

The Wey Valley Circuit,

It seems to me that January and February are often “wasted months”. In January, everyone is still recovering from the Holidays. We’re in a bad mood because we have to be back at work. The weather is gloomy and doesn’t help our dispositions at all. The nearest significant church date is Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of Lent, a time known for fasting and repentance rather than celebration. January and February are the months when we would rather pull the duvet over our heads with instructions to “Wake Me When Spring Arrives”.

I get it, I really do. Last week in a Zoom meeting, I suggested (only half-jokingly) that we shouldn’t bother scheduling meetings in January because no one is in the mood to get anything done. However, despite our grumpiness for winter, we need to remember that Spring IS coming, and not only do we need to look forward to it, we need to prepare for it.

At the beginning of March, the Circuit will be hosting its annual Circuit Mission Supper. This year, our invited speaker is Trey Hall, Director of Evangelism and Growth for the Methodist Church. Part of Trey’s passion is to make sure that the churches he speaks to are committed to change, growth, and evangelism, so he asks that before he arrives, the Circuit has a plan, or at least an idea, about where they are going in this space. While the Circuit Leadership Team continues to work on the official circuit response, it occurs to me that not just individual churches, but individual Christians should be thinking about evangelism. Or, to put this in Biblical terms, the time for planting is coming.

Psalm 126 tells us,

*"Those who go out weeping,  
carrying seed to sow,  
will return with songs of joy,  
carrying sheaves with them.*

So, as we navigate these quieter winter months, let’s not view them as wasted time, but as an opportunity to prepare—both individually and as church families. Just as the soil rests before the blossoms of spring, this season can be a time of spiritual renewal, discernment, and growth. Whether deepening your faith or simply opening your heart to where God is leading you, know that you are an essential part of the journey ahead. Together, let’s embrace this season of preparation, trusting that God is already at work, planting seeds of hope, purpose, and transformation within us all. Spring is coming, and with it, the promise of new life in Christ.

In Hope,

Adam

## **Resources/Good News**

### **The Lunar New Year**

Today's new moon, on Wednesday 29 January, will signal the beginning of the Lunar New Year.

In many cultures, each year is also associated with an animal from the zodiac. Often the animals are the same across different Asian countries, including China, South Korea, North Korea, Singapore and Cambodia. This year is the "Year of the Snake."

### **Guildford Hongkongers Lunar New Year Market, Guildford Cathedral**

**Saturday 8 February, 10:00am to 5.00pm**

GHK is organising a market on the 11th day of the Lunar New Year (Year of the Snake). There will be more than 60 stalls and exhibitions, as well as exciting performances on the day. Come and have fun with your family and friends! Online Purchase only - NO walk-in or ticket at the door.

**Opening ceremony & Lion Dance: 10:15 AM**

[Guildford Hongkongers Lunar New Year Market 僑福元宵市集 2025 Tickets, Sat 8 Feb 2025 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)



**Saturday 8th February 4.30 – 6pm @Surrey Sports Park**

[Katie and Becky's 80's Dance Workout, for the Royal Surrey's Chilworth Ward Wellbeing Fund](#)

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**Contact and registration: [richandmarielle@hotmail.com](mailto:richandmarielle@hotmail.com)**

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AND CAKE  
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QUARRY ST. GUILDFORD GU1 3UP**

**JANUARY – FEBRUARY  
2025**

**10.30 – 12.00**



*Everyone welcome*

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**Thursday 23 January**

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**Thursday 27 February**

# Circuit Mission Supper Saturday 8 March 2025

**Trinity Methodist Church Woking  
6.00 for 6.30pm**

Fish & Chips (battered sausage/Vegan options available)

Cost £10 – tickets available from church stewards.

Bring your own crockery & cutlery

## **Speaker - Trey Hall**



Trey Hall is a Methodist pioneer, church planting strategist, and evangelist. Since 2000 he has established and led churches in the United Kingdom and the United States, served as Mission Advisor for the Birmingham District of the Methodist Church in Britain, and coached scores of practitioners renewing inherited forms of church or launching fresh expressions of church.

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