

WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Leadership notes

So my annual two week break is nearly over. It is early-Sunday morning. The sun has just risen, and the view over the Apennine mountains in Italy is stunning. I'll be lucky to see the likes of this for another 12 months, maybe longer. A deep sigh as I remind myself that in a short while I must pack for our journey home.

Holidays are strange things. For some they satisfy a curiosity to visit different places, but for many they are a needed break from the routine of life. Refreshment rather than curiosity is where I am at, not that I don't appreciate seeing the different and unusual.

One such trip this holiday was to the Grotte di Frasassi caves, near where we are staying. TBH, with temperatures in the high 30's, a cave visit with promised 14C temperature underground was the main motivator for the visit - the mainstay of other 'cool' visits are the numerous churches, but you can have too much of a good thing! And so it was caves this time. We gathered from the limited publicity that these were quite impressive caves, but we were totally unprepared for what we found. Look on the website if you want to get an idea, although no static picture can do justice to the scale of the caverns and the size and number of stalagmites and stalactites. These 'caves on our doorstep' rank no.4 in the world, though I have no idea how you rank caves. Let's just say they were totally awe inspiring in terms of size and beauty. For some reason, it set me thinking about Elijah. After the spiritual high of belittling the 450 prophets of Baal at Mount Carmel, he fell into an emotional low as he fled for his life from Ahab and Jezebel. Elijah eventually found himself a cave to hide in. Here angels attended him whilst Elijah complains to God that he is the only believer left and basically wants to hear from God what he has to say. After Carmel, Elijah expects God to speak through some great or powerful event - wind, earthquake or fire. But Elijah does not find God in these. Instead there is silence, and Elijah hears a whisper from God, reminding him that he is not alone, there are still 7000 'believers' in Israel. Chastened and encouraged, Elijah starts the next chapter of his life as a prophet.

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Forthcoming Services

Sunday 6 September 2026

Morning Worship and Communion
led by
Rev Sam Funnell
at 10.30 am

Sunday 13 September 2026

Morning Worship
led by
Graham Warr
at 10.30 am
Foundry Worship at
6.00pm



Circuit Prayer Diary for the month click here

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www.veyvalleycircuit.org.uk/publications

Circuit Letter for this week click here

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www.veyvalleycircuit.org.uk/home/news

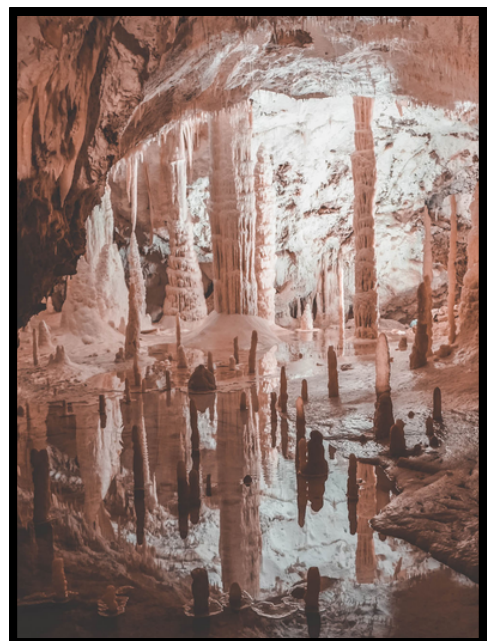
**TRINITY
NEWS
& VIEWS**

I am planning the next issue of TNV for publication in mid/late September. Please submit (preferably to tnv@trinitywoking.org) any items – reports, stories, poems, photographs (anything of interest!) - by the deadline of Sunday 13 September.
Thanks, David Lander

Leadership notes (continued)

To some extent a holiday is a bit like Elijah's flight. But like Elijah, we need to return to normal, to our next chapter. Whilst this applies at a personal level, I think it also applies at a church level. As I return to normality, the first significant event in my diary is a Leadership Team awayday - Thurs 10th September. This is a chance for the LT to retreat into our 'cave' and share our concerns and challenges - like Elijah may be have a bit of a moan to God! But I hope that above all we, like Elijah, will hear a whisper from God as to what the next chapter for us and Trinity is to be. Please pray for us - mark the date in your diary. Pray that God's Spirit will prompt us to have honest and creative discussions. Pray that opportunities for change and growth are revealed, and that the overall output from the day will be one of hope and encouragement. Finally, in 1971 a group of young cavers from Ancona explored a hole on an Apennine mountain. They discovered one of the wonders of the natural world. God's riches are of even more value. May we leave no stone unturned, no hole unexplored, as we seek together to be a church that reveals God in all his glory.

Hugh Bowerman



THE COFFEE MORNING BELOW IS ORGANISED AS USUAL BY TARINA BERRY.



