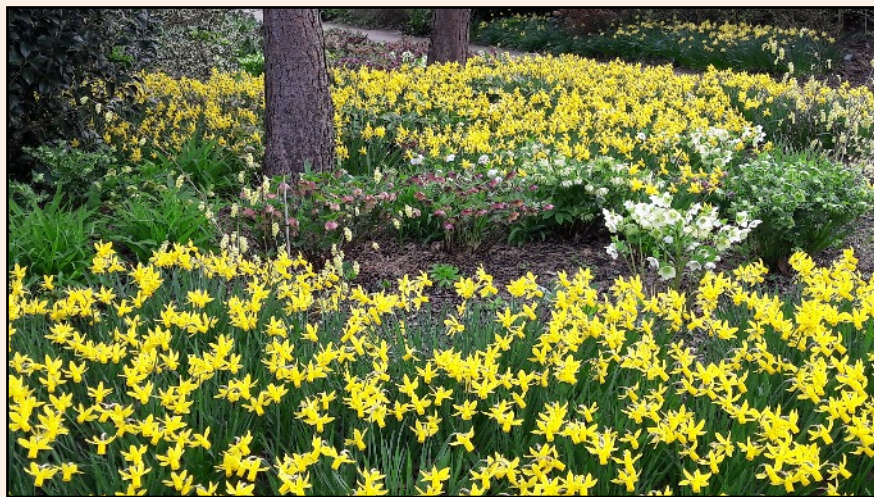


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Praise the Lord, my soul. Lord my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendour and majesty. *Psalm 104 v1*

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Message from Rev Alan Taylor

Imagine that you had been invited to the most talked-about wedding in human history in a dusty village in a northern province of Palestine...Cana of Galilee to be precise. You would have had a good day or more likely a good week because that's how long the wedding breakfast went on for! Something usually goes wrong at weddings even if it's only that the bride has to wait around the corner in the bridal car until the taxi bearing one or more great aunts finds its way to the church. As we know, what went wrong at the wedding in Cana of Galilee was that the wine ran out. And if wine runs out it's treated as an anti-social gesture bringing disgrace on a young couple just as they begin a new life together in the community. Of course we know the ending. The bride and groom are left to think that the ceremony has gone off as planned without a hitch.

The only other thing we know about Cana is that it's the home of Nathanael who had been told by Jesus that he would see greater things than he's seen already. And now, three days after Nathanael's call, he has sight and taste not only of vast quantities of fine wine but of the wine-giver himself. Jesus does not simply rescue an awkward situation but he transfigures it. You might think it's a waste of a good story hidden from you and the other guests, a waste of a miracle just to spare a bride from blushes at a little village wedding, a waste of such a mighty display of power before a few inconsequential servants, a waste of fine wine on undiscerning palates. But it isn't a waste at all because as John tells us in his gospel...it is a sign...something pointing beyond itself...a sign of the superfluity of God's grace...a sign of generous self-giving...a sign of transformation.

The 19th century theologian, Soren Kierkegaard commented: Christ turned water into wine but the church has succeeded in doing something even more difficult, it has been turning wine into water!'

I trust that is something Trinity Methodist Church Woking has not done nor will ever do but it is something to bear in mind in all our conversations, in all our committee meetings, in our church councils, in our circuit meetings, in our decision making. Where in this church might we encounter reckless grace? Where the generous self-giving? Where the overflowing waters of baptism? Where the life-giving bread and wine of communion? Where the truth that sets us free? Where the lives of men and women transformed by the good news of the gospel?

(When you think about it, it is not just the church where wine can be turned into water. The UK Parliament has long enjoyed the epithet of the Mother of Parliaments but surely no longer after the chaos and confusion of recent weeks and months. The President of the United States has been regarded as the leader of the Free World but that was before the presidency fell into the hands of one whose hold on truth is fragile and who appears to have little or no self-awareness.)

Malcolm Guite is a poet, priest, academic and songwriter. Here are a few lines from his poem:

Epiphany at Cana

Here's an epiphany to have and hold,
A truth that you can taste upon the tongue,
No distant shrines and canopies of gold
Or ladders to be clambered rung by rung,
But here and now, amidst your daily living,
Where you can taste and touch and feel and see,
The spring of love, the fount of all forgiving,
Flows when you need it, rich, abundant, free.

Every Blessing

Allan (Rev. Allan Taylor)



Saturday 23rd February	Circuit Supper with Rev Mike Long	6pm for 6.30pm start
Sunday 24th February	Early Communion	8.45am
Tuesday 12th March	Lent Course starts for 5 weeks -led by Graham Horsley	7.30pm
Sunday 31st March	Mothering Sunday	10.30am
Sunday 7th April	Church General Meeting <i>(After morning service)</i>	12.00 noon
Sunday 14th April	Neighbourhood Tea Party	4.00 - 6.00pm
Thursday 18th April	Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service	8.00pm
Friday 19th April	Good Friday Reflective Service before joining Act of Witness in Town Square	10.00am
Sunday 21st April	Easter Day With Holy Communion	10.30am
Sunday 26th May	Early Communion	8.45am



Church Family News

Baptism

9th December 2018

Tapuwa Matsaudza (Denzel))



"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." Ephesians 4:4-6

Congratulations

To Edward Phillips who has been presented with his Queen's Scout Award at a ceremony at The Lightbox on 4th January.



