



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10th 2017 and notices for the coming week

This week end is Heritage week end in Godalming and many other places as well. Lots of our more historical buildings will be open to the public for guided tours. Usually we are very much a part of this, but because we are in the final stages of our improvement to our ancillary premises, we are not able to take part this year. Hopefully next year we will be, because the view from the back of our church must be one of the finest anywhere in England.

Godalming is a historic town, full of interest and links with the past. I have only lived here for five years, but during that time there have been massive changes within the town and wider community. Hundreds of new houses have (and still are) been built, so that the population is bigger than it's ever been in its history, but as far as the centre of the town is concerned, it retains its charming old world character.

Today, as we gather for worship in our United Church, which began for all three denominations - Methodists, Congregationalists and Salvation Army - in that elegant old building, recently restored in Mint Street, we recall with gratitude our shared Heritage. And we affirm in this act of worship those unchanging truths that bind us together as one Family; summarised in the immortal words of the Apostle Paul in one of our Lessons for today: 'There are three things that last for ever: faith, hope and love; but the greatest of them all is Love'. Thank God some things never change!

Paul Hulme

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

The Kingdom of God has no favouritism. Dear Lord thank you for loving us even though we are all different. Thank you for forgiving us when we have done something wrong. Thank you for helping us to get it right. Amen

Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward Alison Briscoe

Duty Steward Sue Weighton

(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
Music:		Candela
Hosts:		the Calvert family
Sound System:		John Drake
Projection steward:		Julie Rowling

Call to Worship

Hymn (StF) 103 God is Love; let Heaven adore Him

Responsive Psalm 818 (StF)

Prayer

Hymn (StF) 663 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Lessons

1 Corinthians Ch.13 (p.1153)) read by John
Mark Ch.7 v.1 - 8 (p.1009)) and Margaret Goatley
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn (StF) 620 Thou God of Truth and Love

Sermon

Music for Reflection

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

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

Hymn (StF) 503 Love divine, all loves excelling

The Blessing

The flowers have been given by Margaret and John Goatley
in celebration of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.
Arranged by Wendy Weston.

Emergency Appeal - Sierra Leone

Following the recent mudslide and flooding in Sierra Leone, the Methodist Church is holding an emergency appeal to provide emergency humanitarian relief and prevention of diseases such as cholera in the aftermath. Gift -aid envelopes are available in the Foyer today if you can support this.

Rev Paul Hulme warmly invites you to

A GARDEN PARTY AND COFFEE MORNING

at the Manse, Epworth, Charterhouse Road Godalming GU7 2AL

THURSDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 10.30am – 12.30pm

in support of **THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION**

If anyone would like a lift or know of anyone who would like a lift to Paul's coffee morning can you be in touch with Eileen (tel:420459). Also donations of cakes / scones would be welcome.

Thanksgiving Service for the life of **Diana Hawkins** will be held at GUC on **Thursday 21st September at 1pm.** This follows a family only internment.

Sunday September 24th **Annual Church Meeting**
following the morning service.

Sunday September 24th **6.30 pm** We are invited by Farnham United Reformed Church to join them for a Harvest Songs of Praise followed by a wine and cheese reception. If you are interested in going please let Sylvia Kelley know as Farnham need to know numbers for catering.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2017

- Mon 11th 10.00am Holy Communion followed by meeting
of the Pastoral Visitors
- 8.00pm **IMPORTANT MEETING** - open to all with
representatives of the Methodist and UR
Churches on the **future ministry at GUC**
- Tues 12th 5.00pm Brownies (*Alison tel:422841*)
- Wed 13th 12.15 for 12.30pm **Lunch Fellowship** at the Jack Phillips,
Godalming All welcome
- 8.00pm Mission & Outreach Committee meeting
(Chancel Room)
- Thurs 14th 10.30am – 12.30pm **Coffee Morning** at the Manse in aid of
The Whitechapel Mission
- 4.30pm Rainbows (*Julie tel:428701*)
- 7.30pm Scouts (*Grahame tel: 01420 475773*)
- Fri 15th 6.00pm Music Kids (*Barbara tel:421268*)

Sunday 17th September

- 10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion –
led by Rev Paul Hulme and Rev Norman Edsall**
- 3.00-5.00pm Pantomime – read through of script

ADVANCE NOTICES

- Tues 19th 2.45pm Ladies Fellowship AGM and a Bring and Buy Table
- Thurs 21st 1.00pm Thanksgiving Service for the life of Diana Hawkins

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