

WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Message from the Leadership Team (LT)

When I wrote the Newsletter piece 5 weeks ago, I was talking about the January Blues! It was dark and wet, making me quite miserable.

But what a difference a couple of days can make. The sun has been shining quite a bit during the last week, it was even 17/18 degrees last Wednesday. Some of the trees are covered in blossom, daffodils and crocuses are in full bloom in gardens, hedgerows and road sides, and the birds are singing from early in the morning.

So, I feel brighter, more cheerful, Joyce and I are getting out more. I have however realised how I have neglected the garden for too long!! Lots to catch up with, but even that is quite good really.

God is in charge of the changing seasons in terms of the weather but also the changing seasons in our lives. God is there all the time, we just forget sometimes, supporting us through difficult and dark times and rejoicing with us when we are brighter and in good spirits.

When we look at the news, it is hard to remember that God is also with those living in the many war-torn places in the world. When you are living in fear, with nowhere to live, little to eat and no medical care available, it must be really hard to think that God is there, caring and supporting, but he is.

I pray that those poor souls can come to realise that God is there for them if they could only turn their heads and seek him out amongst the rubble, the dust, the noise and the fear. And feel his presence.

John Nelson

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](#).



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Forthcoming Services

Sunday 8 March 2026

Morning Worship and Holy Communion led by Rev Sam Funnell at 10.30 am

Sunday 15 March 2026

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

6 pm Foundry Worship



Circuit Prayer Diary for March

[click here](#)

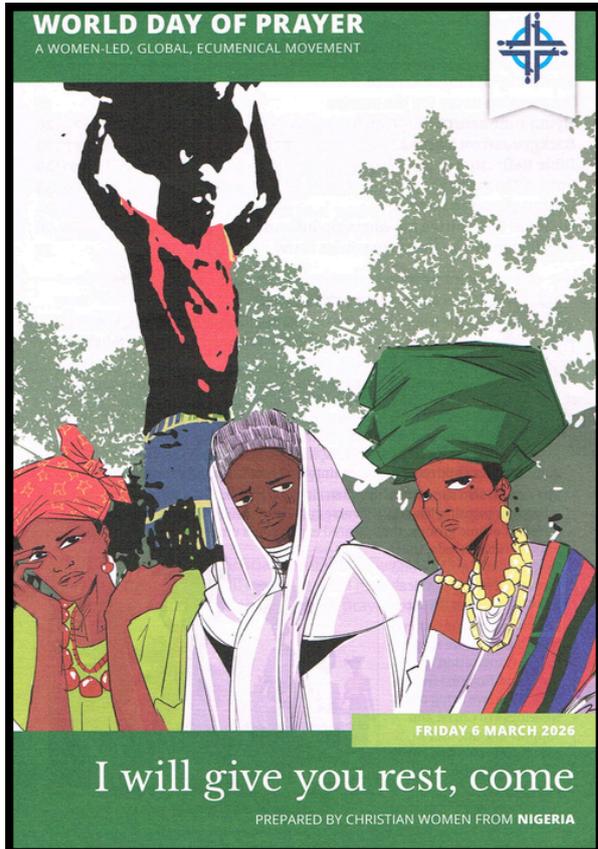
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Circuit Letter for this week [click here](#)

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All are welcome, so do join us for this year's service which will be held on Friday 6th March 10.30 am here at Trinity. The service will be live streamed on YouTube

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!



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 update . On Monday 23rd February The Lighthouse, including Woking Foodbank, 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

<https://woking.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/> for lists of items currently needed



How do you get to know someone well? You spend time with them, and you talk to them, telling them about yourself and listening to what they have to say to you. And

that's one of the ways we can get to know God better – by talking to him and we call this **Praying**.

Praying is just talking to God. It is a way to tell God how you are feeling - happy or sad or worried, to ask for help or to say thank you. You don't have to use big or clever words – just talk to God like you would talk to your best friend or to your Mum or Dad. You can talk aloud or just say the words quietly in your head. God hears you just the same.




The Bible says, "Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." **Jeremiah 29:12**

You can talk to God about anything and at any time of the day or even in the middle of the night. It doesn't matter where you are or what you are doing – at home or school, while you are playing, walking or even in bed! You don't even have to 'put your hands together'. **God is always there and is always ready to listen.**

When you talk to someone, you also have times when you are quiet and you listen to what they have to say to you. And we can be quiet when we talk to God and listen to what He has to say to us. We may not hear a loud voice, but we may have a thought or an idea or a feeling – and this can be God's way of talking to us.

Prayer – Thank you God that we can talk to you and that you will always listen to 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'.

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 click here
or visit
www.htsmguildford.org/mmac-2026

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)



The Methodist Church



THE FOUNDRY

Thank you for your continued support.

The Neighbourhood Party Team

Epworth Genesis

Two choir collaboration

AND The Chameleon Arts Orchestra!

Joseph Haydn's
The Creation



Conducted by Charlie Perry &
Florence Price

Let there be Light! Experience Haydn's Masterpiece

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



YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO OUR

Big Iftar

Join us for a special evening of reflection, community, and shared hospitality at the historic Shah Jahan Mosque as we gather to mark the blessed month of Ramadan.

Date: Tuesday 10th March
Venue: Shah Jahan Mosque,
149 Oriental Road, Woking, GU22 7BA

Programme:

- 5:15 pm - Arrival and welcome (gather at the mosque)
- 5:30 pm - Short talks on the history of the Mosque and the significance of fasting in Ramadan
- 6:00 pm - Iftar (breaking of the fast) and shared refreshments

This Big Iftar is an opportunity for people of all faiths and none to come together, learn, and experience the spirit of Ramadan in a welcoming and peaceful setting. Guests will hear about the rich heritage of the Shah Jahan Mosque (the first purpose built mosque in UK) and gain insight into the spiritual meaning of fasting before sharing in the breaking of the fast as a community.

Practical Information:

- Parking is available on site
- Please arrive promptly to allow time to be seated before the talks
- Shoes will need to be removed before entering the prayer area
- Modest dress is kindly requested:
- Women: long dresses or trousers and a head covering
- Men: trousers (no shorts)

Hosted by Shah Jahan Mosque



Shah Jahan Mosque

RSVP: Habib: 07928 539061 or Kawther: 07878 444855

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.

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. surreyjrhub.gov.uk

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.



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Photo from the recent joint service with the Chinese congregation for Chinese New Year



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Making Music
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FRENCH CONNECTION

VIERNE Messe Solennelle DURUFLÉ Requiem

Mezzo-Soprano Ellen Smith
Banjo 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.

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