



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICE FOR SUNDAY JANUARY 6th 2019
and notices for the coming week

Today is the annual Covenant Service, celebrated by Methodists since the 1750's. At the heart of it is the Covenant itself:

I am no longer my own but yours,
Put me to what you will,
rank me with whom you will;
put me to doing,
 put me to suffering;
let me be employed for you
 or laid aside for you,
exalted for you
 or brought low for you;
let me be full,
 let me be empty.
let me have all things,
 let me have nothing;
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things
to your pleasure and disposal.

And now, glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours,
So be it.
And the covenant now made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Eternal God as we come to the beginning of a New Year, we would remember the Covenant giving to you your rightful place in our lives. You have given us tasks to perform for you in order to make the world a better place, help us day by day to accept the leading of your Holy Spirit to open our eyes to the needs of others.

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

Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward Alison Briscoe

Duty Steward Alan Steele

(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 **COVENANT SERVICE with HOLY COMMUNION**

Led by Rev Paul Hulme
Organist: Keith Nye
Hosts: Sylvia Kelley and Eileen MacDonald
Sound System: Denis Leigh
Projection steward: Julie Rowling

EPIPHANY SUNDAY & COVENANT SERVICE 2019

Call to Worship

HYMN (StF) 224 As with gladness men of old

Prayers Page 282 ff (*Methodist Worship Book*)

LESSON

Matthew Ch. 2 v.1-12 (p.966) read by Eileen MacDonald

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN (StF) 227 Brightest and best

SERMON

Music for Reflection

THE COVENANT Pages 289-291 (*MWB*)

HYMN (StF) 482 There is no moment of my life

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

HOLY COMMUNION Page 292 (*MWB*)

HYMN (StF) 470 Lord for the years

The Blessing

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 Maggie Maile and Wendy Weston,
remembering Ray and Keith. Arranged by Wendy.

Today - 2.30pm Pantomime rehearsal

Jenny McAteer has copies of the booklet "**Why read the Bible**" by Tom
Wright. If you ordered a copy, please see Jenny after the service today.
The cost is £4.20 which includes the postage.

"The United Reformed Church has asked that churches be made aware of an
online petition requesting the government to consider removing VAT for works
on existing church buildings. If 100,000 people sign then the government has
to consider the issue and make a decision. If you wish to sign such a petition it
can be found at <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/225494>."

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 13th JANUARY 2019

Mon 7th 7.00pm Special Church Council Meeting (Chancel Room)

Tues 8th 5.00pm Brownies (*Alison tel: 422841*)

Wed 9th 10.00am Godaltots (*Jacky tel:423768*)
12.15 for 12.30pm Lunch Fellowship at the Jack Phillips

Thurs 10th 4.30pm Rainbows (*Julie tel: 428701*)
5.45pm Cubs (*cubs@guc.org.uk*)
7.30pm Scouts (*scouts@guc.org.uk*)

Fri 11th 10.30am–2.00pm Church open for private prayer
12 – 1.30pm Lunches
2.00pm Hobbies & Games Group
6.00pm Music Kids - (*Barbara tel: 421268*)

Sat 12th 2.30pm–5.00pm Traditional New Year Party -
Tickets £3.00 (includes afternoon tea)

Sunday 13th

9.00 – 10.15am *Emerge* (Fairtrade Sunday Breakfast)
10.30am Morning Worship – led by Rev Allan Taylor

ADVANCE NOTICES

Mon 14th 7.30pm Monday Evening Group meets

Tues 15th 2.45pm Ladies Fellowship

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