

WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Message from the Leadership Team (LT)

At the end of August I had the privilege of making a pilgrimage to the island of Iona with a group from the Wey Valley Methodist Circuit. The journey there was an experience in itself with three trains, plus underground, two ferries and a bus across Mull.

Iona is a stunningly beautiful island with deserted beaches full of bird life. A particular thrill was to take a boat trip to Staffa and walk in Fingal's cave and then see seals and dolphins on the return. However, the experience which really spoke to me was worship in the Abbey. We visited everyday to take part in a service and were warmly welcomed.

The Iona Community is an international, ecumenical Christian movement working for justice and peace, the rebuilding of community and the renewal of worship. They believe in the transformational power of community to change lives and the world. Only in community can justice and love be done. Their Members are inspired by a shared commitment to Jesus Christ. They believe that work for justice, peace and an equitable society is a matter of urgency and that we have a responsibility to live in a right relationship with the whole of God's creation. The liturgies in the worship were simple and straightforward in plain English and the sermons were just 10 minutes long. Caring for God's creation came through in many of the services. I was reminded of this in our Harvest service this Sunday. Our natural world, our landscapes and wildlife are important and need to be valued and cared for.

*Hear us, Creator of all;
convert the hearts of those who ravage the earth,
and strengthen the resolve of those who respect it.
And since the earth is your gift to us,
prevent us from destroying by thoughtlessness
that which is not ours to own.*

(adapted from The Wee Worship Book, fifth incarnation, © WGRG/Iona Community
'The Life of the World' words © Kathy Galloway)

Ruth Taylor Church Steward and Circuit Steward October 2025

Foundry Worship - 12th October@6pm

This week Rev Barrie Tabraham will be helping us think about What makes a Methodist? Barrie notes that what John Wesley thought made a Methodist and what Methodists today thinks makes a Methodist may be slightly different. As part of Barrie's sharing with us we will explore what some of those differences might be.

Our worship will start the normal time - 5.45pm for refreshments, Worship starting at 6pm. The band will lead our times of praise, and along with Barries message there will be opportunity for prayer.

We hope you will be able to join us.

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Hugh Bowerman
Foundry Pastor

Forthcoming Services

Sunday 12 October 2025

Morning Worship
led by
Hugh Bowerman
10.30 am

6 pm Foundry Worship

Sunday 19 October 2025

Morning Worship
led by
Reverend Sam Funnell
10.30 am

Live Stream Link

[Click HERE](#)

Circuit PrayersThe
Circuit prayer diary for
the month of October
is [HERE](#)

Circuit Letter The
Circuit letter dated
8 October 2025 is
[HERE](#)



What is your home like? Homes come in very many different shapes and sizes – a flat in a high-rise building, a bungalow, a cottage in the country, a semi-detached or a terraced house. You might live in a farmhouse, in a caravan, or on a boat. A home is the place where we live, and just as we are all different, our homes also can be different. But, wherever we live, our home should be somewhere where we feel safe and secure.




But sadly, and for many different reasons, not everyone has a home to live in. Sometimes people must move from one place to another – never having time to settle anywhere, and sometimes people have nowhere to live at all. Can you imagine what that is like!

God doesn't want anyone to be without a home. The Bible tells us to:

Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. **Isaiah 58:7**

Prayer – Thank you God for our homes. Help us to help those who don't have a home to live in. **Amen**

What makes a 'a home'?

What do you like best about your home?



Our October Coffee Donation Charity is Christian Aid's Middle East Humanitarian Appeal



The conflict in Gaza is taking a devastating toll on the lives of people in Gaza. They've seen death and destruction on a scale of unimaginable proportions. In a country already reeling from an economic crisis and coping with a large refugee population, homes and villages have been destroyed – **displacing almost one million women, men and children.**

Christian Aid have launched a Middle East Humanitarian Appeal

Their established partners on the ground in Gaza are working tirelessly, under intense and dangerous conditions, to deliver life-saving medical care, food and shelter.



All money raised from Sunday morning refreshment donations will be given to Christian Aid

More information at www.christianaid.org.uk

Harvest Project

Our harvest time project this year is twofold. Food and other non-perishable donations given at our harvest service will be donated to the Foodbank. Cash offerings will be put towards our 60th year project - the creation of a prayer room. If you wonder what this is, some anticipated Questions with Answers below:

- Q - Why a prayer room? A - Because we're a church 😊
- Q - But we have a sanctuary for prayer. A - Admittedly a lovely space, but it's large, often in use, a bit public, can be a bit of a thoroughfare and is rather cold in winter.
- Q - Where will you put the prayer room? A - Where the crying room/creche is now
- Q - What happens if parents want to use that room during a service? A - They will still be able to do so
- Q - So what will change? A - We will carry out a deep refurbishment of the space - remove unused pipes and cables, decorate, new lighting, new carpets. We'll fit nice cupboards to store toys, Chinese Choir gowns, bibles and service books. We'll put in matching furniture, new curtains and blinds. We'll put a focal area and pictures up to create a soft, prayerful space.
- Q - But you'll have to get into it through the church? A - We have already altered the fire door so that can be used as an independent entrance
- Q - Will it be used purely for prayer? A - No. We anticipate it being used by bible study groups and by the minister and pastors when they want a place to speak privately with people. It will not be for general let.
- Q - It's a bit far from the kitchen! A - we plan to move the non-structural wall between the toilet and lobby to create enough space to have a very small sink unit so simple refreshments can be made.
- Q - How much will it cost? A - not known yet, but we're expecting it will be in the range £10k-£15k
- Q - When do you hope to have it done by? A - By Christmas would be nice, though realistically it may be early in the new year.

In summary, we are targeting to raise £10k to turn one of our most tired spaces into an inspirational space to support and encourage the prayer life of us as individuals and as a church community.

Hugh Bowerman
Property Steward



Harvest weekend

Cream tea on Saturday 4
October and
Harvest Service on Sunday 5
October



Food gifts for the foodbank
and financial gifts for The
Trinity 60th Anniversary
Project

How to donate to the 60th Anniversary Project Appeal and Gift Aid information

Gift aid is a tax break for charities where 25% of donations can be claimed on behalf of the UK taxpayer.

For our 60th Anniversary appeal there are now donation envelopes at Trinity, but donations can also be made by the DONA machine in the East entrance at Trinity or by BACs transfer.

If by DONA please follow the gift aid messages on the screen and tick 60th Anniversary.

If donating via BACs, please ensure you fill in a Gift Aid form available from the Church Office or Mike Tozer if you are a UK tax payer and have not completed one previously.

BACs details are:-

Account Name Trinity Methodist Church Woking

Sort Code 40-52-40

Account number 00016486

ALL SOUL'S SERVICE

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 2nd November 2025 at 4:30pm



A gentle, reflective service to remember those people we have loved and lost over the years

All are welcome - no matter when your bereavement was

Refreshments will be served after the service, which will last about 45 minutes

If you would like the name(s) of your loved one(s) read out during the service please contact our Church Administrator on admin@trinitywoking.org

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTY

SATURDAY
18TH OCTOBER 2025
4:00 - 6:00pm
 Trinity Methodist Church
 Brewery Road, Woking

There will be high tea, entertainment and a fun quiz.
 Invitations will be sent out soon.

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 David Reeve (01483 715462)
 Hugh Bowerman

Thank you for your continued support.
 The Neighbourhood Party Team

Neighbourhood Party, Saturday 18th October 2025 at 4pm

Plans are well developed for our next neighbourhood party. Invitations are out and the team is being assembled. Our entertainment this year will be extracts from our 60th Anniversary concert.

A huge thank you in advance to everyone who has already volunteered to help. If there are others who would like to help as well, please contact either Sarah in the office or one of the Team (Pauline Robson - 07729 301713, Marian Nash - 07749 094064, Enid Burman - 07860 330275, Hugh Bowerman - 07900 483728).

We are finalising numbers, and especially how many lifts we need to provide. If you are able to provide a lift to/from the party, can you please contact me (Hugh) and we will add you to the list.

Help needed!

Thanks to our Sunday morning coffee volunteers we can all enjoy refreshments and fellowship after the morning service. But we really would appreciate some more people helping us as a few of us have had to 'step down'! It works out only about 8 times a year – less if there are more of us!



Please have a word with Helen Bowerman if you think you can help. Thank you.

Hugh Bowerman



Create and Record a Christmas Worship Song

Saturday 8th November - 10am to 3:30pm

Windsor Methodist Church, Alma Road

Are you aged 11-18?

Do you want to write and record new music?

If you are a budding lyricist, song writer, poet or a musician come and create a new Christmas worship song/hymn

The day will involve group and individual work

- writing lyrics and music
- arranging the hymn/song ready for recording
- performing and recording

The final recording will be shared on social media, with the wider Methodist Church and be available to participants to share.

£12.50* – book in advance at bit.ly/4mGLN8q

(*limited spaces - £15 on the day if places available)



E-mail: BornInSongMA@gmail.com

Facebook: [Born In Song Music Academy, Windsor UK](https://www.facebook.com/BornInSongMusicAcademy)



Coffee & Chat

with cake!

Each week we have a new topic for discussion!

every **wednesday**

10:30AM TO 12:00PM

IN THE MAIN HALL

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH BREWERY ROAD, WOKING, GU21 9LH



A prayer for God to guide us

Loving God,
Fill us with your grace, so we can:
know the way and walk in it,
hear your word and respond to it,
see injustice and address it,
be attentive to pain and alleviate it,
seek transformation and bring it,
through your empowering Spirit. Amen.

Andrew Charlesworth, Chair, Wales Synod Cymru

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
Thank you.