He has also achieved the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award and has been invited to St. James's Palace in February for a ceremony hosted by Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex.



People have remarked to me that they will miss Charles Cooke's Prayers of Intercession. They were always so thoughtful, sensitive and sincere.

Gospel Sunday 23 December 2018
Christmas Cantata
"The Silence and the Sound"

It was the Sunday before Christmas, a gathering of more than 150 people from Epsom, Guildford and Woking area at Trinity. They experienced a wonderful service together. It was not just another Sunday service, but one with special features. The service was conducted in Chinese and English, the service program alike. The congregation turned out to be of all ages, different nationalities with various cultural background. Amidst the diversities was one unity, to enjoy and worship together.

The coming of the Epsom Church Choir was the fourth of their presentations this winter. Their yearly outreach as messengers of the gospel has become a mission with full support of their congregation. Members of the choir are from different age groups, each with it's role in the presentation. The hymns were in Mandarin and English, with display of lyrics on monitors. It was such a wonderful afternoon of worship.

Gospel message was given by Rev Ung Soon Nguang, a Chinese pastor from Malaysia. The theme "What if there was no Christmas?" was thought provoking and encouraging. The lively English translation helped non-Mandarin speakers get along with the message with ease.

The offering taken was to be forwarded to Chinese Methodist Mission (UK). The CMM represent all Chinese Methodist churches in UK, working towards planting and building of Chinese congregations. We would like to offer our support to their mission for the extension of His kingdom.

Refreshment was held in the Main Hall after the service, another good opportunity for fellowship. Sharing and communication across the tables fostered and promoted friendship among friends old and new, far and wide.

The event was also a reflection of wonderful fellowship and joint efforts. Trinity family, as usual, offered unfailing support in the preparation, such as audio visual aids, seating arrangement, refreshments and attention throughout and after the event. Without their ardent support and encouragement, we would not have been able to make it happen. It is another evidence that the church family is sure to march forward together in our forthcoming ministry.

Chinese Congregation Woking



A Forgotten Hymn

Sorting through old papers following my recent move I came across a number of hymns from the Primitive (Prims) Methodist Era such as, "In Loving Kindness" often referred to as, He Lifted Me, one in particular bringing back vivid memories from years so long ago. But about that later.

I grew up in a village in North Staffs (Clayton, Newcastle-under-Lyme) more of a hamlet of farms/small-holdings, 13 farms and 7 small-holdings ours being the Shooting Lodge of years before and in addition to these about 29 farm workers houses. I remember in the very early days that the only shops were in Newcastle almost three miles away, we had no shop or post office and only one bus per day but we did have a village school (5 to 11) at my time (7 years old) 22 pupils. Our Teacher/Head, Miss Maundrey who played the harmonium for assembly each morning, came from the same village as my mother she playing the church organ and my Mother playing the chapel organ.

During my last year at the village school I was appointed "Head Boy" which meant I made the Horlicks each morning for every one paid for by Miss Maundrey. Soon this was to change as it was time to think about Senior School all of three miles away with no transport, so it was walk or an old bike in all weathers, the latter won.

Mains water was piped to the village when (I think) I was about 5 years old in 1931 as I remember helping to carry buckets of water from the village well. I often reflect did this experience have any bearing on my Gambian Commitment to provide village wells.

We did not have any official place of worship other than what was localized, not that it would have been possible to attend morning service as at 7:00am on Saturday and Sunday morning it was on the milk delivery until 12:00 in the Pony and Trap Any special Sunday afternoons it was a case a quick clean of the trap and off we would go, these would include (maybe two or three) to Mow Cop where Camp Meeting was held in May, although the 1932 act had come into being there was a hand over period and as I remember people were everywhere, reported up to 5000 with individuals settings up to preach including my Grandfather who was a Fire and Brimstone L P of local note.

On Sunday afternoons we were invited to the home of the Misses Kierey where they had a Sunday School, this was great fun as during the summer time their drive was lined with ripe strawberries and later ripe apples and pears.

Sunday Evening I now have come to understand fashioned a vital role in my life, as the villages were allowed the use of the school premises to hold a "Songs of Praise" complete with harmonium, where we belted out the many Sankey and Moody Hymns, I remember as a boy soprano singing "Safe in the arms of Jesus" then afterwards again at home with my Mother playing the piano by paraffin light with my Father who had what is described as a Golden Tenor voice singing in the background.

Since leaving the Clayton village school at 11 years old I have led a varied life and through all those years hope to have kept faith with those early experiences, so many of them. One to share was by General Major Sir William (Bill) Slim at the Thanksgiving Service held at Meikilla, Central Burma, November 1945.

Finally knowing the vanity of man's efforts and the confusion of his purpose, let us pray that God may accept our services and direct our endeavours, so that when we shall have done all, we may see the fruit of our labours and be satisfied.

