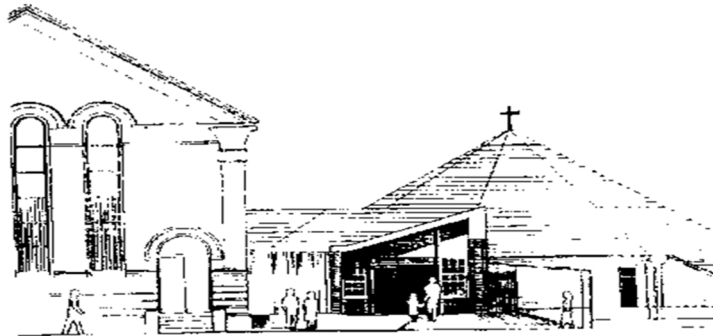


# **WOODBIDGE METHODIST MUSINGS**



**July/August 2026**



**100th**

## Message from Our Minister

Open the Door: Peace, Fellowship, and Faith at Work

Dear Woodbridge Methodist church friends

I give thanks for the peace and love that continue to shape life at Woodbridge Methodist Church. Week by week, our building hosts many groups, and together we show that Christian hospitality is more than a welcome at the door; it is a shared life marked by patience, kindness, and mutual respect. This is a living witness to the gospel and a sign that, by God's grace, different people can find a common home.

Recently, we experienced a particularly warm spirit when the circuit preachers held their meeting at our church. The atmosphere was gentle, prayerful, and affirming. It reminded me of our Methodist gift for holy conversation—listening carefully, speaking truth in love, and encouraging one another in the work of ministry. Moments like these help keep us grounded in our calling and connected to the wider body of Christ. John 15.

We also rejoiced as Rev Stephen Yelland led worship with us after a season of ill health. The joy in the congregation was sincere. When one member of Christ's body suffers, we all feel it; when one recovers and returns, we all give thanks. We continue to hold Rev Yelland in prayer, grateful for his faithful witness and encouraged by the hope his presence brings.

On the first Sunday of each month, we gather at the Lord's Table, and I am moved by your deep, reverent response to Holy Communion. Your attentiveness affirms what we believe: that this sacrament is not just remembrance but real fellowship with Christ and with one another. At the Table, the Church Militant and the Church Triumphant are joined—we share in a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, where grace makes room for all. Here we are formed into one body, nourished for service, and sent to love our neighbours.

I am humbled by our two A.A friends John and Jonathan who join us for church services and holy communion services as well. We are one family bound together by human cords that cannot be broken.

This month we give special thanks for the life of our brother, Ron Hepworth, celebrating his 100th birthday. When Tariro and I arrived in Woodbridge, Ron

was among the first to assure us of a happy and fulfilling stay. He invited me to preach at a community Christmas festival of about 500 people organized by the Woodbridge Rotary Club. My sermon that day was titled “Open the Door,” and even now, four years later, some still call me “Rev Open the Door.” I continue to visit the Rotary Club as a friend, offering devotions when I am there, because of the warm welcome I received from Ron, Sandy Hamilton, and many others. From their example, I have learned much about practical charity, steadfast, thoughtful, and generous.

On behalf of us all: Happy Birthday, Ron. May the Lord bless you and guide you in the years to come. As we mark this milestone, please feel free to read Psalm 23 and give thanks for God’s faithful shepherding. In Shona we say, Makorokoto—congratulations.

Tariro and I are grateful for your unfailing support to us as a family and as your minister. Soon I will travel to Zimbabwe for a month to reconnect with my roots and to spend time with my father, with Tariro’s mother, and with our two sons who are in Zimbabwe. God willing I may also cross over to Zambia to visit our other son studying there. I will carry your greetings to them, to the community gardening project, and to the wider church family there. I will also tell them of your love and your prayers. Please continue to pray for me as I travel and as I return to serve among you.

Friends, let us continue the good work we have begun together. Scripture teaches that “faith without works is dead” (James 2:17). Our calling is to hold together deep devotion and practical mercy; to be a people of worship and a people of service; to keep the doors of our church and the doors of our hearts open to God and to our neighbours. In a world often marked by division, our life together can be a quiet testimony that Christ is our peace and that love is stronger than fear.

May God keep us steadfast at the Table, courageous in witness, and gentle in all our dealings. May our fellowship remain a sign of the kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Let Hymn 707 'Make me a channel of your peace'. Be our prayer as I say bye for now. Amen.

