

# WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

## Message from the Leadership Team (LT)

### Christian Aid Week 10- 16 May 2026

This week is Christian Aid week and we will be running our plant sale in aid of Christian Aid on Saturday 30th May 10-12am. Please do support this mission in any way you can whether it is supplying plants or cakes or asking your neighbour to come along, helping on the day or buying plants yourself.

This Christian Aid Week, your support will help mothers in Nairobi, Kenya, facing the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children. In Nairobi's informal settlements most parents wake knowing if they don't earn money today their family will go hungry tonight. Fridah is widowed with children and a grandchild. On what little she earns it is a precarious and daily struggle.

This Christian Aid week the funding will help work with Beacon of Hope, a trusted partner, to train and equip urban farmers. Fridah has joined the project and is being trained and equipped to grow vegetables in her small inner-city space. Fridah is now beginning to grow produce that she can cook at home and sell on her market stall.

e.g. £5 will buy seeds that kick start a family's nutritious vegetable patch.

### Ruth Taylor, Steward and Circuit Steward May 2026



Fridah tends her small city plot that's tucked at the end of an alley in Dagoretti.

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## Forthcoming Services

### Sunday 17 May 2026

Morning Worship  
(Informal Service for Everyone)  
led by Rev Sam Funnell  
at 10.30 am

### Sunday 24 May 2026

Morning Worship  
led by  
Graham Warr  
at 10.30 am

6 pm Foundry Worship



**STOP PRESS -  
CHRISTIAN AID PLANT  
SALE ON  
SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
2026 - SEE PAGE 6 FOR  
DETAILS**

[Circuit Prayer Diary  
for the month](#)

or visit  
[www.veyvalleycircuit.org.uk/publications](http://www.veyvalleycircuit.org.uk/publications)

[Circuit Letter for  
this week click here](#)

or visit  
[www.veyvalleycircuit.org.uk/home/news](http://www.veyvalleycircuit.org.uk/home/news)



**One thing is for certain – children grow!** They start life as tiny helpless babies and then each day grow a little in size, in what they can do and in independence. We had a favourite song when our children were young – about each stage of childhood. One line which used to make us smile was that at some point as children grow up, parents “begin to lose the games they used to win” How true! And before we know it, childhood years have passed and they are they are all grown up!

It’s funny though – there is no word in the English language for ‘grown-up’ children. Even when they have grown up and become adults – they are still referred to as their parent’s ‘children.’ We never stop being someone’s child.

**The Bible tells us that we are God’s children.**

**1 John 3:1** See what amazing love the Father has given us! Because of it, we are called children of God.

As we grow up, we have lots of decisions to make in life – what would I like for my Birthday? What subjects shall I take for my GCSEs? What job shall I do? Where shall I live? But no matter what we do in life or where we go, we never stop being God’s children and God never stops being a loving parent who knows us and loves us no matter what. He is always there for us and with us.

And if we are all God’s children, that means we are also all ‘brothers and sisters’.

**Now that’s a thought!**



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## JANET OLIVER'S FUNERAL

THE SERVICE TO GIVE THANKS FOR JANET'S LIFE WILL BE HELDON MONDAY 8TH JUNE 2026, AT 2.15PM @ GUILDFORD CREMATORIUM (NEW POND RD, ARTINGTON GU7 3DB). ALL ARE WELCOME.

PLEASE KEEP HER CHILDREN, RICHARD AND ANNELIE, IN YOUR PRAYERS.

## LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS!



### Local Arrangement Resourcing Event

For Church Stewards, Worship Leaders or anyone in the Congregation that is interested.

Please come along and join Dave Ingoldby, Elizabeth Gurd, Graham Warr & Sam Funnell for a session on how to tackle these and even ENJOY them!

#### Where?

Trinity Methodist Church,  
Brewery Road, Woking, GU21 4LH

#### When?

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2.30-4.30pm (Refs from 2pm)

#### What do I need to bring?

Pen and paper (or laptop) plus an open mind and heart!

Walk for Unity and Purpose

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# WPOF Pilgrimage 2026

**SATURDAY 13 JUNE**  
STARTS AT ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH, WOKING - 10:30AM

Opportunity to observe Catholic Mass\* at 10.00 am - 10.30 am at St Dunstan's Church

- All ages and fitness levels are welcome
- Refreshments along the way
- Dress for the weather (Headscarf for women at the mosque)
- Just turn up – all welcome!
- Donations appreciated
- Free Parking at St Dunstan's Church or Shah Jahan Mosque

Stops include: Christian Science Church, United Reformed Church, Shah Jahan Mosque and end at St Pauls Church where other faiths will be represented.

