

WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

* STOP PRESS * TWO SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEKEND

Saturday 8th @ 10.30: Walk in the Surrey Hills - see page 3

Sunday 9th @ 7pm onwards: Remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki - see page 2

Leadership notes

Dear Friends,

This week sees the marking of two days of significance: Thursday 6th August sees the anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima in 1945 and The Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord [Jesus] (see the various accounts in Matthew 17:1-8, Mark 9:2-8, Luke 9:28-36) which is celebrated by some parts of the Christian Church, although we tend to mark this on the Sunday before Lent (15th Feb this year).

Every year I see these two events shown in my diary and I wonder – partly why the Methodist diary records this in a place where we tend not to mark the Transfiguration BUT, more profoundly, the stark contrast between these two events.

In one we have the horror of the devastation wrought by human decision and action – an ‘unveiling’ or ‘revealing’ of the full awfulness that we can ‘be’ and ‘do’; alongside the full glory of the power present in the life and person of Jesus – an ‘unveiling’ or ‘revealing’ of God’s glory in and through him, for the world.

Perhaps moments such as the marking of Hiroshima Day (and not forgetting Nagasaki that saw the 2nd bomb 3 days later) are graphically dreadful reminders of why we need to hold onto the glory of God as revealed to us and for us in Jesus, that the Transfiguration speaks to but also calls us to hold onto this hope and wonder, even in our present age, with all the suffering, conflict, natural (and unnatural) disasters we see, our whole world over.

May something of the weighty glory (Kavod in Hebrew) of God reveal itself to you this week, granting you hope in the midst of life and reassurance, that God is with us, always!

SAM

A Prayer (taken from The Methodist Prayer Handbook – Day 9)

*Let us love the constancy of your light, O Lord, and rejoice in it.
Let us walk in the brightness of your light, O Lord, and be blessed by it.*

*Let us live in the glory of your light, O Lord, and be judged for it.
Amen.*

[Margaret Fox (1614-1702) – Founder and leading member of The Religious Society of Friends (otherwise known as The Quakers)]

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Forthcoming Services

Sunday 9 August 2026

Morning Worship

led by

Graham Warr

at 10.30 am

Sunday 16 August 2026

Morning Worship

led by

Rev Barrie Tabraham

at 10.30 am

Foundry Worship at
6.00pm



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the month click here**

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FLOAT PETALS AND FLOWERS ON THE RIVER WEY AT SEND

SUNDAY 9 AUGUST, 7PM ONWARDS

REMEMBER HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI

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We are meeting to remember the only time so far that nuclear bombs have been used in war, in 1945 over Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

They killed a quarter of a million people and wiped out their cities. These atomic bombs were small compared with the **27,000 nuclear weapons** in today's arsenals.

Over eighty years later, countries are still stockpiling warheads. The UK has almost **200** nuclear weapons, which are ten times more powerful than those dropped on Japan.

WOKING ACTION FOR PEACE is one of hundreds of groups worldwide campaigning to make the world a safer place by persuading the nuclear powers to eliminate their nuclear arsenals.

This unique ceremony will take place at **The New Inn, Send GU23 7EN** starting at about 8.30pm as daylight fades. There will be an opportunity for people to read out a poem or a short passage, sing or say a few words and afterwards white flowers and petals will be floated on the water. You are welcome to meet earlier for a drink but please be aware that on Sundays food is not served at the New Inn after 6.00pm.

Contact Keith Scott (keithsc_2000@yahoo.com)

Prayer Room Update

We are still a couple of weeks away from having this complete, though the main room is nearly there. Look through the window in the church and you'll see a room that is almost unrecognisable from what it was. Decisions have been made on colours, carpets and flooring, so we are now in a position to give a final push. A huge thank you to Dave Glynn for managing the work and to Kevin Bown for dedicated duties in the decorating department. There are many others who have contributed in smaller ways - so thank you too.

Hugh Bowerman



This is a plea to anyone visiting Trinity during the week to water the large plant pots such as the ones pictured above. The plants will really appreciate a drink in this hot weather.

