



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICE FOR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23rd 2018 and notices for the coming week

This morning we warmly welcome the Rev. Cynthia Park to lead our communion service. Now retired, she had a distinguished ministerial career in the Methodist churches in the centre of Brighton, at a time of great social change. She was, of course, due to preach at GUC earlier in the year but was snowed out in Brighton and unable to get to Godalming. She assures me that Brighton is now snow free but given the great English weather the current problem may be hurricanes and falling trees!

Our first lesson is that glorious passage from Philippians, "Rejoice in the Lord always", so memorably set to music over the years by the likes of Purcell, Handel, Wesley etc etc. The Lion Handbook to the Bible explains the passage so well;

'Verses 4-9: rejoice, rejoice. The advice comes from a man in chains, facing death; a man who has been stoned and beaten and hounded by the mob. Yet experiences which leave others sour and bitter leave Paul overflowing with joy! How does he do it? The key lies in verses 6-7: Paul knows how to offload all his cares - and to fill his mind with good and positive things (v8). He has also learned the secret of contentment, whatever his circumstances (v12): nothing is beyond him, in Christ's strength (v13).

Alan

Rev Paul Hulme is taking services today at Woking Methodist Church at 8.45am and at Weybridge Methodist Church at 10.30am.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Give us grace almighty Father, so to pray, as to deserve to be heard and to address thee with all our hearts. May the knowledge of this teach us to fix our thoughts on thee with reverence and devotion that we pray not in vain. Have we thought incorrectly of thee, disobeyed thy commandments, neglected any known duty or willingly given pain to any human being? Incline us to ask our hearts these questions O God, to save us from deceiving ourselves by pride or vanity.

9.00-10.15am eMerge (Fairtrade Sunday breakfast)

Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward Peter Radcliffe

Duty Steward Nicola Garriock

(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 MORNING WORSHIP with HOLY COMMUNION

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| Led by | Rev Cynthia Park |
| Music | StF tapes |
| Hosts: | Shirley Williams and Maggie Maile |
| Sound System: | John Drake |
| Projection steward: | Sarah Ings |

The order of service is on a separate sheet

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

Traidcraft and Mission stalls will be available after morning service

The Annual Congregational (Church) Meeting will be held after the morning service next Sunday, 30th Sept

URGENT REMINDER for church members and adherents.

If you have not yet returned your signed consent forms to Sylvia Kelley can you please do so. Sylvia has spare copies if needed.

Harvest Festival Sunday 14th October.

There will be a list in the foyer this morning for you to specify what you are able to contribute towards the lunch which will follow the service.

Items for the October edition of SPAN are needed no later than
Thursday 27th September.

The next Lunch Fellowship is on Wednesday 10th October,
12.15 for 12.30pm at the Jack Phillips. All are welcome.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2018

Tues 25th 5.00pm Brownies (*Alison tel: 422841*)

Wed 26th 10.00am Godaltots (*Jacky tel:423768*)

8.00pm Church Council Meeting

7.30pm A talk at the Quaker Meeting House by the Director of
Hebron International Resource Network – an organisation which operates
as wide range of projects in the South Hebron Hills to support local
communities struggling with the impact of Israeli occupation.

Thurs 27th 10.30 –12noon Coffee & Cake at St. Mary's, Guildford

4.30pm Rainbows (*Julie tel: 428701*)

5.45pm Cubs

7.30pm Scouts (*Grahame tel: 01420 475773*)

Fri 28th 10.30am–2.00pm Church open for private prayer

2.00pm Hobbies & Games Group

12 – 1.30pm Lunches

6.00pm Music Kids (*Barbara tel: 421268*)

Sunday 30th September

9.00-10.15am *emerge* – Fairtrade Sunday breakfast

10.30am Morning Worship - led by Rev Paul Hulme

The Annual Congregational (Church) Meeting will follow the morning service

3.00pm Pantomime rehearsal

ADVANCE NOTICES

Tues 2nd 2.45pm Ladies Fellowship – The Meath Epileptic Charity
with Helen Jenner

Sat 6th 10am – 4pm **Circuit Mission Day - Build Your Church**

A workshop to help us develop our Church Mission at Byfleet Methodist Church
Led by Rev Adrian Roux £5 per person to cover materials. Tea and Coffee
provided but please bring your own lunch.

Booking through Carole Steele cm.steele@ntlworld.com or 01932 400250.

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