

WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Message from the Leadership Team

Last Saturday we had a very enjoyable mission supper organised by the circuit mission group. The speaker was Trey Hall the Director of Evangelism and Growth in the Methodist Church. He talked about actively planning our mission as a church and Rev Paul Glass gave some examples of missional activity by churches in the circuit which fitted with their situation e.g. West Horsley ran a crib service at Christmas and invited the local primary school.

‘A mission plan is simply a plan of action saying what the church will do in the next year or 18 months to reach their community with God’s love. A mission plan should show a desire for more people to:

- explore faith and encounter grace
- come to a living faith in Jesus Christ
- grow in faith and discipleship
- become committed members of your church.

This is not to ignore the challenges or to reduce mission to an obsession with numbers. Instead it is an attitude of praying, looking, hoping and working for transformation which goes beyond Sunday morning worship attendance.’ (Taken from Our Church’s Future Story Guidance and resources for mission planning).

A really useful plan will include concrete actions and specific goals. As a church there are many ways that we already work in mission e.g. we take chocolates and give them out to passers by at Christmas with a message of invitation from the church. I wrote last time about asking the groups who hire our church if they would like us to pray for them and if there was anything specific? Have any of us done that yet? What more could we be doing as a church to increase our mission and evangelism and reaching out? Please let me know and the Leadership Team will help you realise them.

Ruth Taylor, Circuit Steward and Church Steward. March 2025

Morning Worship

Sunday 16 March
Morning Worship &
General Church Meeting
10.00am

Foundry Worship, 6pm

Sunday 23 March
Morning Worship
led by the team
10.30am

Sunday 30 March
Mothering Sunday
Service
led by the team
10.30am

Foundry Worship, 6pm

Live Stream Link

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Circuit News

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

The Circuit letter for the week is [HERE](#)

Children's Worship (Handout by Helen B)

Loving Our Neighbour



A couple of weeks ago we heard the story of the Good Samaritan and learned that **everyone is our 'neighbour'** – even people we may not know. In the Bible in 1 John 3:18 it tells us 'Let's not just talk about love; let's practice real love'. But how can we do this?

Well – we can help our friends and family in practical ways – helping to tidy up, giving someone a hug when they are feeling sad, being friendly, sharing what we have. But what about helping our 'neighbour' – people in need that we perhaps don't even know.

You will probably already be doing that in lots of different ways.



Perhaps you donate things to a charity shop or buy something there. Have you ever done a sponsored walk or other sponsored activity at school? The



money you raise in these ways will help someone. Or have you twinned your toilet or tap with one in a country where water is scarce?

Some of the leaders from Friday Night messy Church have been to The Gambia – a tiny country in Africa. Working together with local people they have helped to decorate a clinic and classrooms in a school. Showing love can also be in the way we think and behave – being patient, forgiving someone, being generous.

We can show love to our 'neighbour' – in so many different ways. **Don't just talk about it – do it!!**

How do you show love - to people you know or people you have never met?

Prayer – Help me to be ready to show Your love to my 'neighbour' Amen.



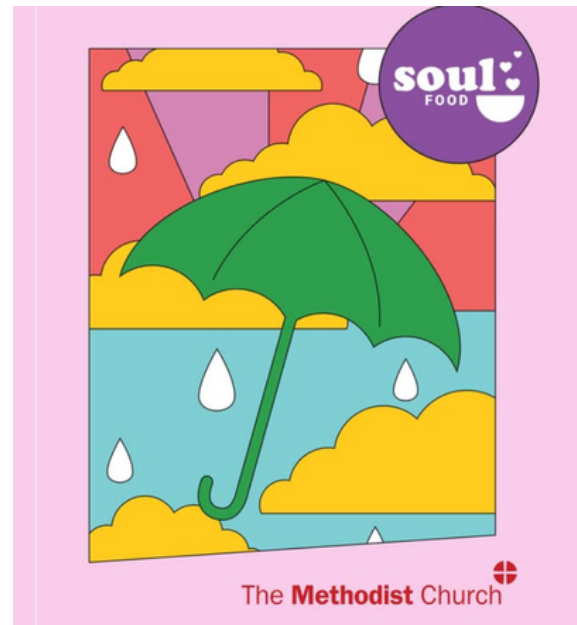
The next collection at Trinity will be on **Sunday 6th April**. Urgent items required are small packets of rice (not the microwaveable kind), long life fruit juice, small pots of instant breakfast oats, coffee, children's toothpaste and nappies size 4, 6 and 7.

Many thanks for your continued support.
Carole Hymers

Prayer Corner

The next opportunity for corporate prayer will be **21 March**, 10am in the Prayer Room.

All are welcome!



A prayer of blessing for the coming week:

*May God, the mother hen,
shelter your soul today.*

From Methodist Church Soul Food campaign

Foundry Worship 16 March 2025, 5.45pm for 6pm

At Foundry Worship this Sunday evening Rev Phil Simpson will be leading our message slot. He has titled this 'deeply rooted: profoundly open' which will talk about how we interact with people of faith. Phil writes "I suspect God has it all sorted whereas we on the other hand !"

It is currently the middle of Ramadan. Phil has extensive experience of working with the Islamic communities as well as other people of faith. Living in a cosmopolitan town like Woking, we will all have encountered people of other faiths. If you've ever wondered how we interact with people of faith, this is a chance to get some insight.

We start with refreshments at 5.45pm with worship starting at 6pm. All are warmly invited to join us.

Hugh Bowerman
Foundry Pastor

Lent Reflections

Lent Reflections 2025 led by Rev Sam Funnell

On Zoom
Meeting ID 897 3371 0859
Passcode 885315

Week 1 – 28/3: 'In the Wilderness'

Week 2 – 4/4: 'Love for the Lost'

Week 3 – 11/4 'Anointed by Mary'

[CLICK HERE for Link](#)

Commonwealth Day Service from Westminster Abbey

Dad and I really enjoyed THIS SERVICE broadcast by the BBC, to celebrate Commonwealth Day.

It was inclusive, challenging in parts - particularly around (i) violence against women and girls, and (ii) the realities for pacific islands of climate change. The music spanned the world. It was at turns spiritual - the Kanneh Masons playing Deep River on piano and violin, and exciting - a cultural dance from Kenya, as well as 'traditional' church music from the Abbey choir. Dan WS

Trinity 60 Celebrations

As you may have heard, this year is the 60th anniversary of a Methodist congregation at Trinity Methodist Church, Brewery Road.

I think it's quite a significant anniversary, because it was on the 60th anniversary of the previous Methodist church building that the congregation moved to Brewery Road.

This is going to be celebrated on the weekend of **14th / 15th June**, and I'm organising some sort of variety show, for **Saturday 14th June**.

Currently my central idea is to create a programme that includes items from shows / musicals / plays / pantos / events that have been put on by Trinity over the last 60 years, and items written by Trinity members past & present, with room for something not done before, such as from the HK Chinese congregation. And food to be included!

Please let me know ASAP if you're interested in getting involved:

- Suggestions for items to include in the programme.
- Singing / playing / acting / reading / hosting / dancing etc. on the night.
- Backstage help on the night (including sound / lighting, general dogsbody!)
- Being a part of the planning team.

Thanks,
Graham Kirby-Smith



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