The Hymn from those years of so long ago was by Fanny Crosby (1820-1915) who although being blind from a baby, due to a (quack) Dr having hot water poured onto her eyes resulting in her blindness, wrote over 900 hymns.

Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle breast,
There by His love o'ershaded,
Sweetly my soul doth rest.
Hark! 'tis the voice of angels
Borne in a song to me
Over the fields of glory
Over the Jasper Sea

*(Refrain) Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle breast,
There by His love o'ershaded,
Sweetly my soul doth rest.*

Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe from corroding care,
Safe from the world's temptations,
Sin cannot harm me there.
Free from the blight of sorrow,
Free from my doubts and fears;
Only a few more trials,
Only a few more tears.

Jesus, my heart's dear Refuge,
Jesus has died for me;
Firm on the Rock of Ages
Ever my trust shall be.
Here let me wait with patience,
Wait till the night is o'er,
Wait till I see the morning
Break on the golden shore.

Bill Lindop

A Manse on the move?



And I thought it was the ministers who moved - not the Manses!
Spotted along the Wey Navigation in Pyrford.

LENT LUNCHES 2019

Under the auspices of Churches Together In Woking, Lunches are being arranged every Friday during Lent, from 8th March to 12th April. The Lunches will be in the Hall of St. Dunstan's, RC Church, Shaftesbury Road, Woking, between 12.00 and 1.30pm. Pause for Thought at 12.45pm.

The lunches are a time of inter-church fellowship around a simple meal provided by teams from participating churches. They are a pleasant occasion for meeting members from other churches as well as a time to consider some thoughts on the theme of Lent given by visiting speakers. The lunches last year raised £1,546 for Christian Aid.





Chinese New Year falls on 5 February this year, with the Pig as the 12th of the Chinese zodiac animals. The years of the Pig include 1923, 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019, 2031

According to the Lunar calendar, New Year is to start on the first day of the first month of the lunar year, and celebration will last till the 15th, with the Lantern Festival, the first full moon. Nowadays, although Lunar calendar has gradually given way to western Gregorian calendar, reference to Lunar calendar still counts for some major traditional festivals, such as New Year, Dragon Boat Festival (5th month), Moon Festival (8th month) Double Nine Festival (9th month) etc.

In the past, agricultural China welcomed New Year as a time for thanksgiving for blessings from Heaven, and sharing of harvest in the community and family. It was also a time to retrospect into the previous year and plan for the coming years. The advent would start with cleansing and tidying up the household, discarding old and useless objects. The coming of new season is to bring new spirit and hope. Such legacy in cultural heritage has been handed down in most Chinese communities, in China and overseas alike.

Chinese New Year celebration takes place not only in China but all over the world among the Chinese community. It is now a tourist attraction of Chinatown in most countries. London, San

Francisco and Sydney all claim to have the biggest celebration outside of Asia. On 10th Feb, the first New Year Sunday, London Chinatown with all the fascinating celebration will provide the answer. The Royal Mint has continued the issuing of Chinese New Year coins, this time the Pig . Stamps with Pig as the subject are also put forth by many countries, reaching out far and wide. Among these, a new stamp from China seems to have reflected a revised policy of family planning, a swift turn from one child to three? Pigs are lovely and cute in the world of cartoon, aren't they?



Pig is not considered a smart animal in China. It likes sleeping and eating and becomes fat. Their chubby faces and big ears are signs of fortune as well. The origin of the Chinese character for 'family' shows a pig inside the house, which stands for fortune and wealth. Inscriptions on oracle bone and then later on bronze show the picture of a pig, then gradually becomes a character for family.



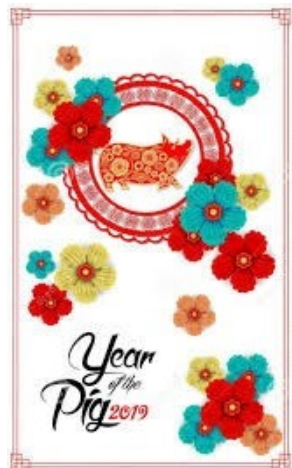
Pig has recently caused a grief concern in China. Since August 2018, African swine fever has swept across 23 provinces in the world's top pork-consuming country. The subsequent result is a predicament to pig farms across the country. According to western sources such as Bloomberg and World Organization for

Animal Health data, China is trying to contain the deadly disease and has to import from overseas. The Year of the Pig is to be a turbulent one for the \$128 billion industry, as restocking is a risk, and so is breeding piglet . To trace the source and cause of African swine fever and put forth a solution is the challenge facing WHO. It is perhaps one of the characteristics of Anthropocene , the period during which human activity has been the dominant influence on climate and environment, contributing to all the pollution on earth. We have a role to play to maintain a proper balance of nature. The world we live today is never the same as when it was created, when it was 'good'.

Pig has its role to play in the Scripture, just take one example. In the parable of the prodigal son , many would have great emphasis on love of the heavenly Father, repentance of the prodigal son, and the self-righteousness of the elder son. Yet the role of the pigs here is often overlooked. The scene is in the sty, with pigs enjoying their food, or sleep. This must have contributed to the ongoing reflection and eventual repentance of the young man to make up his mind to return home to his father.



