



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

## SERVICE FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 and notices for the coming week

Today is Harvest Festival, a celebration that has been going on since pagan times, traditionally on a Sunday near to the Harvest Moon, the full moon that occurs closest to the autumn equinox (you may have noticed some magnificent full moons in the last week). Harvest, around the world, is a time of thanks and celebration of the main crops of a region that come to maturity at the time of the festival, so produce will vary in different countries. Over the years, eating, merriment, music and romance have become part of the Harvest celebration (all to be found in our Harvest Lunch today) but also the giving with thanks in Church of produce from the garden, allotment or farm (or now the supermarket) which is then distributed to the needy, for us via the Salvation Army Food Bank. In recent times other gifts may be given and this year we also give stationery etc. for the village school in Sierra Leone destroyed by the mud slides and with which one of our church families has close ties.

In the Middle Ages, Harvest was called Lammas - our Church is surrounded by the Lammas Lands. By the C16th a tradition grew up of shouting "Hooky, hooky" at the festival. This is from an actual harvest song:

Merry, merry, merry, cheary, cheary, cheary,  
Trowle the black bowl to me:  
Hey derry, derry, with a poupe and a lerry,  
Ile trowel it again to the:  
Hooky, hooky we have shorn,  
And we have bound,  
And we have brought Harvest  
Home to town.

Archbishop Parker's 1555 translation of Psalm 126 includes the lines :  
"He home returnes: wyth hocky cry, with sheaues full lade abundantly."

So:

HOOKY. HOOKY.

*Alan Steele*

Rev Paul Hulme is preaching this morning at St Mary's, Guildford

Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward Nancy Wilks  
Duty Steward Alan Steele

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

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

A Prayer at Harvest Time - Lord, your works are wonderful, in wisdom you have made them all. Forgive us for the madness that abuses the earth for short-term ends, and give us the wisdom to cherish and share with daring and delight the abundant gifts of our fragile planet. Amen.

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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      FAMILY WORSHIP**

	Led by	Rev Clive Case
Music:		Candela
Hosts:		Sylvia Kelley and Freda Chapman
Sound System:		John Drake
Projection steward:		Julie Rowling

Call to worship

**Hymn (H&P) 355      Come, ye thankful people, come**  
*(uniformed organisations present flags)*

The Reception of the Harvest Gifts

Responsive Psalm (H&P) 854      Psalm 65 (B) verses 8-13

Prayer

**Hymn (H&P) 352      We plough the fields, and scatter**

Harvest Talk (part 1)

Singing Group      *Harvest Samba*

Lesson Deuteronomy Ch.16 v.9-12 (p.195)  
read by Rainbow Leader, Julie Rowling  
Reader: This is the word of the Lord  
Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

**Hymn (H&P) 350 Praise and thanksgiving, Father we offer**

Harvest Talk (part 2)

Singing Group *Wonderful World*

Intercessions & Lord's Prayer

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

**Hymn (H&P) 329 All creatures of our God and King**

Prayer and Blessing

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Harvest flowers  
and also from Myrtle Price remembering her husband Geoff.  
Arranged by Wendy Weston  
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**Lunch will follow the morning service.**

**Today - 3.00pm,-5.30pm Pantomime rehearsal**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm**

**Reception** for those charities who have given funds for the work on the **Kitchen and River Room**. Representatives from the Methodist church as well as the United Reformed Church and the deputy Mayor will be present. **All are invited to see the work** and to show the donors that we are an active church.

A training afternoon has been arranged at Merrow Methodist Church on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November** - 2.30pm-4.30pm - for Local Preachers and Worship Leaders. The training, led by Rev. Dave Faulkner and Rev Allan Taylor, is on leading prayers of intercession. To book a place please contact Lyn Mckay – 01483 533636 or [lynwen.mckay@gmail.com](mailto:lynwen.mckay@gmail.com)

"For the Future Take Us" (Church Away Day) Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
Please return your invitation by 22<sup>nd</sup> October at the latest and remember the day in your prayers.

Mental Health Awareness day – arranged by the Wessex Synod  
Sat 14th October 2017 at Woking URC, White Rose Lane, Woking, GU22 7HA.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017

- Tues 10<sup>th</sup> 5.00pm Brownies (*Alison tel:422841*)
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Godaltots (*Jacky tel: 423768*)  
12.15 for 12.30pm Lunch Fellowship at the Jack Phillips – All welcome
- Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> 4.30pm Rainbows (*Julie tel:428701*)  
7.30pm Scouts (*Grahame tel: 01420 475773*)
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> 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*)  
7.30pm Reception to view the completed works to improve the  
River Room and Kitchen
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup> 3.00– 5.00pm Messy Church “**Seed Time and Harvest**”  
10.00am – 3.30pm Peer Talk – Awareness Day at the Holiday Inn,  
Guildford. Facing Depression Together  
(*information leaflet in the foyer*)
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October  
9.00-10.15am *eMerge* – Fairtrade Sunday breakfast  
10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion  
– led by Rev Paul Hulme

### ADVANCE NOTICES

- Mon 16<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Monday Evening Group – Journeys with Paul – looking at  
maps, scripture and members visits.
- Tues 17<sup>th</sup> 2.45pm Ladies Fellowship - A Handling Collection from  
Haslemere Museum with Freda Chapman
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> 2.15 for 2.30pm **QUI** - come and join others for conversation around  
how we experience God in our lives and world.  
8.00pm at Godalming United Church - One Hundred years after The  
Balfour Declaration – our unfinished business – Talk by Prof.  
Mary Grey – Theologian. *Now all of Palestine is occupied*
- Sun 29<sup>th</sup> October** following morning service **Special Church Meeting**  
**about Future Ministry.** See article in Span.

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