves and pine-cone hedgehogs – displayed in Church as part of our harvest celebration. Lovely things created using the skills and talents God has given us.



Prayer Thank you God for giving us eyes and hands and imagination to be 'creators.' Thank you for all those who make our world a more beautiful place using the talents You have given them. Amen

Our October Coffee Donation Charity is Christian Aid's Middle East Humanitarian Appeal



The conflict in Gaza is taking a devastating toll on the lives of people in Gaza. They've seen death and destruction on a scale of unimaginable proportions. In a country already reeling from an economic crisis and coping with a large refugee population, homes and villages have been destroyed – **displacing almost one million women, men and children.**

Christian Aid have launched a Middle East Humanitarian Appeal

Their established partners on the ground in Gaza are working tirelessly, under intense and dangerous conditions, to deliver life-saving medical care, food and shelter.



All money raised from Sunday morning refreshment donations will be given to Christian Aid

More information at www.christianaid.org.uk

Here's a date to put in your diary!

Saturday 15th November, 6-8pm

The Big Quiz Night

Come along and join the fun.

Bring a dish for a shared Buffet supper.

Fun & Fundraising together!

MORE INFO TO FOLLOW!



Coffee and Chat and Messy Church are joining together to support Operation Christmas Child by making 'shoebox' gifts



A shoebox filled with small gifts is an expression of God's love for a child, and it may be the only gift they receive this Christmas. Boxes are sent to some of the most difficult places and communities in the world

Can you help us by providing some small gifts to help fill our boxes? We will be collecting the following items:

- small dolls and cuddly toys
- toy cars
- skipping ropes and yoyos
- toothbrushes
- socks
- combs and hairbrushes
- pencils pens sharpeners crayons and markers
- small notebooks
- colouring and picture books
- solar calculators
- sunglasses
- torches (wind up or with extra batteries)
- tennis balls/soft balls
- small puzzles (for all ages)

Please do NOT include toothpaste, lotions and liquids, sweets or any other food items

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 14th (Contributions by 13th November please)

If you want to find out more, please take a leaflet (by the collection box) or visit www.SamaritansPurse.org.uk





Woking Foodbank

The next collection for the foodbank will be on Sunday 2nd November. Items most needed are

- long life fruit juice,
- adult toothbrushes,
- shaving foam and gel,
- disposable razors,
- and toilet cleaner.

Also useful would be honey, hot chocolate powder, coffee, corned beef, peanut butter and mayonnaise. Thank you for your continued support.

Carole Hymers



How to donate to the 60th Anniversary Project Appeal and Gift Aid information

Gift aid is a tax break for charities where 25% of donations can be claimed on behalf of the UK taxpayer.

For our 60th Anniversary appeal, for the creation of a prayer room, there are now donation envelopes at Trinity, but donations can also be made by the DONA machine in the East entrance at Trinity or by BACs transfer.

If by DONA please follow the gift aid messages on the screen and tick 60th Anniversary.

If donating via BACs, please ensure you fill in a Gift Aid form available from the Church Office or Mike Tozer if you are a UK tax payer and have not completed one previously.

BACs details are:-

Account Name Trinity Methodist Church Woking
Sort Code 40-52-40
Account number 00016486

ALL SOUL'S SERVICE

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 2nd November 2025 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 please contact our Church Administrator on admin@trinitywoking.org

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTY

SATURDAY
18TH OCTOBER 2025
4:00 - 6:00pm
Trinity Methodist Church
Brewery Road, Woking



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



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 David Reeve (01483 715462)
Hugh Bowerman

Help needed!

Thanks to our Sunday morning coffee volunteers we can all enjoy refreshments and fellowship after the morning service. But we really would appreciate some more people helping us as a few of us have had to 'step down'!

It works out only about 8 times a year – less if there are more of us!

Please have a word with Helen Bowerman if you think you can help. Thank you.





Create and Record a Christmas Worship Song

Saturday 8th 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
(*limited spaces - £15 on the day if places available)



E-mail: BornInSongMA@gmail.com

Facebook: Born In Song Music Academy, Windsor UK



Coffee and Chat

On Wednesday 22nd October Coffee and Chat will be welcoming Rev Sam to talk about her time in Greece during her recent sabbatical. We meet from 10.30am to 12.00pm at Trinity and all are welcome to join us.



Coffee and Chat on 15th October included a talk by Mike Tozer on "The Calgary Stampede."



A prayer that God's story be our story

Story-telling God,
as you gathered the crowds in Galilee,
and stretched the imaginations of the affluent and defeated,
enter our world today.

Where the lonely stare at screens,
and deception comes via glamorous lies,
when we cultivate the ethos of insiders and outsiders –
speak into our hearts the depths of your love story.

A story of grace, hope and beautiful mercy.

A story of joy-filled expectation.

A story of new beginnings.

A story of hope.

Enable us to make love real.

May your story be our story.

Our end, our beginning and our whole life's journey. Amen.

Helen Hollands, District Chair, East Anglia District

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.