Rev. Saul Tadzaushe

## WOODBIDGE FAMILY NEWS

Many of us are astounded, some are disgusted, some are afraid for the future, by world events. Wars, disputes, internal strife. May I depart briefly from relaying your news of our church family to suggesting that if you are troubled by world events, you pray:

God of all nations, Where conflict rages, sow peace

Where leaders struggle to hear or understand Your word, grant wisdom

Where people flee from danger, let us provide safety and welcome

Where there is oppression, bring justice.

So, you can imagine that it was a pleasure for Freddie and I to go on holiday and forget about these world matters. We went with thirty other singers from Woodbridge Choral Society, plus ten supporters, to deepest Bavaria where we stayed in a large Benedictine monastery complex. Room facilities were a little spartan: one mirror, no hairdryer, no TV and sparse internet for some. Freddie did sterling (!) work translating and interpreting, although the Bavarian language defeated her, and also defeated the AI tools used by others!

We sang a well-received concert in a beautiful, nearby Baroque town church, and also sang with a larger Bavarian young choir during a special mass outdoors in the extensive grounds of the Abbey. Also vespers from the balcony in their Rococo chapel. Our Christian Roman Catholic friends take their faith seriously, worshipping God in a quite different way. When our choir was queuing up for breakfast at 8 am, the townspeople were going to mass. On this particular Sunday they paraded a relic of the True Cross from Jerusalem in a gold frame!

This year our church buildings are 155 years young. But in line with the maxim that people mean more than buildings, here is a Teaser Question:

What have **Ron Hepworth MBE**, Marilyn Monroe, my late aunt Elsie Guest, and Sir David Attenborough have in common?

You will probably have guessed – they share the same birth year. **1926!**

One of them jumped out of a cake at President John F Kennedy's birthday. Sir David is widely admired, not least by President Obama, for wildlife programmes. My aunt's first memory was sitting in her pram while her elder brothers and father scrabbled for lumps of coal on a slag heap in St Helens during the General Strike. We on the other hand have the privilege of knowing and talking to Ron. He worships with us regularly, reads lessons, prepares the communion elements and adds his sonorous bass to the Sunday hymns. We thank God for his witness and friendship. Freddie and I will be forever grateful for Ron's clear advice and assistance with the financial setting up of our Limited Company enabling it to succeed in the 1990s to 2000s. **There is a separate interview with Ron in this edition of the WMM.** The stewards are arranging a Very Special Lunch on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July. We look forward to seeing Ron's letter from the King.

Some of our members have been having quite major dealings with the NHS. As another friend who was seriously ill quipped: we thank God that the NHS won! **Derek Rothwell** continues to have treatment. We are pleased that he and **Deirdre** have been able to come to services of worship, sometimes sitting in the balcony to avoid infections. They are allowed to take short holiday breaks in the UK and are looking forward to visiting the Scilly Islands. Both **Sandra Ball and Sandy Hamilton** had attacks of the shingles (chicken pox) virus which can remain dormant in the body for many years. The danger organ, which the medics were able to monitor and treat, in both their cases are the eyes. Thank God for modern medical science and doctors' skills. It is a joy to have them, and **Cath and David**, worship with us again. **Sheila Batty** had another fall and spent a few days in hospital. We said our farewells to **Shirley Kendall** who died not long after her husband **John**. We send condolences also to **Jean Crossley** on

the death of her sister whom Jean was able to visit in the week before she passed; a blessing because Dorothy recognised Jean at her bedside. By the time you read this, **Bryan Archer** should have had his many times delayed procedure at **Papworth** operations.

As I write, the world's largest football tournament is about to start (forcing a move in the two Wimbledon tennis weeks!). Further to one of our Bible Studies with **Roger Theobald** when we met the phrase in the book of Daniel, "serve or worship any god except the true God", I was reminded that there will be many worshipping false gods at this time. Indeed, the winners' familiar golden trophy would be worthy of **King Nebuchadnezzar** himself. But yes, I shall be watching many games!

