



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICE FOR SUNDAY JANUARY 14th 2018 and notices for the coming week

The Lectionary (which does not have to be rigidly adhered to) provides an assigned schedule of readings and passages from the Bible for use in daily and Sunday worship. Generally used is the Revised Common Lectionary which operates on a three year cycle and which assigns for each Sunday, readings from the Old Testament, the Psalms, the Epistles etc and one of the four Gospels. Its purpose is to act as a focus for worship to ensure that a congregation, over time, will hear the various voices and lessons of Scripture and not be captive to the favoured texts of ministers. It allows the congregation to learn from the whole of the scriptures and invites one to consider how multi faceted and rich is the message of the Scriptures. Finally, it prevents us from focusing only on the messages of Scripture with which we are comfortable and so avoid the challenge that Scripture brings.

Having got that out of the way we today find ourselves making a rare visit to the Book of Samuel (although the reading is actually one that is well known and which many of us will remember from our school days and from 'Sunday School'). Although there are two Books of Samuel we are only down to visit one, so do not blink or you will miss it for another three years or more. Perhaps not the most eye catching of books in the Bible, Samuel forms part of the narrative history of Israel in the prophets section of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament. Technically it is considered by many scholars to belong to the Deuteronomistic history, a series of books (Joshua, Judges, Samuel and Kings) that constitute a theological history of the Israelites and which aim to explain God's law for Israel under the guidance of the prophets. This does not give an impression of an exciting read but fear not, what we will read today is the loved account of Samuel's birth and God's call to him as a boy.

Alan Steele

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, give us each day the wisdom to recognise which things are important, and which things are not. Help us to use opportunities wisely that we may be of help to others. Amen

9.00-10.15am eMerge (Fairtrade Sunday breakfast)

Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward Maurice Illman

Duty Steward Alan Steele

(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 Canon Robert Cotton
Music	Candela
Hosts:	the Calvert family
Sound System:	Malcolm Keene
Projection steward:	Julie Rowling

Call to worship

HYMN (StF) 34 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Responsive psalm 96 (StF 819)

Collect

Informal chat

HYMN (StF) 518 Father, hear the prayer we offer

First reading

Matthew Ch.2 v.12-23 (p.966) read by Barbara Fabb

Sermon part 1

HYMN (StF) 663 I, the Lord of sea and sky

Second reading

1 Samuel Ch.3 v.1-10 (p.273) read by Ali Calvert

Sermon part 2

Music for reflection

Prayers of intercession - led by Eileen MacDonald

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

HYMN (StF) 470 Lord, for the years (omit v.4)

Blessing

The flowers today have been given and arranged
by Barbara Saunders in memory of her Mum, Cilla.

The Church Meeting will follow the morning service.

Today 2.30 – 5.30pm Pantomime rehearsal

Items for the February issue of SPAN should be with
Jenny McAteer (West) no later than 24th January.

Action for Children Boxes

Please could the black hexagonal Action for Children home collection boxes be handed to Kath Riddy as soon as possible. If she can't be found, boxes can also be given to Barbara Fabb. If you are unable to get to church Kath can collect your box, please call her on [01483 861446](tel:01483861446). Many thanks,

The funeral of **Dorothy Mumby** will take place at Guildford Crematorium at **2.15pm** on **Monday 29th January**. Her niece, Sue, invites friends to attend the service and the reception afterwards at The Mill, Elstead. Dorothy was a regular visitor to Friday lunches for many years.

Saturday 24th February Circuit Mission Supper and Talk -

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:

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 21st JANUARY 2018

- Tues 16th 2.45pm Ladies Fellowship - Members afternoon
 5.00pm Brownies (*Alison tel:422841*)
- Wed 17th 10.00am Godaltots (*Jacky tel: 423768*)
- Thurs 18th 4.30pm Rainbows (*Julie tel:428701*)
 7.30pm Scouts (*Grahame tel: 01420 475773*)
- Fri 19th 10.30am–2.00pm Church open for private prayer
 12-1.30pm Lunches
 2.15 for 2.30pm QUI discussion group All welcome
 6.00pm Music Kids (*Barbara tel: 421268*)

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: 18th to 25th January

The theme for 2018 is: *That All May Be Free*

Sunday 21st January 10.00am

United Service of Holy Communion led by the ministers of Churches Together in Godalming and District will be held at Godalming Parish Church

(no service at Godalming United Church)

Prayer for week beginning 21st January

God our Father, You call each of us by name, and you treasure us individually. Inspire us to respect and value each person who comes into our lives this week. Amen

ADVANCE NOTICES

Sat 27th Churches Together Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast
 Richard and Hilary Grey are very kindly offering their hospitality at -
 Old Farm House, Farnham Road, Elstead GU8 6DB

Please could anyone wishing to attend let Edouard Le Maistre know in advance. ealm@btinternet.com tel : 01483 416303

Sun 28th 9.00am – 10.15am Fairtrade Sunday Breakfast
 10.30am Morning Worship – led by Rev Philip Jones

Sat 3rd February 3.30pm & 6.30pm Performances of Puss in Boots

Sun 4th February 1.00pm & 4,00pm Performances of Puss in Boots

Sun Feb 4th 2.30-4.30pm at Merrow Methodist Church,
 Training session for leading prayers of intercession (*see poster in foyer*)