



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY APRIL 30th 2017 and notices for the coming week

Our Gospel reading today is the familiar and beautiful story, 2000 years ago, of two of Jesus' disciples on the road to Emmaus. It must have been the longest day of their lives. They were going home. Home, because there was nothing else to do. Their hopes were dashed. Their dreams destroyed. Their future obliterated. They were forlorn and there was nothing for them to do but to return to Emmaus, lick their wounds and try to figure out what to do with their lives now, now that Jesus was dead.

But they were joined by a third person, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them and talked with them. They did not recognise him - until he ate with them and broke bread with them. Move on to today. Is not this story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus really the story of every Christian? There are times as we journey through life when we are completely oblivious to Christ's presence with us. Then we read or hear a scripture passage or come to Communion and we discover anew Christ's abiding presence and realise that he has been with us all along, though we failed to recognise his presence.

Meet us Lord on the road to Emmaus. Guide us on the path to our destination and renew our strength as we continue to walk and commune with you. Open our eyes so we see the signs of your presence around us. Open our hearts so we may receive your peace and love; and empower us to pass on to others the grace you have shared with us so freely. Amen.

Alan Steele

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Heavenly Father,
This week of the early May Bank Holiday we thank you for the wonderful world you have made to be our home: its varied landscapes, its magnificent seas, its teeming life. We marvel at its beauty and variety. Help us to be good stewards of your Creation. 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:	Keith Nye
Hosts:	Sylvia Kelley and Eileen MacDonald
Sound System:	Malcolm Keene
Projection steward:	Sarah Ings

Call to Worship

Hymn (StF) 301 Hail, thou once despised Jesus

Responsive Psalm 828 (StF)

Prayer

Hymn (StF) 295 Alleluia, Alleluia give thanks

Lessons

1 Peter 1 v.17 – 23 (p.1217) read by Barbara Saunders

Luke 24 v.13 – 35 (p.1061) read by Shirley Williams

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn (StF) 311 The day of Resurrection

Sermon

Music for Reflection

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

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

Hymn (StF) 313 Thine be the glory

The Blessing

The Church Meeting will follow the morning service today.

The May issue of SPAN is available this morning.

Your donations to the Flower Fund will be much appreciated
and the Flower Fund Box is available this morning.

Tonight – 6.15 for 6.30pm at Weybridge Methodist Church – Café
Church – **Snapshot on a Sabbatical** led by Rev David Faulkner.
An invitation to join friends for coffee, tea and cake and
a time of fellowship with God and with each other.

A Thanksgiving service for the life of **Roy Fullelove** who died suddenly
on Easter Sunday will be held at Merrow Methodist Church on
Wednesday 3rd May at 1.45pm, followed at 3pm by committal at
Guildford Crematorium.