One of the pleasures of returning from holiday is to rediscover that our church continues to thrive with members of the congregation "stepping up to the mark", to mix my sporting metaphors. **Helen Peats** has been using her child-centred skills to start a thriving **Parent and Toddler group**. We have two new readers, **Peter Adams** and **John Anthony**, preparing the **Prayers of Intercession**. **Angela Quantrill** has also volunteered to help as a Communion Steward, a role she helped with as a nurse in Ipswich Hospital. Meanwhile, **Jenni Beesley** is learning the very practical "ropes", well coffee machine operations, in the kitchen for Sunday coffee. **Margaret Jenkins** has returned to live in Waldringfield and has hosted a house group already. Several **AA folk** have been attending our Sunday worship services. All we need now is someone to volunteer to shadow **Freddie** in her role as **Church Treasurer**.

There are many other events worth looking forward to this summer. If you like watching and listening to the world's largest musical festival, our church's itinerant bass, **Richard Gaskell**, will be singing Beethoven's magnificent Choral (9<sup>th</sup>) Symphony at the BBC Proms from the Royal Albert Hall on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July**. Later that week, on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July**, **Barry Giffard** will be

testing our memories and grey matter with **Barry's Quiz** in the octagon. Why not form a team?

In August **Rev Saul** returns to Zimbabwe where he will be welcomed by families and friends, including his 97 year-old father. God speed, dear Saul. We shall miss you.

On **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August** the **Orford Quay Service** takes place in the afternoon. In the majority of years the weather has held fine. It is glorious to worship in the open air, sometimes to the surprise of the yachties who try to moor at the quayside. Strongly recommend this afternoon worship.

And now a plug: later in the month, on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August** there is a great Local Arrangement Worship at our church. The **Sandwood House Group** has been invited by the Stewards to lead this and have prepared a short, worshipful service with five hymns.

And finally, a date for your diaries: On **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September** there is a concert at our church by the Ipswich Community Wind Band. One prominent member is **Celia** (Stephenson-Bird) **Yelland**. More details to follow.

Monty

# CIRCUIT PRAYER MEETINGS

Everyone from around the circuit is welcome to join together at our weekly prayer meeting on Zoom to pray for events and opportunities in our circuit and so much more

We meet at **9:00am on Tuesday mornings**

For more details and for the Zoom link please go to the Ipswich Round

[www.methodistic.org.uk/category/ipswich-round/](http://www.methodistic.org.uk/category/ipswich-round/)

## **Eco Church**

Thank you so much to all who responded to the appeal to help build a shed for shelter including a toilet at the Bruhera Garden in Zimbabwe. At the time of writing we are still in the process of sending your donations and hope to give you further news as soon as we have some.

### ***Waste not, Want not!***

Meantime, and much closer to home there is a project in Woodbridge and Martlesham that can help all of us here and is very eco-friendly. We live in a world where there is so much that goes to waste. Our local councils are addressing this by giving us extra bins to help recycle more. What a pity the bins take up so much storage space which can be hard to find without causing an eyesore in our streets!

Have you discovered the Repair Café at St John's where an army of volunteers is there to welcome you with whatever you have brought for repair. I recently took my vacuum cleaner which refused to pick up. A volunteer took it apart, unblocked it and returned it to me after I had sat down with coffee and a scone and chatted with others who were waiting to have their items fixed - all for a donation! There were people busy on sewing machines, repairing garden tools and advising about computers and phones. They only repair items that cannot be repaired in Woodbridge. For instance, we have a shoe repairer and a locksmith where they sharpen secateurs.

**Repair Café, St John's Church Woodbridge** - 10 to 12noon first Monday of the month

**Martlesham Repair Hub**, Martlesham Parish Room, 10 to 12noon, second Saturday except August and December.

### **Tools with a Mission**

In the world today so much is wasted, where it could be repaired and reused. Of course we support TWAM (Tools with a Mission) and we were recently a major collecting place for this charity based in Ipswich. Please bring your items to

church, especially buttons, zips and haberdashery along with basic tools like screwdrivers, hammers etc. Place them in the box in the Foyer for collection.

TWAM support is now countrywide and items are either repaired locally or sent for repair to the HQ in Ipswich. The sewing machines and tools of every kind are sent to Africa after refurbishing by volunteers. They transform peoples' lives there, giving them an opportunity to earn a living from the items that are shipped out to them in containers from Felixstowe. From collecting points in Africa they are distributed to wider and often remote locations.

Helen Lewis

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helen'.

