

WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Message from the Leadership Team (LT)

Last weekend I was lucky to take part in 'Flourish' the Yorkshire North and East Methodist District celebration. The theme was 'Woven Threads: Rediscovering our place together in God's big tapestry'. Revd. Leslie Newton's introduction said: 'It invites us to notice and celebrate how the many strands that make up our lives and churches are interwoven. It is so important that we remind each other that we are never isolated fragments, but part of something vast and vibrant – woven together by grace and love. Sometimes the patterns are only visible in hindsight, sometimes they are still being formed. But always, at the heart of it all, is God the master weaver, always creating something beautiful.' Flourish took place at York University and the sense of unity was powerful in the worship in Central Hall with Zac Carpenter's band and the hall full of people.

The sessions were divided into four threads:

- Rediscovering God's call at the heart of you
- Rediscovering curiosity at the heart of faith
- Rediscovering justice at the heart of God's life
- Rediscovering revolution at the heart of the church

I heard a number of examples of community social justice projects, including 'tea to go', a school uniform project, a hairdressing project and Trey Hall talked about Alcoholics Anonymous and its Christian basis. Thomas Rattigan gave a talk 'The Church wasn't built for the Church: so why are we the only ones using it?' Mission hasn't stopped but maybe we left it locked inside buildings we forgot to use.. He gave examples of where churches were in decline and had been saved by prayerful support and thinking creatively. E.g. In Sheffield they have put a climbing wall inside a church to engage young people and built a church community instead of closing down the church.

It made me consider where are our opportunities for mission at Trinity Methodist? Could we engage more with tenants and offer them prayer? We know the garden is valued and often people are engaged to talk by the garden volunteers and the fig tree figs were valued. We know Messy Church makes a valuable contribution to outreach. We should celebrate our successes and ask what more could we do to increase our mission and look outwards?

Ruth Taylor Church Steward and Circuit Steward. February 2026

The planned signing of the Declaration of Intent between our congregations will not be able to go ahead at our joint service on Sunday. This is because unfortunately two of the Chinese leaders, Edmund Tsui and Simon Che have needed hospital attention this week. The worship and celebration will continue as planned. Please sustain Edmund and Simon in your prayers.

John Nelson, Steward

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 and for room bookings is bookings@trinitywoking.org
 and for newsletter is newsletter@trinitywoking.org

Forthcoming Services

Sunday 22 February 2026

Joint service with Chinese congregation
at 11.00 am
 celebrating the Chinese New Year (*see below*)
 Preacher: Rev Sam Funnell

Sunday 1 March 2026

Morning Worship
 led by
 Graham Pearcey
 at 10.30 am

6 pm Foundry Worship



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

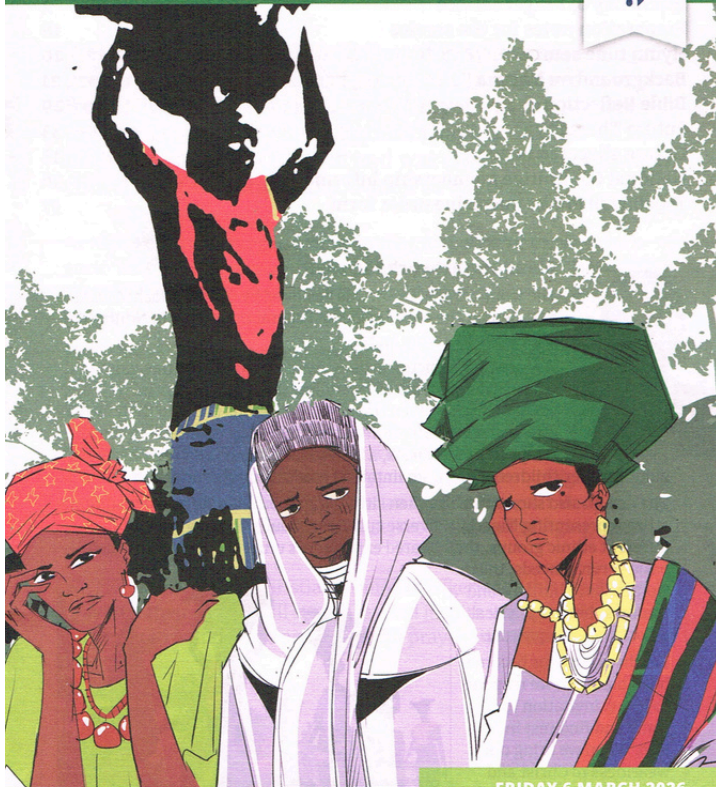
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**Circuit Letter for
 this week** [click here](#)

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A WOMEN-LED, GLOBAL, ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT



FRIDAY 6 MARCH 2026

I will give you rest, come

PREPARED BY CHRISTIAN WOMEN FROM NIGERIA

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



Engage (<https://engagewoking.org/>) are a local Christian charity taking the Christian message into schools in and around Woking. We at Trinity support their valuable ministry.

