



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICE FOR SUNDAY MAY 26th 2019 and notices for the coming week

This morning we read from Acts about Paul's travels. Every so often in the Bible there are references to places that can be traced today and which you can visit, bringing the Bible to life. So where are today's verses set?

Paul is travelling in the region of Phrygia, a kingdom in the west central part of Anatolia in what is now Asian Turkey (today an area of UNESCO World Heritage sites) and in Galatia, now roughly corresponding to the provinces of Ankara, Corum and Yozgat in modern Turkey. He passed by Mysia on the south coast of the Sea of Marmara (by the Hellespont and containing Mount Olympus) and moved on to Troas, an ancient Greek city on the Aegean Sea on the northern tip of Turkey's western coast (a city and major city which Constantine considered making the capital of the Roman Empire, now containing fine archaeological remains).

From Troas Paul sailed to Samothrace, a small Greek island in the northern Aegean Sea with famous remains including the Sanctuary of the Great Gods (and now a fishing and tourism centre). Staying only a night Paul sailed on to Neapolis in ancient Thrace, near modern Kavala, today the historic principal seaport of eastern Macedonia. It is here that he met Lydia (a dealer in purple cloth) from Thyatira, (a trading centre with more guilds than any other contemporary city in the Roman province of Asia) in the west of Turkey now the modern city of Akhasar, south of Istanbul.

So, with this background knowledge, we know where we are!

Alan

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, help me to take the right path in life and to know right from wrong. Show me a way to get through life and its problems no matter how hard they are. I put my trust in You as you are a God who loves us all no matter who we are. Amen
(*a young Offenders prayer*)

9.00-10.15am eMerge (Fairtrade Sunday breakfast)

Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward Keith Rowling

Duty Steward Alison Briscoe

(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.

10.30am MORNING WORSHIP

Led by Rosemary Lee

Music: StF CD's

Hosts: Shirley Williams & Mary Hayes

Sound System: Richard August

Projection steward: Julie Rowling

Welcome and notices

Call to Worship

**HYMN (StF) 312 The head that once was crowned
with thorns**

Prayers of Praise/Confession

Something to think about

HYMN (StF) 327 Jesus is King

Readings

Acts 16 v.9-15 (p.1111) read by Peter Radcliffe

John 14 v.23-29 (p.1083) read by Peter Riddy

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection on the readings

HYMN (StF) 297 **Christ is Alive!**

Prayers of Intercession led by Margaret Ireland

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

HYMN (StF) 545 **Be thou my vision**

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 Joan Weston remembering
Alf and Martin. Arranged by Wendy Weston.

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

Items for the June edition of SPAN should be with Jenny McAteer
as soon as possible and no later than Wed 29th May.

Circuit Prayer Vigil 1st -2nd June 2019

If you are able to, please take part in the Circuit Prayer Vigil. GUC have been asked to pray between 2-3pm on Saturday 1st June and also 1-2 am on Sunday morning, 2nd June. The idea is that there is unbroken prayer throughout the Circuit for the 24 hours. Please let Janet Shaw know if you would like to take a slot so that the chain is kept going. Prayers can be said at home, in the garden, or wherever you want!

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY – Sunday June 9th

Morning Worship at 10.30am led by Rev John Walker

To be followed by a Bar-be-cue – tickets available from Maggie Maile
£6 for adults, £4 for children.

Whitechapel Mission Collection 28th June to 9th July

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

DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 2nd JUNE 2019
Schools Half term week

Mon 27th Bank Holiday

Thurs 30th **Conquest Art** Open Morning 10:30 - 12:30 River Room & Hall.
Come and meet this friendly Art group over cake and a cuppa.

Ascension Day – Thursday 30th May – **8.00pm - 8.45pm**
Churches Together Ascension Day Evening Prayer Service
at St. Edmond's Catholic Church, 19 Croft Road, Godalming
Refreshments after the service in the Parish Room

Fri 31st 10.30am–2.00pm Church open for private prayer
12 – 1.30pm Lunches

Saturday June 1st & Sunday June 2nd **Circuit Prayer Vigil**

Sunday June 2nd

9.00 – 10.15am Fairtrade Sunday Breakfast
10.30am Morning Worship – led by Rev Keith Beckingham

ADVANCE NOTICES

Sun June 9th 6.30pm Cafe Style Service at Addlestone Methodist
Church – led by Rev Paul Hulme

Wed June 12th 12.15 for 12.30pm Lunch Fellowship at the Jack Phillips
8.00pm Church Council

Sat June 15th 3-5pm Messy Church

Sat July 13th 7.30pm Musical Concert at GUC – (see SPAN)

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