



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICE FOR SUNDAY APRIL 1st 2018 - EASTER DAY and notices for the coming week

Easter Day is the most significant day in the Christian calendar. It is the time when the whole Christian Church, ‘Militant on earth and triumphant in heaven’ (to use that powerfully evocative phrase from the old prayer book), joins together in worship. That’s an amazingly inspirational thought, isn’t it? Today the Church on earth and the Church in Heaven, are joined in worship to affirm that Christ is risen.

That’s why we will begin this service with a triumphant affirmation:

**‘Alleluia! Christ is risen!
HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!’**

Today isn’t a time for speculation, conjecture, supposition. Nor is it a time for ‘maybe’, ‘possibly’, ‘perhaps’. There’s a time and a place for comparing and contrasting one religion and another. There’s a time and a place for admitting our doubts and uncertainties, as well as our genuine agnosticism. But the purpose of this act of worship, as we gather at the Table of the Lord, on this glorious Easter Day, is to make an affirmation, in faith and trust, that Christ is Risen, HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

Paul Hulme

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy, will live in us each day; and that we will be bearers of that light into the lives of others. Amen

Today’s stewards are

Vestry Steward Nancy Wilks
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 EASTER WORSHIP with HOLY COMMUNION

	Led by	Rev Paul Hulme
Organist:		Keith Nye
Hosts:		Sylvia Kelley and Christine Wells
Sound System:		Malcolm Keene
Projection steward:		Julie Rowling

Call to Worship

Hymn (StF) 298 Christ the Lord is risen today

Prayers Page 160ff sections 3,4,5 (*Methodist Worship Book*)

Hymn (StF) 295 Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks

Lesson John 20 v.1 – 18 (p.1089) read by Moses Koroma

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn (StF) 314 This joyful Eastertide

Sermon

Music for Reflection

Prayers and Lord's Prayer Page 165, sections 13,14,15 (*MWB*)

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

HOLY COMMUNION Page 169ff (*MWB*)

Prayer Page 172 (*MWB*)

Hymn StF) 313 Thine be the Glory

The Blessing

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

Thanks to Wendy and Barbara for organising
and arranging the Easter flowers.

The April edition of SPAN is available this morning.

GUC Lenten Appeal - Rohingya Refugee Crisis.

Your gifts for this appeal will be received this morning

The Mission and Outreach Committee thank you for your support.

The funeral for **Margaret Doe** (who died on 27th February) will be held at Cranleigh Methodist Church at **12 noon** on **Friday 6th April**, followed by committal at Guildford Crematorium at 1.30pm. Margaret was a long time member of Cranleigh Methodist Church and known throughout the circuit.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 8th APRIL 2018

Tues 3rd 2.45pm Ladies Fellowship – St Catherine’s Hill and Village
with David Rose

Fri 6th 10.30am–2.00pm Church open for private prayer
12-1.30pm Lunches
6.00pm Music Kids (*Barbara tel: 421268*)

Sunday 8th April

9.00-10.15am eMerge – Fairtrade Sunday breakfast

10.30am Morning Worship – led by Rosemary Lee

6.30pm Café Style Service at Addlestone Methodist Church
Title: The Road to Emmaus: A firsthand lesson in Evangelis“
led by Elizabeth Gurd

ADVANCE NOTICES

Wed 11th 12.15 for 12.30pm Lunch Fellowship at the Jack Phillips