



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8th 2013 and notices for the coming week

Summer is (probably) over and it is now September meaning that normal service is resumed and the weekly service sheet returns. Welcome back to you all.

Our Old Testament reading today is from Jeremiah and is entitled "At the Potter's House", a rather unusual title. But think of clay. Clay has no plans of its own, it has no aspirations for glory, not even for service. Clay is clay, and it is even reluctant to perform its given task (have you tried throwing a pot?), it is simply clay. But clay is mouldable, pliable, subjective to creation, desiring a creator and totally submissive to the will of its master.

Hence the analogy. Is not God our master sculptor? God starts with us as crude non-distinguishable chunks of clay and begins to mould us with love and care from his Son. He begins working his grace in our lives and slowly creates the form that he wants us to be. If we allow our lives to be sculpted by His hands we become well tuned, happy and productive. We need to respond to our Master's care, demanding nothing and surrendering all to become the masterpieces that he wants us to be.

Alan Steele

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK -at the start of a new school year

Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges and universities that they may be lively centres for sound learning, new discovery and the pursuit of wisdom and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth.

9.00-10.15am *eMerge* (Fairtrade Sunday breakfast)

Today's stewards are

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| Vestry Steward | Alan Steele |
| Duty Steward | Nancy Wilks |

(stewards are the people to ask, if you need help before, during or after a service)

Our CLOSED LOOP SYSTEM requires hearing aids to be switched to 'T' and you can borrow a disc of our Morning Worship so please ask a Steward or sign the loan book at the back of the church.

The Church operates a system of covenanted, planned giving (details of which may be obtained from Nicola Garriock).

There is a children's area available at the rear of the Church which parents and their young children may use during the service.

10.30am MORNING WORSHIP

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| Led by: | Rev Paul Hulme |
| Music | Candela |
| Hosts: | Jennifer Leigh and Maggie Maile |
| Sound System: | John Drake |
| Projection operator: | Julie Rowling / John Davies |

Call to Worship

Hymn 405 Lift up your hearts!

Responsive psalm H&P 864

Prayers page 27 sections A & B: page 28 section B
 page 29 section A (*Methodist Worship Book*)

Weysiders time

HYMN GUP p.87 Jubilate, Jubilate (sung twice)
 chosen and introduced by William Rowling

Lessons

Jeremiah 18 v.1 - 10 (p.777) read by Dennis Clarke

Luke 14 v.25 - 33 (p.1048) read by Alan Steele

Hymn 742 O Jesus Christ, grow thou in me

Sermon

Music for meditation

Prayers page 33 section B & page 35 section A and the Lord's prayer

Collection and dedication of the offering (*congregation please stand*)

Hymn 722 Who is on the Lord's side

(tune Rachie)

The Blessing

Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee or tea or a drink
of squash in the River Room after the service.

We thank Joan Tryhorn who gave and arranged the flowers for last Sunday.

6.30pm Holy Communion led by Rev Paul Hulme

HYMNS H&P 737 Lord, that I may learn of Thee
 H&P 642 Glory to Thee, my God, this night
Reading Mark 7 v. 24-30

**The Annual Church Meeting will take place after the
morning service next Sunday, 15th September.**

Message from Alison Briscoe

**Paul's funeral will be held at Guildford Crematorium on Friday 13th
September at 2.30 pm.**

**Paul's family warmly invite everyone to Godalming United Church hall
afterwards for refreshments.**

**Family flowers only. Donations if you wish to two charities. Details not
finalised yet.**

A reminder that there is a Pastoral Visitors Meeting at GUC
on Tuesday morning, 10th September, at 10.30am.

