

# WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

## Message from the Leadership Team (LT)

In a few weeks time Allison, Sue and I will be walking once again with Refugee Tales. This is a week of walks organised by the Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group. Every summer, 120 walkers per day join Refugee Tales to walk in solidarity with people who have experienced immigration detention. This year is the 11th year of the Refugee Tales walks. I was reminded of the walk as on holiday in Romania I met a woman who supported the GDWG and volunteered at the walks as well as writing for the books produced of the Refugee Tales.

Each evening, there is an event with readings, live music and a host in the manner of The Canterbury Tales. This July, we are walking from Angmering to Portsmouth. As Refugee Tales walks in 2026, towards Portsmouth, city of sanctuary, letters will be carried. At each evening performance along the route, these letters will be shared: letters from people who have experienced indefinite immigration detention; letters from writers who have collaborated with the project; letters from volunteers with Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group. At a time of division, stigmatisation and silencing, the letters will be expressions of solidarity and hope. They will invite us to listen, to hear and to imagine.

Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group, has been calling on the Government to end the indefinite detention of refugees and we are now the only country in Western Europe that detains people indefinitely under immigration rules.

Please pray for the 2026 walk of Refugee Tales and for Allison, Sue, and I as we walk alongside refugees and others. If you would like to write to your MP to ask for an end to indefinite detention there is more information here

<https://www.refugeetales.org/indefinite-detention>

## Ruth Taylor, Church and Circuit Steward June 2026

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## Forthcoming Services

### Sunday 21 June 2026

Morning Worship  
led by  
Hugh Bowerman  
at 10.30 am

6 pm Foundry Worship

### Sunday 28 June 2026

Morning Worship  
led by  
The Leadership Team  
at 10.30 am



[Circuit Prayer Diary for the second half of June](#)  
or visit the website for the most up to date one  
[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 21st June at 6pm

We continue our journey through Philippians. This week we will be looking at chapter 2, under the general title 'Shine Humbly'. The heart of this chapter is a hymn about Jesus. Many of our hymns today pick up words from this. The most obvious that comes to my mind is 'At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow'.

Graham and I will be leading FW this week. We start at 5.45pm with refreshments with the service proper starting at 6pm. Our service will include times of praise led by our band, a time to consider the passage from Philippians and a time of prayer.

We hope you will be able to join us as we take this opportunity to worship God - you will be assured a welcome.

**Hugh Bowerman**  
Foundry Pastor



### 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 June coffee donation charity is FoodWise

**FoodWise** TLC is a Christian based charity delivering food provision, training and education to local communities. They currently work in partnership with churches and community groups in and around Woking and Guildford in Surrey.



**FoodWise** seeks to relieve the impact of financial hardship through the provision of food coaching. Providing free cookery skills training courses, they teach people how to prepare and cook delicious and nutritional food on a restricted budget.

This helps to build confidence in food preparation, strengthen cooking skills, make food budgets stretch further, expand nutritional food choices and improve health and well-being

All the equipment and food required for each cookery skills session is provided free of charge. Course participants get to take the meal they have prepared home with them.

All money donated for refreshments and coffee in June will be given to FoodWise



The next foodbank collection will be on **Sunday 5th July**.

The items required are

- tinned carrots,
- sweetcorn and
- mixed vegetables,
- tinned meat meals,
- tinned ham,
- Long life fruit juice,
- Fruit squash,
- Long life sponge puddings and
- tinned custard.

Many thanks for your continued support.

**Carole Hymers**

Thanks to Wendy for arranging the flowers on behalf of John Mitchell in memory of Dorothy Mitchell.



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.





The Whitechapel Mission has been helping the homeless since 1876

Collections of non-perishable foods, toiletries and clothing will be made at

Godalming United Church  
Bridge Street, Godalming GU7 3DT

26<sup>th</sup> June to 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Please see the leaflet to find out how YOU can help!

### Whitechapel Mission

The Whitechapel Mission has helped the homeless in London since 1876. Today, it is recognized as one of London's most effective homeless charities. The cost-of-living crisis sadly means that the need continues to grow.

The charity provides showers, breakfast, lunches, training, advice and dignity to all who walk through its doors every day of the year. Clients are mainly men, although there are also services for homeless women.

The aim of the charity is to transform lives from homelessness to hope by helping clients reconnect to family, commit to sobriety, find a job and place to live and to be able to plan for the future.

