



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICE FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER 14th 2018 and notices for the coming week

A hundred years ago, Harvest Festival time in our Churches would have been a real highlight in the Christian Calendar. Supermarkets and internet shopping would have been utterly foreign to most people. Many members of our congregations would have belonged to the farming community who depended on the land for their economic, as well as their literal survival. Now we live in a world where we acquire all we need, when we need it, as we pile up trolleys sky high, and if we choose to, we can shop any hour of the day. Even through the night, if we choose to. 'We' being the fortunate ones in the Western World, who know nothing of hunger, want and poverty.

Harvest is a chance for us to reflect; to 'get real'; to count our blessings; to stop taking things for granted, and to resolve to share God's gifts with all the human family, and not just with those of us who are fortunate enough to live in comfort and want for nothing. That what's the ancient story of the Garden of Eden is all about. And it's the greatest challenge facing our world at the moment.

For the Fruits of all creation, thanks be to God!

Paul Hulme

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Heavenly Lord, of the harvest, we thank you for all who grow our food. May they be wise as they use this precious earth and thoughtful as they harvest its produce, that our children may have good food to eat and a world still fruitful.

Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward Alison Briscoe

Duty Steward Nancy Wilks

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 HARVEST FESTIVAL FAMILY WORSHIP

	Led by	Rev Paul Hulme
Music:		Candela
Hosts:		Sylvia Hunt and Christine Wells
Sound System:		John Drake
Projection steward:		Julie Rowling

Call to Worship

HYMN (StF) 123 **Come, you thankful people** (*Flags are received*)

Reception of Harvest gifts (music: 'What a wonderful world?')

Responsive Psalm 8 (StF) 801)

Prayers from Hymn 92 v. 1,2,3,5,6,8: All repeat **'We thank you Lord'**

HYMN (StF) 126 **Praise God for the Harvest**

What did you have for Breakfast this morning?

BIBLE READING: Matthew Ch.6 v. 30 – 34 (p.971)

read by Julie Rowling and Louise Steele

Beatles Music: 'ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE'

What's the most valuable thing you've been given?

HYMN (StF) 536 He's got the whole world in his hands

A Prayer for the family and Jesus's prayer for us

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

HYMN (StF) 124 For the fruits of his creation (*Flags are returned*)

The Blessing

Thanks to Wendy Weston and others who have decorated the church for Harvest. Gwen Wheatman has given and arranged flowers in memory of her parents and her husband, Allan.

Arrangements have now been made for Bill Gadney's funeral and Thanksgiving service **Friday 2nd November** .

11.15am Service at the Crematorium for family and friends

2.30pm Service at GUC followed by light refreshments
(*There will be no Friday lunches on that day*)

Friends will be sorry to learn of the death of May Voyce on 8th October. Her funeral will be held at Guildford Crematorium on Wednesday 7th November at 1.30pm.

URC Prayer Handbook 2019 If you wish to purchase a copy of the URC Prayer Handbook 2019, "Seasons of the Spirit", priced £6.50 + p&p please can you let Sylvia Kelley know by 31 October.

Final reminder for those who have not yet returned their consent form to Sylvia Kelley to please do so.. The church cannot publish your details in the new church directory without this consent.

Please note Due to problems with the shipping industry, it is not possible to proceed with the plan to load a container for The Gambia on 20 October . This has to be delayed until Saturday 27 October. All help on this date would be much appreciated. For details contact Ryan Kelley.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 21st OCTOBER 2018

- Tues 16th 2.45pm Ladies Fellowship - World War 1 Memorial –
with Alan Steele who has researched the
Churches Memorial Roll
5.00pm Brownies (*Alison tel: 422841*)
- Wed 17th 10.00am Godaltots (*Jacky tel:423768*)
7.30pm AGM of Churches Together in Godalming
and District at St. Edmunds Church Hall, Croft
Road. All are welcome and there will be a
presentation by the Trinity Trust Team.
- Thurs 18th 4.30pm Rainbows (*Julie tel: 428701*)
5.45pm Cubs
7.30pm Scouts (*Grahame tel: 01420 475773*)
- Fri 19th 10.30am–2.00pm Church open for private prayer
12 – 1.30pm Lunches
2.15 for 2.30pm Qui – discussion group
6.00pm Music Kids (*Barbara tel: 421268*)
- Sunday 21st October
9.00-10.15am *emerge* – Fairtrade Sunday breakfast
10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion
- led by Rev Paul Hulme

ADVANCE NOTICES

Sat 27th 8.30am Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast at Godalming
Baptist Church

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