Simon Che
Chinese Congregation





When you start to grow your seeds, please plant a few extra for the Plant Sale in aid of Christian Aid - *Date to be announced*

Lent Study Course

It is true to say that all churches in the Circuit are striving to discern just what is God's mission for them, wherever they are. That is common to most churches and the Fresh Expressions team is working hard to help.

The Fresh Expressions team offers ***mission shaped intro 2 (msi2)*** as a course for small or medium-size groups. ***msi2*** is intended to provoke discussion, and whilst there is also input from the facilitator, it is vital that group members are able to spend time in conversation. We hope that discussions will continue outside of the group during the days between sessions.

Graham Horsley, the Methodist Fresh Expressions Missioner, is presenting this course at Trinity over 5 weeks during lent.

March 12th Rediscovering Mission

March 19th Mission and Church

March 26th Church and Community

April 2nd Discipleship, leadership and mixed economy

April 7th Where do we go from here?

This is an open invitation to join us at Trinity either as individuals or small groups from your church.

The sessions will start at 7.30pm and will last around 90 minutes.

Praying Together

The Lords Prayer part 5

Our Father, which art in heaven,	Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name;	hallowed be your name,
Thy kingdom come;	your kingdom come,
Thy will be done	your will be done,
in earth, as it is in heaven:	on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;	Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,	Forgive us our sins
as we forgive them that	as we forgive those who sin
trespass against us;	against us.
And lead us not into temptation,	Save us from the time of trial
But deliver us from evil:	and deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,	For the kingdom, the power, and
the power, and the glory,	the glory are yours
For ever and ever.	now and for ever. Amen.

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

These are the phrases that I will concentrate on to end these articles on the Lord's Prayer.

As I was growing up the older version of the Lord's Prayer based on the 1662 book of Common Prayer was the one that resonated in my head with the words

And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.

What do they mean and how can they be used in prayer? The words in the book of James in the Bible help in the interpretation

of these verses. The letter from James has a practical feel to it as it deals with things in daily life like dealing with temptation- shall I have another chocolate biscuit or not or shall I walk to the post with my letters?

James 1:12-14 Good News Translation Testing and Tempting

12 Happy are those who remain faithful under trials, because when they succeed in passing such a test, they will receive as their reward the life which God has promised to those who love him. **13** If we are tempted by such trials, we must not say, "This temptation comes from God." For God cannot be tempted by evil, and he himself tempts no one. **14** But we are tempted when we are drawn away and trapped by our own evil desires.

It is clear that the temptation does not come from God but we are tempted by our own wishes and desires.

The modern version of the Lord's Prayer can help here as it uses the words save us from the time of trial so it asks God to help us resist temptation and turn away to do something different.

As we start 2019 it can feel like a good moment to think about places where we may be tempted to not to do the thing that would build the Kingdom of God. We may be tempted to say the hurtful comment or eat that chocolate biscuit we promised not to eat when we started the day.

In the Looking for the Lord's Prayer booklet compiled for Lent 2007 there is a prayer written by Nick Fawcett that is about temptation and asking for forgiveness. This prayer uses the word "I" so adapt it to help your own praying. Hold before God situations that currently tempt you and ask for God's help and forgiveness.

Why did I do it Lord?

Why did I let you down again?

After all those promises, all those resolutions

Why is it I rush towards temptation like a moth attracted to a candle.

I cannot seem to help it.

Time and again I tell myself that this time it will be different,
But when the moment comes it is the same old story.

I resist for a moment - a token gesture
But in my heart, I know it won't be long
Before the excuses win the day and I give in again.
Why Lord?
Why am I so weak and foolish?
Forgive me

But deliver us from evil – this phrase reminds us to think about resisting evil.

Sister Wendy Beckett in Living the Lord's prayer reminds us the two phrases in the Lord's Prayer are linked that is deliver us from evil progresses on from the phrase lead us not into temptation. This is because the evil of falling into temptation is the only evil. This evil is the temptation to ignore God or the temptation to hurt others or harm God's creation in some way.

Deliver us from evil is also a setting free from things that we fear such as selfish habits.

1 Peter 5:8-11 J.B. Phillips New Testament

Resist the devil: you are in God's hands

⁸⁻¹¹ Be self-controlled and vigilant always, for your enemy the devil is always about, prowling like a lion roaring for its prey. Resist him, standing firm in your faith and remember that the strain is the same for all your fellow-Christians in other parts of the world. And after you have borne these sufferings a very little while, God himself (from whom we receive all grace and who has called you to share his eternal splendour through Christ) will make you whole and secure and strong. All power is his for ever and ever, amen!

This leads to the end of the Lord's Prayer

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

The kingdom of God is what we pray into being. We know that God is working to build his Kingdom here on earth as it is built in heaven. All the power to do this belongs to God so we pray to God to be linked to His power. The glory belongs to God the Father for ever and ever for all time.

