



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICE FOR SUNDAY JUNE 23rd 2019 and notices for the coming week

It is the time of year when we see Methodist ministers on the move. Today is Paul's penultimate service before his retirement and we will say farewell to him after next Sunday's service with a short gathering over tea and cake in the Hall.

We welcome today Daniel, Grace and their family as they move between appointments, now to the Methodist Centre, next to the Vatican in Rome. The process of seeking a new minister for GUC moves forward, slowly.

The Bible is a vast book, parts well known, parts less so. Some parts are read regularly each year as part of the lectionary appointed readings but some parts are rarely read at public worship. Today is such a case, our first lesson is from Colossians - I do not remember previously writing about them, so some scene setting.

The Colossians, of course, lived in Colossae! (now part of modern Turkey, near the industrial town of Denizli), a small town situated in the beautiful River Lycus valley, about 100 miles east of Ephesus and neighbour of the more prosperous towns of Laodicea and Hierapolis. All of these places with their major archaeological remains, (not Colossae) are major tourist centres.

Colossae has, surprisingly, never been excavated although there is talk of a major Australian expedition to the site. All of these places contained Christian groups. Paul (it is thought) wrote to the Colossians, it was not a church he founded and how the church began there is vague but he wrote to it (probably from prison) as a church which he saw as adopting a hotchpotch of beliefs losing sight of all that Christ meant. There was much to be thankful for but some news was worrying, especially the tendency to introduce ideas from other philosophies and religions - Greeks, Jews, Phrygians clinging to their old ideas and wanting to incorporate them into the new faith. It seemed harmless enough but Paul knew that it struck at the heart of his gospel message and hence his letter dealing with faith, hope and love.

Alan

Today's stewards are:

Vestry Steward	Alison Briscoe
Duty Steward	Alan Steele

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

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Daniel and Grace join us for our service today, as they prepare to move to Rome.

A prayer of Cardinal Martini, Archbishop of Milan from 1980- 2002 that is relevant to Daniel's ministry:

We pray for a Europe capable of ethnic and ecumenical reconciliations,
ready to welcome the stranger, respectful of each person's dignity.
Grant that we assume our duty with hope to inspire and promote
an understanding among peoples which ensures in all the continents,
justice and bread, freedom and peace. **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.

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 with HOLY COMMUNION

Led by	Rev Paul Hulme
Preacher	Rev Daniel Pratt Morris-Chapman
Music:	Keith Nye
Hosts:	Sylvia Kelley and Eileen MacDonald
Sound System:	Malcolm Keene
Projection steward:	Julie Rowling

Call to Worship

Hymn (Stf) 334 Praise to the Holiest in the height

Responsive Psalm 46 (Stf) page 810

Prayer page 185 Sections 3, 4, 5 and 6

Hymn (StF) 416 There's wideness in God's mercy

Lessons:

Colossians Ch. 2 vs. 11-23 (p1183) read by
Rev .Daniel Pratt Morris - Chapman

Mark Ch. 7 vs. 1-15 (p1009) read by Eileen MacDonald

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn (StF) 498 God of all power and truth and grace

Sermon

Music for Reflection

Prayers and Lord's Prayer and Peace (page 188ff)

Holy Communion (pages 191-195)

Hymn (StF) 564 O Thou who camest from above

The Blessing

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

The flowers today have been given by Maggie Maile and Wendy Weston
remembering the birthdays of Ray and Keith. Arranged by Wendy.

Traidcraft and Mission stalls will be available in the Hall
following the service this morning.

Items for the July/August edition of SPAN are needed this week,
at the latest by Thurs 27th June.

**There will be a Congregational (Church) Meeting
after the morning service on Sunday 7th July**

Whitechapel Mission Collection 28th June to 8th July

Please support this collection with donating Men's clothing, toiletries and
breakfast foods for the homeless in Whitechapel, East London.

The Lunch Fellowship at the Jack Phillips on Wed. 10 July at 12.15-12.30

Refugee Week 17th - 23rd June and **World Refugee Day on Thursday
20th June**. Helpful resources for worship, events and study can be found at
www.methodist.org.uk and www.refugeeweek.org.uk.

All We Can Syria Refugee Appeal - currently every £ given will be
doubled (up to a maximum of £5000, offered by a private supporter). The
funds raised will be supporting a childcare centre and other children's work in
Za'atari Camp, Jordan.

**Please also note that the SE District Refugee and Interfaith Adviser
website is now live - why not read the information
at <https://www.semethodistrefugeework.com>.**

Christian Aid Mass Lobby in London's Westminster on Thursday June 26th
For more information go to the web site
www.christianaid.org.uk/campaigns/climate-change/join-climate-lobby

DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 30th JUNE 2019

Mon 24th 7.30pm Monday Evening discussion group meets

Tues 25th 5.00pm Brownies (*Alison tel: 422841*)

Wed 26th 10.00am Godaltots (godaltots@gmail.com)

Thurs 27th

10.30am-12noon Coffee & Cake 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 28th

10.30am-2.00pm Church open for private prayer

12 – 1.30pm Lunches

2.00pm Hobbies & Games Group

6.00pm Music Kids - ([the keenest@btopenworld.com](mailto:thekeenest@btopenworld.com))

Sat 29th

6.00 – 8.00pm Rehearsal for the **Fun Musical Concert** on July 13th

Sunday 30th June

9.00 – 10.15am **Fairtrade Sunday breakfast**

10.30am Morning Worship – led by Rev Paul Hulme

ADVANCE NOTICES

Thurs. 27th June 10.30-12noon Coffee & Cake at St Mary's Guildford

Sat July 6th 2.30-4.30pm **Cream Tea at GUC (Free)**
No booking required.

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