

# WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

## Message from the Leadership Team (LT)

A few days ago, when I was planning what to write, this cartoon appeared on my phone and got me thinking. I have a habit of 'misplacing' my keys or my phone. Often, after a quick search which fails to locate them, I might offer a quick prayer that I will find them – especially if I'm in a rush and need to go out. And I have often prayed for a parking space to be free or for the traffic not to be too bad, for the sun to shine or for it to rain - little things for my convenience.

But why should the God who holds all creation in His hands answer what seems to be a relatively trivial prayer, and should I even be praying for something so small in the first place when the needs of the world are so great? Surely prayers for those who are ill or troubled, the needs of those who suffer because of injustice, hunger, hatred and wars are far more worthy.

Paul tells us in Philippians 4:6 '...in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.' In doing so we bring God into every part of our lives from the little things, to those that significantly impact us, those we know and love and the world in which we live, and we trust that God will listen and answer in the way that is right for us.

But praying also gives us the opportunity to continually thank God for His goodness to us, whatever the circumstances – trivial or of huge significance or need. God, who cares for even the smallest sparrow, and the tiniest details of our everyday lives, deserves our thanks and praise in all circumstances. What can we pray and give thanks for today – in our own lives, the world and here at Trinity?

**Writers note** – This cartoon has been reproduced with the kind permission of the author and illustrator Andy Robb. If you want to find out more about 'Derek the Cleric' and the life at his church, St. Cliffs, do look at his website [www.andyrobb.co.uk](http://www.andyrobb.co.uk). Lots there to make you smile!

Helen Bowerman



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## Forthcoming Services

### Sunday 7 June 2026

Morning Worship with communion  
led by  
Rev Sam Funnell  
at 10.30 am

6 pm Foundry Worship

### Sunday 14 June 2026

Morning Worship  
led by  
Grace Pratt Morris-Chapman  
at 10.30 am



See page 2 for Foundry Worship information for  
Sunday 7 June 2026

[Circuit Prayer Diary for the month](#) of May  
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)

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— PUBLIC TALK —

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TWO POWERFUL STORIES OF SERVICE

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Decades of military leadership and life on the front line

**WOKING STREET ANGELS**  
COMPASSION IN ACTION

**MARK POTTER**  
WOKING STREET ANGELS

Real stories from the streets – supporting, protecting, preventing

TICKETS **£5** BOOK NOW!

**WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 2026**

**7PM – 8.15PM**  
DOORS OPEN 6.30PM

**ST DUNSTAN'S RC CHURCH**  
SHAFTESBURY ROAD, WOKING GU22 7DT

TICKETS **£5** | BOOK NOW  
[www.ticketsource.com](http://www.ticketsource.com)  
(search "Woking")

ORGANISED BY THE **GUILDFORD & DISTRICT KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA**

## 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.

## Foundry Worship - Sunday 7th June at 6pm

This Sunday we start a series of 4 services looking at the book of Philippians. This is based on the material provided by the Methodist Church for BIBLE month. Since Foundry Worship only meets every other week, this will of course take us two months to complete.

This first week we will be looking at Philippians 1 under the title "A harvest of joy". Dave Ingoldby will be helping us through the passage and guiding our thinking. Some key words from the BIBLE month notes: Belonging, Praying, Sharing, Growth, Love, Contentment, Pragmatism, Trust. Come along and find out how these words are part of being a community that live life as a harvest of joy.

As usual we will meet at 5.45pm for refreshments. Our service will include time for worship, prayer and sharing thoughts together.

Take care

**Hugh Bowerman, Foundry Pastor**

## JANET OLIVER'S FUNERAL

THE SERVICE TO GIVE THANKS FOR JANET'S LIFE WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 8TH JUNE 2026, AT 2.15PM @ GUILDFORD CREMATORIUM (NEW POND RD, ARTINGTON GU7 3DB). ALL ARE WELCOME.

PLEASE KEEP HER CHILDREN, RICHARD AND ANNELIE, IN YOUR PRAYERS.

## 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**



## WPOF Pilgrimage 2026

**SATURDAY 13 JUNE**

**STARTS AT ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH, WOKING - 10:30AM**

Opportunity to observe Catholic Mass\* at 10.00 am - 10.30 am at St Dunstan's Church

Stops include: Christian Science Church, United Reformed Church, Shah Jahan Mosque and end at St Paul's Church where other faiths will be represented.

- All ages and fitness levels are welcome
- Refreshments along the way
- Dress for the weather (Headscarf for women at the mosque)
- Just turn up - all welcome!
- Donations appreciated
- Free Parking at St Dunstan's Church or Shah Jahan Mosque



Woking People of Faith  
Diverse Beliefs: United Action

\*Holy Communion will be offered to Catholics; others are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing.

Further details including the route is on our website: [www.wpof.org.uk](http://www.wpof.org.uk)

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.

### WPOF Pilgrimage 2026

Walk for unity and purpose • Saturday 13 June • Start: St Dunstan's Church, Woking

**Route & Parking Guide**  
[www.wpof.org.uk](http://www.wpof.org.uk)

#### Map of the walk route

Follow the numbered stops in order. Parking points are marked with P.

Approximate walking route guide. Please follow stewards and check the website for full route details.

Approximate walking times are based on the event schedule and may vary slightly.

