



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICE FOR SUNDAY APRIL 28th 2019 and notices for the coming week

This morning we welcome Lyn McKay to lead our service. A regular visitor to our pulpit, Lyn is the Circuit Local Preachers etc Secretary. Her service today includes reference to Andrew Pratt and also includes a new hymn by him.

Andrew Pratt is one of the most prolific of modern hymn writers with a wide ranging career both in and out of the ministry. In fact he started his career by obtaining an MSc in Marine Biology with a thesis on the effect of drugs on the guts of the plaice. Subsequently he won the Pratt Green Essay Competition and is now Chair of the Pratt Green Trust (whose hymns we often sing). Hymns are of great importance to Andrew Pratt and he has written a hymn entitled 'What does it mean to sing a hymn?' Paul's ministry with us often includes comment by him on the importance of hymns in our worship so I print this hymn below:

What does it mean to sing a hymn?
Are these just empty words of praise?
Or will our lives, transformed, be changed
by what we sing, each measured phrase?
How can a poem sung aloud
affect the way we think and live?
Or tunes sung over verse on verse
inspire us each to freely give?
It seems that hymns and songs provide
a sense of mystery and grace,
that energise us as we sing,
that lift us out of time and place.
They breach the gulf of pain and tears
bring love, erasing wrong.
They grow within, inform our lives:
the taste of words, the ring of song.

c Andrew Pratt 19/7/2017

Alan

9.00-10.15am eMerge (Fairtrade Sunday breakfast)

Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward

Nancy Wilks

Duty Steward

Alison Briscoe

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

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord of life we pray that the Church may be alive with your risen life, refreshed and revived by the breath of your Spirit, purified and refined like gold and silver, so that we truly offer the possibility of saving love to the searching world. Amen

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
Organist:	Keith Nye
Hosts:	the Phillips family
Sound System:	Denis Leigh
Projection steward:	Julie Rowling

Call to worship

Hymn (StF) 309 See what a morning

Psalm 103 Responsive reading [StF 823]

Prayers The Lord's Prayer

Hymn (StF) 304 Jesus is risen

Reflection: Peter reflects by Andrew Pratt

Gospel reading: John 20, 19-29 (p.1090)

Reading: Acts 5 27-32 (p.1097)

Hymn (StF) 319 Christ triumphant, ever reigning

Sermon: Seeing

Hymn Amid expected darkness

Tune Aurelia StF **690** [New hymn by Andrew Pratt]

Amid expected darkness you raise uncertain dawn,
The faintest light is seeping, will herald in the morn;
When hope it seemed had ended you usher in new life,
Is this the peace we prayed for, a hope for end to strife?

The shadows will diminish as sun leads on the day,
The task you came to finish will open up the way
To reconciliation, if we but heed your call
to love without distinction, to offer love to all.

And as we come to worship we keep this end in view,
To follow Jesus' footsteps, to start again anew,
To live within a spirit of sacrifice and praise,
To offer lives of service through our succeeding days.

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Prayers of intercession led by Gwen Wheatman

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

Hymn (StF) 313 Thine be the glory

Prayer 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 by Margaret and Brian Richards
in loving memory of their daughter, Joanna.
Arranged by Wendy Weston.

Traidcraft and Mission Stalls will be in the hall
following the morning service today.

The May edition of SPAN is available this morning.

Whitechapel Mission Collection Please start collecting Men's clothing,
toiletries and breakfast foods to support the homeless in Whitechapel, East London.

Great Godalming Duck Race. Sat 11th May

A box will be at the back of the church if anyone is able to provide a few small children's prizes for our 'Hook a Duck' game at this event. The Mission and Outreach Committee is aiming to promote our church and its activities at this event. Offers of help on the day also welcome! Contact Janet Shaw for more info - 01483 527670

DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 5th MAY 2019

Tues 30th 5.00pm Brownies (*Alison tel: 422841*)

May

Wed 1st 10.00am Godaltots (*godaltots@gmail.com*)

Thurs 2nd 4.30pm Rainbows (*godalmingrainbows@gmail.com*)
5.45pm Cubs (*cubs@guc.org.uk*)
7.30pm Scouts (*scouts@guc.org.uk*)

Fri 3rd 10.30am–2.00pm Church open for private prayer
12 – 1.30pm Lunches
6.00pm Music Kids - (*the keenes@btopenworld.com*)

Sunday 5th May

9.00am Holy Communion – led by Rev John Goatley
9.00 – 10.15am Fairtrade Sunday Breakfast
10.30am Morning Worship

ADVANCE NOTICES

Tues 7th 2.45pm Ladies Fellowship – An update on Rainbow House,
Kenya with Lynda Ferrin

Wed 8th 12.15 for 12.30pm Lunch Fellowship at the Jack Phillips

Fri 10th 2.00pm Hobbies Group

Sat 11th Great Godalming Duck Race – Bury's Field.

The Music Kids will be singing at this event.

Christian Aid Week 12th - 18th May

Sun 12th Christian Aid lunch after the morning service

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