



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

## SERVICE FOR SUNDAY JULY 8<sup>th</sup> 2018 and notices for the coming week

The book of Genesis has no named author nor date of writing. Its stories were told orally long before they were collected together and written down. Many scholars think that the earliest collections of Old Testament material were probably made in King David's or King Solomon's time with some further editing perhaps as late as 400BC. We read this morning part of the story of creation with the words:

"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good"

Remember these words. Well over 2,000 years from when they were written, man travelled in space for the first time and saw the earth from far away. Comments made by these astronauts have all made reference to a sense of awe and wonder about the earth. Some of the most known comments were made by Jim Lovell, the Apollo 8 and 13 astronaut:

"We learned a lot about the Moon, but what we really learned was about the Earth. The fact that from the distance of the Moon you can put your thumb up and you can hide the Earth behind your thumb. Everything that you have ever known, your loved ones, your business, the problems of the Earth itself - all behind your thumb. And how insignificant we really all are, but then how fortunate we are to have this body and to be able to enjoy living here amongst the beauty of the Earth itself."

Neil Armstrong said:

"It suddenly struck me that that tiny pea, pretty and blue, was the Earth. I put up my thumb and shut one eye, and my thumb blotted out the planet Earth. I didn't feel like a giant, I felt very, very small."

Mike Collins, Apollo 11 astronaut when interviewed in 2007 said:

"Oddly enough the overriding sensation I got looking at the earth was, my god that little thing is so fragile out there."

And finally Alan Shepherd said:

"If somebody'd said before the flight, "Are you going to get carried away looking at the earth from the moon?" I would have said, "No, no way." But yet when I first looked back at the earth, standing on the moon, I cried."

Yes, God saw all that he had made and it was very good.

*Alan Steele*

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

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

Jesus, you were scorned by your neighbours when you spoke to them about your heavenly Father's truths, for they could not see *your* divinity. We ask that you will open our eyes and hearts fully, so that we may eagerly learn from you, and walk with you in bringing God's loving message to all we meet. Amen.

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Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward     Alison Briscoe

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.

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## **10.30am MORNING WORSHIP**

Led by                     Rev Paul Hulme

Music:                     Candela

Hosts:                     Maggie Maile & Shirley Williams

Sound System:         John Drake

Projection steward:     Julie Rowling

Call to Worship

Hymn (StF) **25**            **God is here! As we his people**

*(Tune 410 Abbots Leigh)*

Responsive Psalm (StF) 838 *(psalm 148)*

Prayer

Hymn (StF) **152**           **This is the day**

## Lessons

Genesis Chapter 1 v. 31 – 2 v.1 – 3 (p.4)

Mark Chapter 6 v. 30 – 34 (p.1009)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn (StF) **416**      **There's wideness in God's mercy**

## Sermon

### Music for Reflection

*From Handel's Messiah: 'Come unto me'*

## Prayers and Lord's Prayer

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

Hymn (StF) **419**      **Almighty God, we come to make confession**

## 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 given by Barbara & Michael Fabb  
and arranged by Wendy Weston.

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**The July/August edition of SPAN is available this morning.**

## METHODIST PRAYER HANDBOOK 2018/9

If you would like a copy of the Methodist Prayer Handbook for 2018/9 "A World Transformed" priced £3.95 plus p&p please let Sylvia Kelley know by 22 July.

From **Monday July 23<sup>rd</sup>** there will be no access into the **hall store cupboard** while the hall floor is being renewed. This work we hope will only take 4 weeks, but might take a little longer. We will be taking the table trolley out of this store and putting it into the river room for the duration of this work.

If anyone has need of something stored in this cupboard during this period please would you let John Drake or Jennifer Leigh know before Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

Please note - there will be no Sunday morning Breakfasts during August,  
and also no printed service sheets.

