



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2019

and Notices for the coming week

Today is the Sunday before Advent. Time passes quickly and it will be Christmas Day. The interregnum continues and in the absence of a minister we have tried to ensure that everything will happen, all administrative issues organised (forgive us and tell us if we have missed something). Therefore, here is the Advent programme:

December 1- Advent Sunday. The crib scene will be put up on November 29 ready for the Advent period and also the Gambia Christmas Tree so that people can start donating to the Ophthalmic project, inscribing cards to decorate the tree in the usual way. The Advent ring of candles will be lit at the start of the Sunday service and thereafter each Sunday.

December 7 Messy Church and **December 8 the Toy Service** and **Christmas boxes** the large Christmas tree will be erected in the Church.

December 15 and 22 in this period the Church will be decorated.

The Godalming Town Band Concert is on December 14 and

Carols by Candlelight will be at 6pm on **December 22**

December 25- Christmas Day service at 10am, bring a present to show and share. Finally, the pantomime rehearsals are in full swing.

In case you want to be involved with the other pantomime underway nationally, Churches Together in Godalming and District have organised hustings at Binscombe Church, Barnes Road on 1 December at 3pm. All three candidates for the South West Surrey constituency should be there and the event will be chaired by the Mayor of Godalming. Questions from local residents must be submitted by e-mail, in advance, to Penny@amity.tv

Alan Steele

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Spirit of God come as the wind to drive us forward, come as the dove to launch us heavenward, come as water to cleanse, as dew to refresh and as fire to purge, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Christina Rossetti

9.00 – 10.15 am eMerge (Fairtrade Sunday breakfast)

We have of late video streamed the Sunday service. Technical problems with the (nationwide) system meant that the streaming had to cease. We are now informed that the problems have been resolved and streaming can recommence. Accordingly from today onwards we will recommence live relays of the service.

Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward	Alan Steele
Duty Steward	Keith Rowling

(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

Led by:	Ms Jean Shepherd
Music:	Mark Hargreaves
Hosts:	Barbara Keene & Eileen MacDonald
Sound System:	John Drake
Projection steward:	Julie Rowling

Call to Worship

StF 317 At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow

Prayers of Adoration & Confession

Family Talk

Video Clip

Reading – Luke Ch. 14, vs 15 – 24 read by Muriel Clarke

StF 401 Come Sinners to the Gospel Feast

Sermon

StF 447 Jesus be the Centre

Offering & Dedication

Interview with Louise Steele

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn: Whosoever heareth Shout shout the sound (repeat final chorus)

The Grace

1. “Whosoever heareth,” shout, shout the sound!
Spread the blessed tidings all the world around;
Spread the joyful news wherever man is found:
“Whosoever will may come.”

Refrain:

“Whosoever will, whosoever will,”
Send the proclamation over vale and hill;
'Tis a loving Father calls the wand'rer home:
“Whosoever will may come.”

2. Whosoever cometh need not delay,
Now the door is open, enter while you may;
Jesus is the true, the only Living Way:
“Whosoever will may come.”

3. “Whosoever will,” the promise secure,
 “Whosoever will,” forever must endure;
 “Whosoever will,” ’tis life forevermore:
 “Whosoever will may come.”

The flowers today have been given by **Jenny and Gerry McAteer** on their **2nd Wedding Anniversary**

There will be Traidcraft and Mission Stalls in the Church Hall following the morning service next Sunday

Pantomime Rehearsal today 2.30-5.30pm

Tickets for our Panto, **The Wizard of Oz**, will be available shortly. Dates of the performances: 8th February 2.30 and 6.00pm and 9th February 1.00 and 4.00pm

ADVANCE NOTICES:

Churches Together Christmas Lunch on Christmas Day

If you know anyone who would like to attend please let **Gwen Wheatman** know. Transport can be arranged. If you can help with transport volunteer forms are available.

Sat. 7th December 3.10pm Music Kids singing at the Pepperpot as part of the Blessing of the Crib

Sun. 8th December – Reminder to bring Christmas Boxes to the Toy Service

Wed. 11th Dec. 12.15 for 12.30pm Lunch Fellowship at Jack Phillips

DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER

Mon 25th Nov.	7.15pm	Monday Evening Group in the Chancel Room	
Tues. 26th Nov.	2.45pm	Tuesday Fellowship in the River Room	
	5.00pm	Brownies	alison@sargeants.org
Wed. 27th Nov.	10.00am	Godaltots	godaltots@gmail.com
Thurs. 28th Nov.	4.30pm	Rainbows	rainbows@guc.org.uk
	5.45pm	Cubs	cubs@guc.org.uk
	7.30pm	Scouts	scouts@guc.org.uk
Fri. 29th Nov.	12-1.30pm	Friday lunches	
	6.00 pm	Music Kids	music.kids@guc.org.uk

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