## INTERVIEW WITH RONNIE HEPWORTH MBE

*(Monty's Note: Until recently Ron was more often known as Ronnie. I have added some comments of my own in italics. All mistakes are mine.)*

### **1. Where were you born and what are your first memories of childhood?**

I was born in the area Old Trafford, Manchester on 8<sup>th</sup> July 1926. My Dad worked for Ford Motor Company. In 1931 we moved to Upminster because Ford built a larger factory at Dagenham. We lived in Upminster. *(This explains why Ronnie supports Manchester United)*

### **2. What are your memories of school?**

I started my school days at Old Trafford High School, then transferred to Upminster Junior School. In 1936 I started at Brentwood School. In 1939 two schools from the East End of London were evacuated to my school in Brentwood, so the boys school joined us.

### **3. You served in the RAF. What were your experiences then?**

I signed up on D Day 1944, and joined the RAF, initially as a radar mechanic, then I moved to aircrew training. I was assigned to a Flying Boat squadron and was due to be posted to Burma. But because of the war I was sent to Iceland instead - for 13 months. This led to a sudden change of kit necessary to deal with the cold! I was detailed to deal with Pay and Accounts. I was "demobbed" in January 1948. *(And issued with the regulation suit).*

### **4. What brought you to East Anglia, and Woodbridge in particular?**

Upon leaving the RAF, I joined my uncle's company in Manchester, working as an articled clerk. I specialised in tax law and qualified as a Chartered Tax Advisor. In 1965 I saw an advert for a tax advisor for Fisons. At that time their headquarters were in Harvest House, Felixstowe. We bought a house in Station Road, Woodbridge. *(About 200yards from his present flat by chance).*

### **5. You were awarded an MBE in 2012. What was that distinction for?**

The Award was for "Service to the Woodbridge Community". I was chairman of the Woodbridge MenCap Society, Woodbridge Day Centre, organised the transport rota for what is now the Gateway Club. And set up an accounting system *(which is still working after 25 years)* for the Charity for ex-servicemen, SSAFA. I was also a Governor for Woodbridge Primary School.

### **6. You and your late wife Jenny were married at Woodbridge Methodist Church in 1986 and moved into Farlingaye Hall. You two travelled extensively. What countries did you visit and which impressed you the most?**

We visited China and India, the United States several times, Canada, Israel (with Revd Mike Cassidy). The most memorable was a cruise up the Amazon River to the former capital of the Amazonian region, Manaous. Jenny compiled photo albums of each of our holidays which I still have.

**7. You were majorly involved in the large-scale renovations of Woodbridge Methodist Church and the building of the Octagon. Tell me about some of the highlights of that time under the leadership of Revd David Marshall.**

I helped form a Company called Wesley (Woodbridge) Ltd to facilitate the building, the materials, the labour (*which was largely volunteers with some specialised trades paid*) and importantly recover the VAT. I organised work like cement shovelling, brick laying and even knocking down walls. (*I pointed out to Ronnie that Sir Christopher Wren's epitaph was: "Look Around You"*). (*I personally saw how Ronnie attacked a wall with a lump hammer*).

**8. You are a proud and committed Rotarian, joining the Woodbridge Rotary Club in 1973. Your Rotary club has been involved in many excellent community projects, but I know there was a special international project which you volunteered for.**

Yes, in December 1980 Vesuvius blew its top. (*Mount St Helens and Mount Etna were also very active at this time*). There was an immediate need for temporary accommodation in the area and region. The Italian government purchased about 100 caravans from a company in Cambridge. Members of Rotary and other Service clubs answered the call to take them to Italy, escorted across the continent by the AA. I towed one of them, with a car loaned by the wife of the headteacher of Farlingaye H S, to Salerno, just south of Naples in Italy. (*Nowadays Rotary supports Shelter Boxes which provide temporary accommodation*).

**9. Finally, the traditional question asked by newspaper reporters is: "To what would you attribute your longevity to?"**

Trying to keep fit. And never giving up. (*I think he means Persistence! Ron also added with a twinkle in his eye: 'Also belonging to WMC'*)



## Top of the Hymns

On Sunday 24th May, the morning service was entitled 'Top of the Hymns' where the top ten hymns most chosen by preachers at our morning services were sung or presented on video. The records have been kept due to the requirement to report hymns displayed on screen as a condition of our copyright licence with CCLI. These records date back to the beginning of 2019 when I took responsibility for reporting, though there was a gap for over a year in 2020/21 due to circumstances beyond our control.

