

WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Message from the Leadership Team (LT)

Oh to be young again with little to worry about and freedom to just grab opportunities as they present themselves. But as I've gotten older, there is more often than not a price to pay and a decision whether it is worth it. Season 1 of The Chosen (come join us every other Thursday evening to watch here at Trinity) has shown me how the disciples were presented with an opportunity to follow Jesus, some sacrificing the (secure) life they knew for something completely unknown (at the time). For others, it was easier, leaving a life of baggage at the roadside and beginning again, freed from it. But still, whilst they had Jesus walking with them, they perhaps didn't have the same Jesus as we have walking beside us when we face similar crossroads. We know Jesus died for our sins and lives forever, but for them, he would have just been a rabbi (teacher) sent by God to deliver His people from those oppressing them (Romans at that time) - it would be another 3-4 years of learning, watching, understanding before they (sort of) got it!

Fortunately, by their testimony's in the Gospels, and those after them to inspire and encourage His Way, Truth and Life (New Testament), we can understand what it means to have Jesus in our life far quicker (although the learning never stops). It will comfort us, especially when we face life's crossroads and are unsure of the direction to travel. He will be there no matter what, guiding us (when we look), giving courage (when needed), nudging us to better places, closing doors when He knows it's not right. And all this, just by faith. Pray for yourself, and things happen if it is His will - just be patient.

So whatever is happening in your life, be it a crossroads, a roundabout, a fork in the road, or just straight on, keep Jesus walking beside you, and He will direct you when you ask - just remember to listen.

Proverbs 3: 5-6 (The Message)

"Trust GOD from the bottom of your heart;
don't try to figure out everything on your own.
Listen for GOD's voice in everything you do, everywhere
you go;
he's the one who will keep you on track."

David Emmerson

Forthcoming Services

Sunday 29 June 2025

Morning Worship
led by Elizabeth Gurd
10.30 am

Sunday 6 July 2025

Morning Worship and
Communion
led by Reverend Alan Taylor
10.30 am

6 pm Foundry Service

Live Stream Link

[Click HERE](#)

Circuit Prayers

[The Circuit prayer diary
for the month is HERE](#)

Circuit Letter

[The Circuit letter dated
25 June 2025 is here](#)

Trinity Book Club

If talking about books whilst eating cake appeals to you, you might like to consider joining the Book Club.

We are a small group who meet every five weeks or so in our homes, or some other congenial place, to discuss a book chosen by a member. The book can be a novel, biography or anything else that has caught the member's eye. Please talk to Elaine if you want to know more.

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**FOR AN ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT
MINISTERIAL STAFFING IN THE
WEY VALLEY METHODIST CIRCUIT**



Can you imagine what it would be like to go out for a day in the country, and at the end of the day when you are tired and hungry, to discover you had run out of food and there are no shops nearby. How would you feel? What would you do?

The Bible tells a story about a big crowd of 5,000 people who had travelled to listen to Jesus speak to them. They had been there all day and had probably run out of food, but they didn't want to go home as they were still listening to what Jesus had to say. Jesus wanted his friends, the disciples, to feed them all. That would be impossible, the disciples said! Where would they get enough food?



A young boy in the crowd had five small loaves of bread and two small fish which he was willing to share. Jesus took the food, thanked God for it and a miracle happened – there was enough food to feed 5000 people with some left over!!

That must have been some picnic!!

What could you share with someone?

Prayer – Dear God, Help us to share what we have to help others. Thank you for giving us what we need.

Amen



Prayer Corner

A prayer that God strengthen our faith

Look upon your servants,
O Lord,
weak in faith, but asking for
your strength;
cold in heart, but seeking
the warmth of your love;
assailed by doubt, but
longing to trust you;
abounding in sin, yet
begging to be filled with
your righteousness; now
and forever. Amen.

Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Junior Church – help needed!

We are currently blessed by an expanding Junior Church. We need a few more helpers to expand the small team of helpers we currently have. Could you help? There is no preparation to do, no meetings to attend, no hidden jobs to do, but you will need to have a DBS check. You just need to turn up and join in with what has been prepared. We must have 2 people in Junior Church each week to meet the safeguarding requirements of the Methodist Church and we want to continue to give of our best. Please do think whether this is one way you could help... it really is good fun too! Please let Helen Bowerman know if you could help.

The Chosen

A reminder that The Chosen is now FORTNIGHTLY, and the next showing is Thursday 3rd July in the Sanctuary at 7.30pm where we will be watching Series 1 Episode 6. If you missed any, catch up for FREE by going to <https://watch.thechosen.tv/page/season%201>



Our June coffee donation charity is 'Open Doors'

380 MILLION Christians face high levels of persecution and discrimination for their faith.

4,476 believers were killed for their faith last year. 4744 Christians were detained or sentenced for faith reasons

Open doors is a Christian ministry supporting persecuted believers worldwide. Founded in 1955 by Brother Andrew - known for smuggling bibles into Eastern Europe - 'Open Doors' now serves in over 70 countries. It provides bibles, leadership training, emergency aid, and advocates for religious freedom. In the UK and Ireland Open Doors mobilises churches to pray, give, speak out, and draw inspiration from the courageous faith of the persecuted Christian family.

