

# WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

## Message from the Leadership Team (LT)

How would you feel if Jesus asked, no, told you to stop what you are doing now and go with someone you hardly knew, chosen by Him, to spread His good news about grace and salvation, to people who haven't heard, in a land new to you, and to take nothing with you other than the clothes on your back, the shoes that you wear, no food, only water? Oh, and it could be a dangerous place (such as Nuneaton). Matthew chapter 10 tells of how Jesus (temporarily) empowered the disciples to become like him, to tell the people of Israel of His coming through words, love, humility and active healing. All at a time when they (arguably) didn't really understand it themselves, couldn't grasp His true meaning of faith, and perhaps just blindly followed His instructions. How could they be sure He was the Son of God? But maybe that is what we need to do, follow without knowing all the answers, trusting in His wisdom, and all will be revealed (soon).

I feel that this is becoming realised in my life as I write this. I am walking with someone I didn't know a year ago, and with 100% conviction know Jesus has asked us to walk together with Him and spread the (more enlightened than the disciples knew at that time) news in a foreign land (don't think it's Nuneaton but who knows?) to everyone we meet, not just the people of Israel. He doesn't ask us (now) to not take more than clothes, shoes and water, but considering how He has looked after and comforted me in the now and recent past, I wouldn't hesitate if that's what He asks of me. Leave everything to the Lord and He will provide you with more than you ever dreamed.

I pray that we all have the courage to hear what Jesus asks of us, to do what Jesus asks of us, and to love all in the way that Jesus asks of us. For it is through courage, acts and love that we can tell of His good news, bringing those who do not yet know how He is the way, the truth and the life to eternal happiness.

God bless you all.

**David Emerson**

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## Forthcoming Services

### Sunday 15 February 2026

Morning Worship  
led by  
Rev Barrie Tabraham  
10.30 am

6 pm Foundry Worship

### Sunday 22 February 2026

Joint service with Chinese congregation at 11.00 am celebrating the Chinese New Year

## Trinity Library

We have recently been given a number of interesting books for our library . Please do browse the shelves and borrow some, take them home and 'have a good read'.



## Circuit Prayer Diary for February

[click here](#)

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)

## Foundry Worship, Sunday 15th February


I've resisted the temptation to go for a Valentine based theme this week! Instead we will be looking at 'What makes a saint?' Perhaps some of us may know a few?

St. Paul was a frequent user of the term saint - we will look at what he considered a saint to be. But we will also consider how the usage of the term has changed down the centuries. In the light of it's various usages, do we know any one that we could apply the term to - perhaps you are a saint?


Our time together starts at 5.45pm for refreshments with worship starting at 6pm. We will have a time of praise led by the band, followed by a time of looking at our theme together before bringing our concerns for people and the world together before God in prayer.

We do hope you will be able to join us.


**Hugh Bowerman, Foundry Pastor**



Next week we will celebrate Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day). This was traditionally the day people prepared for the season of Lent. Lent is the 40 days before Easter where Christians remember the time when Jesus spent 40 days in the desert praying and fasting before starting his work. It is a time when we grow closer to God by talking to him (praying), doing kind acts and giving to those in need. Sometimes we choose to go without something to practice self-control and remember how much Jesus loves us and what he did for us. This is a challenge – but a positive one as it's not about losing something; it's about making room for God and being more loving.




**Shrove Tuesday**  
February 17, 2026



**We are also reminded about Love on Valentines Day** – a time when people show that they love someone by giving a card, chocolates, flowers or doing something else kind and thoughtful. It is good to love others **BUT** it's also good to know that we are loved. **And God loves us.** God's Son Jesus is a His special gift of love to us – like the most amazing Valentine gift there has ever been. The Bible tells us:

"We love because God first loved us" John 4:19

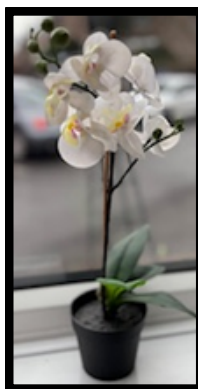
Thank you, God, for sending your Son Jesus to show me that you love me and teaching me how to love others.



## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

We are invited to join our Chinese friends as they celebrate Chinese New Year 2026, the Year of the Horse. Our morning service on 22nd February will be a joint one, starting at the slightly later time of 11.00am and afterwards we are invited to share a Chinese Banquet.

To assist catering arrangements for that please indicate you will be attending by adding your names to the sign-up sheet provided.





**Library of Things Woking**

**Borrow useful items for FREE**

The Woking Library of Things lets local people borrow useful tools, gadgets and other household items instead of having to buy them. So it helps people save money and is completely FREE to use. We have a range of tools, a thermal camera, a sewing machine, a window washer and more...

The items are held at Woking Library and need to be collected and returned there in Woking Library opening hours. Create your account online and then reserve the item(s) you would like to borrow. You need to provide your credit card details in case of loss or damage, and will need to bring photo ID to collect. The library team can also help you create an account if needed.

