



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICE FOR SUNDAY DECEMBER 16th 2018 and notices for the coming week

Last Sunday our bible readings from the Old Testament (Malachi) and from the New Testament (Luke) spoke of one who was coming. Today from John's Gospel we hear a third account of one who is coming. John's account, as is the case with much of his Gospel, is strikingly different from that contained in the other three Gospels. John supplements the other accounts and comments more on the meaning of what took place.

After this morning's service we must prepare for this evening's candle lit Carol Service (**at 6pm**). Volunteers are needed to fit the candles into the frames and then raise them to the roof.

NO SLOPIING OFF THEN FOR REFRESHMENTS UNTIL THIS IS DONE!!

Alan

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God our Redeemer, for whom we wait and watch, sometimes we undergo a wilderness experience when the whole of life seems empty and dark. But, even as we pray, your light breaks in, even as it did through the coming and ministry of your servant John the Baptist, and our hearts are filled with joy at the promise of the Messiah. Inspire ministers, leaders and teachers of your Church so to preach your Gospel of love that the lives of the hopeless may be turned round and sustained with new purpose.

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

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)

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Hymn (StF) 180 O come, O come, Immanuel

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

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn (StF) 204 In the bleak mid winter

Blessing

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

After the morning service there will be short rehearsal
for the introit for the Carol Service.

Today 3.00 – 5.00pm Pantomime rehearsal

6.00pm Candlelit Carol Service

Retiring collection for Christian Aid

A reminder that Greetings cards (made by Weysiders, Rainbows, Brownies and the Conquest Art Club) are available in the foyer. Please use one of these to write your message and put your card on the Christmas tree. Any donations received will go towards our Cataract Project in The Gambia.

The funeral for Richardene Kirk who died on 23rd November will be held at Guildford Crematorium on Thursday 27th December at 3.00pm

The next lunch fellowship will be on Wednesday 9th January 2019.

Church meetings

Due to a clash of dates the next two church meetings will now be on Sundays 24th February and 7th April.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 23rd DECEMBER 2018

Tues 18th 2.45pm Ladies Fellowship - Christmas Traditions
- the Committee

Thurs 20th
12.15 for 12.30pm Advent Reflections at St. Mary's, Guildford –
Waiting together – followed by
a bread and soup lunch

Sunday 23rd December

9.00 – 10.15am Fairtrade Sunday Breakfast

10.30am Morning Worship – led by Kath Benny

ADVANCE NOTICES

Mon 24th 4.00pm **Christmas Eve** – service of Holy Communion

Tues 25th 10.00am **Christmas Day** – Family Worship –
led by Rev Norman Edsall
Collection in aid of Action for Children

Sun 30th 10.30am Circuit Service at Merrow Methodist Church –
led by Rev Keith Beckingham (Superintendent)
no service at GUC

Fri 4th January 12noon – 1.30pm Friday lunches

Sunday 6th January 10.30am Covenant Service – led by Rev Paul Hulme

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