



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29th 2015 and notices for the coming week

Our reading today starts with the words "In the beginning was the Word". Perhaps, today, it should begin "In the beginning was Robert Grant Pitts Weighton" or, as many of us know him, Bob Weighton. The Oldest in Britain website lists Bob, born on 29 March 1908 and therefore 107 years and 242 days old (by Sunday a few days older) as the 106th oldest person in Britain and the 15th oldest man in Britain (but these rankings have some uncertainty and are not spot-on). World rankings are much less certain but Bob could be in the oldest 5,000?

Anyway, however you look at it, Bob is living history and we are so glad to see him today.

Alan Steele

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK - ADVENT SUNDAY

We praise you, O loving God, who gave your very self in human form; your majesty born into our poverty; your love lying in an out-house. We thank you that, amidst Bethlehem's noisy rush, we find in you a focus for our activity; a hope for your humanity; a love for all eternity. Amen.

9.00-10.15am eMerge (Fairtrade Sunday breakfast)

Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward Maurice Illman

Duty Steward Alison Briscoe

(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'. Recordings of our services are available through the church website, or a CD copy can be provided on request – please ask a Steward.

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

Led by Rev Paul Hulme
Organist: David Hartnell
Hosts: the August family
Sound System: John Drake
Projection steward: Julie Rowling

Call to Worship

HYMN H&P 83 Long ago, prophets knew

Advent Candle is lit: all sing (*Singing the Faith 165*)

Advent candles tell their story
as we watch and pray,
longing for the Day of Glory,
'Come, Lord, soon', we say.
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness
changed for gladness
on that day

Prayer

Choir Advent Promise *words & music by Pamela Martin*

Lesson John 1 v.1 – 9 (p.1063) read by Richard August
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN GUP. p.8 Colours of day

Conversation with Robert Weighton

HYMN H&P 246 There's a light upon the mountains

Conversation with Robert Weighton

Music for Reflection

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

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

Hymn H&P 244

Sing we the King

The Blessing

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

The **Flower Fund** Box is available this morning
and contributions will be welcomed.

The December/January issue of **SPAN** is available this morning.

ORBIT – the newsletter and quarterly plan of the Methodist Circuit
is available at the back of the church.

Christmas Day Lunch at the Baptist Church.

Volunteer forms for the Christmas day lunch at the Baptist Church are available from Gwen Wheatman. Help is needed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Drivers are urgently needed on Christmas Day to transport guests to and from the Baptist Church.

The Methodist Church prayer card for 2015/16 is available at the back of the Church

LUNCH FELLOWSHIP

A reminder to those who have booked for the Christmas Lunch on
9th December that the meal will be at **12 noon** (earlier than usual).

Today 2.30 – 5.30pm Pantomime rehearsal

Festival of Christmas Trees - With musical events

at Guildford United Reformed Church, GU2 4BS

from **Sat 5th Dec to Wed 16th Dec** 2015

Open Weekdays 2 - 4pm Weekends 10am – 6pm

On **Sunday 6th December**, from **4pm** at Guildford United Reformed Church
Community Christmas Carols. Enjoy the colourful, atmospheric Christmas Tree
Festival while you sing your favourite Christmas Carols accompanied by the
Godalming Town Band. Seasonal refreshments. Free entry ~ all are welcome!