\*Holy Communion will be offered to Catholics; others are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing.

Woking People of Faith  
Diverse Beliefs: United Action

Further details including the route is on our website: [www.wpof.org.uk](http://www.wpof.org.uk)

## Street Angels urgently needed

Woking Street Angels are urgently seeking volunteers to train and to join their team. We are a friendly bunch, the task is not onerous and requires a commitment of only one night every 4 weeks. Days and dates can be flexible. If you are aged over 18, please can you give this serious consideration. At the moment we sometimes have to cancel shifts because we don't have enough available Angels. That means someone who needs help may not get it that night. Please call 07827 914714, email [wokingstreetangels@gmail.com](mailto:wokingstreetangels@gmail.com) or go to [www.wokingstreetangels.org.uk](http://www.wokingstreetangels.org.uk) for information or to apply.



## Our May Coffee Donation Charity is Christian Aid

Christian Aid exists to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty and injustice worldwide. They work with individuals, local partners, churches and communities.

Almost a third of their total income is for humanitarian work, and every year reach millions of disaster-affected people, responding to the urgent and immediate needs of the crisis-affected communities, giving them the means to stand on their own feet.



In addition, they fight injustice, campaign for change and help people claim the services and rights they are entitled to.



All money raised from refreshments during May will be given to **Christian Aid**

More information at [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)



Each month we have a dedicated **Coffee charity** to which all the refreshment donations are given. Over the course of the year this amounts to hundreds of pounds given to worthwhile causes. Some are local charities, others National charities. Do you have a charity that is particularly meaningful for you, or one that you feel would be good for Trinity to support in this way? If so, please let Helen Bowerman know and we may be able to include this over the coming months.





## **Subject: Update from Engage Woking Schools**

Good Morning,

We were delighted to partner once again with some churches across Woking to run Encounter for the fifth time. Although attendance numbers were smaller, it was especially encouraging to welcome young people from new churches, including several with smaller youth groups. It was a real joy to see them worship together, build relationships, and hear God's word shared in a united setting. The event was both fruitful and uplifting, and we are thankful for all that God continues to do through it.

It also continues to be a privilege to take our many activities into schools and colleges across Woking, sharing the gospel message with young people in meaningful and accessible ways. None of this would be possible without the dedication and faithfulness of our staff team and volunteers, for whom we are deeply grateful.

As some of you may know, Bronwen, our Schools Worker, will be retiring at the end of June after four years of faithful service. We are incredibly thankful for all she has contributed to this ministry. We are pleased that she will still be returning to deliver the Harvest assembly in October.

We will begin recruitment for this role in due course. In the meantime, our primary school work will continue and be led by me and the wider team, ensuring continuity in these important relationships and opportunities.

If you have any questions, please do feel free to email me. In the meantime, we would value your prayers as we look to the future.

Best wishes,

Shelley

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Ildi on the run again

On 7th June, I'm doing another 5K race. This time, I'm raising funds for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Everybody should have the right to feel safe and secure! If you would like to and are able to, please support my efforts to raise money for their work via the link below! Thank you! 😊

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/ildiko-johnson-1?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=EM&utm\\_campaign=lc\\_frp\\_share\\_transaction\\_fundraiser\\_page\\_donation\\_received\\_-\\_first\\_donation](https://www.justgiving.com/page/ildiko-johnson-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM&utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_fundraiser_page_donation_received_-_first_donation)



The next foodbank collection at Trinity will be on Sunday 7th June.

The following items are required,

- tinned tomatoes,
- multi pack crisps,
- mayonnaise,
- ketchup,
- long life juice,
- fruit squash,
- multi pack snack bars
- and hot chocolate.

Also small cartons of laundry detergent (bio and non bio), deodorant spray and roll on.

Many thanks for your continued support.

**Carole Hymers**



**Enjoy Spring and Summer at Othona West Dorset**

Upcoming events include...

14-17 May		<b>Wellbeing Workshop</b> yoga, mindfulness and coaching exercises with Julie Leoni
3-7 June		<b>Integrating Doing and Being</b> finding better work/life balance with Rhian Taylor and Jacqui Avery
11-14 June		<b>Songs to Celebrate Midsummer</b> singing for all - with Susannah Gooch
17-21 June		<b>Art and Craft for Adults</b> enjoy seaside art with Cathrin Jones
9-13 July		<b>Caring for Someone You Love</b> time for carers to rest and share, with Susanna Wallace

**bookings@othonawestdorset.org.uk or 01308 897130**







