



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY MAY 14th 2017 and notices for the coming week

Today's Gospel reading is well familiar. It is entitled 'Jesus comforts his Disciples' and contains what is often referred to as 'The Comfortable Words'.

The disciples are worried and upset by the talk of betrayal and the thought of Jesus leaving them. So Jesus speaks reassurance but leaves Thomas even more mystified. Jesus is the way to God, the truth and the one who makes the eternal life of God available to all who will receive it. Philip wants to see God, not realising that he has already seen him in Jesus.

Soon Jesus will return to the Father and it is something to be glad about. He is making the approach road for men and women to come to God. He is going to get a permanent home ready for his disciples and in due course he will come for them. His return to God will bring new power in action, new certainty in prayer. And, as he continues to say, his followers will have a helper, the Holy Spirit will come to be with them always and everywhere, and Jesus' own unspeakable peace will be theirs. For their part the disciples must continue to love him and trust him, and the way to show their love is to do all that he says. *Alan*

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK - A prayer of lament for refugees in Christian Aid Week.

God, our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble,
how long must those suffering in conflict wait for rescue?
How long must children separated from their families long for comfort?
How long must young people be denied a better future?
How long must the internally displaced people of the world be forgotten?
How long will countries with plenty refuse sanctuary for the few?
How long, O God, must you wait for your children to be welcomed, shown
kindness and care? O Lord of hosts protect them, God of Jacob be their
refuge. *Amen*

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.

9.00-10.15am eMerge (Fairtrade Sunday breakfast)

10.30am MORNING WORSHIP

Led by	Rev Paul Hulme
Music:	Candela
Hosts:	Barbara Keene and Maggie Maile
Sound System:	Malcolm Keene
Projection steward:	Julie Rowling

Call to Worship

Hymn (StF) 470 Lord for the years

Responsive Psalm (StF) 805

Prayer

Hymn (StF) 473 Moses I know you're the man

Lessons

Deuteronomy 8 v1 – 10 (p187) read by Eloise Rowling

John 14 v.1 – 14 (p1082) read by Julie Rowling

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn (StF) 476 One more step along the road

Sermon

Music for Reflection

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

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

Hymn (StF) 81 **Now thank we all our God**
(2nd Tune – Gracias)

The Blessing

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

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 14th – 21st MAY

Christian Aid lunch Sunday, 21st May 12.15pm – please sign the list in the foyer if you are able to attend this event, and support Christian Aid.

Music Kids are singing this afternoon at 2.30pm and 3.15pm at the Sculpture Exhibition at Birtley House, Bramley.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 21st MAY 2017

Tues 16 th	1.00pm	Ladies Fellowship lunch
	5.00pm	Brownies (<i>Alison tel:422841</i>)
Wed 17 th	10.00am	Godaltots (<i>Jacky tel: 423768</i>)
	8.00pm	Church Council meeting
Thurs 18 th	4.30pm	Rainbows (<i>Julie tel:428701</i>)
	7.30pm	Scouts (<i>Grahame tel: 01420 475773</i>)
Fri 19 th	10.30am – 2.00pm	Church open for private prayer
	12-1.30pm	Lunches
	6.00pm	Music Kids (<i>Barbara tel:421268</i>)

Sunday, 21st May

9.00-10.15am eMerge – Fairtrade Sunday breakfast

**10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion –
led by Rev Brian Treharne**

ADVANCE NOTICES

Ascension Day – Holy Communion Service - Thursday, 25th May 7.30pm at Busbridge Church for Churches Together in Godalming.

Churches Together ecumenical Prayer Breakfast Saturday, 27th May, 8.30am St John's Church, Milford.

Wey Valley Methodist Circuit – One Year Old

Celebratory Walk – Saturday, 3rd June leaving the centre of Godalming between 8 - 8.30am, be in the centre of Guildford at about 10am, near Send at noon, West Byfleet by 3pm and finishing at the Thames Lock north of Weybridge by 6pm.

Appreciating Church – Saturday, 10th June 2.30pm – 5pm Addlestone Methodist Church, 71 Station Road Addlestone, KT 15 2AR and Sunday, 18th June 2.30 – 5pm Stoughton Methodist Church, Stoughton Road, Stoughton, Guildford, GU2 9PT. An afternoon of conversation and inspiration to help us explore the church's vision and mission in an appreciative way

In Praise of Preaching Circuit Service – Sunday, 11th June 6.30pm. Godalming United Church. 'The Lord gave the word' A gathering to support the 12 local Preachers who will be receiving long service awards ranging from 27 year to 60 years.

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