Entirely dependent on public support, the Whitechapel Mission always needs donations of clothing which is in good condition and suitable for street dwellers, toiletries and non-perishable breakfast foods.

This appeal is being coordinated by Godalming United Church, between 26<sup>th</sup> June and 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

For further information on the charity:  
[www.whitechapel.org.uk](http://www.whitechapel.org.uk)  
Any queries, contact Ryan Kelley 01483 423261  
or Janet Shaw [jrshaw15@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jrshaw15@yahoo.co.uk)  
Tel: 01483 527670

**GODALMING UNITED CHURCH**  
(Methodist and United Reformed)  
Bridge Street, Godalming GU7 3DT

Urgently needed: **Men's Clothing, Toiletries and Non-perishable Breakfast foods** for

**THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION**

A collection of these items will be held during the period

**26<sup>th</sup> June – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

Please ask your friends, neighbours and colleagues to help as well!

Donation times and specific items needed are detailed inside this leaflet.

### Collection times at Godalming United Church will be:

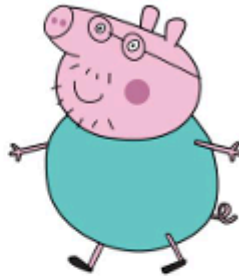
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	12 noon to 1.30 pm
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30 am to 12 noon
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	11.30 am to 12.30 pm
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	2 pm to 3 pm
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	6 pm to 7 pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	12 noon to 1.30 pm
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30 am to 12 noon
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	2 pm to 3 pm
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	11.30 am to 12.30 pm
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	7 pm to 8 pm

Items highlighted in **bold** are needed the **most urgently**:

<b>BREAKFAST FOODS</b>		
Peanut Butter	<b>Cornflakes</b>	<b>Weetabix</b>
Bottled water	<b>Chocolate Spread</b>	<b>Brown Sauce</b>
<b>Nutella</b>	<b>Chopped tomatoes</b>	Salt
<b>Chopped Tomatoes</b>	<b>Plum tomatoes</b>	Porridge
<b>Baked Beans</b>	<b>Honey</b>	<b>Biscuits</b>
<b>Sugar</b>	<b>Squash</b>	<b>Coffee</b>
<b>Instant Hot Chocolate</b>	<b>Ketchup</b>	Tinned Fruit
<b>Sugar</b>	<b>Honey</b>	Black Ground Pepper
Peanut Butter		
<b>MEN'S CLOTHING</b>		
Winter Jackets	Winter Coats	Baseball Caps
Woollen Gloves	Woollen Hats	Woollen Scarves
T-shirts	Jumpers	Hand Towels
Bath Towels	<b>Underpants</b>	<b>Boxers</b>
<b>Jeans 28-36"</b>	<b>Trousers 28-34"</b>	<b>Small Rucksacks</b>
<b>Men's Trainers</b>	<b>Men's Shoes</b>	
<b>TOILETRIES</b>		
Toothbrushes	Body Lotion	Body Wash
	<b>Roll-on Deodorant</b>	<b>Razors</b>
Hand Cream	Moisturiser	Shampoo
<b>Spray Deodorant</b>	Shower Gel	<b>Shaving Foam</b>



Over the past few years, I have spent quite a bit of time watching Peppa Pig with my grandchildren. Daddy Pig, (we never get to find out what his name is), is my favourite



character. I've learned a lot about him. He is cheerful, laughs a lot, and he works as a structural engineer. He's fun - loves to play football, cook, do magic tricks, and play the drums. However, he occasionally boasts about being an expert at everything, but he often gets things wrong! He makes mistakes with his map reading and gets lost, his DIY skills sometimes let him down and he's frightened of heights. He's a great dad, but he's not perfect. I'm tempted to say this is because he is human – but actually he's a pig!

But **we** are all human and even when we grow up and become adults, we can sometimes get things wrong. Even our Mums, Dads, Aunts. Uncles and those who love and look after us!

It tells us in the Bible that God is like a perfect Heavenly Father who will never leave, make mistakes, or let us down, and we are all his children.

**2 Corinthians 6:18** "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord



When we talk to God, we sometimes start our prayer with the words 'Our father in heaven...'. Even though we can't see Him, He is always there to love, protect, and guide us, and He promises to never leave us. That's pretty special!