During this period a total of 1583 hymns were recorded with CCLI. These comprised 444 of the 790 hymns in 'Singing the Faith' (56%) along with a few from other sources including Mission Praise.

Several hymns were tied for the top ten spots, so they were separated into distinct positions based on the most used in the last three years.

The top twenty (21 to be precise!) are listed below:

| Position | Hymn                                          | Since 2019 | Last 3 years |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| 1        | 351 In Christ alone my hope is found          | 22         |              |
| 2        | 503 Love divine, all loves excelling          | 21         |              |
| 3        | 94 To God be the glory                        | 19         |              |
| 4        | 51 Great is thy faithfulness                  | 18         |              |
| 5        | 455 All my hope on God is founded             | 16         |              |
| 6        | 663 I, the Lord of sea and sky                | 15         | 11           |
| 7        | 409 Let us build a house where love can dwell | 15         | 9            |
| 8        | 706 Longing for light we wait in darkness     | 15         | 8            |
| 9        | 82 O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder   | 14         | 13           |
| 10       | 28 Jesus calls us here to meet him            | 14         | 11           |
| 11       | 20 Be still, for the presence of the Lord     | 14         | 9            |
| 12       | 345 And can it be that I should gain          | 14         | 9            |
| 13       | 481 The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want     | 14         | 8            |
| 14       | 664 Lord, you call us to your service         | 13         |              |
| 15       | 548 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine          | 12         | 11           |
| 16       | 202 Hark! The herald-angels sing              | 12         | 10           |
| 17       | 693 Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair   | 12         | 19           |
| 18       | 59 Lord, the light of your love is shining    | 12         | 7            |
| 19       | 662 Have you heard God's voice                | 12         | 7            |
| 20       | 545 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart     | 12         | 6            |
| 21       | 407 Hear the call of the kingdom              | 12         | 4            |

The top five hymn writers are:

- 1 Charles Wesley (153)
- 2 Stuart Townend and/or Keith Getty (67)
- 3 Graham Kendrick (59)
- 4 John L Bell and Graham Maule (56)
- 5 Fred Pratt Green (55)

My thanks to Jean Crossley, Helen Lewis, Helen Jay, John Anthony and Helen Peats for their assistance in preparing this unique worshipping event.

Peter Cogar.



# TWAM in Zimbabwe

A place where natural beauty meets poverty and need

**In a country where 35% of people live in extreme poverty and employment opportunities are scarce, TWAM is working to improve lives and bring hope for the future.**

TWAM has been working in Zimbabwe for more than 10 years. Home to around 17 million people, the landlocked country has eight currencies and 16 languages - facts that often serve to complicate our communication with partners and recipients.

The people of Zimbabwe have little potential to improve their lot. Unemployment, rocketing inflation and economic crises do nothing to help them in their efforts to make a living. Often, they have multiple jobs through necessity. The country is rich in mineral resources, giving opportunities for some in mining industries, but most are employed in agriculture - or their own subsistence farming - while earning a small amount from small-scale manufacturing or services.

Many of our readers will know - and some will remember - that Zimbabwe gained independence from Britain in 1980.

Previously called Rhodesia, the new parliamentary leader was Robert Mugabe, who remained in power until being removed by a military coup and being replaced by the existing President, Emmerson Mnangagwa. But Mnangagwa is 83 years old, and a succession battle looks to be an inevitability, adding further instability to the country's outlook.

Despite our experience of working in countries where economic and political factors loom large, it is never easy. Situations can change rapidly and our plans often have to be adapted to meet new challenges. But with your support we are committed to overcoming these obstacles and bringing tools, training and livelihoods to people who otherwise have little hope for the future.

You can read more about how our tools make the hazardous journey to countries like Zimbabwe on page 8.

## Human Skills v AI

I have read that there are **several areas** where AI or robots cannot replace human thinking. These Human Skills include:

Empathy, Ethical and Moral Judgements, Estimation, Representation, Temperament, Reasoning, Imagination, Questioning, Collaboration.

While the latest AI technologies can assist our computations or, to an extent, our writing, and of course these technologies can process data at incredible speeds, they are not yet at a stage where they can replace the skills above.

However, AI or robots can mimic humans, and that is where we need to be careful and distinguish between human interactions and machine generated ones.

