



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICE FOR SUNDAY DECEMBER 24th 2017
and notices for the coming week

It was Christmas Eve and the world stood still
a poem by Tom Carter

It was Christmas Eve
And the world stood still
Just for a moment

Waiting
Wondering
Hoping

Might it be that this time
This time of all times
The promise would be fulfilled
And the wars would end
And the crying cease
And the people join hands in unity?

Waiting
Wondering
Hoping

*Might it be this time
This time of all times?*

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

‘I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people.’
Lord, please help us to hear the news of you giving yourself to our world afresh,
as if we were learning it for the very first time. Amen

Today’s stewards are

Vestry Steward Alan Steele
Duty Steward Peter Radcliffe

(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 the telephone or T programme. 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 Allan Taylor
Organist:	Keith Nye
Hosts:	Wendy Bicknell & Mary Hayes
Sound System:	Charles Steele
Projection steward:	Louise Steele

Call to Worship

HYMN (StF) 34

O worship the Lord

the 4th Advent candle will be lit during the singing of the hymn

Prayer

HYMN (StF) 196

Come and join the celebration

Reading

Luke Ch.1 v.26-38 (p.1025) read by Peter Radcliffe

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN (StF) 186

Tell out my soul

Sermon

HYMN (StF) 178

Long ago, prophets knew

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

Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

HYMN (StF) 171

Hark the glad sound!

Benediction

Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee or tea or a drink
of squash in the River Room after the service.

4.00pm HOLY COMMUNION led by Rev John Goatley
Pianist: Wendy Bicknell

Hymns (H&P) 112 Silent night, holy night
(H&P) 266 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
(H&P) 106 Hark! the herald angels sing

Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 1-14 (p.1027) read by Francis Groves

Lunch Fellowship – the next lunch fellowship will be at the Jack Phillips
on Wednesday 10th January, 12.15 for 12.30pm. Come and join us.

There will be a **church meeting** following the morning service
on **Sunday 14th January.**

* * * * *

DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 31st DECEMBER 2017

Mon 25th **CHRISTMAS DAY**

10.00am Family Service – led by Rev Norman Edsall
(Children are asked to bring a present to show the congregation)
Collection for ~ Action for Children

Fri 29th *from 9am.* Property Committee working party

Sunday 31st December

10.30am Morning Worship - led by Rev David Faulkner

3.00 - 5.00pm Pantomime rehearsal

**6.30pm-7.30pm New Year's Eve service at Busbridge Church
organised by Churches Together in Godalming and District
and Trinity Trust Team Refreshments from 6pm.**

Advance Notice –
Circuit Mission Supper and Talk - Saturday 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.



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHURCH PLEASE CONTACT:

Minister	Rev Paul Hulme	01483 414 709
Church Secretary	Sylvia	01483 423 261
Pastoral Assistant	Eileen	01483 420 459
Senior Steward	Alan	01483 860 683
Lettings	Jennifer	01483 420 025
Web site address		www.guc.org.uk