



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY APRIL 9th 2017 – PALM SUNDAY and notices for the coming week

Today is Palm Sunday, Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. So well known. What is there to write that is relevant but has not been written in these paragraphs previously? A prayer then, written by an American, Rachel Marie Stone, and which is based solely on our readings today from Psalms and Matthew:

Palm Sunday Prayer: Matthew 21: 1-11 Psalm 118 1-2 & 19-29

Lord God,
I give you thanks, for you are good and your mercy is endless.
Here I stand at the start of this holy week,
This week in which your church remembers Jesus' passion and death,
And I am detracted by many things.
Turn my eyes now to the One who comes in your name
The one who opens the gates of righteousness
The one who answers when we call.
I bless you, Lord, for shining your light upon me,
And for sending your son to us, in human frailty,
To walk the road we walk.
Open my eyes that I may see him coming,
And may praise him with a pure heart,
And may walk in the way of his suffering,
And share also in his resurrection.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

Alan Steele

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear Lord, during this special week, Holy Week, help us to remember – amidst the busyness of preparations for next weekend - the suffering of your son Jesus. We ask your blessing on the special events in this and all churches. Help us to meditate upon Jesus' life and death with reverence and wonder.
Amen

9.00-10.15am eMerge (Fairtrade Sunday breakfast)

Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward

Alan Steele

Duty Steward

Maurice Illman

(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 John Goatley
Music:		Candela
Hosts:		Wendy Bicknell and Eileen MacDonald
Sound System:		Denis Leigh
Projection steward:		Julie Rowling

Welcome and Call to Worship

HYMN (StF) 262 **All glory, laud, and honour**

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

A Family Word

Distribution of Palm Crosses

while everyone sings Trotting, trotting through Jerusalem H&P **162**

HYMN (StF) 264 **Make way, make way,**

Readings

Psalm 118 1-2, 19-29 (p.615) read by Wendy Bicknell

Matthew 21: 1-11 (p.938) read by Eileen MacDonald

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN (StF) 333 Majesty, worship his majesty;

Sermon

Music for Reflection

HYMN (StF) 366 Thou hidden source of calm repose

Second tune St Chrysostom

Intercessions

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

HYMN (StF) 276 Lift high the Cross

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 Sheila Clarke and Joan Tryhorn
to celebrate their birthday. Arranged by Wendy Weston.

Donations for the **Lenten Appeal** for The Whitechapel Mission and
Medecins Sans Frontiers will be dedicated on Easter Sunday. Envelopes are
still available in the Foyer.

COMMON GROUND invites you to visit St Mary's, Quarry Street, Guildford
during Holy Week – 10th - 16th April. Open Monday to Saturday 10am - 4pm.
There will be an Organ recital on Wednesday 12th April, 1.00 – 2.00pm

There will be a **Church Meeting** after the morning service on
Sunday 30th April

Membership and Confirmation classes led by Rev Claire Potter will be held at
Merrow Methodist Church on Wednesday evenings, 26th April, 3rd May,
17th May and 31st May, at 7.30pm.

(further information on a poster in the foyer)

DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 16th APRIL 2017

Mon 10th 7.30pm Monday Evening Lent Group – theme: Stewardship

Tues 11th 2.00pm Music for Holy Week at St. Nicolas Church, Bury Street, Guildford. - Guildford Area U3A Choirs

Wed 12th 12.15 for 12.30pm Lunch Fellowship at the Jack Phillips, Godalming. All welcome
8.00pm Church Council Meeting

Maundy Thursday 13th

12.15 for 12.30pm Lent Reflection at St. Mary's, Quarry St. Guildford
I am the Vine – Paul Chesworth

8.00pm Service of Holy Communion at GUC

Good Friday 14th

10.45am Walk of Witness – commencing at the Wharf and finishing at the Pepperpot.

7.30pm Music for Holy Week at GUC – Guildford Area U3A choirs

Sunday 16th April – Easter Day

6.45am Sunrise Service at Minster Field – Tuesley Lane

**10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion
- Rev Paul Hulme**

ADVANCE NOTICES

Tues 18th 2.45pm Ladies Fellowship – work as a Prison Officer with George Wilson

Fri 21st 7.30pm Choir Practice

Sat 22nd 8.30am Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast at The Cellar, Crown Court

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