The watering can is on the draining board in the Flower Room (*please return after use*) and you can use the outside taps at the sides of the church. One of the taps is near where the cones are stored.

If the sun is shining it is strongly recommended to water the soil rather than the leaves and flowers.

Many many thanks from the Gardening Team

Our August coffee donation charity is **Transforming Lives for Good (TLG)**



TLG is a Christian charity supporting children with their emotional and mental wellbeing. One in five children and young people are experiencing mental health difficulties. TLG equips local churches with proven

programmes, resources and ongoing training- so they can provide meaningful, therapeutic care to children and families going through a tough time.

TLG Early Intervention programmes equip volunteers from churches to go into their local schools and provide one-to-one coaching for children finding it hard to cope - sharing fun with them, listening to them and showing them that somebody cares about them. They also train and resource church-based spaces offering counselling to children and families; and church-run clubs for children and families to share community, belonging and meals that matter. The transformational impact of this consistent trauma-informed approach is immeasurable.

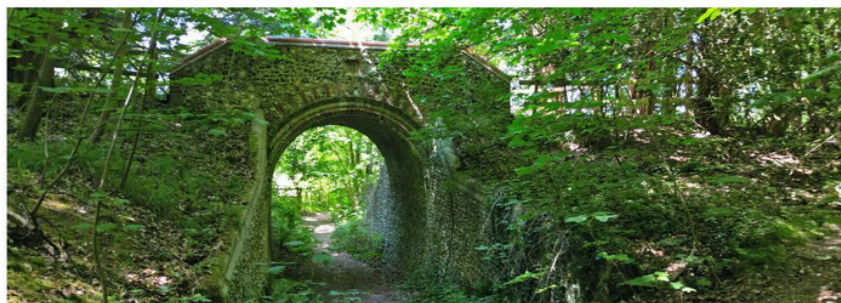
All money donated for refreshments and coffee in August will be given to Transforming Lives for Good

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



Trinity Methodist - Walk in the Surrey Hills

Saturday 8th August 2026, 10:30 am



Start: Shere Road car park, West Horsley @ 10:30 am;
Nearest postcode: **KT24 6EP**. Parking is free.

Look out for the walk leader (Mike Cope) in an orange high vis jacket !

Route description: 10 km (6 mile) circular walk from car park along the Lovelace Bridges Trail. The 15 Lovelace bridges were built in the 1860s on the orders of Lord Lovelace who owned the East Horsley estate and who was the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey. The bridges made possible the extraction of timber from the woods on the North Downs creating smooth gradients and going above existing roads and paths. The timber was brought out using horses. Ten of the bridges still exist and the sites of the others can be identified by the embankments leading to them and remnants of masonry, flint and bricks.

What to wear: Walking shoes/boots or strong trainers. Waterproofs in case it rains.

What to bring: Packed lunch and a drink to eat half way round. Camera to capture the stunning views.

Who should come: Everyone who is fit enough to walk 6 miles is invited. However, walk is not suitable for young children or pushchairs

Finish: We will be back at the car park around 3 pm, but timing is dependent on how fast people walk

Note: There are **NO TOILETS** en route (except in the woods)!

Mike Cope (07817 414547)

Can you help?

Junior Church

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.

Trinity Prayer Group

You are welcome to join the Prayer group at 10am on Friday 7th August and 21st August. We will meet in the sanctuary at 10am. Work on the prayer room is progressing, many thanks to those involved in the decorating.

“May the Lord protect, guide and inspire us as we journey onwards.

Fill us with His peace, wisdom and unending grace. Amen.”





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



**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>

On Wednesday 12 August the UK will experience its deepest solar eclipse since 2015. In the south of England the eclipse will be visible from 18.17-20.06, reaching its maximum of 91.4% at 19.13. The Moon will be seen to cross the Sun from right to left, creating a frown-shaped crescent – with the horns pointing downward – at the moment of maximum eclipse. Then a few hours later, the Perseid meteor shower will reach its peak in moonless skies.

The Methodist Church has identified this stunning event as an opportunity for outreach and sharing faith [www.methodistchurch.org.uk].

NB. To view the Sun safely, you should use ISO 12312-2 certified eclipse glasses throughout the

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