

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



**SERVICE FOR SUNDAY APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018**  
and notices for the coming week

This morning we welcome Canon Dr. Steve Green to lead our service. The Plan says that he is "Authorised to serve as a Local Preacher" and he tells me there is nothing to worry about! He was made a Canon for his services to education but he says that we don't need to call him anything other than Steve.

Our reading this morning is the prologue to St. John's Gospel. Unlike Matthew and Luke who begin with the birth of Jesus, John goes right back to the very beginning. The story of Jesus does not begin with a human birth: the Gospel concerns 'the Word', one who shares God's own nature, who was God's executive in creation. When God spoke, his Word brought life itself into existence and with it the stupendous truth - this same Word became a human being in the person of Jesus Christ.

*Alan Steele*

***PRAYER FOR THE WEEK***

Lord, as you called your disciples, call us now  
Help us to hear you, to experience your presence with us and to love you.  
And loving you, let us serve you, our servant King.      Amen

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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.

**9.00-10.15am eMerge (Fairtrade Sunday breakfast)**

Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward Alison Briscoe

Duty Steward Alan Steele

(stewards are the people to ask, if you need help before, during or after a service)

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**10.30am MORNING WORSHIP**

Led by Canon Dr Steve Green

Organist: Keith Nye

Hosts: Pearl Phillips

Sound System: John Drake

Projection steward: Julie Rowling

**Theme: Grace before Legalism (Fourth Sunday of Easter)**

Welcome and Notices

**HYMN (StF) 293 All heaven declares the glory  
of the risen Lord**

Prayers – including the Lord's prayer

Family Talk - Father Benedict

**HYMN (StF) 309 See, what a morning, gloriously bright**

Bible reading

John Ch.1 v.1-18 (p.1063) read by Muriel Clark

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN (StF) 303 I know that my Redeemer lives**

Message Grace before Legalism

**HYMN (StF) 673 Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name**

Prayers of intercession - led by Wendy Bicknell

**HYMN (S&Hoff) 31**            **Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong, a perfect plea**  
*during which the offertory is taken*

The offertory is brought to the front and dedicated

The Blessing

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

The flowers today have been arranged by Mary Bellwood  
in memory of past members of the Ladies Fellowship.

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**Traidcraft and Mission Stalls** will be in the hall after morning service **today**  
(a week early because of the Church Meeting next Sunday).

**There will be a Church Meeting after morning service next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April.**

Minutes of the last Church Meeting on 14 January are available in the foyer.

**Items for the May edition of SPAN are needed TODAY**

**First Aid Course 28 April 10am -4pm** There is a space available  
on this course due to a late cancellation. If you would be interested  
in filling that vacancy please let Sylvia Kelley know asap.

The next lunch fellowship will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May,  
12.15 for 12.30pm at the Jack Phillips.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHURCH PLEASE CONTACT:**

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## DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> 5.00pm Brownies (*Alison tel:422841*)  
7.30pm at Merrow Methodist Church – the third of four informal meetings to explore the meaning and involvement of becoming a church member.  
7.00 pm **Christian Mindfulness Evening** with Suzette Jones from the Guildford Diocese at Trinity Methodist Church, Woking. For more information contact Jess at [office@trinitywokinglorg.uk](mailto:office@trinitywokinglorg.uk).

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Godaltots (*Jacky tel: 423768*)  
8.00pm Church Council Meeting

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>

10.30-12 noon Coffee & Cake at St. Mary's, Guildford  
4.30pm Rainbows (*Julie tel:428701*)  
7.30pm Scouts (*Grahame tel: 01420 475773*)

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> 10.30am–2.00pm Church open for private prayer  
12-1.30pm Lunches  
2.00pm Hobbies and games group  
6.00pm Music Kids (*Barbara tel: 421268*)

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> 8.30am Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast at The Cellar,  
Crown Court - with Chris Jagger

**Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

**10.30am Morning Worship – Rev Paul Hulme**

**The Church Meeting will follow Morning Worship**

### ADVANCE NOTICES

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> May 2.45pm Ladies Fellowship - Nancy Wilks –  
New Zealand South Island