A promotional poster for a 'Coffee Morning AND SALE 4' event. The poster features a large brown banner with 'COFFEE MORNING' in white, and 'AND SALE 4' in red. Below this, it says 'IN AID OF KSSX AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY KENT SURREY SUSSEX' with a logo. A small circular logo for 'KMC' is in the top left. To the right, there's an illustration of a person in a green shirt and orange cap serving coffee, with a sign listing 'TEA COFFEE BISCUITS BACON BUTTIES'. Below the illustration is a photo of a bacon butty. Text on the poster includes: 'There will be various stalls including: Cakes, Guess the Weight of the Cake, Raffle, Tombola, Guess the Name of Teddy, Guess How Many Sweets in the Jar, Model Railway, & Bric-a-Brac. Offers of help and donations of items welcome! Contact Tarina Berry'. It also states 'To be opened by Cllr Saj Hussain' and 'KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH HALL'. The date and time are 'Saturday 5th September 2026 10am to Noon'. The website 'www.knaphillmethodist.co.uk' is at the bottom. A photo of a helicopter is on the left side.

COFFEE MORNING
AND SALE 4

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AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY
KENT SURREY SUSSEX
Registered Charity No: 1021367

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Bacon Butties!

Woking foodbank donations will be collected on **Sunday 6th September**.

Due to shortages at the warehouse the following items are urgently requested :

- Packets and jars of baby food
- Long life fruit juice
- Fruit squash
- Tinned custard
- Small cartons laundry detergent (non bio and bio)
- Children's chocolate bars

Many thanks for your continued support.

Carole Hymers





Welcome Service for Revd Paul Tabraham

Our new Superintendent Minister

Light refreshments will be served before the service



Sunday 6 September 2026

6.00pm

Knaphill Methodist Church
Broadway, Knaphill, GU21 2DR



**Old Drum Kit
looking for new
home**

As you may have noticed, we have a shiny new electric drum kit, thanks to our friends in the Chinese congregation. The old drum kit is now gathering dust in a cupboard.

Please let me know if you think of anyone/any organisations who might like to have it.

Thanks, Graham Kirby-Smith



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:

- 2 September: Introduction to dementia
- 9 September: Managing behaviours of concern
- 23 September: Falls prevention
- 30 September: Nutrition and hydration
- 7 October: Support with personal care
- 14 October: Carer Wellbeing
- 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>

Save the date!

An advance invitation to our

Harvest Tea

**Saturday 19th September at
4pm**

Look out for the sign-up sheet in Church
from Sunday 6th September

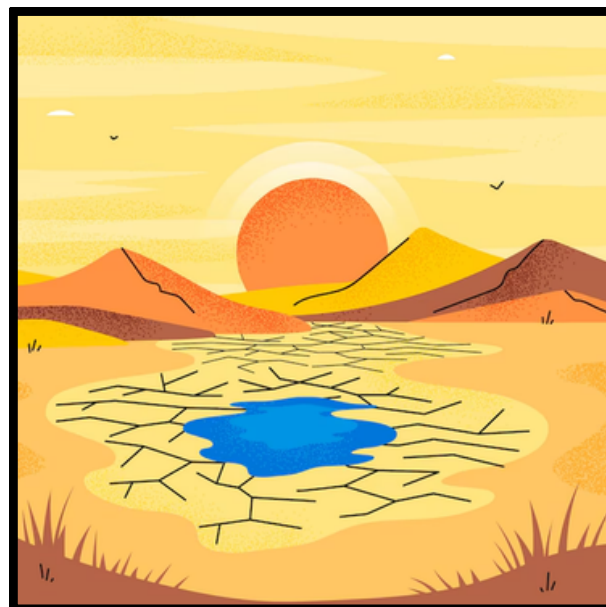
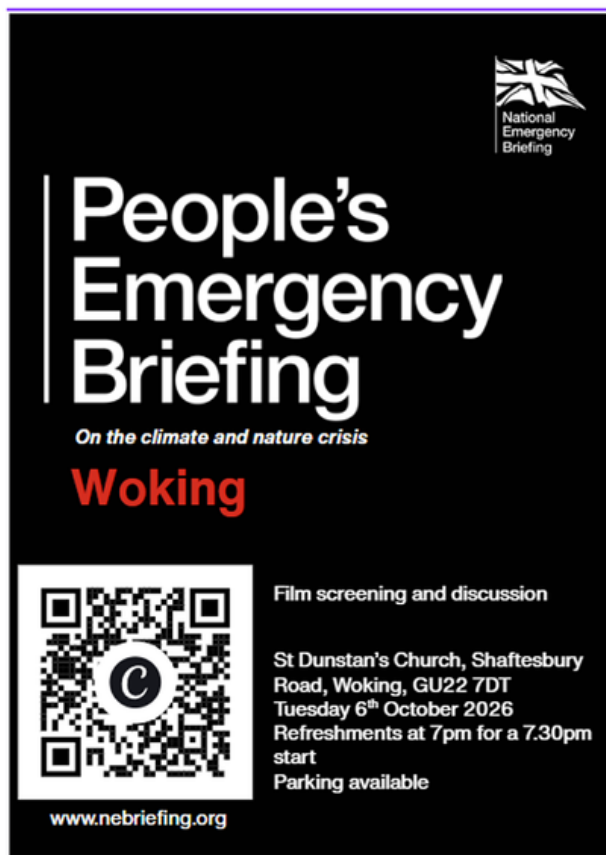
Everyone welcome!



