



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICE FOR SUNDAY DECEMBER 3rd 2017 and notices for the coming week

We are so fortunate to have such a wealth of musical talent in our church, especially among our young people. Hosanna Rock is the theme of our service this morning, on this First Sunday in Advent, and we are very grateful to Barbara Keene for offering to do this. Barbara does an amazing work with our youngsters, in encouraging them in their musical and acting skills, and I am sure this morning's service will be an inspiring occasion for all of us, as we prepare to welcome the babe who was born in Bethlehem's manger.

The word Advent means to look forward with anticipation, and I hope that as you share in this service today, it may be for all of us a prelude to Christmas, and to what it really means. It's a magical, exciting, enjoyable time, especially for little children, but it's something much deeper than that. The Angels' message from Bethlehem's manger on that star lit night long ago, is of universal significance for all time. Not least for our deeply divided world today.

If Christ is at the centre, we have reason to hope, for He is the Prince of Peace.

Paul Hulme

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

This Advent, please help us, Lord, to take in the paradox of God's Son coming to us as the helpless babe of Bethlehem and remember that there is always more we could learn about your rescue mission to the world. Amen.

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)

9.00-10.15am eMerge (Fairtrade Sunday breakfast)

Song seven GLORY TO GOD

HYMN 221 While shepherds watched their flocks

Song eight FOR UNTO US

Song nine WE HAVE TRAVELLED

Gifts to be brought to the stable and received by Rev Paul Hulme

Song ten THE GREATEST TREASURE

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

Song eleven YOU ARE MY BROTHER

Bible reading John chapter 3 verses 16 & 17 (*p.1066*)

Thanks and Prayer - Rev Paul Hulme

Song twelve **HOSANNA ROCK** – Music Kids and Congregation

The Blessing

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 and arranged by Gwen Wheatman
remembering Allan on their wedding anniversary.

**The Christmas Tree is in the foyer and there will be young people there with
cards for anyone to hang on the tree with their personal Christmas greetings.
A donation would be gratefully received for The Gambian sight appeal for
removal of cataracts.**

The December/January issue of SPAN is available this morning.

**Pastoral Visitors –
please collect your Christmas letters and membership tickets**

Today 2.30 – 5.30pm Pantomime rehearsal

**Saturday December 16th 3-5pm Christingle-making in the Hall –
if you are able to help please bring a small sharp knife.
Messy Church "Christmas is Coming" will take place simultaneously.**

DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER 2017

- Tues 5th 2.45pm Ladies Fellowship with Rev Paul Hulme
 5.00pm Brownies (*Alison tel:422841*)
- Wed 6th 10.00am Godaltots (*Jacky tel: 423768*)
 10.30-11.30am Major Minors rehearsal (Church)
- Thurs 7th 12.15 for 12.30pm Advent Reflections at St. Mary's, Guildford
 Little Town Big Story Christ is born of Mary - Sarah Hutton
 followed by a bread & soup lunch
 4.30pm Rainbows (*Julie tel:428701*)
 7.30pm Scouts (*Grahame tel: 01420 475773*)
- Fri 8th 10.30am–2.00pm Church open for private prayer
 12-1.30pm Lunches
 2.00pm Hobbies and games group
 6.00pm Music Kids - will be singing at Eastlake
 (*Barbara tel:421268*)
- Sat 9th Churches Together in Godalming Day from 10am
 Music Kids will be singing at the Peppercot
 3.30pm Blessing of the Crib
 4.00pm Town Carol Service in Ss Peter & Paul Church

Sunday 10th December

- 9.00-10.15am eMerge – Fairtrade Sunday breakfast**
10.30am Morning Worship – led by Rev Dr Claire Potter

ADVANCE NOTICES

- Sat 16th 3.00-5.00pm Messy Church, including making christingles
 2.30-4.45pm Tea and Concert at Cranleigh Methodist Church

Advance Notice –

Circuit Mission Supper and Talk - Sat 24th Feb 2018 at Woking Methodist Church 6pm for 6.30pm. Speaker - Dr Olubunmi Olayisade (Methodist Church Partnership Coordinator for Africa). Tickets available from Janet Shaw £7 each.

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