

WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Message from the Leadership Team (LT)

During the last few weeks, Joyce and I have enjoyed a couple of real treats. We went to Wisley Gardens and saw hundreds of thousands of tulips at their best. (We missed the cherry blossom at its best, but this was a good substitute!) We also went to Hatchlands and saw the carpet of blue bells in the segregated woodland, stunning!

Both of these were views of nature at its best, but it struck me just how different they were. Tulips are obviously very different to blue bells!, but how different their cultivation has been.

There must have been a great deal of human input at Wisley, first of all preparing the ground, then planting the bulbs, tending them as they grew into this magnificent display. The blue bells on the other hand, needed to be left alone to spread, multiply and burst into their own style of beauty. That part of the woodland is fenced off most of the year to stop humans getting in and spoiling them.

This all left me thinking about how God needs us sometimes to be doing the preparation work, under guidance, towards the glory of His kingdom. But on the other hand, I am equally sure that when we get involved and try to interfere, sometimes we can be spoiling His plans because we think we know best. So how do we know what to do?

Prayer! Regular, concentrated time talking AND LISTENING, to God. We know that God always answers prayers but not necessarily as we want him to. Sometimes the answer is 'Yes' sometimes 'No', sometimes he says 'not yet' or 'not in that way' but we can only discern his response if we get used to praying and listening. On Sunday we sang 'Hear the call of the kingdom' and 'we will answer the call', let's all put that into practice.

John Nelson



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Forthcoming Services

Sunday 19 April 2026

Morning Worship led by
Rev Sam Funnell
at 10.30 am
followed by General
Church Meeting

Sunday 26 April 2026

Morning Worship
led by
Rev Barrie Tabraham
at 10.30 am

6 pm Foundry Worship



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for April

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General Church Meeting 19th April 2026

The service will start at 10.30 on Sunday and will include the General Church Meeting. This is your chance to hear about what has been going on in the life of the church and is your opportunity to ask questions. Refreshments will be served during the service and will finish by 12.00noon at the latest.

Jean Normington - for the Leadership Team



Woking foodbank. The next collection at Trinity will be on Sunday 3rd May.

Items most needed are

- tinned sweetcorn,
- coffee,
- tomato ketchup,
- mayonnaise,
- small cartons of laundry detergent (non bio),
- toilet gel,
- anti-bacterial cleaning spray

Many thanks for your continued support. **Carole Hymers**



The Easter Eggs have all been eaten and the holidays are over. We even had a little taste of summer with glorious weather to enjoy, but that seems now to be over as



well. It's back to school or work or our normal routines. When something good ends it can feel like a bit of an anti-climax – we can feel a bit flat and fed up.

For others, the Easter break may have not been such a happy time. Some people feel lonely during holiday times as everything stops for a while and it's harder to get out and see people. Everyone else seems to be having a good time but not everyone is able to join in for lots of different reasons.

Every person and their situation is different and how we feel can vary from day to day. But each day is a new day – a God given day. The Bible tells us:

Psalm 118:24 'This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.'



A new day brings new opportunities – new ways of seeing and being part of the world. We are told to 'Rejoice' – to be thankful and joyful. On a tough day it may only be something small that we find to be joyful about – but there will be something! We just need to recognise it and then, when we do,

Thank God for it.

What has made you 'Rejoice' today?

Dear God – Thank you for each new day. Open our eyes and help us to see Your goodness – even on a 'tough' day. **Amen**



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 or go to www.wokingstreetangels.org.uk for information or to apply.



Our April coffee donation charity is 'Engage'



'Engage' takes the Christian message into over 30 local Primary Schools, several Secondary Schools locally and Woking College.

In addition to delivering Primary School assemblies, their work includes the running of lunchtime and after-school clubs, storytelling, small group work focusing on well-being and mental health, delivering RE lessons, organising Christian Unions which support school staff in a pastoral capacity, and mentoring students. These services are provided at no cost to the schools, students, and staff, and are positively and widely welcomed.

'Engage' manages and coordinates all the activities delivered by a team of talented volunteers and church Youth Workers. They also support The Bible Society's 'Open the Book' Bible stories programme.

All money donated for refreshments and coffee in April will be given to Engage.



