



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY APRIL 23rd 2017 and notices for the coming week

The second appointed reading today is from the First Epistle of Peter (usually referred to as First Peter), generally accepted to be written by Peter the Apostle during his time as Bishop of Rome or Antioch. Some disagree with this attribution but more important is what the Letter says. It was written to the beleaguered churches in Asia Minor, an appeal not to turn away from the Gospel they have heard proclaimed.

The Letter contains the fundamental language of faith, spoken by Peter to establish, to shape and to grow the early Christian community. This language, employed for the shaping of Christian identity, is fitting not only for the fledgling life of faith, but for the ongoing, present day life of faith, and the Church.

Alan Steele

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear Lord,

Help us to remember that we are all made in your image, and as we go about our weekly round, help us to seek out that of God within everyone – especially those whom we find “difficult”. Amen

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.

Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward Keith Rowling

Duty Steward John Davies

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

10.30am MORNING WORSHIP

Led by	Rev Dr. Claire Potter
Organist:	David Hartnell
Hosts:	Norman and Maureen Edsall
Sound System:	Charles Steele
Projection steward:	Julie Rowling

Call to Worship

Bidding: Alleluia, Christ is risen

Response: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia**

HYMN H&P 190 Christ is alive!

Prayers of adoration

Prayers of confession

Conversation with Weysiders

HYMN H&P 256 He is Lord

Weysiders blessing and departure

Reading John 20: v.19-31 (p.1090) read by Keith Rowling

Reflection: Thomas's thoughts

Reading 1 Peter 1: v.3-9 (p.1217) read by Norman Edsall

HYMN H&P 200 When Easter to the dark world came

Sermon

HYMN H&P 213 This joyful Eastertide

Prayers of intercession

with H&P 196 **I know that my Redeemer lives** sung verse by verse as a response to each section of the prayers (*sung seated*)

I know that my Redeemer lives
What joy the blest assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my everlasting Head.

He lives, to bless me with his love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives, my hungry soul to feed;
He lives, to help in time of need.

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives and I shall conquer death;
He lives, my mansion to prepare;
He lives, to lead me safely there.

He lives, all glory to his name;
He lives, my Saviour, still the same;
What joy the blest assurance gives,
I know that my Redeemer lives!

The Lord's Prayer

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

HYMN H&P 255 Crown him with many crowns!

Blessing

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

**Traidcraft and Mission stalls will be in the Hall
after the service this morning.**

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

Items for the May issue of SPAN are needed no later than Tues 25th April.

The next Lunch Fellowship will be on Wednesday 10th May,
12.15 for 12.30pm at the Jack Phillips. All are welcome.

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 30th APRIL 2017

Tues 25th 5.00pm Brownies (*Alison tel:422841*)

Wed 26th 10.00am Godaltots (*Jacky tel: 423768*)

Thurs 27th 10.30 – 12noon Coffee & Cake at St. Mary's, Guildford
4.30pm Rainbows (*Julie tel:428701*)
7.30pm Scouts (*Grahame tel: 01420 475773*)

Fri 28th 10.30am–2.00pm Church open for private prayer
12-1.30pm Lunches
2.00pm Hobbies and games group
6.00pm Music Kids (*Barbara tel:421268*)

Sat 29th 7.30pm Epworth Choir concert in aid of Action for Children at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford. **Rutter Requiem and Renaissance Masterpieces** Tickets £20 / £15 from Epworth Choir Box Office tel: 01483 760133 or the Choir's website – www.epworthchoir.org

Sunday 30th April

9.00-10.15am eMerge – Fairtrade Sunday breakfast

10.30am Morning Worship – led by Rev Paul Hulme

ADVANCE NOTICES

Tues 2nd May 2.45pm Ladies Fellowship - The Knitting and Leather industries of Godalming - Martin Stilwell

Sat 9th May 2.30pm Musical Allsorts – at GUC

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