All money donated for refreshments and coffee in June will be given to **Open Doors**

More information at www.opendoorsuk.org

OPEN DOORS

Thank you all so very much for your support for our persecuted sisters and brothers worldwide, as they remain united in Christ.

This verse from our recent circuit letter adds particularly poignantly to our support of Open Doors as our charity of the month of June:-

We lay our broken world

In sorrow at your feet,

Haunted by hunger, war and fear,

Oppressed by power and hate.

(Anna Briggs, a long-time member of the Iona community)

Thank you again for your prayers this month and for supporting the "**Arise Africa**" petition, which you can find through the Open Doors website or through this direct link:-

<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/act/arise-africa/africa-petition>

Thank you also for your donations to Open Doors. All monetary gifts will be well used and are most welcome and this Sunday morning will be your last opportunity to donate.

In countries of oppression and persecution, it is **PRAYER** that Christians ask of us. Please continue to remember our persecuted sisters and brothers in your prayers.

Alongside their immense gratitude is this request for prayer from Pastor Hamza in Northern Cameroon where they presently hide in the mountains from attacks *every night* from Boko Haran militants:-

"Pray for faith. The faith of many has weakened. Pray that they will persevere and that we will have the strength to bear the suffering. Also pray for protection and the amount of suffering will decrease. Pray that our people can find food to eat."

Amen

Enid Burman

There will be a Pastoral Visitor meeting on Thursday 3 July, at 7.30pm in the Small Hall at Trinity.

We will go through the new Pastoral Visitor arrangements.

Please RSVP to Allison.

allison.jackson88@btinternet.com



The next foodbank collection at Trinity will be on **Sunday 6 July**

Items urgently required:-

- **tinned corned beef**
- **honey**
- **tinned fruit**
- **cooking oil**
- **adult toothpaste and toothbrushes**
- **shaving foam/gel**

Also useful:-

- **fruit squash**
- **long life fruit juice**

Many thanks for your continued support.

Carol Hymers



From 2:15pm to 3pm this Saturday, some of the songs performed at Trinity's 60th Anniversary will be performed again at this event outside St Andrews Church! Musicians include David Lorberg, Mike Cope, Ildi Johnson, Graham Kirby-Smith, David Huggett.

Circuit Announcement

19th June 2025

The Circuit Leadership Team wish to update you in relation to ministerial staffing in the Wey Valley Methodist Circuit.

Reverend George Quarm's appointment to the Circuit expires in summer 2026 and he has informed us that he will not be seeking a reinvitation; instead he will be entering the Stationing process for another post and we wish him well in that.

2026 will mark the completion of 40 years' active ministry by Reverend Paul Glass and his appointment to the Circuit expires in summer 2027 when he plans to retire. The Circuit Stewards greatly appreciate the skill and energy Paul has devoted to his role in the Circuit but recognise this has placed considerable pressure on him.

To ease this pressure and prepare for the transition to retirement, Paul wishes to relinquish the role of Superintendent as from September 2026 and spend his final year in the Circuit working half-time.

To achieve this reduction in hours, Paul would step back to pastoral charge of Cranleigh and Guildford St. Mary's, together with some continuing University Chaplaincy work. He will continue in pastoral charge of Knaphill through to August 2026 but then hand over that role and step down as Superintendent.

The proposed change in Paul's time commitment has been discussed and agreed with the Chair of the South East District and is subject to confirmation by the Circuit Meeting to be held on 10 July.

This autumn the Circuit will therefore be entering the Stationing process to seek a new minister to serve as Superintendent from September 2026.

We regret that the financial constraints, the reduced overall membership of the churches in the Circuit and the limited number of ministers available for stationing make it inevitable that our ministerial staffing level reduces by one minister. This will take us from the current level of 5 down to 4. Sam Funnell's one-third commitment to the District as Assistant Chair effectively reduces this to 3.7.

Adapting to this reduction will cause uncertainties and many challenges. We will be consulting closely with Circuit churches and are exploring initiatives to lessen the impact of the change. Having Paul Glass in place half-time for 2026-7 helps us by phasing the reduction over 2 years.

This will give us a little more breathing space to work with Paul, the new Superintendent and other team members to consider how our ministerial resources should best be used going forward.

Please feel free to discuss this with any Circuit Steward but in the meantime we ask for your prayers for all involved in this process.

Jean Normington (Senior Circuit Steward)
Nigel Campion-Smith (Circuit Steward)

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