More information at: www.engagewoking.org

LADIES INTERFAITH COFFEE



TUESDAY 5TH MAY 2026

10.30 am - 12.30 pm

The Lighthouse,
High St, Church Path, Woking, GU21 6BG

Join us for a relaxed Ladies Interfaith Coffee at The Lighthouse, Woking.

A chance to meet women of different faiths, make new connections, and hear from the Manager of The Lighthouse about their inspiring work and projects.

Limited places available.

RSVP by 28th April to:
Kawther.Hashmi@smef.org.uk

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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.

**TRINITY
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& VIEWS**

Trinity News & Views

This is a last call for items for inclusion in the forthcoming edition of TNV. Please submit copy to tnv@trinitywoking.org no later than next Sunday, 26th April. Thank you.

David Lander



Christian Aid Plant Sale
16th May 10.30am – 12pm
Our annual plant sale event is rapidly approaching and help is needed to make the event a big success. Are you able to help either to grow plants, help with refreshments, put up gazebos and tables, and sell the plants. If you can help, then please speak to **Daphne Lander** – all offers of help will be gratefully received!



Join us on Zoom for the World in My Parish webinar, where Revd Kong Ching Hii will speak on the following topic:

From Welcome to Witness in a Migrant Church.

In many Methodist contexts, the “world” has arrived via the presence of migrants, including diverse Chinese communities. This reflection explores how the Church is called to move beyond mere welcome toward befriending, discipling, and sending. Drawing on lived experience within the Chinese diaspora and missiology, it argues that migration is not a social challenge to be managed, but a missional moment to discern. By reframing migrants as active participants rather than just recipients, we recognise their vital role in extending God’s Kingdom

Apr 16, 2026 7PM UK time

Zoom link [https://theofed-cam-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/99124792774?](https://theofed-cam-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/99124792774?pwd=yRyHll31bybZ1JrKx6vSjPycxe7Lj5.1)

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Meeting ID: 991 2479 2774

Passcode: 372793

Revd Kong Ching Hii (许广铮) is an ordained Methodist minister with vast pastoral and cross-cultural ministry experience, serving diverse Chinese-speaking communities in both urban and rural contexts. Currently, he is stationed with two multi-cultural and multi-traditional churches in London, fostering unity under a gospel-centred vision while navigating complex multicultural dynamics with theological depth and pastoral sensitivity. Kong Ching is passionate about equipping believers, building healthy leadership teams, discipling the next generation, and mobilising all to serve the local communities.

Click on link below:-

Join instructions

<https://theofed-cam-ac-uk.zoom.us/meetings/99124792774/invitations?signature=UbQWmQFW--7N3syX-CxuOjnPeVsPZYP13QUuPae kDs>

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTY



SATURDAY
18TH APRIL 2026
4:00 - 6:00pm
Trinity Methodist Church
Brewery Road, Woking



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

Are you election ready?

Register to vote



- Elections for councillors to represent you on the new West Surrey Council will take place on **7 May 2026**. You can vote in person, by post or by proxy.
- You must be registered to be able to vote. If you're not already registered, you have until midnight on **20 April 2026** to do so at gov.uk/register-to-vote

Voter ID



- To vote in person you must bring an accepted form of photo ID. These include a passport, a driving licence or a concessionary travel pass, such as an older person's bus pass. You can use expired IDs as long as the photo still looks like you. For a full list of accepted photo ID visit electoralcommission.org.uk/voterid
- If you don't have an accepted form of photo ID, you can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate (VAC) at gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate
- The deadline to apply for a VAC is **5pm on 28 April 2026**.
- If you are voting on behalf of someone else as their proxy, you will need to bring your own photo ID.

Postal and proxy votes



- If you won't be able to get to a polling station on election day, you can apply for a postal vote or proxy vote online at gov.uk/how-to-vote
- Apply as soon as possible to make sure you receive your postal vote pack or proxy vote in good time.
- The deadline to apply for a postal vote is **5pm on Tuesday 21 April 2026**.
- For a proxy vote – when a friend or relative casts your vote for you – you must apply by **5pm on 28 April 2026**.

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by 12 noon on the Wednesday before that Sunday's issue.
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