



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY MAY 21st 2017 and notices for the coming week

This year is the 60th anniversary of Christian Aid Week and we mark it with today's service. British churches founded Christian Aid in 1945 to support refugees who had lost their homes and possessions in the Second World War. Twelve years later Christian Aid Week was launched to help fund this ongoing work and now, in total, Christian Aid has over 70 years experience of working in partnership to support communities to thrive. Christian Aid tackles the root causes of poverty so that women, men and children the world over are strengthened against further knocks. And if disaster happens, Christian Aid will get people the help they want straight away. Christian Aid's message is both firm and clear:

"WE'VE BEEN THERE FOR REFUGEES SINCE 1945,
WE WON'T TURN OUR BACKS NOW"

Alan Steele

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God,
we ask that you will stretch our imaginations to sense the majesty and mystery of your ascension. Help us perceive how Jesus' presence in heaven can give us confidence in our praying and hope for the future. Through Jesus, our Lord.

Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward Alison Briscoe

Duty Steward John Davies

(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.

10.30am MORNING WORSHIP with HOLY COMMUNION

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| | Led by | Rev Brian Treharne |
| Organist: | | Keith Nye |
| Hosts: | | the August family |
| Sound System: | | John Drake |
| Projection steward: | | Julie Rowling |

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

HYMN H&P 145 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

Muriel Clark introduces the "Christian Aid Week" theme

Short Prayer

Weysiders leave

HYMN H&P 9 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Prayers

Epistle: 1 John 3: v.16-24 (NIV) (p.1227) read by Muriel Clark

Gospel: Matthew 25: v.31-40 (NIV) (p.995) read by Janet Shaw

HYMN H&P 476 Lord, thy word abideth

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession - led by Gwen Wheatman

Invitation to the Sacrament

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

HYMN H&P 614 Jesus, we thus obey

The Sacrament:

Gracious words

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

The Peace (all share with one another)

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Breaking of Bread

Distribution of Bread (*all retain and partake together*)

Distribution of Wine (*all retain and partake together*)

Blessing for the Weysiders

Prayer after Communion

HYMN H&P 796 Lord of light, whose name shines brighter

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 today have been given by Kath & Alan Benny in memory
of their son-in-law, Bruce. Arranged by Wendy Weston.

12.15pm Christian Aid lunch

Items for the June issue of SPAN are needed no later that Tuesday 24th May.

Sunday 11th June 3pm Godalming Civic Service at the Wilfrid Noyce Centre.
All are welcome

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.

**Whitechapel Mission Collection of Men's Clothing and Non-perishable
breakfast foods. 2nd July to 17th July 2017 at GUC.** Please check the leaflet in
Span or the website to see the most urgently needed items. www.whitechapel.org.uk
Please bring items at the specified times in the leaflet.

**Cake Stall for Ophthalmic Project in Gambia - Wednesday 5th July
3.30pm to 6.30pm at GUC.** If you can provide some small cakes for this,
please let Janet Shaw know. Thank you.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 28th MAY 2017

- Tues 23rd 10.15 for 1030am Bible Study - *Who do you think you are?*
All are welcome (Chancel Room)
5.00pm Brownies (*Alison tel:422841*)
- Wed 24th 10.00am Godaltots (*Jacky tel: 423768*)
- Thurs 25th 10.30-12noon Coffee & Cake & St. Mary's, Guildford
4.30pm Rainbows (*Julie tel:428701*)
7.30pm Scouts (*Grahame tel: 01420 475773*)
7.30pm Ascension Day – Churches Together in Godalming –
Holy Communion service at Busbridge Church
- Fri 26th 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 27th 8.30am Churches Together Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast
at St. John's Church, Milford.

Sunday 28th May

- 9.00-10.15am eMerge** – Fairtrade Sunday breakfast
10.30am Morning Worship – led by Ms Jane O'Leary

ADVANCE NOTICES

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 at Addlestone Methodist Church, 71 Station Road Addlestone, KT 15 2AR and Sunday 18th June 2.30 – 5pm at **Cranleigh Methodist Church**, 188 High Street, Cranleigh, GU6 8RT. An afternoon of conversation and inspiration to help us explore the church's vision and mission in an appreciative way

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