#### Stops in order

- 1** St Dunstan's Church  
Shaftesbury Road, GU22 7DT  
10.30 registration • 11.00 talk
- 2** Christian Science Church  
11 Heathside Road, GU22 7EY  
11.40 talk
- 3** United Reformed Church  
White Rose Lane, GU22 7HA  
12.05 talk • refreshments
- 4** Shah Jahan Mosque  
149 Oriental Road, GU22 7BA  
12.55 talk
- 5** St Paul's Church  
Oriental Road, GU22 7BD  
13.25 talks (including other faiths) • 13.45 refreshments

#### Parking and reminders

- Parking available only at St Dunstan's Church
- Parking available only at Shah Jahan Mosque
- Finish approx: 2.30 pm at St Paul's
- No registration needed, just turn up
- Headscarf for women at the mosque

Supported by

Holy Communion at St Dunstan's will be offered to Catholics; others are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing.



**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**:

BREAKFAST FOODS		
Peanut Butter	Cornflakes	Weetabix
Bottled water	<b>Chocolate Spread</b>	<b>Brown Sauce</b>
Nutella	Chopped tomatoes	Salt
<b>Chopped Tomatoes</b>	Plum tomatoes	Porridge
Baked Beans	Honey	Biscuits
Sugar	Squash	Coffee
Instant Hot Chocolate	Ketchup	Tinned Fruit
Sugar	<b>Honey</b>	Black Ground Pepper
Peanut Butter		
MEN'S CLOTHING		
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>
Jeans 28-36"	<b>Trousers 28-34"</b>	Small Rucksacks
Men's Trainers	<b>Men's Shoes</b>	
TOILETRIES		
Toothbrushes	Body Lotion	Body Wash
	<b>Roll-on Deodorant</b>	<b>Razors</b>
Hand Cream	Moisturiser	Shampoo
<b>Spray Deodorant</b>	Shower Gel	Shaving Foam



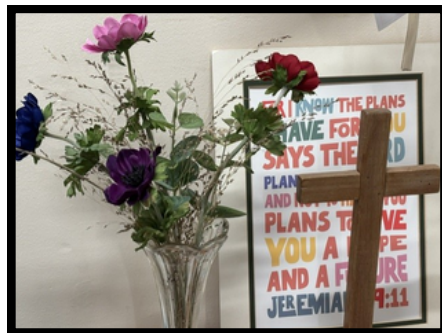
**Three Acres and a Cow.**

Recently we went to see a show at the Methodist Church at North Camp, Farnborough.

<https://threeacresandacow.co.uk/>

A history of land rights and protest in folk song and story, the show connects the Norman Conquest and Peasants' Revolt with current issues like the housing crisis, reparations, climate breakdown and food sovereignty via the Enclosures, English Civil War and Industrial Revolution, drawing a compelling narrative through the radical people's history of England in folk song, stories and poems.

It was a very thought provoking evening. The show is being performed around the country again in September and October in various locations - but mostly not local to Surrey. The website is interesting to browse even if you can't make it to one of the shows.



Ildi on the run again

On 7th June, I'm doing another 5K race. This time, I'm raising funds for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Everybody should have the right to feel safe and secure! If you would like to, and are able to, please support my efforts to raise money for their work via the link below! Thank you! 😊

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/ildiko-johnson-1?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=EM&utm\\_campaign=lc\\_frp\\_share\\_transaction\\_fundraiser\\_page\\_donation\\_received\\_-\\_first\\_donation](https://www.justgiving.com/page/ildiko-johnson-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM&utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_fundraiser_page_donation_received_-_first_donation)



The next foodbank collection at Trinity will be on Sunday 7th June.

The following items are required,

- tinned tomatoes,
- multi pack crisps,
- mayonnaise,
- ketchup,
- long life juice,
- fruit squash,
- multi pack snack bars
- and hot chocolate.

Also small cartons of laundry detergent (bio and non bio), deodorant spray and roll on.

Many thanks for your continued support.

**Carole Hymers**

**Messy Church**

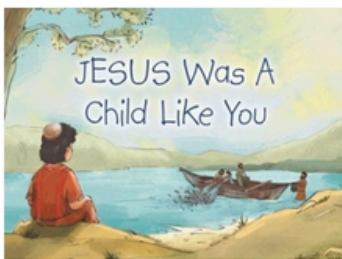
At Christmas we hear a lot about Jesus as a little baby, and later in the Bible we can read many stories of the life of Jesus when he was grown up. But there is very little written about Jesus as a child. What was he like when

he was 5 years old, or 8 or 11? What did he like to do? Did he play in the street with the children who lived near him? Could he run fast? Was he teased by his family? Who taught him to read and did he enjoy singing? Did he help his father Joseph in his workshop? What was his favourite food? I expect he would have laughed and cried and played and worked and grown very much like you and me. The Bible tells us though that he also became very wise.

**The child grew. He became strong and very wise. And God blessed him. Luke 2:40**

**Are we wise?** Even when he was very young, Jesus knew that he was God's son and God had chosen him to show people what God was like and how much God loved everyone. Being wise like Jesus simply means knowing what is right and doing it. It's not just about being smart in school; it means making good, loving and kind choices every day because you trust that God's way is the best way. We can all become wise like Jesus – and if sometimes it's a bit hard – we can ask God to help us.

**If you could have met Jesus when he was a child – what games would you have played with him, what would you have asked him?**





Thank you to everyone who helped at the Christian Aid plant sale on Saturday 30th May in the morning held at Trinity - and to everyone who came to support us and bought plants, teas, coffees and cakes. £1,141 was raised for Christian Aid (plus May coffee money to come)! A great effort for a very hot day!

With many thanks.

## 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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