



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICE FOR SUNDAY JUNE 3rd 2018 and notices for the coming week

Our second hymn today is written by the prolific, modern, Scottish hymn writer John L. (Lamberton) Bell and his colleague Graham Maule. It is very much a hymn for today, explained by Bell's background and beliefs.

John Bell was born in Kilmarnock in 1949 and is a Scottish hymn writer and Church of Scotland minister. He is a member of the Iona Community and a former student activist, elected in 1974 President of the Students' Representative Council at Glasgow University, a significant development as it was the start of a few years control by the left wing of the SRC. In 1977 he was elected Rector of Glasgow University, part of a trend for student rectors at that time (which included Gordon Brown at Edinburgh University).

Bell is concerned with the renewal of congregational worship at the grass root level. At the Iona Community he and Graham Maule realised how alien in character for some people were the traditional, denominational hymnals. They knew some new hymns were needed. There was nothing that dealt with unemployment, nothing that dealt with living in a multicultural society and feeling disenfranchised. There was nothing about child abuse, nothing that reflected concern for the developing world, nothing that helped us to see ourselves as brothers and sisters to those who are suffering from poverty or persecution.

Bell's next stage was to try to put this theology into verse, knowing that while people often forget what they hear preached, they remember what they sing. So some of their songs are scripturally based and bring to life passages that we have all read, known and spoken about time after time and in which we discover a new insight. Others are songs trying to express the aspirations of people or the plight of people that hymnody does not normally deal with.

STF 251 Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the street

Alan Steele

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

What awe, what wonder, for tiny man of frail earth to realize that size is no measure of worth in God's enormous eyes. Show us the way, Lord, to be worthy of these wonders by our service to our Father and community. Amen

9.00-10.15am eMerge (Fairtrade Sunday breakfast)

Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward Maurice Illman

Duty Steward Sue Weighton

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

9.00am HOLY COMMUNION - led by Rev Paul Hulme
Pianist Nancy Wilks

HYMNS (StF) 590 Jesus, we thus obey

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

READING Mark Ch.2 v.23 – Ch.3 v.6 (p.1004) read by Gwen Wheatman

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 David Paterson

Organist: Keith Nye

Hosts: Mary & Robin Bellwood

Sound System: Denis Leigh

Projection steward: Julie Rowling

Call to worship

HYMN (StF) 55 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Family Talk

HYMN (StF) 251 Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets

Prayers of thanksgiving and praise & the Lord's prayer

Reading: Mark 2: v.23 - 3:v.6 (p.1004) read by Kath Benny

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN (StF) 634 Fight the good fight with all your might

Talk – What happened to Sunday

HYMN (StF) 503 Love divine, all loves excelling

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

Confession and Intercessory prayers

HYMN (StF) 323 I will sing the wondrous story

Closing Prayer

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 given by Audrey Corden in memory
of her husband, Alan. Arranged by Wendy Weston.

TODAY 6.30pm Circuit Service at Merrow Methodist Church

Led by Local Preachers the service will be exploring the idea that
God may be calling us to be a worship leader or preacher

The music group *Breeze* will lead our music and Local Preacher Francis
Roberts will be presented with her 25 year long service preacher award

The June edition of SPAN is available this morning.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY - next Sunday – 10th June

Today is the last day for booking tickets for the bar-be-cue

There will be a **Church Meeting** after morning service on Sunday 24th June.

CAN YOU HELP GODALMING JUNIOR SCHOOL? Year 5 of Godalming
Junior School are at the present doing a project on Godalming and they have designed
a poster which is on display in the foyer. On the poster are 6 questions which they
would like you to answer and put your replies in the envelope provided.

THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION - Collection 29th June to 9th July

Urgently need: Men's Clothing, Toiletries and

Non-perishable Breakfast foods.

Leaflet giving the collection times at GUC is available in the foyer.

The **Wey Valley Circuit** is looking for someone to be secretary to the **Circuit Worship Resource Group**. This meets 4-5 times a year to consider how the circuit can resource the worship in all churches. The role will involve taking minutes of the meetings, sending out papers, writing a report to the circuit meeting and updates on the work of the group for the circuit magazine.

It would be wonderful if someone felt able to volunteer for this.

Please contact Claire Potter on 01483 575667 if you are interested.

There will be a wedding at GUC on Friday 8th June at 3pm.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 10th JUNE 2018

Mon 4th 7.30pm Monday Evening group meets - studying Paul's first letters to the Galatians and to the Thessalonians.

Tues 5th 5.00pm Brownies (*Alison tel:422841*)

Wed 6th 10.00am Godaltots (*Jacky tel: 423768*)

Thurs 7th 4.30pm Rainbows (*Julie tel:428701*)
7.30pm Scouts (*Grahame tel: 01420 475773*)

Fri 8th 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*)

Sunday 10th June

10.30am Church Anniversary – service led by Rev Paul Hulme followed by a Bar-Be-Cue and games, Quizzes, and entertainment by the Music Kids

ADVANCE NOTICES

Wed 13th 12.15 for 12.30pm Lunch Fellowship at the Jack Phillips
Wed 13th 8.00pm Church Council Meeting

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