



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICE FOR SUNDAY MARCH 24th 2019 and notices for the coming week

Today we welcome the Rev. Asif Das to lead our service. With the new enlarged Circuit it is some time since Asif last preached at Godalming and we are glad to see him again.

Lent continues, the third Sunday today. In my words last week I drew attention to the Temptation of Christ and how it was recorded differently in each of the Gospels. We read Luke's account; today we read Matthew's telling of the Temptation, recording the details of the conversation between Jesus and Satan, how Jesus answers Satan's test questions with words from Scripture, quoting Deuteronomy 8.3, 6.16 and 6.13, key passages from Israel's 40 years in the desert when God tested his peoples obedience to him.

Alan

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord of the years, help us to recognise and respond to your love in every season of our life: the spring of childhood, the summer of youth and adulthood, the autumn of our maturity and the winter of our age. We rejoice in your grace sufficient for each day. We praise you for the past and trust you for the future. Amen

Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward Keith Rowling

Duty Steward Alan Steele

(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.

10.30am MORNING WORSHIP

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| | Led by | Rev Asif Das |
| Organist: | | Keith Nye |
| Hosts: | | Mary Hayes and Eileen MacDonald |
| Sound System: | | Malcolm Keene |
| Projection steward: | | Julie Rowling |

Lent Liturgy / Call to Worship

HYMN (StF) 186 **Tell out my soul**

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Family Talk

HYMN (StF) 72 **Father God** (*sung twice*)

Children Leave

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

Bible Reading

Matthew Ch. 4 v.1-11 (p.967) read by Margaret Ireland

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN (StF) 395 **Spirit of the Living God** (*sung twice*)

Sermon

HYMN (StF) 236

Forty days and forty nights

Prayers of Intercession - led by Wendy Bicknell

HYMN (StF) 238

Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us

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 members of the Ladies Fellowship

TODAY

3.00pm Circuit Service at Merrow Methodist Church, followed by afternoon tea.

Speaker - Rev Jean Kerr - inspirational speaker who works with the Archbishop of Canterbury as a founder member of the 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative which aims to bring more people to faith.

The Lent Appeal is for Maternity Services through Medicines Sans Frontieres. There is a display on the board in the foyer and letters are available for you to take.

Pastoral Visitors – the Easter letters for your group are ready this morning.

Items for the APRIL edition of SPAN are needed this week and no later than Wed 27th March.

There will be a congregational (church) meeting following the morning service on Sunday 7th April.

The next Lunch Fellowship will be on Wednesday 10th April, 12.15 for 12.30pm at the Jack Phillips.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 31st MARCH 2019

Tues 26th 5.00pm Brownies (*Alison tel: 422841*)

Wed 27th 10.00am Godaltots (*godaltots@gmail.com*)

Thurs 28th 12.15 for 12.30pm Lent Study at St. Mary's, Guildford,
followed by soup and bread lunch
4.30pm Rainbows (*godalmingrainbows@gmail.com*)
5.45pm Cubs (*cubs@guc.org.uk*)
7.30pm Scouts (*scouts@guc.org.uk*)

Fri 29th 10.30am–2.00pm Church open for private prayer
12 – 1.30pm Lunches
1.45pm Lent group at GUC – *travelling lightly in the wilderness
experience* – all welcome
6.00pm Music Kids - (*the keenes@btopenworld.com*)

Sat 30th 7 – 9pm An Evening of **Curry with Compassion** at
Godalming Baptist Church.
Tickets (£6.50) available from Gwen Wheatman

A reminder that British Summer Time begins – clocks go forward one hour.

Sunday 31st March – Mothering Sunday

9.00 – 10.15am Fairtrade Sunday Breakfast
10.30am Morning Worship – led by Rev Paul Hulme

ADVANCE NOTICES April

Tues 2nd 2.45pm Ladies Fellowship - Rev Claire Hargreaves –
Neighbours Near and Far

Wed 3rd 8.00pm Church Council meeting

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