

WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Message from the Leadership Team (LT)

Each week a copy of our Messy Church handout is printed in the church newsletter – a little glimpse of part of our weekly group. But how does Messy Church work and what do we do?

We have a dedicated and enthusiastic team of leaders who meet together three times a year to plan the programme for the following term. Each week has a theme which we link to a Bible verse, and we write the handout which you read in the newsletter.

The leaders begin to set up for Friday Night Messy Church at about 3:30pm, joining together for a short prayer before the children and families begin to arrive from 4.30 onwards. On average we have 10 – 12 children each week who bring their Mums, Dads and sometimes Grandparents too! There are crafts and other theme-based activities in the Small Hall, and games for the more energetic in the Large Hall. At 5.45, parents and children gather in the Music Room for 'Story Time.' This 15-minute slot led by one of the leaders focuses on the theme for the day. Last week, Graham spoke about Prayer and some of the children asked really pertinent and thoughtful questions. After a short prayer thanking God for being together and our food, everyone returns to the Small Hall where a hot meal is shared by children, their parents and some of the Leaders. We have a 'No Screens' policy during the meal – instead a 'Talking Point' for the day to encourage adults and children to share their ideas on a topic and enjoy talking to each other.

After dinner, there are more games in the Large Hall while we clear up and then everyone leaves at 7.00 ish! Every child takes home a named bag containing a chocolate bar and the weekly handout. Each family is also given a copy of Trinity's newsletter and a copy of TNV each time it is published. We all feel privileged to be able to work with such a lovely group of families and it is a blessing to be able to spend time getting to know them, talking with them, building up relationships and sharing a small part of their life. Our aim is to share the love that God has for each and every one of us through what we say and what we do. And, at the same time, to have fun!

Please do hold our families and the work we do at Messy Church in your prayers, and if anyone would like to pop along on a Friday evening to see first hand what we do, you would be very welcome.

Helen Bowerman

Lent 2026

The Methodist Church of Great Britain website offers a range of resources for study and prayer through Lent and into Easter. For further information and materials [click here](#).

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE EMAIL FOR
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Forthcoming Services

Sunday 15 March 2026

Morning Worship -
Mothering Sunday
led by
Hugh Bowerman
at 10.30 am

6 pm Foundry Worship

Sunday 22 March 2026

Morning Worship led by
Rev Sam Funnell
at 10.30 am



**Circuit Prayer Diary
for March**
[click here](#)

or visit

www.veyvalleycircuit.org.uk/publications

**Circuit Letter for
this week [click here](#)**

or visit

www.veyvalleycircuit.org.uk/home/news

All age worship - 15th March at 10.30 am

On Sunday morning we join together as the whole Church Family for an act of all age worship.

The service will be suitable for all ages. In addition to recognising the day as the 4th Sunday in lent, we will be thinking about the unseen things in life that are so important to us. There will be an activity or two, a bit of drama, prayers and a collection of songs suitable for everyone that will help us to worship our wonderful God together.

We hope that many families will be able to join with us to celebrate this special day.

Hugh Bowerman
Local Preacher



Foundry Worship - 15th March at 6pm

There is Christianity as I understand it, and Christianity as increasingly portrayed in the media. It concerns me. How should I react when the faith that is special to me seems to be so mis-represented?

Our theme this week is "Dealing with Christian Difference". And let's be honest, there is a lot of 'difference' within the Christian church. So should we react, and if so, how? Is this often concerning media presence an embarrassment or an opportunity? What comfort can we draw from God, the Bible and from each other?

Through worship, video, Bible, Prayer and shared experiences we will reflect on the above as we look to strengthening of God's presence in our lives.

Hugh Bowerman
Foundry Pastor



Mothering Sunday started hundreds of years ago when, once a year in the middle of Lent, people returned to their home or 'mother' church - the main church or cathedral of the area.



Families would take this opportunity to meet together, and it became a time when children who were working away returned home. (It was quite common in those days for children to



leave home for work once they were ten years old!) People think now that it was this returning to the 'Mother' church which led to the tradition of children, particularly those working as domestic servants, or as apprentices, being given the day off to visit their family, especially their mothers. As they walked along the country lanes, children would pick wildflowers to take to church or give to their mother as a small gift.

This Sunday is Mothering Sunday when we think about Mothers and those who care for us and say a special thank you to them.

How many different ways can you think of to say 'Thank you' and show those that care for you that you love them?



We can say thank you, give them a hug, be helpful, say 'I love you'

Prayer – Thank you God for Mums and for all those who love and care for us. **Amen**



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'.

Prayer for Mothering Sunday

Creator God,

We thank you for your love which shapes us and helps us to grow.

On this Mothering Sunday

we give thanks for women who have been examples of self-giving love,

who have given time, wisdom and care to the nurture of children, their own or others.

We pray for those who find this a difficult day, who do not have happy memories of their own mothers, those who grieve for their mothers or for their children, and those who long to be mothers but cannot be.

We remember mothers in the Bible, giving thanks for the tenacity of Sarah

the generosity of Hannah and the courage of Mary.

May your Spirit continue to shape us, heal us and guide us today.

Amen

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTY

SATURDAY
18TH APRIL 2026
4:00 - 6:00pm

Trinity Methodist Church
Brewery Road, Woking



There will be high tea, entertainment and a fun quiz.



If you know someone who'd appreciate an invitation

CONTACT Marian (07749 094064)
Pauline (07729 301713)



Volunteers would be welcome to...
Help on the day or bake a cake

CONTACT Pauline (07729 301713)



To give someone a lift or sponsor a taxi

CONTACT Marian (07749 094064)

Thank you for your continued support.

