



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICE FOR SUNDAY MARCH 3rd 2019 and notices for the coming week

Having given a presentation to the Ladies Fellowship about Slovenia, some attended the World Day of Prayer service at Milford Parish Church on 1st March. It was an invitation: “Come – everything is ready!”. We heard the voices of some of those coming to God’s table; wives, mothers and grandmothers, Roma people, refugees and migrant workers, whose stories reflected the political and economic situation of Slovenia from the time it was a socialist-communist state to the present day. We asked for forgiveness for injustice, for compassion and understanding and for support on the path of freedom, justice and peace.

The Chairperson of the National Committee of WWDP, Dr Elizabeth Burroughs, apparently issued a letter of thanks to be shared and discussed with our local ecumenical committee members for keeping “this wonderful movement alive”. As the largest ecumenical prayer movement in the world involving women and men of all ages and denominations she felt we had every reason to feel very proud of being a part of it. Dr Burroughs’ letter also referred to her worries about the future of the WDP movement in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. She guessed correctly that our committee members were “baby boomers”, but that “wine improves with age!” Also that unless younger women can be enthused to be involved, WDP would fade away as our branch has done.

For some years I have represented GUC for WDP and am concerned about the way our ecumenical committee has been discontinued. Following comments at our recent Church Meeting, I am grateful that Churches Together in Godalming & District may discuss this, with a view to continuing our support in future. Vanuatu is due to be the country for 2020 – do we need to find it on a map?

Barbara S

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday 6th March Ash Wednesday

Lord, you run with us in our energy and carry us in our weariness: help us to recognise your companionship in our journey through life. Give us grace and sensitivity so to walk with others on the way that they too will find themselves walking with you, Jesus, our Saviour and Friend. Amen

John Bunyan

9.00-10.15am eMerge (Fairtrade Sunday breakfast)

Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward Nancy Wilks
Duty Steward Keith Rowling

(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.

9.00am HOLY COMMUNION - led by Rev Paul Hulme
Pianist: Wendy Bicknell

HYMNS (StF) 287 When I survey the wondrous cross
 (StF) 482 There is no moment

Lessons Responsive Psalm 821 (StF)
 John Ch.12. v.27-36 (p.1080) read by Francis Groves

10.30am MORNING WORSHIP

 Led by Rev Michael Hopkins
Music: StF CDs
Hosts: Sylvia Hunt & Christine Wells
Sound System: Malcolm Keene
Projection steward: Julie Rowling

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

Hymn (StF) **137** **New every morning**

Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

 Luke 9:28-36 (p.1039) read by Jenny McAteer

Theme Introduction (*including video*)

Hymn (StF) **261** **Transfigured Christ** (*Tune 90 Deep Harmony*)

Prayer as children continue their worship in Junior Church

Psalm 99 (StF) **821** *read responsively*

Scripture Readings

Exodus 34:29-35 (p.94) read by Alison Briscoe

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (p.1159) read by Nancy Wilks

Hymn (StF) **20** **Be still, for the presence of the Lord**

Sermon

A moment of silence for reflection

Hymn (StF) **260** **Swiftly pass the clouds of glory**
(Tune 410 Abbot's Leigh)

Prayers

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn (StF) **94** **To God be the glory**

Dismissal and 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 and arranged by Wendy Bicknell in
celebration of a birthday and wedding anniversary early in February.

Traidcraft and Mission Stalls will be in the Hall after morning service today.

The March edition of SPAN is available this morning.

The Wey Forward – the circuit magazine is available, please take a copy

Friends will be sorry to learn of the death of Lorna Nicholson (Don's wife)

There will be a short special congregational (church) meeting on 17th
March, following the morning's service. The only item of business will be
to approve the church's pastorate profile and its summary. In advance of
that meeting copies are available online (www.guc.org.uk/pp.html)
or hard copies can be obtained from Richard August.

TODAY *The Big Brew* - Celebrating 40 years of **TRAIDCRAFT EXCHANGE**
3pm – 6pm at Glennie, Ramsden Road, Godalming.

The next Lunch Fellowship is on Wednesday 13th March,
12.15 for 12.30pm at the Jack Phillips.

The funeral for Allan Forster (local preacher) will be on Friday 15th March
1.30pm at Guildford Crematorium and 2.30pm at Wonersh United Reformed Church

Lent Study Course to be held at Trinity Methodist Church, Woking,
7.30pm Tuesday evenings - starting on March 12th (*see poster in foyer*)

DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 10th MARCH 20196

Tues 5th 2.45pm Ladies Fellowship - Simple flower arranging
with Wendy Weston
5.00pm Brownies (*Alison tel: 422841*)
Wed 6th 10.00am Godaltots (*godaltots@gmail.com*)
Thurs 7th 12.15 for 12.30pm Reflections for Lent at St. Mary's, Guildford
4.30pm Rainbows (*godalmingrainbows@gmail.com*)
5.45pm Cubs (*cubs@guc.org.uk*)
7.30pm Scouts (*scouts@guc.org.uk*)
Fri 8th 10.30am–2.00pm Church open for private prayer
12 – 1.30pm Lunches
1.45pm Lent group – *travelling lightly in the
wilderness experience*
2.00pm Hobbies & Games Group
6.00pm Music Kids - (*the keenes@btopenworld.com*)
Sunday 10th March
9.00 – 10.15am Fairtrade Sunday Breakfast
10.30am Morning Worship – led by Andy Poulson
(Trinity Trust Team)

ADVANCE NOTICES

Wed 13th 12.15 for 12.30pm Lunch Fellowship at the Jack Phillips
Sat 16th 7pm at Stoughton Methodist Church *Four countries and a wedding
or Around Indochina by bus.* Illustrated talk by Phillip Beastall

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