



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

## SERVICE FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER 28<sup>th</sup> 2018 and notices for the coming week

Sight is one of the greatest gifts of life that God has given to us. It is something we all take for granted and our health services are able to restore many of the sight defects which occur. When we need spectacles we just call in to the opticians and they can with a few instruments determine the faults in our vision and make spectacles exactly to our personal prescription. One of the commonest problems is cataracts which if not treated cause the vision to be limited, and most of us know someone who has had cataract surgery which is available free on the NHS.

In poor countries these options are not available. Surgery is not free even if that is an option. Bartimaeus had neither money nor an available cataract surgeon. He was reduced to begging to survive. But his faith was that Jesus could cure him and his sight was restored. In the modern world God works through the skills he has given to all of us. Sadly, in the poorer parts of the world many blind people are still forced to beg to survive and this is very much the case in The Gambia. In Godalming we have become very aware of this problem and are privileged to have the contacts to respond. Through the cataract sponsorship scheme over 1000 of the very poorest people, who cannot afford the small fee, have been able to have their sight restored.

A mother can see her child again. A man can work again to support his family. A child can resume schooling instead of being forced to become a carer.

Let us thank God for enabling us to give the gift of sight.

*Ryan Kelley*

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

Lord, as autumn leaves fall to the earth to feed the coming spring, so may the time of loss and seeming death in us become resources for new life and growth. And if the season seems too long, and winter grips our spirit in its vice, give us patience to know that lengthening days will lead to brightness and joy. Amen

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

Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward Keith Rowling

Duty Steward Sue Weighton

(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	Lyn McKay
Organist:	Keith Nye
Hosts:	Jennifer Leigh & Jean Shepherd
Sound System:	Denis Leigh
Projection steward:	Julie Rowling

Call to worship

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

Prayers of adoration and thanksgiving    The Lord's Prayer

Responsive reading    Psalm 34 (StF) 809

**Hymn (StF) 608      All praise to our redeeming Lord**

Old Testament reading

Jeremiah Ch.31 v.7-9 (p.791) read by Margaret Hunt

Comment on the reading

Prayer of confession

**Hymn (StF) 336      Son of God, if your free grace**

New Testament reading

Mark Ch.10 v.46-52 (p.1015) read by Keith Rowling

Comment

**Hymn (StF) 557      Let him to whom we now belong**

Sermon: Moving in from the edge

Prayers of intercession

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

**Hymn (StF) 404      God's spirit is in my heart**

Prayer

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 Eileen and Dudley Pardoe in  
celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Arranged by Wendy Weston  
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Traidcraft and Mission Stalls will be available in the hall after the service.

Today      3.00 – 5.30pm      Pantomime rehearsal

Items for the November issue of SPAN are needed as soon as possible  
and no later than Wednesday 31st October.

The next Lunch Fellowship is on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November,  
12.15 for 12.30 at the Jack Phillips, Godalming

**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.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

Tues 30<sup>th</sup> 5.00pm Brownies (*Alison tel: 422841*)

Wed 31<sup>st</sup> 10.00am Godaltots (*Jacky tel:423768*)

### *November*

Thurs 1st 4.30pm Rainbows (*Julie tel: 428701*)

5.45pm Cubs (*cubs@guc.org.uk*)

7.30pm Scouts (*scouts@guc.org.uk*)

Fri 2nd 2.30pm **Thanksgiving Service for the life of Bill Gadney**

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

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November

9.00am Holy Communion – led by Rev John Goatley

9.00-10.15am *emerge* – Fairtrade Sunday breakfast

10.30am Morning Worship - led by Jean Shepherd

2.30pm Pantomime rehearsal

### **ADVANCE NOTICES**

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> 2.45pm Ladies Fellowship - The Mane Chance Sanctuary  
with Abi Smart

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm Funeral service for May Voyce at Guildford Crematorium

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> & Sat 10<sup>th</sup> November 11am – 4pm each day

Sale of Fairtrade goods at 3 Braemar Close, Godalming.

Simple lunch – 12.30 – 2.00pm – donations to Christian Aid

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Music Kids – singing at Eastlake

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Monday Evening Group meets

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm Church Council Meeting

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