The Neighbourhood Party Team



The Methodist Church



THE FOUNDRY

Our **March** coffee donation charity is The Besom - Woking



Woking Besom is a non-denominational charity which provides a bridge between those who want to give money, time or things and those who are in need and ensures that what is given is used effectively. The service it provides is free.

Subject to availability and resources, they can provide and deliver: Furniture, white goods, bedding, linens, towels, curtains, cutlery, crockery and kitchen utensils.

Besom also organises working parties for Decorating and Garden clearance. Referrals are given to other agencies where appropriate, for example: Foodbank, Jigsaw, Christians Against Poverty (CAP) and other agencies.

Woking Besom is run on prayer, never asking anyone for anything specific. Who is going to help? They pray and God answers!

Besom

WOKING

A ministry to those who give, as well as those who are in need.

All money donated for refreshments and coffee in March will be given to www.wokingbesom.org



Woking foodbank. The next collection at Trinity will be on Sunday 5th April.

Items most needed are

- long life sponge puddings,
- honey,
- pot noodles,
- cooking oil,
- long life fruit juice
- and fruit squash.

Also washing up liquid, small cartons of laundry detergent and toilet rolls.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Carole Hymers

The Lighthouse, including Woking Foodbank, has opened at our newly refurbished community space at Unit 4, on Church Path. A wide variety of projects are run primarily on the generosity of donations and volunteers. Do check out the website for information about the many projects supporting local needs. The Cosy Coffee House is a not-for-profit cafe using funds to support the community projects at the Lighthouse. Open Monday to Friday 9:30am to 2:30pm, do call in and support us!

Carole Hymers

Are you election ready?

Register to vote

- Elections for councillors to represent you on the new East and West Surrey councils will take place on **7 May 2026**. You can vote in person, by post or by proxy.
- You must be registered to be able to vote. If you're not already registered, you have until midnight on **20 April 2026** to do so at gov.uk/register-to-vote

Voter ID

- To vote in person you must bring an accepted form of photo ID. These include a passport, a driving licence or a concessionary travel pass, such as an older person's bus pass. You can use expired IDs as long as the photo still looks like you. For a full list of accepted photo ID visit electoralcommission.org.uk/voterid
- If you don't have an accepted form of photo ID, you can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate (VAC) at gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate
- The deadline to apply for a VAC is **5pm on 28 April 2026**.
- If you are voting on behalf of someone else as their proxy, you will need to bring your own photo ID.

Postal and proxy votes

- If you won't be able to get to a polling station on election day, you can apply for a postal vote or proxy vote online at gov.uk/how-to-vote
- Apply as soon as possible to make sure you receive your postal vote pack or proxy vote in good time.
- The deadline to apply for a postal vote is **5pm on 21 April 2026**.
- For a proxy vote – when a friend or relative casts your vote for you – you must apply by **5pm on 28 April 2026**.

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

Your current services

There is no disruption to council services during this process. Your local council and Surrey County Council continue to deliver services as usual.

If you have a question or need help with an existing service, please contact your local council which remains responsible for delivering and supporting services during the transition period.

Where to go for more information

The Future Surrey website has all the latest information on devolution and LGR in one trusted place. You can also contact us with any questions. surreyighub.gov.uk




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WOKING CHORAL SOCIETY

MAKING MUSIC
Registered Charity No 272451

FRENCH CONNECTION

VIERNE Messe Solennelle

DURUFLÉ Requiem

Mezzo-Soprano Ellen Smith
Baritone Oliver Turner
Organ Adam Hope
Cello Leonid Kovrigovich
Conductor Cole Bendall

SATURDAY 21 MARCH 2026 7.30pm
ST JOHN'S CHURCH WEST BYFLEET

Tickets: £20 full • £5 children
Book online: www.wokingchoral.org.uk or at the door.

Supported by **The Humphrey Richardson Taylor Charitable Trust**

Calling on-line shoppers

THINK: Have I bought something on-line recently that arrived in a Jiffy bag?

IMAGINE: Visualise 24 knitted squares 6" x 6".

CONSIDER: Could I recycle the Jiffy bag for sending 24 squares to North Staffordshire to be made into blankets (see photo below) for a ladies' and childrens' Refuge in Dunkirk?

If the answer is yes, **please let Barbara Phillips have your Jiffy bag.**



Garden Volunteers Needed

Our church garden is looking wonderful thanks to our faithful gardening team – whose **average age is an impressive 86!**

We'd love a few additional volunteers to help with general tidying and, most importantly, tackling the weeds (which are starting to feel a little too confident).

No gardening experience required – just a willingness to lend a hand.

We meet Saturday mornings from 09:30. If you can spare an hour now and then, please speak to **Sarah in the church office.**

Help keep our garden blooming!

We are sad to report the deaths of two church members who have recently died, and we have their funeral details.

Helen Harrold's service will be at Trinity on Monday 16/3/26 at 1pm, followed by refreshments at The Wheatsheaf.

Please keep Geoff, and their sons Nick and Andrew and their friends in your prayers.

Andy Meal died in St Peters Hospital on 22/2/26, after a few days of illness, and her funeral service will be at Trinity on Friday 20/3/26 at 10am, followed by refreshments in the Sanctuary.

Please keep her sister Liz and brother Tim and her friends in your prayers.

May God's blessing and peace be theirs in fullest measure and on their loved ones - family and friends - who mourn their passing.

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

Epworth Genesis

Two choir collaboration
AND The Chameleon Arts Orchestra!

Joseph Haydn's
The Creation

Supporting
samson
centre

Conducted by *Charlie Perry & Florence Price*

Let there be Light! Experience Haydn's Mastepiece

Saturday 28th March 2026
7.30pm

Tickets £25
including refreshments
and programme
www.epworthchoir.org

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

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For the detailed programme of events and further information click here
or visit
www.htsmguildford.org/mmac-2026

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