Amen - so be it - let it be as we pray. Amen

On Wikipedia I found this a prayer for the New year based on the Lord's Prayer

Dear God,

Our Father who is in heaven. Holy is your name

Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, all of them remind us how much we need you God and rely on your presence filling us every single day.

Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven

We ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. We pray you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead. Give us ability beyond what we feel able, let your gifts flow freely through us, so that you would be honoured by our lives, and others would be drawn to you.

Give us this day our daily bread -We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask that you would help us release our grip on the things to which you've said "no," "not yet," or "wait." We ask for help to pursue you first, above every dream and desire you've put within our hearts.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us

Forgive us for the times in the past year we have worked so hard to be self-sufficient, forgetting our need for you, living independent of your spirit. Forgive us for letting fear and worry control our minds, and for allowing pride and selfishness wreak havoc over our lives. Forgive us for not following your ways and for living distant from your presence.

Lead us not into temptation – save us from the time of trial

We pray that you'd keep us far from the snares and traps of temptations. That you would whisper in our ear when we need to run, and whisper in our heart when we need to stand our ground.

Deliver us from evil

We pray for your protection over our families and friends. We ask for your hand to cover us and keep us distanced from the evil intent of the enemy; that you would be a barrier to surround us, that we'd be safe in your hands. We pray that you would give us discernment and

insight to help us understand your will, hear your voice, and know your ways.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever

We ask that you would keep our footsteps firm, on solid ground, helping us to be consistent and faithful. Give us supernatural endurance to stay the course, not swerving to the right or to the left, or being too easily distracted by other things that would seek to call us away from a close walk with you.

We confess our need for you...fresh...new...again. We ask that you make all things new, in our hearts, in our minds, in our lives, for this coming year. We pray for your refreshing over us.

Keep your words of truth planted firm within us, help us to keep focused on what is pure and right, give us the power to be obedient to your word. We ask that you will be our defence and rear guard, keeping our way clear, removing the obstacles, and covering the pitfalls. Lord, lead us on your level ground.

We ask that you would provide for our needs, we ask for your grace and favour.

Help us to be known as great givers, help us to be generous and kind, help us to look to the needs of others and not be consumed by only our own.

May we be lovers of truth, may the fruits of your spirit be evident in our lives - your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. May we reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing.

To you be glory and honour, in this New Year, and forever.
In Jesus' name, Amen

Ann Dawson

Adapted from a prayer devised by Crosswalk.com

Sources – Looking for the Lord's Prayer – Trinity Methodist Church Lent 2007

*Living the Lord's Prayer – Rowan Williams and Sister Wendy Beckett- 2007
Websites Wikipedia and Crosswalk.com*

New Hymns

At our covenant service in January, Rev Barrie Tabraham introduced us to two new hymns. Some of you were very impressed with the words and suggested that they might be suitable for inclusion in TNV - here is one of them.

By Gracious Powers

1. By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered,
and confidently waiting, come what may,
we know that God is with us night and morning,
and never fails to greet us each new day.
2. Yet is this heart by its old foe tormented,
still evil days bring burdens hard to bear;
O give our frightened souls the sure salvation
for which, O Lord, you taught us to prepare.
3. And when this cup you give is filled to brimming
with bitter suffering, hard to understand,
we take it thankfully and without trembling
out of so good and so beloved a hand.
4. Yet when again in this same world you give us
the joy we had, the brightness of your Sun;
we shall remember all the days we lived through,
and our whole life shall then be yours alone

Words: Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945), *written in prison, for the New Year 1945, a few months before his execution.*
Music: Intercessor (H&P 412)



Calling all Singers
Vivaldi Gloria and Musicianship Workshop
Saturday 16th February 2019

Venue: St Andrew's Church, Denton Way,
Goldsworth Park, Woking

Registration: 10am Highlight Performance: 4.15pm
Cost: £20

Our fresh and exciting new conductor Tori Longdon will be leading the day and giving her insights into one of the best loved choral works.

During the day we will mix up rehearsals with information about the music and sessions to improve your vocal technique and musicianship. There will also be plenty of time to socialise and meet new people. To book visit www.wokingchoral.org.uk or ask Ruth Taylor for a booking form and further information.

Press Release March Concert

Ralph Vaughan Williams *A Sea Symphony*

On Saturday 30th March at 7.30 pm in HG Wells, Woking, the Woking Choral Society will be joined by the Hanover Choir to perform *A Sea Symphony* by Vaughan Williams. The concert, conducted by Victoria Longdon, will feature soloists Marcus Farnsworth and Susan Young. *A Sea Symphony* was written between 1903 and 1909 and is the first and longest symphony by Vaughan Williams. The text comes from [Walt Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*](#). **Tickets** £18, students in full time education and children £5. Woking key card holders, and sales of 10 or more, £17 each, can be booked online at www.wokingchoral.org.uk or obtained from the Lightbox, Chobham Road, Woking, or ChristChurch Shop, Town Square, Woking, or Brittens Music, 13 The Broadway, Woodham, New Haw KT15 3EU. Website : www.wokingchoral.org.uk

The Foundry @ Trinity Woking

“We need to attract more young people” – the mantra of many churches where the average age exceeds 60 and the ‘active’ members are feeling increasingly less so. Sometimes we refer back to ‘the good old days’, searching for a clue in that fading history as to how we can regenerate the church.

