



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

## SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and notices for the coming week

Once again during Paul Hulme's sabbatical we welcome a guest preacher, who some of you will recognise, the Rev. Norman Grigg. A very warm welcome to him. He has a number of links with GUC, some more tenuous than others. He and Paul studied together and are lifelong friends. Norman started his ministry in Plymouth before moving to London and then on to the Gambia where he became Chairman of the District, President of the Conference and the first Bishop of the Gambia. His Gambian work brought him into contact with Bob Mann then working for the Methodist Relief and Development Fund. Now retired (but do ministers ever retire?) Norman now lives in Woodford Green, London.

Time flies and again it is pantomime time when the church converts itself into a makeshift theatre. Apologies for the disruption but the pantomime is perhaps the Church's biggest youth outreach project of the year. Pantomime is derided by some but did you know that 'Puss in Boots' (in Italian 'Il gatto con gli stivali' and in French 'Le Maître chat ou le Chat botté') is a European literary fairy tale first told by the Italian author Giovanni Francesco Straparola in the mid 1500's?. The story and its moral content has been unchanged and popular since then. Early editions give helpful advice if you happen to be a cat or a Marquis of Carabas!

From 'Puss in Boots' I leap back to our preacher today. Norman's London ministry was at Clubland, in Walworth, London. arguably the greatest youth club in the hey-day of youth clubs, the mid 20th century. Founded in 1922 by the Rev. James Butterworth at Walworth Wesleyan Church it grew and flourished and thousands of boys and girls, young men and women and visitors from all walks of life passed through its doors. Clubland made a profound difference to their lives and in many cases shaped their futures, it dramatically changed public attitudes to young people and to the less privileged in society. And one person who went through Clubland's doors was Michael Caine, borne in the adjoining street and who had his first acting role on the stage of the Clubland theatre. I wonder if he is still available for pantomime?...

Alan

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

Father God, At this time of year many suffer ill health and hospitals find it hard to cope. We pray for all those involved in the health service in this country and throughout the world, that they may be sustained and encouraged in the work that they are called to undertake. Amen.

Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward Peter Radcliffe

Duty Steward Sue Weighton

*(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 may be obtained from Nicola Garriock).

There is a children's area available at the rear of the Church which parents with their young children may use during the service.

## **10.30am MORNING WORSHIP**

	Led by	Rev. Norman Grigg
Music:		Candela
Hosts:		Shirley Williams and Nancy Wilks
Sound System:		John Drake
Projection steward:		Julie Rowling

Call to worship

Hymn (StF)103                      God is Love: let heaven adore Him

Responsive Psalm: 146 (p837)

Prayers of Approach, Adoration and Confession

Talk to Children

Hymn (StF) 588                      I come with joy, a child of God

Readings: Isaiah Ch 40 v21-31 (p725)  
1 Corinthians Ch 9 v15-23 (p1150)  
Reader: Peter Radcliffe

Hymn (StF) 20 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Reading: Mark Ch 1 v29-39 (p1002) Reader: Peter Radcliffe

Sermon

Notices and Offertory

Hymn (StF) 415 The Church of Christ, in every Age

Prayers of Intercession & Lord's prayer

Hymn (StF) 503 Love divine, all loves Excelling

Benediction

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## **DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> 2.45pm Ladies Fellowship –  
talk by Surrey Fire Service, Safety Officer

5.00pm Brownies (*Alison tel:422841*)

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Godaltots (*Jacky tel: 423768*)

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> 4.30pm Rainbows (*Julie tel:428701*)  
7.30pm Scouts (*Grahame tel: 01420 475773*)

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> 10.30am–2.00pm Church open for private prayer  
12-1.30pm Lunches  
2.00pm Hobbies and games group (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>)  
6.00pm Music Kids (*Barbara tel: 421268*)

## **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

**9.00-10.15am eMerge – Fairtrade Sunday breakfast**

**10.30am Worship Group**

## **ADVANCE NOTICES**

Bob Mann's funeral will be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 12 noon at St Michael's Church, Bishops Cleeve, where he will be buried.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February "**On the Third Day**" following the Lent Course  
7.30pm Chancel Room also meeting on Feb 26th.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February **Lunch Fellowship** at the Jack Phillips 12.15 for 12.30

Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup> "**Messy Church**" - David meets Goliath 3-5pm

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> February "**Pudding and Praise**" The theme "God's Word " let's have a fresh look at it. Delicious puddings and great Praise. Walton Methodist Church, Terrace Road, KT12 2SR. 6pm. To book tel 01932 429184

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April **Red Cross Public First Aid Course** –10am to 4pm.  
There are a few spaces left on this course which is being held at this church. If you would like to participate (free for church members) please let Sylvia Kelley know as soon as possible. The maximum number for the course is 15.

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