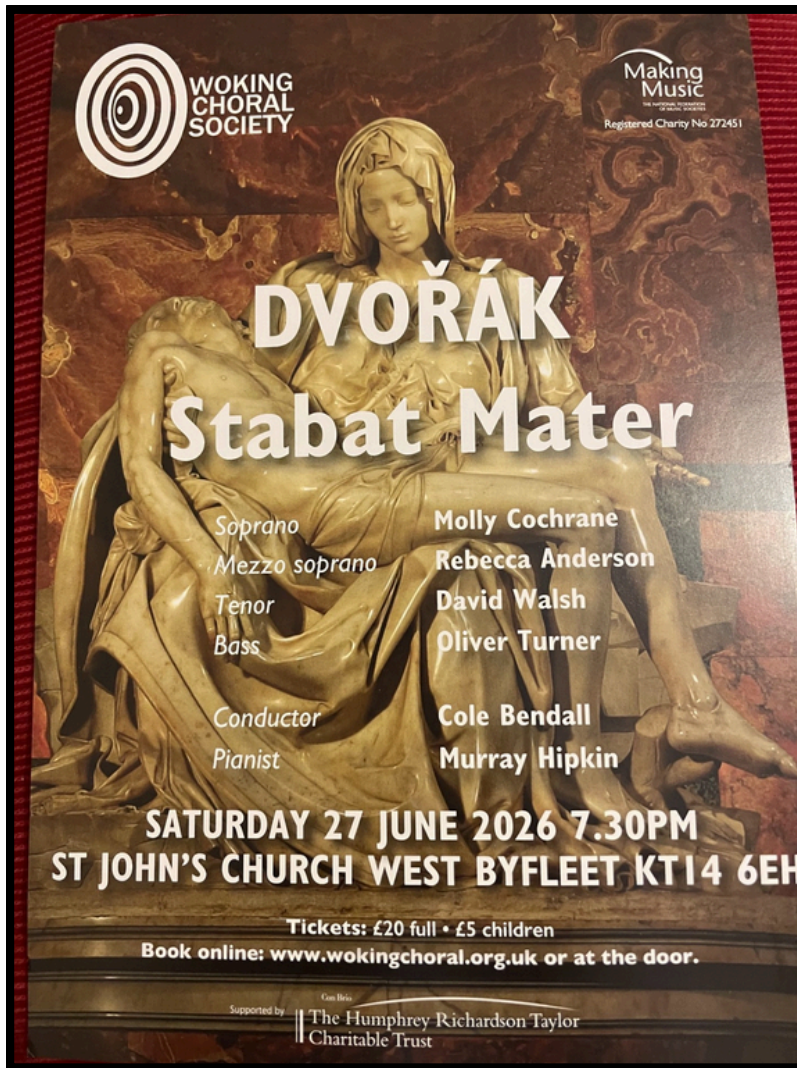
And if God is like a Father to us, then we are all His children - part of God's forever family.



The next prayer group meetings at Trinity will be on Friday 19th June and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. We meet at 10.00 am. We would like to invite anyone interested to join us on this journey of prayer and thanksgiving. We pray for people, projects and situations in our church, local community and across the world.

We meet twice a month in person and at other times via WhatsApp. If you would like to share any prayer requests please pass them to Rev.Sam, Graham W, Jean, Carole or to one of the stewards.

God of the earth, the sea and the sky,  
 May we know your steadfast love,  
 And that in all times and all places  
 You are there.  
 Amen.



I will be placing an order for the 2026/27 Prayer Handbook in July. If you would like a copy could you please let me know. (LT and Prayer Group I already have your names). They will be approx. £4.99

**Jean Normington**

## Become an All We Can Champion

All We Can is looking for Champions in Methodist churches across London and the South East. This is a straightforward role for anyone who wants to stand up for global justice in their local church. Champions help share resources we provide—such as posters and newsletter articles—keep the work of All We Can visible, and may help organise an annual collection or small fundraising activity. They also get invited to their exclusive inspiring online events with other Champions to meet All We Can's partners working with communities across the world. If you're interested in encouraging your church to act for justice and hope around the world, they'd love to hear from you.

Contact Paul Richards, Engagement Officer: [p.richards@allwecan.org.uk](mailto:p.richards@allwecan.org.uk)

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