



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY MARCH 26th 2017

- and notices for the coming week

Who can have failed to spot that today is Mothering Sunday? Whatever our personal histories, we can all look back with gratitude to our birth and childhood – and today we come together to thank God for not only our mothers but all those other caring folk who guided us into the adult world. And this morning we celebrate not just family in this most intimate sense but also in its broadest possible sense – the Family of Man to which we all belong.

Look up “Family of Man” in Wikipedia (the online encyclopaedia) and you find that this was the title of a ground-breaking photography exhibition assembled in New York in 1955, with 503 images from around the world depicting the cycle of human life in all its richness and variety, from the squalid to the sublime, from tragedy to joy. The focus is on the commonalities that bind people and cultures; the overarching themes are equality, brotherhood and peace. Described as “the greatest photographic project undertaken” the exhibition toured the world for 8 years, has been seen by more than 10 million people, and today you can see the photographs in Clervaux Castle, Belgium (birthplace of Edward Steichen, the collection’s instigator).

We learn from Genesis that “God created Man in his own image”. If this is truly meaningful for us we must strive to embrace our extended Family of Man with as much love as we instinctively feel for our nearest and dearest – and this is not always an easy task.

Nancy Wilks

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Living God, in this season of Lent, help us to take time to reflect on our own lives. Show us where we could be kinder, gentler, more forgiving, more accepting, more willing; and help us to grow to be more like the people you created us to be. Amen

9.00-10.15am eMerge (Fairtrade Sunday breakfast)

Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward Nancy Wilks
Duty Steward Keith Rowling

(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 FAMILY SERVICE

	Led by	Rev Paul Hulme
Organist:		David Hartnell
Hosts:		Barbara and Malcolm Keene
Sound System:		Denis Leigh
Projection steward:		Julie Rowling

Call to Worship

Hymn (StF) 81 Now thank we all our God
(Tune Gracias)

Responsive Psalm 791 (StF)

Prayer

Hymn (StF) 619 Thanks for friends who keep us loving
(Tune 8 Ode to Joy)

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY FAMILY?

Lesson

Matthew Ch. 25 v.34 - 41 (p.995)

read by Nancy Wilks & Eileen MacDonald

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn (StF) 536 He's got the whole world in His hands

WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT? AND WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT IT?

Prayers and the Lord's Prayer:

Response **'Lord Jesus Listen to our prayer'**

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

Distribution of posies

Hymn (StF) 615 Let Love be real

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 flowers have been given by Freda Chapman, remembering Tony
on their wedding anniversary. Arranged by Wendy Weston

Traidcraft and Mission Stalls will be available in the Hall after the service.

Items for the April issue of SPAN are needed this week, and no later than Tues 28th

Help is needed in the morning of Wednesday 29th March at 9.00am to collect
chairs from around the church rooms and stores and bring them into the church for
the **Godalming College Charity Concert** which is being held in our church that
evening, and on **Thursday morning** to put the chairs back. If anyone can help,
please see Jennifer Leigh or phone her on 01483 420025. Thank you.

Envelopes are available in the Foyer for **GUC's Lenten Appeal**, which this
year is to be split between **The Whitechapel Mission**, helping London's
homeless and **Medecins Sans Frontiers** which provides medical help in
the most difficult circumstances such as war-torn areas, including Yemen.
Gifts will be dedicated on Easter Sunday. The Mission and Outreach
Committee thank you for your support.

Please note - Monday 3rd April. - The Council will be carrying out tree work
between the car park wall and the river. For safety reasons the parking area
between the Hall and the river wall will be closed.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 2nd APRIL 2017

Tues 28th 5.00pm Brownies (*Alison tel:422841*)

Wed 29th 10.00am Godaltots (Toddlers group) (*Jacky tel: 423768*)

Thurs 30th

12.15 for 12.30pm Lent Reflection at St. Mary's, Quarry St. Guildford
I am the Resurrection and the Life – Helen Poole

4.30pm Rainbows (*Julie tel:428701*)

7.30pm Scouts (*Grahame tel: 01420 475773*)

Fri 31st 10.30am–2.00pm Church open for private prayer

12-1.30pm Lunches

7.30pm Choir Practice

Sunday 2nd April

9.00am Holy Communion – led by Rev John Goatley

9.00-10.15am eMerge – Fairtrade Sunday breakfast

10.30am Morning Worship – led by Rev Paul Dean

ADVANCE NOTICES

Mon 3rd 7.30pm Monday Evening Lent group

Tues 4th 10.15 for 10.30am Lent group – sharing and reflecting on the
York Course entitled 'Receiving Christ'

2.45pm Ladies Fellowship - Rev Paul Hulme

7.30pm Meeting for **Messy Church** helpers (Chancel Room)
(or contact Nancy 414778)

Thurs 6th 12.15 for 12.30pm Lent Reflection at St. Mary's, Guildford.
followed by a bread and soup lunch.

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life - Stephen Pugh

Sat 8th 3.00-5.00pm **Messy Church** – Easter activities for families

Wed 12th 12.15 for 12.30pm Lunch Fellowship at the Jack Phillips, Godalming
All are welcome.

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