The problem is that the world is changing beyond recognition. Look at the skyline from Trinity Woking and we see cranes building 34 storey apartment blocks – and this is just the start. This is the new Woking – 1000’s of mainly younger people living in the town centre. All this within a few minutes walk of *our* church. If we want to attract people, we don’t need to look far. Our challenge is to engage with them. The Foundry Project is where we believe God is leading us.

Core values of The Foundry Project

- To worship God for what he has done for us in Jesus;
- To grow our understanding of God in Jesus, and reflect that in our lives;
- To maintain sufficient engagement with the local community so we can serve its needs;
- To encourage each other to gently share the gospel of Jesus;
- To increase the people accepting Jesus and wanting to join us in worshipping God;
- To sustain all we do through prayer

What style of worship will we adopt?

We do not expect everyone to want to worship God in the same way. We will have as many styles of worship as demand, practicalities & doctrine permit. Our traditional Methodist

service will remain. Messy Church may evolve into a family service. We have recently added Foundry Worship – sharing, contemporary songs, prayer and ministry. We also anticipate closer working with the Chinese church that meets at Trinity. It has been suggested we re-instate a mid-week service for those who struggle to get out on a Sunday morning.

How will we better engage with the community?

By talking to them! This sounds flippant, but most weeks we have circa 800 different people passing through our premises, many unchurched or non-Christian. Most will have no meaningful relationship with anyone from the church. During lent we plan a study series to help us address this – Mission Shaped Intro (from Fresh Expressions). This will be led by Graham Horsley. An underpinning principle of The Foundry is to encourage and equip members to gently share the gospel when opportunity arises, and it won't arise if we don't talk to people!

Is that all?

Far from it. Some other initiatives below:

1. We are planning to be centrally involved in a 'Community Conversation'. This is facilitated by ROC (Redeeming our Communities). ROC brings local faith communities together with social services, the police, local authorities etc. It is a celebration of the good that goes on, but also an opportunity to identify unmet or anticipated needs. See <https://roc.uk.com/about/> for more information. Through this process we will build strong local relationships. Action groups will be formed alongside other churches, faith groups & agencies to address some of the priority needs identified. With our property having scope for redevelopment, this could inform the direction that this will take.
2. Subject to grants, we will employ a Community Missioner. The role will be to understand the needs of and link to those living in and around the town

centre. Some suggestions as to how The Foundry could engage with people include: Welcome to Woking Events; Job clubs; Games nights; Delivery collection point; coffee shop; Pairing young/old people; Workshops for “flat un-friendly” hobbies!

3. We’d like the church to have a continual ‘buzz’ about it – it is a place to be – a destination. This needs the presence of people. The building therefore needs to work to bring people together. Redevelopment would offer scope to achieve this, and also provide a number of offices and meeting rooms. We envisage counsellors and professional advisors being based at The Foundry, but serving the local community.

Is this all an excuse for a major building project?

No. Trinity planned a £900k building project. This would have updated a ‘tired’ building, but would not have addressed congregational decline. The Foundry is all about growing the church. We would only undertake a major property redevelopment from a position of spiritual and numerical growth.

How long will The Foundry project take?

We are thinking in terms of 5years. Arguably it is only then that The Foundry actually begins!

Why “The Foundry”?

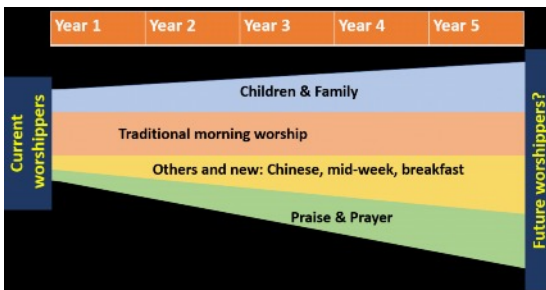
Two reasons:

John Wesley set up his first London HQ in an old foundry. The faith, actions and energy of the early Methodists transformed this country, something to try and copy.

A foundry takes something at the end of it’s useful life, melts it down, and then re-casts it into something with a new purpose - a good analogy for what we are doing.

. . . . and finally

It is easy to turn a project of this nature into a series of plans and actions and for it to become a work of people. It would only be appropriate, therefore, to note that we see God's hand very much at work. Numerous 'coincidences' are feeding into our plans. Not to conclude this article by giving God the glory would be wrong. We do not pretend to fully know the way ahead, and with every opportunity comes a dozen questions that we don't have the answers to. Yet with prayer (and sometimes patience), the answers seem to come. So please pray for The Foundry, and yes, give God the Glory.