While AI is exceptional at "knowing" and "doing", it still struggles with "being" and "feeling." Let's look at two of these seven human skills that remain exceptionally difficult—if not impossible—for AI or robots to replace.

### 1. Complex Empathy and Emotional Intelligence

AI can simulate empathy by recognizing a sad tone or a frown, but it cannot feel with a person. Genuine human connection requires a shared lived experience.

In fields of work like counselling, nursing, hospice care, or crisis management, people need to feel truly heard by a peer who understands the weight of human suffering or joy.

**Cue: A God who sent His Son to live on earth.**

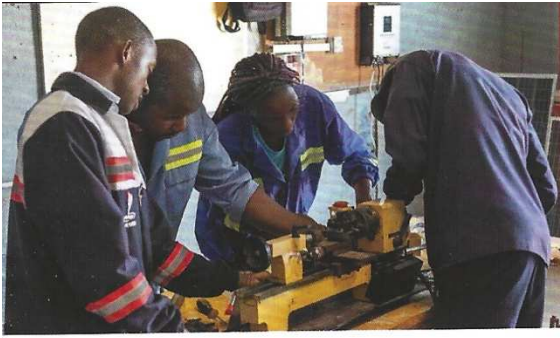
### 2. Ethical and Moral Judgment

AI follows rules; humans follow values. When a situation has no "mathematically correct" answer - such as an "unavoidable accident" scenario or complex corporate whistleblowing - AI lacks the soul to weigh the nuance of justice versus mercy.

Therefore decisions involving life, liberty, justice, and the "spirit of the law" require a human to take responsibility for the outcome.

**Cue: The Sermon on the Mount.**

*Monty*



# Empowering young people in Rusape

**In the town of Rusape in eastern Zimbabwe, Futures Academy is helping young Zimbabweans build brighter futures.**

The Academy currently offers courses in hairdressing, carpentry, building, mechanics, electrical and solar installation, textiles, and metalwork. They also provide computer literacy training to International Certification of Digital Literacy standard, giving trainees essential digital skills. Plans are also emerging to introduce new areas such as bakery and catering, which could open further pathways for employment.

And in 2023 a milestone was achieved when the Academy successfully integrated formal vocational qualifications into its

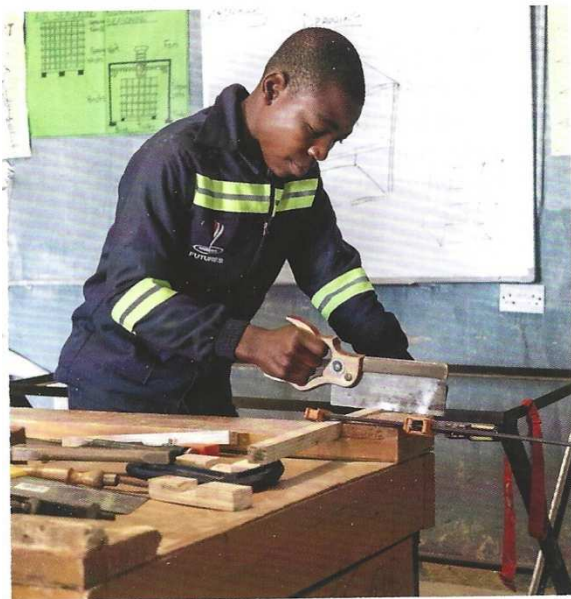
curriculum - meaning that students not only gain practical experience but also leave with recognised credentials that strengthen their prospects in the job market. Some graduates have already returned to the academy as employees, eager to retrain the next generation.

TWAM is proud to support Futures Academy as a special project, empowering young people who might otherwise have very limited opportunities. When we visited in September 2025, our eyes were opened to the massive change the Academy is making on people's lives - as well as the very significant challenges the Academy faces.

Financial constraints affect almost every aspect of their work. There are too few tools for students to train effectively. Instructors are often underpaid, and many young people struggle to afford course fees. While the Academy has boarding space for students travelling from distant areas - and sufficient land and animals to support future development - resources to expand remain limited.

Solutions, such as potential micro-finance schemes to help graduates start small businesses, are being explored. With continued partnership and support, and with a shipment of tools in the pipeline, TWAM hopes to help this inspiring initiative grow and develop!

