

# WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

## Message from the Leadership Team (LT)

The run up to Christmas was particularly busy and at times I felt a little overwhelmed at everything that I had to do. I was beginning to make silly mistakes (unfortunately some quite costly!) because I was rushing from one thing to another to fit in everything that I needed to do. Looking back, a prayer by Eddie Askew summed up a little of how I felt.

*So often Lord I am a hamster on a treadmill going round and round incessantly and getting nowhere. .... and in the busyness, no time for you. I don't think that's your will for me, for any of us come to that.*

We can all be a bit hamster-like from time to time, bogged down by the 'to do' list in any area of our lives – work, home, family or Church.

At the beginning of January, a line in one of my daily Bible readings made me think. It said, "You don't grow in Christ simply because you are busy in church." We grow in Christ by talking and listening to God, by reading the Bible, being open to the Holy Spirit and being in fellowship with other Christians. Yet the 'what' we are doing can sometimes distract and take over the 'why' we are doing it.

In the middle of the busyness, I need to remind myself why I am doing something and Who I am serving. Praying about the tasks of the day first and pausing to listen to the 'Still small voice of God' may not reduce my 'to do' list but it may help me to prioritise what to focus on and to recognise God with me in the midst of the task. Eddie continues in his prayer...

*Give me the grace to pause, take breath and reassess where I am, find time to hear your voice in quiet..... And in the silence, as the treadmill of my mind stops turning, I'll hear you offering me Shalom... ....And then refreshed, my energy restored, I can begin to live again as you would have me live*

And perhaps I can then be a little less like a hamster!!

**Helen Bowerman**

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## Forthcoming Services

### Sunday 1 February 2026

Morning Worship  
led by  
Hugh Bowerman  
10.30 am

6 pm Foundry Worship

### Sunday 8 February 2026

Morning Worship  
led by  
Reverend Sam Funnell  
with Holy Communion  
10.30am



## Live Stream Link

**[Click HERE](#)**

### Circuit Prayer Diary

Visit

www.veyvalleycircuit.  
org.uk/publications

### Circuit Letter

for this week dated  
28 January 2026

Visit

www.veyvalleycircuit.  
org.uk/home/news



What do you think of when you hear the word 'treasure'? A pirate's chest full of gold or precious jewels buried in the sand? Or perhaps it



may refer to someone who has been very helpful and valuable to you - "She was a real treasure when I needed help." This week at Friday Night Messy Church we will be having a Treasure Hunt - looking for clues and hopefully finding some treasure!

A treasure is anything of great value, or something we take good care of because we value it highly. The Bible says....

**For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21**

The 'treasure' in the Bible verse means the things you care about most - the things you spend your time, energy, and thoughts on, or things you love very much like toys, money, or games. These 'treasures' show where your heart is focused. But the things we own may get old, break or wear out. Jesus teaches that instead of focusing only on things that won't last long, we should focus on God and loving others, which are treasures that truly matter and will last forever. If we care about God and sharing, we will find real treasure.



Spend your time on things that make God happy, like being kind, praying, and sharing, rather than just collecting material things. If we focus on loving God and people, our hearts will be happy and full.

**What things do you treasure most?**



The next collection will be this **Sunday 1st February**.

Items urgently needed are

- long life sponge puddings,
- instant mashed potato,
- small cartons of laundry detergent (bio & non bio),
- surface cleaner sprays
- and toilet cleaner.

Also useful are

- tinned tomatoes,
- tinned mixed vegetables,
- coffee
- and jam.

Many thanks for your continued support.

**Carole Hymers**



## Foundry Worship

The theme at Foundry Worship this week is "What impact does Culture have on Faith?"

We live in a multi-cultural town and as a church seek to be inclusive. As Dee Ariyo-Francis, who will be leading us on Sunday asks, "Are there situations which unfold that generate a response which differs based on our environment, perceptions and belief systems?"

We meet at 5.45pm for refreshments aiming for a 6pm start to worship. Everyone is very welcome.

**Hugh Bowerman, Foundry Pastor**

## 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)

### **Helen Bowerman adds:**

Having visited The Gambia a number of times and seen some of the health provision first hand, it is easy to see how **Mercy Ships** can make such a difference to the lives of so many. They offer not only life changing treatment that is not readily available to the general population, but also work with local health professionals on the ground, offering support and training so that the work can continue long after the Ship has departed. Mercy Ships come only by invitation from the country's government and stay for about a year. The Gambia is one of the countries that has benefitted from their work.

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Woking People of Faith

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)

## Chinese New Year 2026

Once again 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 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.



## Circuit Mission Supper

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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'.



***Here is a plea for urgent help. Please note  
and pass on to anyone who might be  
interested.....***

Woking Street Angels are urgently seeking volunteers to join their team. We are a friendly bunch, the task is not onerous and requires a commitment of only one night every four weeks. And days/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 in need of 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 more  
information or to apply.**

**I THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN**  
(As sung in our Morning Service last week)

When I am lost in thought,  
distracted, and confused  
Dismayed by my unkind response,  
in thought or word or deed  
I turn to You, find You're still there,  
for me Your friend in need.

*So, I thank You once again,  
You are still here for me  
Unworthy as I am to gather crumbs at Your feet  
Yet You are here and with me would meet*

When I am filled with joy,  
delighted and complete  
It's easy then to thank You Lord,  
For gifts I have received  
You share my joy and laugh with me,  
that in You I find peace.

*So I thank You once again.....*

When I am lost in fear,  
and I am all at sea  
I seek you out You answer me,  
deliver me from me  
You still the storm and lead me home,  
into Your calm, safe quay.

*So, I thank You once again.....*

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**A prayer from the Church of Scotland quoted by  
Revd Peter Hills in this week's Circuit Letter**

"Let us praise and thank God for all great and simple  
joys: for the gift of wonder, the joy of discovery,  
and the everlasting freshness of experience;  
...for the joy of work attempted and achieved;  
for musicians, poets and artists, all who work in form  
and colour to increase the beauty of life;  
for the likeness of Christ in ordinary people,  
their forbearance, courage and kindness,  
and for quiet and faithful service cheerfully given."

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.htsmguildford.org/mmac-2026](http://www.htsmguildford.org/mmac-2026)



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