



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

## SERVICE FOR SUNDAY JUNE 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 and notices for the coming week

Today's reading is from Mark and is entitled "Jesus calms the Storm". It is concise and well known, so anything I write is in danger of impinging on the sermon. Therefore, a different thought on the reading. Are violent storms possible on the Sea of Galilee?

Christian Answers.Net addresses the issue:

'A storm on the Sea of Galilee is described in Mark 4.37- A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped - while Luke 8 describes the wind and raging waves during this storm and Matthew calls it a furious storm without warning.

'Such storms result from differences in temperatures between the sea coast and the mountains beyond. The Sea of Galilee lies 680 feet below sea level. It is bounded by hills, especially on the east side where they reach 2000 feet high. These heights are a source of cool, dry air. In contrast, directly around the sea, the climate is semi-tropical with warm, moist air. The large difference in height between surrounding land and the sea causes large temperature and pressure changes. This results in strong winds dropping to the sea, funnelling through the hills. The Sea of Galilee is small, and these winds may descend directly to the centre of the Lake with violent results. When the contrasting air masses meet, a storm can arise quickly and without warning. Small boats caught out on the sea are in immediate danger.

'The Sea of Galilee is relatively shallow, just 200 feet at its greatest depth. A shallow lake is "whipped up" by wind more rapidly than deep water, where energy is more readily absorbed. Similar circumstances exist on Lake Erie, the shallowest of the Great Lakes, which is easily stirred up by west winds to produce violent waves so that even the largest fishing boats are put at risk.'

The storm we read of is then entirely plausible so read on and reflect more on the story.

*Alan Steele*

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

## ***PRAYER FOR THE WEEK***

As our parent churches prepare for their annual Conference and Synod, Father God please guide the leaders in their thoughts to the mission given by Jesus - to tell the good news of forgiveness to all the earth. Show us all the way to let others see the faith we have in you. Amen

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Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward Peter Radcliffe

Duty Steward Alison Briscoe

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

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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.

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## **10.30am MORNING WORSHIP**

	Led by	Rev Paul Hulme
Organist:		Keith Nye
Hosts:		Shirley Williams and Maggie Maile
Sound System:		Dennis Leigh
Projection steward:		Julie Rowling

Call to Worship

**Hymn (StF) 69      Ye holy angels bright**

Responsive Psalm 818 (StF)

Prayer

**Hymn (StF) 100      All things bright and beautiful**

Lesson

Mark 4 v.35 – 41 (p.1006) read by Wendy Weston

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn (StF) 629 God of my faith**

Sermon

Music for Reflection

Be still for the presence of the Lord Hymn (StF) 20

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

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

**Hymn (StF) 610 Best of all is God is with us**

The Blessing

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The flowers today have been given by Maggie Maile and Wendy Weston remembering Ray and Keith's birthdays. Arranged by Wendy.  
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**The Church Meeting will follow the morning service.**

Please could the **Mission and Outreach home collection boxes** be handed to Kath Riddy for counting. If you are unable to come to church Kath is happy to collect and return your box, call her on 01483 861446 to arrange a time convenient to you. Many thanks.

**THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION** - Collection 29<sup>th</sup> June to 9<sup>th</sup> July  
Urgently need: Men's Clothing, Toiletries and  
Non-perishable Breakfast foods.

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

**Traidcraft and Mission stalls** will be in the hall next Sunday (1 July).

The next **lunch fellowship** will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Items for the July/August edition of SPAN are needed by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2018

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> 5.00pm Brownies (*Alison tel:422841*)

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Godaltots (*Jacky tel: 423768*)  
7.30pm Open meeting of Churches Together in Godalming  
and District at St. Mark's, Ockford Ridge

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup>  
10.30am – 12 noon Coffee & Cake at St. Mary's, Guildford, supporting  
Action through Dignity – giving poverty a voice  
4.30pm Rainbows (*Julie tel:428701*)  
7.30pm Scouts (*Grahame tel: 01420 475773*)

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> 10.30am–2.00pm Church open for private prayer  
12-1.30pm Lunches  
6.00pm Music Kids (*Barbara tel: 421268*)

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

**9.00am Holy Communion – led by Rev John Goatley**

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

**10.30am Morning Worship – led by Janet Gardham**

ADVANCE NOTICES

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> July 3.30-6.30pm **Cake Stall at GUC** - in aid of the  
Cataract Project in The Gambia  
(*If you are able to bake some small cakes for this event please contact Janet Shaw*)

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> July *from* 2.30pm **Cream Tea at GUC** – all are welcome to call  
in when it is hoped newcomers to the  
area will also be present.

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