

**GODALMING UNITED CHURCH**  
(Methodist & United Reformed)



## SERVICES FOR SUNDAY APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 and notices for the coming week

Today is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent or the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Passion. The gospel this year comes from John, and we meet Jesus as he visits his friends Mary and Martha four days after their brother Lazarus has died. He said ‘I am the resurrection and the life’; and that Lazarus will rise again. Jesus weeps for Lazarus, then he calls him from the tomb, restored to life. The Old Testament reading also explores life after death, or to use a Christian Aid slogan ‘life before death’. Jesus stands before Lazarus’s tomb representing life, and Lazarus, though dead, responds to Jesus’ call. The Christian life follows a pattern of call and response. How are we responding to God’s call, heard in the gospel and in Jesus who urges us to find new life in him?

Rowena and I are glad to share with you in GUC’s 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. We bring you greetings from Kent where I serve in the South Kent Circuit and the URC East Kent Area.

*Paul Dean*

Rev Paul Hulme is preaching at St. Mary’s, Guildford, this morning.

### ***PRAYER FOR THE WEEK***

Heavenly Father, at the start of the school holidays we ask your blessing on our children – within our family, church and community, and we pray that they may grow in your love. And we ask a special blessing on our Messy Church this coming Saturday – on the leaders and helpers, and on the children and their families. Amen.

Today’s stewards are

Vestry Steward    Nancy Wilks  
Duty Steward     Peter Radcliffe

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

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

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.

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**9.00am HOLY COMMUNION** - led by Rev John Goatley  
Pianist: Wendy Bicknell

HYMNS H&P 231 Praise to the Holiest in the height  
H&P 610 I come with joy to meet my Lord

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20: v.17-28 (p.988) read by Gwen Wheatman  
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## **10.30am MORNING WORSHIP**

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| Led by              | Rev Paul Dean               |
| Organist:           | David Hartnell              |
| Hosts:              | Mary Hayes & Wendy Bicknell |
| Sound System:       | John Drake                  |
| Projection steward: | Julie Rowling               |

Welcome and notices

Call to Worship

'I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.  
my soul waits for the LORD  
more than those who watch for the morning.  
more than those who watch for the morning. *(from Psalm 130)*

**HYMN StF 28 Jesus calls us here to meet him**

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer  
Talk

**HYMN StF 285 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

The Grace said together

Bible Readings

Ezekiel 37: v.1-14 (p.868) read by Peter Radcliffe  
John 11: v.20-45 (p.1078) read by Jenny West

Silence for reflection

**HYMN StF 290            Who would ever have believed it?**

Sermon

Collection and dedication of the offering (congregation please stand)

**HYMN StF 416            There's a wideness in God's mercy**

Prayers

**HYMN StF 287            When I survey the wondrous cross**

Blessing

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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 Ladies Fellowship  
(arranged by Mary Bellwood) for those who now are unable to attend  
meetings; Olive Muddle, Olive Temple, Brenda Woods  
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**The April edition of SPAN is available this morning.**

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHURCH PLEASE CONTACT:**

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| Minister           | Rev Paul Hulme | 01483 414 709                                      |
| Church Secretary   | Sylvia         | 01483 423 261                                      |
| Pastoral Assistant | Eileen         | 01483 420 459                                      |
| Senior Steward     | Alan           | 01483 860 683                                      |
| Lettings           | Jennifer       | 01483 420 025                                      |
| Web site address   |                | <a href="http://www.guc.org.uk">www.guc.org.uk</a> |

DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017

- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30pm Monday Evening Lent group
- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> 10.15 for 10.30am Lent group – sharing and reflecting on the  
York Course entitled ‘Receiving Christ’  
2.45pm Ladies Fellowship - Rev Paul Hulme  
5.00pm Brownies (*Alison tel:422841*)  
7.30pm Meeting for **Messy Church** helpers (Chancel Room)
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Godaltots (Toddlers group) (*Jacky tel: 423768*)
- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> 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  
4.30pm Rainbows (*Julie tel:428701*)  
7.30pm Scouts (*Grahame tel: 01420 475773*)
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> 10.30am–2.00pm Church open for private prayer  
12-1.30pm Lunches  
2.00pm Hobbies Group
- Sat 8<sup>th</sup> 3.00 – 5.00pm **Messy Church** – Easter Family activities  
7.30pm Rushmoor Male Voice Choir at Cranleigh Methodist  
Church, raising funds for Christian Aid.  
for Tickets £12 (incl. refreshments) contact  
Glenda Sewell, tel: 01483 273037.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April - Palm Sunday**

- 9.00-10.15am** *eMerge* – Fairtrade Sunday breakfast  
**10.30am** Morning Worship – led by Rev John Goatley

ADVANCE NOTICES

- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> 12.15 for 12.30pm Lunch Fellowship at the Jack Phillips,  
Godalming. All are welcome
- Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> 12.15 for 12.30pm Lent Reflection at St. Mary’s Guildford  
followed by a bread and soup lunch  
**I am** the Vine - Paul Chesworth  
8.00pm Maundy Thursday – Holy Communion at GUC