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# Come along to our Parent & Toddler Group

At Woodbridge Methodist Church  
every Thursday during Term Time

from 10:00am to 11:30am

suggested donation £1 per family,

which includes a drink and snack

## All Welcome

To find out more, please speak to Helen P

We have several families  
coming to our  
Parent and Toddler Group  
on a Thursday morning



Are you able to come and share  
in a cup of tea or coffee with  
them once a month?

Speak to Helen P for more  
details

**First impressions are  
important – we are looking  
for some new Welcome  
Stewards**



**Is this a role you could do?**

**Speak to Helen P or Diane**



# **The Return of the World Famous**

(well, around Woodbridge!)

## **Barry's Quiz**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July**

**At 2:30pm in the Octagon**

### **Teams of 4**

(if you haven't got a team, let Helen P or Diane know and we can put you in a team)

**£5 per person**

**Please bring your own snacks and soft drinks**

**Tea and Coffee will be served in the break**

**To book your team or place,  
please let Helen P or Diane know**

**In aid of Project 2026 (aka refurbishment of the toilets)**

## **Sunday Preachers**

### **July**

|                  |                           |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>5th July</b>  | <b>Communion</b>          | <b>Rev Saul Tadzaushe</b> |
| <b>12th July</b> | <b>Rev Helen Hollands</b> |                           |
| <b>19th July</b> | <b>Paul Walker</b>        |                           |
| <b>26th July</b> | <b>Stephen Caley</b>      |                           |

### **August**

|                    |                         |                           |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>2nd August</b>  | <b>Communion</b>        | <b>Rev Saul Tadzaushe</b> |
| <b>9th August</b>  | <b>Roger Theobald</b>   |                           |
| <b>16th August</b> | <b>LA – House Group</b> |                           |
| <b>23rd August</b> | <b>John Anthony</b>     |                           |
| <b>30th August</b> | <b>LA</b>               |                           |

Part of our Mission Statement is 'Serving the Community'  
Our church buildings are used regularly throughout the week -  
find out what they are being used for

**Sunday – weekly**

10:45am ~ Morning Worship

7:30 – 9:00pm ~ AA

**Monday – weekly**

9:30 – 11:45am ~ Car park used by St John's The Hub Cafe

12:30 – 1:30pm ~ AA

7:30 – 8:30pm ~ Woodbridge Orchestral Society (September to Easter)

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday – 6:45 – 9:00pm ~ Woodbridge Labour Party**Tuesday – weekly**

8:00 – 9:30am ~ AA

9:30 – 11:00am ~ Yoga

1:30 – 4:30pm ~ Britten Pears Art Org

6:30 – 7:30pm ~ AA

7:00 – 9:00pm ~ Creative Writing

7:00 – 8:00pm ~ Church

7:00 – 9:00pm ~ Gateway (Term Time)

Music Group

**Wednesday – weekly**

7:30 – 8:30pm ~ AA

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 10:00am-12:00pm ~ Woodbridge Shire WI1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday – 7:00pm ~ Stewards Meeting2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – 7:30 – 9:00pm ~ WI**Thursday – weekly**

9:15 – 10:30am ~ Yoga

12:30 – 1:30pm ~ AA

7:00 – 9:00pm ~ Love to Sing

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday – 7:30 – 9:30pm ~ Sutton House Group3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday – 10:00am ~ Midweek Communion**Friday – weekly**

7:30 – 9:00pm ~ AA

**Saturday – weekly**

9:00 – 10:00am ~ AA

9:00 – 10:00am ~ Table Tennis, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Men's Breakfast

10:00am – 12:00pm ~ 3cs Cafe

Please check the church diary on the website for any one-off bookings

<https://woodbridge.methodistic.org.uk/>

# WOODBIDGE METHODIST CHURCH CALENDAR

## Regular Events

Join us for worship at 10:45am every Sunday

Every Saturday 3C's Cafe 10am – noon in the Octagon

Midweek Communion Services take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 10am

Stewards Meeting are held on the first Wednesday of each month

There are also various House Groups

Men's Breakfast meets each month

Ladies Group meets each month

### July

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> – Book this date in your diary – Special Birthday Lunch Worship  
led by Rev Helen Hollands – Chair of the District

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> – Church Quiz in the Octagon at 2:30pm

### August

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Orford Quay Service – 6.00pm

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Saul Away

### September

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Bike Ride

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Concert

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Harvest

For more details or to add a date to the calendar  
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