Steady growth by building on and adding worship styles that work for Christians linked to The Foundry

Hugh Bowerman

World Day of Prayer

**"COME – EVERYTHING IS READY!"
FRIDAY 1 MARCH 2019**

Mary Ellen James, the wife of a Presbyterian minister in New York and mother to seven children, was aware of the problems faced by many women around her, particularly new immigrants to America. She called the women of her church to come together for a day of prayer. In 1891 two Baptist missionaries, appalled by the deprivation of women in many other parts of the world, called for a day of prayer for overseas missions and eventually in 1919 these two separate days were united and Women's World Day of Prayer came into being

Now known as WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, this women-led, global ecumenical movement found its way to the British Isles in the 1930's.

Through the World Day of Prayer we are encouraged to become aware of other countries and cultures and pray with them.

Each year the worship service is prepared by women and focuses on the concerns and challenges which they meet in their daily life. The service for 2019 has been prepared by the women of Slovenia and at the heart of the service is an invitation for all to come to God's table. We hear stories from women that reflect the political and economic situation of Slovenia from the time it was a socialist/communist state to the present day.

The first service of the Day of Prayer is held in Samoa at sunrise and the last as the sun sets in American Samoa, with people praying and sharing in over 120 countries and islands around the world.

This year there are two service being held in Woking on 1st March 2019; in the morning at 10.00am at the Salvation Army citadel, Sythwood, GU21 3AF and in the evening at 7.30pm at St Dunstan's Church, Shaftesbury Road, GU22 7DT. All are very welcome and refreshments will be provided.

Neighbourhood Party – how to get involved

Over the past 25 years or more Trinity has hosted a Neighbourhood Party for house-bound people in the local area. Like before we provide entertainment and high tea for over 50 guests. The next party is booked for Sunday 14 April 2019.

Now it is time to get involved, because we only can do this with your help: You can help by making us aware of any potential guests you may know, such that the people, that really would enjoy the party most, can be invited. You can also help with the invitations, transport, welcoming, hosting, entertainment, tea, and, yes, even with the washing up. Any help, however small, is very much appreciated and does not take a lot of time. For your convenience I have attached reply slips, which also can be found in the notices nearer the time.

I look forward meeting you on 14-APR.
Henk Innemee (W 762715)

Neighbourhood Party, April 14th, 4-6 pm:

Please send an invitation for the party to (please complete and leave in the East Entrance):

Name:

Address:

Your Name.....

Your Tel No.....

Neighbourhood Party, April 14th, 4-6 pm: There are opportunities to join the team for this much-appreciated event, either by providing a lift, baking, hosting or helping to serve on the day. Contacts for more information, or to indicate your willingness, as follows (please tick and leave in the East Entrance):

- Lifts on the day: John Craig W 762059
 - Host at a table: Peggy Windsor W 763605
 - Baking beforehand: Henk Innemee W 762715
- Serving on the day: Pauline Robson W 773403

Your Name.....

Your Tel No..... **Thanks on behalf of our guests!**

Beyond Trinity Charity of the month

The Charities we are supporting over the next few months are:

March - Mind Woking

One day my friend wasn't at school. The headmistress reported to all pupils that her father had died. It was not to be mentioned. That evening she told me her father had thrown himself under a train at Chertsey. He suffered from depression but this had to be hidden from everyone outside the home.



Today we are increasingly allowed to talk about mental illness but the care available is not as robust as the government would like us to believe. There is, however, one place in Woking that gives compassionate, reliable care – available to all. The people never judge, never say you have used up time slots of care, and never give quick fix programmes measured by tick boxes.

This haven is Woking Mind. At my last visit I witnessed a man who had been wandering the streets in distress. They took him in, fed him, clothed him, and found him a quiet, safe corner to sit until he felt he could talk. This was just the start of his help. Everyday such situations can happen, as well as the shelter, advice and activities they provide for their regulars.

Now their funding from the local authority grant has been drastically cut and may be stopped altogether. They will have to close unless more money is forthcoming. Fundraising is ongoing but not enough is coming in. Any money is welcome. They need your help "to keep the lights on and the doors open" as Elle, the manager said. This is a Charity full of Christian goodness, making a difference here in Woking. They need our help now.

April - Christian Blind Mission

Transforming the lives of people with disability, their families and communities in the poorest places of the world

Driven by Christian values, we tackle poverty, prevent blindness, improve health and change the lives of disabled people.



- Protected 23 million people from blinding diseases
- Enabled 39,008 children with disabilities to go to school
- Restored sight to 413,468 people through cataract surgery

CBM is an international Christian disability and development organisation, transforming the lives of disabled people in the world's poorest communities. Driven by Christian values, we work with disabled people to break down barriers by delivering practical support, improving policy and practice and inspiring the people of the UK to act. CBM UK is part of the global CBM Federation, working in over 60 countries to transform the lives of people with disabilities, their families and communities.

May - Neurofund Appeal



Patron: The Baroness Greenfield wrote

"Nothing could be more important than finding ways to treat and cure those who suffer from brain injury or disease?

That is why I commend the Neurofund Appeal - a new way of giving to the work of the Neurosciences Research Foundation. All of the research that Neurofund supports is patient centred. Every penny you donate to Neurofund goes to helping us to know more- and so do more to help those who need it most. Please join me in supporting this truly worthy cause in whatever way you can.

