



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

## SERVICE FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017 and notices for the coming week

Our first reading this morning is from Philippians, a church greatly loved by Paul. The reading precedes an exhortation to Euodia and Syntyche to resolve a disagreement and there will be a reference to this in Paul's sermon today. But, who were these women? Our Paul says that he does not know and the best that I can find is that they were female members of the church in Philippi, possibly deaconesses. As a Roman colony, Philippi gave a level of independence to women that was not common in most Greek cities of the period, this may account for the prominence of the women and their disagreement.

Apart from discussions about how to pronounce their names - Euodia in Greek possibly means "sweet fragrance" or "prosperous journey" while Syntyche means "fortunate", literally "with fate" - all that can be said is that theologians seem to agree that we are none the wiser about them!!

*Alan Steele*

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

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and guide me, for you are the God of my salvation, and my hope is in you all the day long. *Psalms 25: 4-5.*

### **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.

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Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward

John Davies

Duty Steward

Sue Weighton

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

## **10.30am MORNING WORSHIP**

Led by	Rev Paul Hulme
Music:	StF CDs
Hosts:	Norman & Maureen Edsall
Sound System:	Richard August
Projection steward:	Sarah Ings

Call to Worship

**HYMN (StF) 13**                      **Sing of a God in majestic divinity**

Responsive Psalm 835 (StF) *Psalm 139*

Prayer

**HYMN (StF) 509**                      **Safe in the shadow of the Lord**

Lessons

Philippians Ch. 3 v. 10-14 (p.1180) read by Peter Riddy

Matthew Ch. 21 v. 33-46 (p.990) read by Maureen Edsall

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN (StF) 482**                      **There is no moment of my life**

Sermon

Music for Reflection

Prayers and Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

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

**HYMN (StF) 455**                      **All my hope on God is founded**

*Tune: Michael)*

The Blessing

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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.

The flowers have been given by Kath and Alan Benny in memory of their son, Anthony. Arranged by Wendy Weston.

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There will be a Traidcraft stall in the hall following the morning service today

**Today      3.00 – 5.30pm      Pantomime rehearsal**

**"For the Future Take Us"** (Church Away Day) 4<sup>th</sup> November  
Please return your invitation today to Sylvia Kelley. If you have forgotten or lost your invitation speak to Sylvia. Please use the Vision Box to share any thoughts and dreams for the future of the church you may have.

Father God, we pray that you will guide our thoughts as each one of us prepares for the 'Away Day'.

This is your church; let us know your will.

"For the Future Take us."

Scripture Union Bible Reading notes: If you would like to order the Scripture Union Bible Reading notes "Daily Bread" for 2018 priced £17 for a year's subscription please can you let Sylvia Kelley know by 5<sup>th</sup> November.

URC Prayer Handbook "On Eagles' Wings": If you wish to order the URC Prayer Handbook for 2018 priced £6.50 plus postage please can you let Sylvia Kelley know by 5<sup>th</sup> November.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October** following morning service  
**Special Church Meeting** about Future Ministry –  
Shared or alternating ministry? See article in Span.

The next Lunch Fellowship will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November  
12.15 for 12.30pm at the Jack Phillips.

Next Sunday

Rev Paul Hulme will be conducting the Baptism of his grandson,  
Jacob Paul, at Muswell Hill Methodist Church, London

DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017  
Schools Half Term Week

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> 10.30 – 12 noon Coffee and Cake at St. Mary's, Guildford  
7.30pm Scouts (*Grahame tel: 01420 475773*)

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> 10.30am–2.00pm Church open for private prayer  
12-1.30pm Lunches  
2.00pm Hobbies and games group

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> 8.30am Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast at Godalming  
Baptist Church, Queen Street

*A reminder that the clocks go back on Saturday night, 28<sup>th</sup> October*

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ADVANCE NOTICES

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. 7.30pm at St Joan of Arc Church, Tilford Road, Farnham.  
Farnham URC and the Roman Catholics have arranged a joint service  
(followed by refreshments) on the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation.

The occasion is entitled

"What does God have to say to our everyday lives? Catholic and Reformed  
share common ground 500 years after the Reformation began"

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