



**GODALMING UNITED CHURCH**  
(Methodist & United Reformed)

## SERVICES FOR SUNDAY JULY 9<sup>th</sup> 2017 and notices for the coming week

Our service is led this morning by John Mitchell from Woking. At the recent Circuit Service to honour our local preachers, John received from the President of the Conference his long service certificate for 60 years service as a local preacher. Yet in all that time he has never preached at Godalming, so we congratulate him and welcome him most warmly.

After today's service the next stage of the building works refurbishment programme - the kitchen, River Room and patio project - will commence. Tomorrow morning there will be a work party to start the task of removing and demolishing the kitchen. If you are available to help, please speak to John Drake after the service. The contract for the work has been let to Deekes and Steer. It is a complex project with completion hoped for in mid September but it is a very tight programme and it will impact on our use of the premises. The work area will be physically sealed off with no public access and the builders will need to fence off and use as a work compound part of the car park (principally between the Hall and the river). During the period of the works there will be **no Sunday morning breakfasts** nor will there be any **refreshments after services** etc. Site safety must take priority but at the end of the day we will have a 25% larger River Room and a new, state of the art, kitchen. Finally, do not leave any personal belongings in the kitchen or River Room today - if you do you may not see them again!

Alan Steele

Rev Paul Hulme is preaching at Byfleet Methodist Church this morning.

### ***PRAYER FOR THE WEEK***

Now is the time our Father to give thanks for your Word, eternal and inspiring. Help us to search the Scriptures to proclaim the Gospel, and remember those in Christian ministry. Forgive our lack of Diligence. Amen

Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward	Alan Steele
Duty Steward	Nancy Wilks

(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.

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We are not comfortable with contradictions within the Christian life. We like to know where we stand: what we should believe, how we should behave if we are Christians. But John the Baptist and Jesus are very different characters, the one in many ways at the other end of the spectrum from the other. What is the message for us here?

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## **10.30am MORNING WORSHIP**

	Led by	John Mitchell
Organist:		Keith Nye
Hosts:		Sylvia Kelley and Shirley Williams
Sound System:		Malcolm Keene
Projection steward:		Julie Rowling

Welcome and notices

**HYMN (StF) 5      Father, in whom we live**

Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Family Time

**HYMN (StF) 233      When, Jesus came to Jordan**

Poem:      Caring for the Church *(from the United Church in Australia)*

Reading

Romans 7: v.15-25a (p.1134) read by Eileen MacDonald

**HYMN (StF) 182      On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry**

Reading

Matthew 11: v.16-19 & 25-30 (p.976) read by Gwen Wheatman

Sermon *Facing up to our differences*

**HYMN (StF) 189**                      **Wild and lone the prophet's voice**

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

Prayers for others

**HYMN (StF) 251**                      **Jesus Christ is waiting in the streets**

Benediction

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Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee or tea or a drink  
of squash in the River Room after the service.  
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**If you have any items in the River Room or Kitchen that belong  
to you, please collect them this morning.**

**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](http://www.whitechapel.org.uk)  
Please bring items at the specified times in the leaflet.

The **refurbishment of the Kitchen and River Room** starts this week and  
both areas will be out of use until mid September. **There will be no Breakfasts,  
coffee after Morning Service or Lunches until the work is completed.**  
The kitchenette on the landing will be available, and the fridge will be in the  
Committee Room. The car park area will be restricted as the builders need the space  
between the hall and the river, and also space for deliveries.

A **WORK PARTY** is needed tomorrow (**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July**) to remove kitchen units  
and window seating, curtains etc. in the River Room. Please contact Roger Stollery  
or John Drake if you are able to help.

**Methodist Prayer Handbook 2017/2018** If you would like a copy of  
this handbook "Jesus, the First and the Last" priced £3.50 plus packaging  
and postage please let Sylvia Kelley know by 30 July.

**Coffee Morning on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September** - please note that Maureen and Norman Edsall's coffee morning will now be held at the **Church** and not at Elstead as advertised in SPAN. This is due to the lack of parking at Elstead. Please note that there will **not** be an Open Day/Heritage Day at this church on 9 September as stated in previous 40th Anniversary publicity.

**11<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm - IMPORTANT MEETING** - open to all. with representatives of the Methodist and UR Churches on the future ministry at GUC.

### **DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017**

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Work Party to clear Kitchen and River Room

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> 5.00pm Brownies (*Alison tel:422841*)

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> 12.15 for 12.30pm Lunch Fellowship at the Jack Phillips, Godalming. All are welcome.

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> 10.30-11.30am Major Minors rehearsal in the Church  
4.30pm Rainbows (*Julie tel:428701*)  
7.30pm Scouts (*Grahame tel: 01420 475773*)

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm Hobbies group will meet in the Library at the Dower House, Milford. (*Barbara Saunders: tel: 01483 415600*)  
6.00-7.30pm Music Kids Barbecue (*Barbara tel:421268*)

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Godalming Community Gospel Choir at Ss Peter & Paul Church, Godalming – **Summer Showcase** - an evening of gospel music featuring a brand new repertoire under the direction of Solomon Facey.  
Entry is free and refreshments will be served

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

**10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion**  
– led by **Rev Paul Hulme**

### ADVANCE NOTICES

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> July 8.00pm Church Council Meeting

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> July 8.30am Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast at Friends Meeting House, Mill Lane, Godalming.

### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHURCH PLEASE CONTACT:**

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