OUR THANKS to Zero Carbon Guildford and Guildford Library for their advice and support.



hello@wokingenvironmentaction.org  
www.wokingenvironmentaction.com/projects/library-of-things

## Go Ildi...



I signed up to run 28 miles across the month of February to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. During my cancer treatment, Macmillan has been very supportive and helpful in many ways.

If you wish, and are able, please support my efforts to raise money for them via the following link:  
<https://socialsync.app/fundraiser/cr-7nw13mdvrj9vx>

I am also running a 5kms race in March for the same charity.  
*Ildi Johnson*





The WPOF Environmental Working Party invite you to

## HELP THE HEATHER

**JOIN US TO HELP THE HEATHER  
SURVIVE ON HORSELL COMMON!**



**Saturday 14th of February**

**10 am - 12 pm**

**Horsell Common**  
(meet at Heather Farm at 9.45 am)

**Bring Boots and Gloves!**

**All welcome!**

For more information email John West:

[westjohn630@gmail.com](mailto:westjohn630@gmail.com)



## World Day of Prayer

Friday 6th March 2026

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by women, who share in a wave of prayer celebrated in over 170 countries. It begins in Samoa travelling through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe, and the Americas, ending 36 hours later in American Samoa.

This year's service has been prepared by the Christian women of Nigeria under the theme. "I will give you rest, come."

All are welcome, so do join us for this years' service which will be held on **Friday 6th March 10.30 am here at Trinity**. The service will be live streamed on YouTube.

*Wendy Rockhill*

## Epworth Genesis

**Two choir collaboration**

AND The Chameleon Arts Orchestra!

### Joseph Haydn's The Creation

Supporting  
samson  
centre

Conducted by Charlie Perry &  
Florence Price

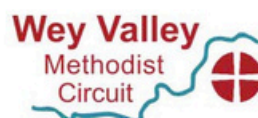
**Saturday 28th March 2026  
7.30pm**

Let there be Light! Experience Haydn's Masterpiece

Tickets £25  
including refreshments  
and programme  
[www.epworthchoir.org](http://www.epworthchoir.org)

**Welcome Church**  
Woking  
Church St. West  
Woking, Surrey, GU21 6DJ

Epworth choir



## Circuit Mission Supper

**Saturday 14th March 2026**

**6pm for 6:30pm**

**At Trinity Methodist Church, Woking**

Fish and Chips (battered sausage  
/vegan options available)

Cost £10 – tickets available from  
the Church Stewards

**Bring your own crockery and cutlery**



**Speaker: Grace Pratt Morris-Chapman**

Grace is a former mission partner, who has worked alongside her husband Daniel, in Cameroon, Italy and Uganda. Grace and her family have now settled in the Northampton Circuit.

Grace will be sharing about her experience as a mission partner and the subject of the talk will be 'Unusual Kindness'.

The Methodist Modern Art Collection is coming to Guildford. It is one of the world's leading collections of modern religious art

## FROM DARKNESS



... TO LIGHT

Explore stunning works from internationally renowned artists such as **Graham Sutherland, Elisabeth Frink, Patrick Heron and Maggi Hambling**

at

**St Mary's  
Quarry Street  
Guildford GU1 3UP**

**9 March to 5 April 2026**

Free public opening times will include  
Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays  
9 March – 5 April 11.00 – 15.00

For the detailed programme of events and further information visit  
[www.htsmgildford.org/mmac-2026](http://www.htsmgildford.org/mmac-2026)



The next collection will be this **Sunday 1st March**.  
Items urgently needed are:-

- tinned corned beef,
- tinned ham,
- small cartons of laundry detergent (bio & non bio),
- pot noodles
- mayonnaise
- shampoo
- adult toothpaste

Many thanks for your continued support.

**Carole Hymers**

## Our February coffee donation charity is 'Mercy Ships'



Mercy Ships is a faith-based international development organisation that deploys hospital ships to some of the poorest countries in the world,

delivering vital, free healthcare to people in desperate need using modern hospital ships to bring world-class volunteer medical professionals directly to the places they're needed most. Nine out of ten people in sub-Saharan Africa have no access to safe or affordable surgery. Mercy Ships partner with African nations to build stronger healthcare services and also train thousands of healthcare professionals who continue the work after the ship leaves port.



One of two ships, the 'Global Mercy' is the largest charity-run hospital ship in the world with six operating rooms and over 600 medical volunteers from around the globe



All money donated for refreshments and coffee in February will be given to **Mercy Ships** More information on [www.mercyships.org.uk](http://www.mercyships.org.uk)

## A prayer for LGBT+ History Month that takes place throughout February

Loving God,  
Show us the way to make our worship spaces and congregations welcoming to all who seek your face.  
Cause us to lift the barriers which prevent us from being welcoming.  
Change the hearts of those who do not welcome difference and who are reluctant to embrace the full gospel of Christ.  
All are welcome.  
We are one body.  
One Church.  
Amen.



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