



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICE FOR SUNDAY MARCH 4th 2018 and notices for the coming week

For as long as we can remember the Circuit Plan has been irrevocable, it has been definitive on who will preach on Sundays. However, like so many things in the world, things have changed. For the third week in a month you will notice a change of preacher and emergency local action taken to overrule the Plan. Many thanks again to John Goatley for stepping into the breach (again!). The Beast from the East made us decide that it was unrealistic and possibly unsafe to expect the Rev. Cynthia Park to travel from the South Coast to preach here today (but we will look to have her to preach in the summer) and before the decision had been finalised, John volunteered to preach today - what a hero.

The Church decided that it would proceed with live streaming of its Sunday services. The necessary equipment has been installed and Richard August will perform a dry run today. He will not be streaming or recording the service, it will not be sent externally but he will be practising using the camera - it will be a bit like pointing a digital stills camera at the subject but not pressing the shutter button. With the knowledge gained today Richard will look to make our first live streaming on March 11th (subject to there being a camera operator - any volunteers to take part in this groundbreaking project which is being keenly followed by the Circuit and by the Methodist Church?)

Finally, in response to comments about the Church sound system, considerable progress is being made on suitable changes and upgrades. Expect developments.

Alan Steele

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Jesus, our servant king who washed his disciples' feet, forgive us that we are so unwilling to allow others to serve us. We pray that you will give us grace to ask for help when we are struggling; to be gracious to those who take care of us; and to thank those whose acts of kindness and love bring comfort and light into our lives. Amen

9.00-10.15am eMerge (Fairtrade Sunday breakfast)

Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward Keith Rowling

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 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 John Goatley

Organist: Keith Nye

Hosts: Shirley Williams & Jean Shepherd

Sound System: John Drake

Projection steward: Julie Rowling

Call to Worship

HYMN (StF) 346 Christ is the world's light

Prayer

A Word

HYMN (StF) 67 This, this is the God we adore

Readings

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 (p.1144) read by Shirley Williams

John 2: 1-11 (p.1064) read by Jean Shepherd

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN (StF) 355 Jesus, Lover of my soul

Sermon

Music for reflection

HYMN (StF) **645** **Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?**

Intercessions led by Eileen MacDonald

Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

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

HYMN (StF) **418** **We have a Gospel to proclaim**

Blessing

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

The Traidcraft Stall will be available in the hall after morning service.

Dereka Gadney has donated some religious books which will be available in the hall after the service today. Any donations will go to the Lent Appeal.

Dereka and Bill Gadney have now moved to their new flat. They would like to thank everyone for their prayers, love and support. Visitors welcome.

For their new address please contact Eileen.

The Monday Lent Study group, postponed from 26th February, will now meet on Monday 5th March at **4.30pm**.

GUC Lenten Appeal - Rohingya Refugee Crisis. Thousands of Rohingya people have been forced from their homes in Myanmar in an act of ethnic cleansing and are now living in huge refugee camps in Bangladesh. Lenten letters are available in the Royer throughout Lent and gifts will be dedicated on Easter Sunday. Funds will be remitted through Christian Aid. The Mission and Outreach Committee thank you for your support.

The next Lunch Fellowship will be on Wed 14th March
12.15 for 12.30pm at the Jack Phillips.

Tues 20th March to Sat 7th April CONQUEST ART EXHIBITION at Godalming Museum. 10am – 4pm (5pm after 25th March).
Closed Sundays & Mondays.

Nancy Wilks will be “at home” at the Museum with a cuppa and cake on Tuesday 20th March, 10am – 12 noon. *Free entry.*

