



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICE FOR SUNDAY APRIL 14th 2019 - *PALM SUNDAY*
and notices for the coming week

Today we welcome the Rev. Peter Hills from Guildford to lead our worship. We have, of course, seen Peter before and like so many of our retired ministers he continues to keep himself busy, in his case by being the Methodist Ecumenical Officer for Surrey in which post he plays an important part in the process of obtaining a new minister for us after Paul's retirement.

As today is Palm Sunday we will remember (by blessing and distributing palm crosses) Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem but we will also remember that today is also Passion Sunday, the start of Holy Week. A short prayer then from the Methodist Church as we come to the end of the Lenten period:

Lord, you've guided us through the difficult days of Lent, encouraging us along the way. We pray as we move towards the darkest day, that you'll not forsake us but remind us of our Saviour's ultimate gift and promise of new, abundant, eternal life for all who believe and trust in him, your precious son, Jesus. Amen.

Alan

Rev Paul Hulme is at Wesley's Chapel this morning for the 30th Anniversary of the joining of Wesley's Chapel and the Leysian Mission

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

As the crowds welcomed Jesus, we pray that many more will welcome you into their hearts and lives. We pray for opportunities to spread your good news and courage to take them. Amen

Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward

Alison Briscoe

Duty Steward

Sue Weighton

(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

	Led by	Rev Peter Hills
Music:		Candela
Hosts:		Sylvia Hunt and Christine Wells
Sound System:		Denis Leigh
Projection steward:		Julie Rowling

Welcome and Call to Worship

Prayer over the Palms

Gospel Reading (Entry into Jerusalem)

Luke Ch. 19 v.28-40 (p.1054) read by Peter Hills

HYMN (StF) 264 Make way, make way, for Christ the King in splendour arrives

Palm crosses will be distributed

(congregation will respond to each other on the responses)

Psalm 100 (StF) **822**

Confession

Collect

Eternal God, in your tender love towards the human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and to suffer death upon a cross. Grant that we may follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah Ch 50 v. 4-9a (p.737) read by Sue Weighton

EPISTLE Philippians Ch. 2 v.5-11 (p.1179) read by Barbara Fabb

HYMN (StF) 272 From heaven you came, helpless babe

GOSPEL READING (Passion) Part 1

Luke Ch. 23 v.1-25 (p.1059) read by Jean Shepherd

HYMN (StF) 277 My song is love unknown (verses 1-3)

GOSPEL READING (Passion) Part 2

Luke Ch.23 v. 26-43 (p.1060) The Crucifixion
read by Richard August

Luke Ch. 23 v. 44-49 (p.1060) Jesus' Death
read by Keith Rowling

HYMN (StF) 277 My song is love unknown (verses 4,5,7)

Sermon

**HYMN (StF) 287 When I survey the wondrous cross,
on which the Price of glory died**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Collect of the Day

God of all-redeeming grace, in your great love you gave your only Son to die for the sins of the whole world. Help us by your Holy Spirit to enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you bring us life and immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

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

HYMN (StF) 265 Ride on, ride on in majesty

Blessing and dismissal

Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee or tea or a drink
of squash in the River Room after the service.

Today 2.30pm Easter Music at GUC – Hallelujah – *What a Savior*

Gifts for the Lent Appeal for Maternity Services through Medicines Sans Frontieres will be received at morning service next Sunday.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 21st APRIL 2019

Mon 15th 7.30pm Monday Evening group

Tues 16th 2.45pm Ladies Fellowship - Rev Norman Edfsall

Maundy Thursday

Thurs 18th 7.30pm Holy Communion

Good Friday

Fri 19th 10.45am Walk of Witness – starting from the Wharf
followed by hot cross buns and coffee and a presentation
by the Trinity Trust Team

7.30pm Music for Easter at GUC *Victim to Victor*

Easter Sunday

Sunday 21st April

6.45am Sunrise Service at Minster Field

9.00 – 10.15am Fairtrade Sunday Breakfast

10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion -
led by Rev |Paul Hulme

ADVANCE NOTICES

Fri 26th 2.00pm Hobbies Group

Sat 27th 8.30am Churches Together Ecumenical Breakfast
at St. Mark's Church, Franklyn Road, Godalming

7.00pm Godalming Band concert at GUC

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