



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

## SERVICES FOR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17<sup>th</sup> 2017 and notices for the coming week

Once again we are pleased to see Norman leading our service this morning but even more so as we celebrate his 50 years service in the ministry. A considerable part of this service was as a chaplain in the armed forces, in the RAF and in the Army (Women's Royal Army Corp).

It is surprising to find that the first English military- orientated chaplains were priests on board proto-naval vessels during the C8th while land based chaplains appeared during the reign of Edward 1 - a priest would follow his liege lord into battle. In 1796 the Army Chaplaincy Department in the British Army was established by Parliament. The current form of military chaplain really dates from the First World War to:

- provide spiritual and pastoral support for service personnel (and their families)
- to conduct religious services at home and abroad
- to provide moral guidance through formal teaching, counsel and personal example

The motto of the Royal Air Force is "Ministrare Non Ministrari" – "To serve, not to be served" and is derived from Mark 10 v 45:

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,  
and to give his life as a ransom for many"

All of these roles and responsibilities we recognise in Norman. With affection we often refer to Norman as "Storming Norman" but it would appear that chaplains have other nicknames including Bish, Sin- Bosun, Devil Dodger and Sky Pilot. Which fits Norman best?!

*Alan Steele*

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

We pray for all students returning to schools and colleges and those starting new courses or university. For those also starting a new job or career. Bless them all Lord. Amen

Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward

Maurice Illman

Duty Steward

Nicola Garriock

(stewards are the people to ask, if you need help before, during or after a service)

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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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## **10.30am MORNING WORSHIP with Holy Communion**

Led by	Rev Paul Hulme and Rev Norman Edsall
Music	Candela
Hosts:	Barbara & Malcolm Keene
Sound System:	Richard August
Projection steward:	Julie Rowling

Call to Worship

**Hymn (StF) 443**                      **Come let us sing of a wonderful love**

Responsive Psalm (StF) 822

Prayer

50 YEARS ON

**Hymn (StF) 51**                      **Great is thy faithfulness**

Lessons

Matthew 10 verses 27, 29, 30 (*p.975*) read by Sebastian Alba

Psalm 139 v.1 - 4 and 13 – 15 (*p.627*) read by Alexander Alba

**Hymn (StF) 564**                      **O thou who camest from above**

Address

Music for reflection

Prayers and Lord's prayer (*sung*)

**Hymn (StF) 20**

**Be still for the presence of the lord**

Holy Communion

*The children will join us for Holy Communion*

**Hymn (StF) 470**

**Lord for the years**

The Blessing

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The flowers have been given by the Edsalls in celebration of Norman's 50 Years since his induction and ordination to the Ministry.  
Arranged by Maureen Edsall  
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**Today** – 3.00-5.00pm Pantomime – read through of script

### **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.

Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup> **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.

### **Pastoral Visitors -**

please collect the Harvest letters which are available for your group.

Papers (excluding agenda) for the Annual Meeting after church on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September are available in the foyer. To ensure that there are sufficient copies can you bring these papers with you to the meeting?

Reminder of the Vision Box which will be in the foyer into which you can put your ideas, dreams, suggestions in preparation for the Away Day "For the Future Take Us" on 4<sup>th</sup> November.

