



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, 11th February 2018 and notices for the coming week

Today, a change of Plan and our service is led by our own Worship Group and many thanks to them. The good news is that Norman, who was appointed to preach today, is making a good recovery from pneumonia and has definitely turned the corner, is on the way up and is returning to being "Storming Norman". We continue to remember Norman and Maureen in our prayers.

This Sunday is the Sunday before Lent, also sometimes known as Transfiguration Sunday and both of our lessons today refer to this event. From Mark we read the traditional, well known account of Jesus, the Messiah, revealed in his full glory. The second account of the Transfiguration is from Peter, there may be great uncertainty on whether Peter or someone else wrote the account but whoever it was, it is accepted that it is a witness account of the event. Entitled the General Epistle of Peter it is not addressed to any one church but to all, Hebrews and Gentiles, addressed to all who have "obtained the precious faith". The words were written many years ago but they come to us as fresh as if written yesterday.

Some question why Transfiguration Sunday is celebrated before Lent. The Book of Common Prayer addresses this issue:

"O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain:

Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."

Alan

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O Lord our God, we face temptations and difficulties throughout our lives. By your Holy Spirit help us to find the pathway you have for us. Amen

Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward Nicola Garriock

Duty Steward Nancy Wilks

(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	The Worship Group
Music:		Candela
Hosts:		Sylvia Kelley and Mary Hayes
Sound System:		Malcolm Keene
Projection steward:		Julie Rowling

Call to worship: Gwen Wheatman

Hymn (StF) 59 Lord, the light of your love is shining,

Prayers of adoration and confession: Gwen Wheatman

Talk

Hymn (StF) 346 Christ is the world's light,

Reading: Mark Ch 9 v2-9 (p1012) Reader: Peter Radcliffe
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayers: "Dazzled by Light" Eileen MacDonald

Hymn (StF) 333 Majesty, worship his majesty;

Reading: 2 Peter Ch 1 v16-21 (p1222) Reader: Sheena Packham
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon and Prayer Kath Benny
Hymn (StF)394 Spirit of God,
Prayers of Intercession: Eileen MacDonald
The Lord's prayer (sung)
Offertory (*congregation please stand*)
Poem: Wendy Bicknell
Hymn (StF) 94 To God be the glory,
Benediction Kath Benny

Flower this week were donated by the
Rev Paul Hulme in memory of his wife Hillary
Arranged by Wendy Weston

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

DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY, 18th February 2018

Monday, 12th Bob Mann's funeral will be at 12 noon, St Michael's Church,
Bishops Cleeve, where he will be buried.

Monday, 12th "**On the Third Day**" following the Lent Course 7.30pm
Chancel Room also meeting on Feb 26th.

Wednesday, 14th **Lunch Fellowship** at the Jack Phillips 12.15 for 12.30

Friday, 16th 10.30am–2.00pm Church open for private prayer
12-1.30pm Lunches

Sunday 18th February

9.00-10.15am *eMerge* – Fairtrade Sunday breakfast

10.30am Morning Worship led by Rev. Bernard Arnold
with Communion

ADVANCE NOTICES

Saturday, 24th February **"Messy Church"** - David meets Goliath 3-5pm

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.

Sunday, 25th 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, 28th April **Red Cross Public First Aid Course** –10am to 4pm.

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 - ***only one place left.***

Saturday, 3rd March **Beetle Drive and Hot Supper.** The Methodist Church, Rectory Lane, Byfleet, KT14 7LL. 6.30pm. Tickets £6.00 tel: 01932 343489. email: margaret.watts10@ntlworld.com (**Booking essential**)

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