



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICE FOR SUNDAY JANUARY 13th 2019 and notices for the coming week

Our thanks, and a warm welcome this morning, to Lyn McKay for stepping in at short notice to lead our service. Allan Taylor is unwell and we wish him a quick recovery.

In the Christmas period we have read a number of lessons from the Old Testament which have predicted the coming of John the Baptist and Christ. Our Old Testament prophet this morning is Micah and he also prophesies that the Messiah would be born in the town of Bethlehem - his prophecy is cited by Matthew in his Gospel.

Micah is one of the C8 BC prophets. He was a countryman from Moresheth- Gath, a town in southwest Judah on the Philistine border. He was one of the 12 minor prophets of the Hebrew Bible and a contemporary of Amos and Hosea (in the northern kingdom of Israel) and of Isaiah (in Jerusalem) at a time when Judea had become infected with the same sins that beset Israel. Micah denounces rule, priests and prophets; deplores the money grubbing exploitation of the helpless; the dishonesty in business and sham religions. But he sees a glorious future when Jerusalem will become the religious centre of the world and, as said, Bethlehem giving birth to a greater David who will rule over all God's people.

In our verses today from Micah God sets out his case, lays his charges against his people. Don't they know what pleases him? It is so plain, so simple (verse 8). There can be no substitute for love and loyalty and fair dealing.

Alan

Rev Paul Hulme is preaching at Walton-on-Thames Methodist Church this morning.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Loving Father, we would pray for children and young people growing up in the world. Help them to learn the lessons of life, and seek that which is good and honourable. Bless the work that their parents and teachers do to guide them.

9.00-10.15am eMerge (Fairtrade Sunday breakfast)

Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward Nicola Garriock

Duty Steward Peter Radcliffe

(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

Led by Lyn McKay

Music: Candela

Hosts: Sylvia Hunt

Sound System: John Drake

Projection steward: Julie Rowling

Call to Worship

HYMN (StF) 34 O Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Prayers

Introduction to Psalm 15 (p.549)

Responsive reading of Psalm 15

HYMN (StF) 244 Blest are the poor in heart

Old Testament Reading

Micah Ch.6 v.1-8 (p.934) read by Peter Radcliffe

Dialogue How happy are you?

HYMN (StF) 504 May the grace of Christ my Saviour

Introduction to the reading

New Testament Reading

Matthew Ch.5 v.1-12 (p.968) read by Nicola Garriock

HYMN (StF) 372 Come down, O Love divine

Sermon What does the Lord require of you?

Prayers of intercession - led by Wendy Bicknell

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

HYMN (StF) 407 Hear the call of the kingdom

Prayer

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 Barbara Saunders,
remembering her mother, Cilla Simm.

Flowers next Sunday, 20th January, will be given by Maurice Illman
in celebration of a special birthday.

Today 2.30pm Pantomime rehearsal

Items for the February issue of SPAN should be with Jenny McAteer
no later than Wednesday 23rd January

DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 20th JANUARY 2019

- Mon 14th 7.30pm Monday Evening group
- Tues 15th 2.45pm Ladies Fellowship - Poetry with David Ryan
5.00pm Brownies (*Alison tel: 422841*)
- Wed 16th 10.00am Godaltots (*Jacky tel:423768*)
- Thurs 17th 4.30pm Rainbows (*Julie tel: 428701*)
5.45pm Cubs (*cubs@guc.org.uk*)
7.30pm Scouts (*scouts@guc.org.uk*)
- Fri 18th 10.30am–2.00pm Church open for private prayer
12 – 1.30pm Lunches
2.15pm for 2.30pm QUI discussion group – all welcome
6.00pm Music Kids - (*Barbara tel: 421268*)

Sunday 20th January

10.30am Churches Together United Service at GUC

Prayer for the week beginning 20th January

On this day at the beginning of the week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for the churches in this country and in particular pray for the churches of Godalming. We pray for the work that the Trinity Trust do to make children and young people aware of you, and the place that you should have in their lives.

ADVANCE NOTICES

- Sat 26th 8.30am Churches Together Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast
at the home of Hilary and Richard Grey, The Barn,
Old Farm House, Farnham Rd, Elstead. GU8 6DB
- Sun 27th 10.30am Morning Worship – led by Rev Claire Hargreaves

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