



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2019

and Notices for the coming week

It is now about 15 years since we called a URC minister to Godalming United Church. So, for some people this will be a new experience whilst for others it is a distant memory.

The open meeting yesterday was the chance to get to know the prospective minister and his wife. You may have seen some unfamiliar faces in the meeting apart from known faces from the other Godalming churches. These would be members of the Circuit Invitation Committee who are, by GUC's constitution required. "to advise the congregational (church) meeting on the view of the Circuit whether to invite the nominated minister". Similarly, when the church is in the Methodist stationing process a congregational meeting is called "to advise the Circuit Invitation Committee on the view of the Church whether to invite the nominated minister".

Today the minister is conducting morning worship, commonly referred to as "preaching with a view". After the service there will be a light lunch when there will again be a time to talk to the minister and his wife, particularly for those who could not come yesterday, before they leave.

During this time the church is available for quiet prayer and reflection.

A congregational meeting will then be held to decide whether to issue a call. The reason the start is at 1pm, later than normal, is to give time for the Interim Moderator to travel to Godalming after conducting his morning service in Windsor.

The vote will be a secret ballot. A vote in favour of a call "would be indicated by a majority of at least 75% of those present and voting" (church members only). The Interim Moderator will subsequently let the minister know the outcome. If it is in favour of issuing a call then the minister decides whether to respond to that call or not. If the church does not issue a call and/or the minister doesn't want to respond in the affirmative, the church is back to waiting for another minister to show an interest through the monthly meetings of the Synod Moderators.

Let us pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in making this important decision.

Sylvia Kelley

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways
Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find
In deeper reverence, praise *John Greenleaf Whittier*

9.00 – 10.15 am eMerge (Fairtrade Sunday breakfast)

Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward Alan Steele
Duty Steward Peter Radcliffe

(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.

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

Music: Candela led by Keith Nye
Hosts: Mary Hayes & Eileen MacDonald
Sound System: Denis Leigh
Projection steward: Julie Rowling

*Hymns from Singing the Faith
Bible Readings taken from Contemporary English Version*

Welcome & Notices
Introduction to Worship and themes

2 Thessalonians: 1: 11-12

Hymn: (409) Let us build a house

Scripture Sentences to help us focus on our worship

Prayer of Approach
Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Tithes and Offerings
Thanksgiving Prayers

Children's Address

Hymn: (15) The splendour of the King

Luke 19: 11 – 27 *A story about 10 servants*

Hymn: 106 God whose almighty word

Teaching on Luke 19: 11 - 27

Hymn: 18 Be still and know

Address: *"Do not conform" and the tradition of the Subversive Church*

Prayers
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung)

Hymn: 545 Be thou my vision

Blessing

The Grace

The flowers today have been given by Barbara and Michael Fabb in memory of their parents.

There will be no morning coffee after today's service. A light lunch will be served after the service prior to the Church Meeting.

Advance Notices:

Wed. 13th Nov. 12.15 for 12.30 Lunch Fellowship at Jack Phillips

Sunday 17th Nov. 6.00pm Pudding and Praise led by Rev. Sydney Samuel Lake at Walton Methodist Church, Terrace Road KT12 2SR.

We will ponder 'Planning for Advent' Come for delicious puddings at 6pm then great praise and questions at 6.30pm Tel 01932 429184

URC Prayer Handbook 2020 If anyone wants a copy of 'Prayers from the Heart' priced £4.99 plus p&p please let Sylvia Kelley know by 17th November.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER

Mon 4th Nov. 7.15pm Monday Evening Group in the Chancel Room
 7.30pm Talk on Witley Camp at Godalming Baptist Church

Tues. 5th Nov. 2.45pm Tuesday Fellowship in the River Room

 5.00pm Brownies (alison@sargeants.org)

Wed. 6th Nov. 10.00am Godaltots (godaltots@gmail.com)

Thurs. 7th Nov. 4.30pm Rainbows (rainbows@guc.org.uk)

 5.45pm Cubs (cubs@guc.org.uk)

 7.30pm Scouts (scouts@guc.org.uk)

Fri. 8th Nov. 12-1.30pm Friday lunches

 2-4pm Hobbies Group meet in River Room

 6.00 pm Music Kids (musickids@guc.org.uk)

Saturday 9th Nov. 10-1pm (Coffee from 9.30 am) **Circuit Mission Workshop**

'Singing the Lord's Song...the next step' led by Rev. Tom and Mrs. Chris Stuckey at Merrow Methodist Church To book tickets e-mail joantabraham@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01483 453090

Sunday 10th November

There will be **NO Morning Worship next Sunday** at this Church. There is a Town Remembrance Service at the War Memorial

2.30-5.30 Wizard of Oz Panto Rehearsal

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