



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

## SERVICE FOR SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup> 2019 and notices for the coming week

Our reading today from 1 Corinthians is entitled "The Resurrection of the Dead". For Paul, belief in the bodily resurrection is not optional. It does not matter to him how scandalous it may sound, the scandal is part of the good news. Paul does not budge - if there is no resurrection there is no hope. If there is no resurrection then everything we thought we knew about God is a lie. If there is no resurrection then all we have is this life and the so called gospel is not really "good news" at all. The Corinthians were doubting the resurrection but Paul is firm, Christ's resurrection is non-negotiable. At the heart of the good news is the resurrection of Jesus. If God did not actually raise Jesus from the dead, then God is not stronger than death. Paul's gospel promises abundant life. God has defeated the powers of sin, the resurrection of Jesus is the surety that God will defeat the powers of death and sin for all creation, he is a God of life, good news indeed.

*Alan*

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

Lord bless our church. May the gospel of Jesus Christ be proclaimed and made known in both service and fellowship so that your people be strengthened in faith, hope and love. Let the seeker find that faith, the weak, courage, and the grieving discover comfort. May our church be a place of peace to all who enter and a fortress against all hatred, envy and pride. Let our congregation be a beacon to all who seek your presence. Amen.

*(Excerpt from "Methodist Worship Book")*

Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward    Keith Rowling  
Duty Steward     Nicola Garriock

(stewards are the people to ask, if you need help before, during or after a service)

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

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 with HOLY COMMUNION**

Led by	Rev Paul Hulme
Organ:	Mark Hargreaves
Hosts:	the August family
Sound System:	Richard August
Projection steward:	Julie Rowling

Call to Worship

**HYMN (StF) 75      From all that dwell below the skies**

Responsive Psalm 818 (StF)

Prayer

**HYMN (StF) 149      First of the week and finest day**

Lessons

1 Corinthians Ch. 15 v.12-20 (p.1155) read by Barbara Fabb

Luke Ch.6 v.10-26 (p.1033) read by Nicola Garriock

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN (StF) 673      Will you come and follow me**

Sermon

Music for Reflection

Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

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

Holy Communion page 191 ff (*Methodist Worship Book*)

Prayer page 197 (*MWB*)

**HYMN (StF) 568 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

The 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 Joan and John Drake in celebration  
of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Arranged by Wendy Weston.

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There will be a congregational (church) meeting  
following the morning service next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

The church is open for anyone to call in for private or shared prayer on  
Friday mornings. All are invited to come for as long as they can between  
11.20am and 11.40am to share in prayers specifically for all involved in the  
change of ministry at GUC.

You are **invited to join others this Lent** to reflect on *travelling lightly in the  
wilderness experience*; for many in our world a daily reality.

We will be meeting **weekly from Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>** to Friday April 12<sup>th</sup>  
**at 1.45 pm for an hour.** Everyone welcome - even if you can't attend every week.  
For more information please speak to Eileen Macdonald or Margaret Ireland.

Items for the March issue of SPAN should be with Jenny no later than  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019  
(Schools Half term week)

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> 2.45pm Ladies Fellowship -Learn about Slovenia with Barbara  
in preparation for the World Day of Prayer  
on 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm Church Council meeting

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>

10.30am–2.00pm Church open for private prayer

12 – 1.30pm Lunches

2.00pm Hobbies & Games Group

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> 8.30am Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast at St. John's Church,  
Farncombe  
3-5pm **Messy Church** at GUC - Temptation in the Desert  
6.30pm Circuit Mission Supper and Talk at Trinity Methodist  
Church, Woking

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February

9.00 – 10.15am Fairtrade Sunday Breakfast

10.30am Morning Worship – led by Rev Paul Hulme

**The Church Meeting will follow the morning service**

**ADVANCE NOTICES**

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> 10.30am – 12 noon Coffee and Cake at St. Mary's, Guildford

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