# WEEKLY NEWS

# Trinity Methodist Church Woking

## Message from the Leadership Team (LT)

Walking up The Long Walk towards Windsor Castle this last bank holiday, we spotted a mummy duck marching her eight baby ducklings ahead of us, who were barely a day or two old. Where they came from and where they were going to only she knew, for it's pretty much grass with a few trees as far as the eye can see in all directions. Not a drop of water for many (duck) miles. After watching her for a few minutes we continued and not ten minutes later, we looked back and they had disappeared.

Later that day, on our return leg, remembering our encounter we detoured in the direction she had headed, on the off-chance we might see them again. A short while later, we came across this secluded pond and there she was, giving them what could have been their first swimming lesson. The pond had many fowl, including newly born moorhens (and an unborn egg), a male swan warding off the Egyptian ducks from his wife's incubative nest, and all whilst a red kite hovered overhead, hoping for a chance to eat one of them! It was all very enjoyable seeing parents looking after their children, protecting them from harm, whilst danger lurks (overhead in this case).

This is how God is to us, a father loving us enough to protect us from harm if we trust in Him, knowing what's best for us when often we don't, and searching to bring us back when we stray and get lost. He, through nature, gives us signs of His abundant love, as in the creatures He has created. I wonder what signs I'll see next week. Will you see similar as well? Keep your eyes peeled.

#### Ezekiel 34:16 (NIrV)

"I will search for the lost. I will bring back those who have wandered away. I will bandage the ones who are hurt. I will make the weak ones stronger ..... I will take good care of my sheep. I will treat them fairly."

#### **Forthcoming Services**

## **Sunday 11 May 2025**

Morning Worship led by Reverend Claire Hargreaves 10.30 am

6 pm Foundry Worship

### **Sunday 18 May 2025**

Morning Worship led by Mrs Jane Briggs 10.30 am

# Live Stream Link Click HERE

#### **Circuit News**

The Circuit prayer diary for the month is <u>HERE</u>

#### **David Emmerson, Steward**



#### Foundry Worship, 11th May @ 6pm

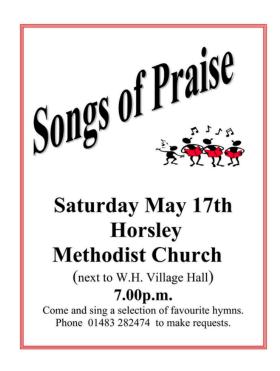
This week Dave <u>Ingoldby</u> will be leading Foundry Worship on the theme "Following Jesus".

We meet for refreshments at 5.45pm before starting worship at 6pm. Our band leads our time of contemporary praise before we collect around our tables to hear what Dave has to share with us about Following Jesus. There is normally time for those who want to share a few thoughts around the table. Prayer forms a key part of our worship.

Our worship is fully inclusive - everyone is welcome.

Hugh Bowerman Foundry Pastor





Don't forget to bring your cakes and plants for the plant sale to Trinity on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May before 10 am, or Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May between 4pm and 5pm.





This week the country has commemorated the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day. That was the day that the war in Europe ended. On the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945 crowds of people came out into the streets to celebrate together - street parties were held and there was much

singing and dancing and joy. We have heard many stories of soldiers, sailors and airmen along with many ordinary people who gave up much so that we can live in peace today.

War is a terrible thing and, although there are times when people must stand up for what is right, it causes much sadness. After the war was over, countries that had been enemies learned how to get on with each other and live in peace.





In the Bible, Jesus taught that the best way was for people to live peacefully alongside each other. He said "Blessed are the Peacemakers"

We can all be peacemakers in lots of little ways by trying to understand others, being patient, by listening even when we disagree and by trying to find good solutions when things go wrong. That isn't always easy, and there are times when we must stand up for what is right. But with God's help we can all try to make a difference.



# **Prayer Corner**

# A prayer for the 80th anniversary of VE Day Gracious God,

At this time of commemoration, we give thanks for the courage of those who fought for freedom and Peace in Europe.

We honour the lives lost, the sacrifices made, and the unity that brought an end to tyranny. May their legacy inspire us to stand for justice, to seek peace with humility, and to cherish the freedoms we now enjoy.

Guide us to be peacemakers in our own time, with hearts full of gratitude and hope.

Amen.

# Save the date Trinity 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show Saturday 14 June

at Trinity 6.30 pm start



# **NHS App Day**

Monday 12 May 10am-4pm

St Michael's Church Dartmouth Ave Woking GU21 5PJ



Our 1-to-1 support sessions can help you with:

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Setting up the NHS App

Ordering repeat prescriptons

Viewing your health record and test results

Any other NHS App queries!

Please bring along photo ID and your smart phone, or tablet, or laptop.

The NHS App...
Not just for Covid!
Not just for phones
Saves you time!

**Drop in** 

No Appointment Necessary





Congratulations to

Elaine and Lee Slatter as they celebrate their

Diamond Wedding Anniversary on

15<sup>th</sup> May 2025