



Trinity Methodist Church Woking

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Message from the Leadership Team

I've recently returned from Snowdonia. We had perfect mountain weather, so lots of walking. Based in a cottage by the Welsh Highland Railway near Beddgelert, we woke to the sound of steam trains. The walks we could do from our doorstep were magnificent. The only snag was eating out – too many visitors to the area. Restaurants were either already fully booked, had long queues or were closed. With so much trade around, the closures baffled us a bit – after all this was the height of August.

All past visits to Snowdonia have involved a trip up Snowdon. This was not in our plans this year. This turns out to have been a wise decision. Many of you will have seen the headline news about people queuing at the top to reach the trig point and have a photo taken. The owner of our cottage takes groups up Snowdon. That week he abandoned a climb half way up on safety grounds because of the number of people – however nice the weather the paths are still narrow with near vertical drops – and slippery through being polished by thousands of feet.

For me, part of the joy of being in the mountains is to get away from people. Our “big” climb of the week was the Cnicht. At just under 700m high, this is a dwarf compared to Snowdon's 1085m. On the other hand the views over Snowdon in one direction and the coast in the other are spectacular. As expected, there were very few people about, and those we did meet we were able to chat with. On our way up we deviated off the path and found a natural rock seat, complete with moss cushion and superb views. We had our lunch there. On the way down we returned and just sat and read for a couple of hours. We were even buzzed by two RAF jets that came directly over us at a height of less than 100m. This was all quite awe-inspiring and as near to a perfect day as we could hope for.

Now back as Foundry Missioner, I find myself reflecting on what I am doing and where we are moving as a church. I am aware that there are many different aspirations. Some people undoubtedly want us to be a Snowdon - popular, busy, the place to be, top of the world. Others, and I think I count myself in this group, would prefer us to be more like the Cnicht – less fashionable, gentler, quieter with time to stop and talk or wander off the path and simply be. For whether we are a Snowdon or a Cnicht, both still enjoy the magnificent view that is knowing God.

Psalm 121 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8QSwakKNwA>

Footnote: the best views we got were from Pen y Cilgwyn, a mere 347m – it's not always height that matters, but what lies around us!
Hugh Bowerman



Cnicht, Snowdonia: If you only climb one mountain in your life, it should be this one (Country Life)

Hold the Date

*Saturday 2nd October, 4pm-6pm
Harvest Afternoon Tea @ Trinity*

*Join us for tea, scones, fun & chat.
Drop in at any time.
Everyone is welcome!*

*If you would like to bake some scones, or buy some, we'd welcome the contribution.
Drop-off details will be provided nearer the time.*

News from the Church Family

Thank you for your generous donations of items for The Gambia.

'The Crew' assembled at Trinity this morning to load the van taking our contribution to the container.



L to R: Hugh, Graham, Kevin, David, Mike, John, Chris, Katie, Sue, (missing Rev Sam).

This Week's Services

Sunday 12th September

Morning Worship, 10am, including Pastoral
Visitors Re-dedication, led by Rev Sam
Funnell.

In Church and on the Livestream

Junior Church, 11.15am, on Zoom

Next Week

Sunday 19th September

Morning Worship, 10am, led by the
Leadership Team

Foundry Worship, 6pm

Community Dates

Tuesday 21st September 2021, 6.30pm-
7.15pm.

Woking People of Faith, International Peace
Day with RHS Wisley.

Online, via Zoom. Book directly.

www.wpof.org.uk

Sunday 26th September 2021, 3.30pm-
4.30pm.

Big Questions with the Archbishop of
Canterbury, Kingfield Stadium

Book directly via eventbrite search

BigQuestions-Woking

Volunteers Sought: can you help Dan on a
Wednesday morning between 9am -11am?
The building is at full occupancy, and Dan
needs some help welcoming and assisting
people. Contact Dan for details.

Next Week @ Trinity

Monday evening, Brownies & Guides

Tuesday, 10.30am Chair Yoga, Small Hall

Tuesday evening, Beavers, Cubs & Scouts

Wednesday

09.30am, Badminton, Main Hall

10am, BSF, Sanctuary

10am, Mayford Lace, Main Hall

10.30am, Coffee and Chat, Music Room

6pm, Yin Yoga, Small Hall

7pm Woking Youth Theatre, Small Hall

7.30pm Epworth Choir, Sanctuary

Friday, 09.30am, Trinity Toddlers, Small Hall.

New children, parents and carers welcome.

Friday, 6.30pm, Friday Fun Club, online via
Zoom.

Other regular tenants are also back. Please
ask for details.

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