Supporting



A SIGN UP SHEET FOR THE HARVEST TEA WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SUNDAY TO GIVE AN IDEA OF NUMBERS AND DIETARY REQUIREMENTS - OR PEOPLE COULD LET ONE OF THE STEWARDS KNOW.



Screening of the “People’s Emergency Briefing”

St Dunstan’s Church,

Tuesday 6th October - 7pm for 7.30pm Start

The brutal heat and drought have brought home to many of us that we, in the UK, can no longer assume that our temperate climate will protect us from the worst impact of the climate crisis. In November last year, leading experts addressed over 1,200 MPs, peers, and other leaders in Westminster about the latest climate change evidence and its implications for the UK - covering issues such as extreme weather, food insecurity, increased health problems, increased cost of living, and civil and international unrest.

The “People’s Emergency Briefing” brings that evidence together into a 50 minute film, featuring commentary from Chris Packham and reactions from Deborah Meaden and a range of voices from across the UK. The LiveSimply team is hosting one of many nationwide screenings of this important film and we invite you to take this opportunity to understand what we are facing. There will be a structured post film discussion about how best to respond to the crisis. We are expecting Anne-Marie Barker - leader of Woking BC and the Environment Portfolio lead for the new West Surrey & Middlesex Council - to attend.

Places are limited and we are already receiving enquiries from the general public. Therefore, invite your friends and neighbours and secure your free tickets using the link below.

Where: St Dunstan’s Church

Date: Tuesday 6th October

Time: 7pm refreshments for 7.30pm start

Tickets: Free from <https://buytickets.at/livesimplywoking/2344440> (or speak to the church office, if you are not online).

Our coffee donation charity for September is Macmillan Cancer Support

Macmillan helps everyone with cancer live to life as fully as they can. It offers confidential advice on benefits entitlement, housing costs, and managing the financial impact of cancer. They also provide one-off **Macmillan Grants** to help with everyday expenses.



A free Support Line, a peer-to-peer online community, and trained volunteers are available to provide emotional support as well as funding and supporting Clinical Nurse Specialists (Macmillan Nurses) and support workers who guide patients through diagnosis and treatment.



In addition, **Macmillan** works to influence UK healthcare policies and decision-makers to make cancer care fairer and more accessible and provides healthcare professionals and employers with the training and resources needed to support staff affected by cancer.

All money donated for refreshments and coffee in September will be given to **Macmillan Cancer Support**

More information can be found at www.macmillan.org.uk



Our next **Neighbourhood Party** is on Saturday 10th October. Planning is well under way. First Aid cover is normally provided by our guiders. This year the party clashes with a guiding event. We therefore need to find someone with a current first aid qualification who can be at the party. If that's you, or you know someone who has a first aid certificate, could you let Pauline Robson or me know

Whilst on the subject, it would be useful if Trinity had a few more people around who have a current first aid certificate. The intention is not to put people on a rota or anything like that, but just to have a number of us who know what current first aid practice is. Perhaps we could run a training session at Trinity for half a dozen or so. If I recall, the training is both interesting and can be quite fun. If you'd be interested, can you let a member of the LT know?

Hugh Bowerman

Neighbourhood Party - 10 Oct 2026

Our next Neighbourhood Party is on Saturday 10th October 2026 between 4 and 6pm. There'll be high tea, entertainment and a fun quiz.

We need lots of volunteers to make this happen.

If you can bake a cake, make sandwiches or jellies or help on the day then please contact Pauline Robson (07729 301713)

To give someone a lift then please contact Marian Nash (07749 094064)

If you know someone who'd appreciate an invitation then please contact either Pauline or Marian.

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.

You are welcome to join the **prayer group** on Friday 4th September and Friday 18th September at 10am at Trinity.

Heavenly Father rekindle our zeal,
Enlarge our vision, increase our faith
And show us what you would have us do
In the service of your kingdom.
Amen

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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