Click here to see the new video they have produced, explaining who they are and the work they do, and featuring testimonials from teachers and children.

Lent 2026

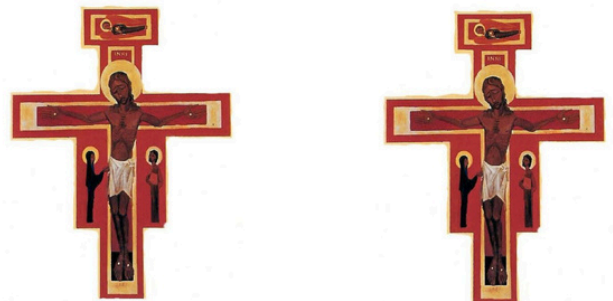
The Methodist Church of Great Britain website offers a range of resources for study and prayer through Lent and into Easter, starting this week with the theme '*Let go of idols, make room for God*' as we think of Jesus' temptations in the Wilderness (Matthew 4 vv 1-11). For further information and materials **click here**.

A prayer for the First Week of Lent

God of the wilderness,
as we begin this journey of Lent,
help us to travel lightly. Strip
away what distracts us, and
draw us closer to your heart.
May we find you not only in
comfort, but in quiet and
simplicity.
Amen.



Come and join us in preparing for Easter



Taizé

style service of music and prayer

Friday 27th February 2026
7.30 pm to 8.30 pm followed by refreshments

St Dunstan's Catholic Church,
Shaftesbury Road, Woking

Our February coffee donation charity is 'Mercy Ships'



Mercy Ships is a faith-based international development organisation that deploys hospital ships to some of the poorest countries in the world,

delivering vital, free healthcare to people in desperate need using modern hospital ships to bring world-class volunteer medical professionals directly to the places they're needed most.

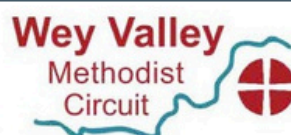
Nine out of ten people in sub-Saharan Africa have no access to safe or affordable surgery. Mercy Ships partner with African nations to build stronger healthcare services and also train thousands of healthcare professionals who continue the work after the ship leaves port.



One of two ships, the 'Global Mercy' is the largest charity-run hospital ship in the world with six operating rooms and over 600 medical volunteers from around the globe



All money donated for refreshments and coffee in February will be given to **Mercy Ships** More information on www.mercyships.org.uk



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 next collection will be this **Sunday 1st March**. Items urgently needed are:-

- tinned corned beef,
- tinned ham,
- small cartons of laundry detergent (bio & non bio),
- pot noodles
- mayonnaise
- shampoo
- adult toothpaste

Many thanks for your continued support.

Carole Hymers

Please note: Send any articles for this newsletter to be with the editor

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

Email address - newsletter@trinitywoking.org

Trinity Library

We have recently been given a number of interesting books for our library. Please do browse the shelves and borrow some, take them home and 'have a good read'.



I signed up to run 28 miles across the month of February to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. During my cancer treatment, Macmillan has been very supportive and helpful in many ways.

If you wish, and are able, please support my efforts to raise money for them via the following link:

<https://socialsync.app/fundraiser/cr-7nw13mdvrj9vx>

I am also running a 5kms race in March for the same charity.

Ildi Johnson

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

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 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

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Library of Things Woking

Borrow useful items for FREE

The Woking Library of Things lets local people borrow useful tools, gadgets and other household items instead of having to buy them. So it helps people save money and is completely FREE to use.

We have a range of tools, a thermal camera, a sewing machine, a window washer and more...

The items are held at Woking Library and need to be collected and returned there in Woking Library opening hours.

Create your account online and then reserve the item(s) you would like to borrow. You need to provide your credit card details in case of loss or damage, and will need to bring photo ID to collect. The library team can also help you create an account if needed.

OUR THANKS to Zero Carbon Guildford and Guildford Library for their advice and support.

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Woking Environment Action

SURREY
COUNTY COUNCIL

www.wokingenvironmentaction.com/projects/library-of-things

hello@wokingenvironmentaction.org

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 Hugh Bowerman

Thank you for your continued support.
The Neighbourhood Party Team

The Methodist Church THE FOUNDRY