A Prayer Walk around Goldsworth Park Lake

Following my experience at the Art Serve Conference in October last year (see TNV Nov/Dec 2018) and in discussion with Ann and the Friday Prayer Group we agreed to plan a Prayer Walk around Goldsworth Park Lake.

On Tuesday 4th December a small group met outside the Waitrose Car Park entrance to St Andrews Church at 10.00 am. Wherever we went it was a busy morning with - strollers, striders, joggers, runners, pram/buggy pushers, cyclists, scooters, wheelchairs, disability scooters, shopping trolleys, - babies, toddlers, children, young people, parents, grandparents, friends, individuals groups - chattering, talking, arguing, laughing, humming, whistling, listening to headphones - dogs, ducks, swans, coots, moorhens, sparrows, robins, thrushes, blackbirds, starlings, seagulls, even a cormorant - trees, shrubs, plants, flowers, weeds - shops, offices, warehouses, houses, gardens, fields, skips, litter, all using the area in their own way.

Our aim was to include them all in our prayers. We agreed that we would circle the lake in an anti-clockwise direction and pray at designated stations and individuals would lead prayers according to the location and theme. We found that sometimes we stopped in between the Prayer Stations when someone felt moved to offer a particular prayer.

To start us off we had asked for a member of the St Andrew's Ministerial Team to pray for our enterprise and they did this which set us up for the morning..

Then we moved up to the grass space outside the Health Centre and adjacent to the Hospice for a more formal opening prayer to start the Walk.

Outside Health Centre/Hospice Opening Prayer

Loving Lord Jesus, living in and with us here in our town, we meet to pray for our community. We ask for your blessing on this prayer walk and its witness to your love for us. We ask this and all our payers this morning in your name our loving Lord and Saviour. Amen

We raise to you the work of the Hospice, the Health Centre and all those who work there – we thank you for their skills, knowledge, understanding and compassion.

We particularly remember those resident in the Hospice, nearing the end of their lives, bless them and grant them peace.

Be with all visiting the Health Centre particularly those who are uncertain, nervous and afraid as they come to seek assistance and the results of tests.

We ask for your healing of body, mind and spirit.

The Shopping Centre

Theme: Shoppers, Staff, Visitors to the Café, Play Area, Generation Centre

The Lakeside

Theme: Nature – The beauty and wonder of God's Creation. It was a lovely morning with the sun glinting on the lake, the colours of the trees, the birds on and around the lake.

O Lord, our God, when we in awesome wonder consider all the works your hand has made; then sings our souls – how great you are!

The Fishing Stage near the corner of the lake

Theme: Recreation – walking, running, cycling, fishing, bird watching, berry picking

The pathway off to the right toward the Trading Estate

Theme: Trading Estate and Recycling Centre – Work, Environment

Playground

Theme: Playground, Fitness Apparatus, Sports Pitches, Garden Centre

Sea Cadets, Play Group

Theme: Families, Children and Young People, Schools, Remembrance

Roughly half-way back where a path led into the houses

Theme: All residents, public services – buses, roads, drains, lake maintenance. There had been a house badly damaged by fire in one of the Closes about a week before our walk and we prayed for the household involved and their neighbours and the Emergency Services

St Andrews

Theme: Thanksgiving for Churches, Pastoral Visitors

O Lord of heaven and earth and sea, to you all praise and glory be, how shall we show our love to you, who gives us all!

For golden sunshine, vernal air, sweet flowers and fruits your love declare, where harvests ripen you are there who gives us all.

For peaceful homes and healthful days for all the blessings earth displays, we owe you thankfulness and praise, who gives us all.

*For souls redeemed and sins forgiven for means of grace and hopes of heaven, Father to you be glory given, who gives us all.
(Christopher Wordsworth)*

Our walk was a powerful, spiritual experience and everyone contributed in their own way. The discussions as walked and talked were as much prayer as those we stopped to share.

Ann led the closing prayers – We offer up all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, to you Almighty God. Amen

Blessing and Grace

The Prayer Walk had taken about an hour and we all enjoyed 'Coffee and Cake' at St Andrews afterwards. **Graham Warr**

What's on at Trinity

Prayer Group	Friday (weekly) 9.45am	Ann, W 770400
Y Group	Monday (1 st & 3 rd) 8pm	Allison W 725439
Coffee & Chat	Weds (weekly) 10.30am	Margot, W 762059
Bible Study Fellowship	Weds (weekly) 10.30am	Sarah Jo W 892067
Wednesday House Group	Weds (fortnightly) 8pm	Ruth 07772 305106 Samantha W 835521
Bible Study	Friday (monthly) 10.30am	Peggy, W 763605
Phoenix	Friday (fortnightly) 8pm	Joyce, 722457
Quest Group	Sat (monthly) 9.30am	John, W 762059
Family Club	Friday (weekly) 5pm	Sue Waddington, 01932 859636
Junior Church	10:30am	Sue Waddington, 01932 859636
Messy Church	3 rd Sunday 10am	Sue Waddington, 01932 859636
Trinity Toddlers	09:30:00	Kim Wilson,, 07791 763241

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From the Editor

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Jean Normington

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