



SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 5th JANUARY 2020

and notices for the coming week

Today we celebrate Epiphany with the coming of the Magi. We welcome Graham Warr to preach at Godalming for the first time. Introducing himself he writes:

“I was born in Bromley, Kent, and dedicated in the Salvation Army there. At the age of six we moved to Dorset as my parents took on the caretaking of a Congregational Chapel at Cripplestytle near Alderholt. I became associated with the Methodist Church through the Youth Club in a neighbouring village. We moved to Surrey, then Lymington, where I started my local preacher training, becoming a fully accredited local preacher in June 1970. My career has involved working with children and young people for over 50 years in education, residential care, youth club and Junior/Messy Church. My sister, Susan, did part of her Salvation Army Training at Godalming Corps.”

Within Graham’s journey we find connections with us in Godalming – Norman Edsall was born in Alderholt and has memories of Graham’s family; Pearl Davies recalls his sister’s training in the Salvation Army. A small world indeed.

Alan

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

As we look forward at the start of another year, we pray Lord that you will lift our hearts in praise and help us to remember how you have walked with us before. We pray that these memories will give us hope to keep walking with you. *Amen*

9.00 – 10.15 am *eMerge* (Fairtrade Sunday breakfast)

Today’s stewards are:

Vestry Steward

Muriel Clarke

Duty Steward

Nancy Wilks

(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	Graham Warr
Music:		StF Tapes
Hosts:		Robin and Mary Bellwood
Sound System:		Richard August
Projection steward:		Julie Rowling

Welcome and Introduction

Call to Worship: Matthew tells us when the 'Wise Men' saw the 'Star' over the place where the Infant Jesus lay – 'they rejoiced exceedingly, with great joy!' (*Matthew 2:10 RSV*).

This morning, like the Wise Men we come with exceeding, great joy to worship – Emmanuel – God with us, Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (*from Isaiah 7:14, 9:6b*)

HYMN (StF) 88 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving: Lord's Prayer

Sermon 1: Epiphany – Emmanuel – God is with us

Carol: (StF) 196 Come and join our celebration, it's a very special day.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 The Wise Men come to Jesus – read by Kath Benny

Epistle: Ephesians 3:1-12 To know and share the love of Christ
– read by James Turner

Carol: (StF) 210 Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine

Sermon 2: Light unlocked – 'The Work of Christmas' (*Howard Thurman*)

Prayer of Confession: Wendy Bicknell

Hymn (StF) 167 Colours of day dawn into the mind,

Collection and dedication of the Offertory (congregation please stand)

Hymn: (StF) 564 O thou who camest from above, the pure celestial fire to impart,

Closing Prayers:

Lord, help me to share the joy of your birth with those I meet. Give me the faithfulness of the wise men in seeking you and the generosity symbolised by their gifts.

May the light of your love shine through me as I go to serve you today and every day. Amen.

Blessing

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship and power of the Holy Spirit bless you and go with you into this New Year and for evermore. Amen

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 Maggie and Wendy remembering Ray and Keith

Advance Notices:

Friday 17th Jan 2.15 pm **Qui** meet in the River Room

Saturday, 18th Jan 10am-1pm “Remaining Faithful” Regional Gathering organised by Methodist Evangelicals Together at St. Andrews Methodist Church, Crawley Road, Horsham, RH12 4DX Further details from revkathjones@gmail.com 01403 273454

Saturday 18th/Sunday 19th Jan Circuit 24 hour prayer vigil

Tuesday 21st Jan 2.45 pm Tuesday Fellowship in the River Room
Please bring a letter, a poem, hymn or Psalm, which is special to you or a piece of music on CD or cassette.

DATES TO NOTE IN FEBRUARY

Saturday 1 February 2020 3-5 pm Messy Church at GUC

Saturday, 8th February 2.30 & 6 pm and Sunday, 9th February 1pm & 4 pm
Wizard of Oz pantomime at GUC - Tickets £7; children under 14 free but
seats must be reserved.

Saturday, 29 February 2020 6 for 6.30 pm Circuit Mission Supper and Talk –
Mr Sam Monaghan CEO of Methodist Homes for the Aged. Trinity
Methodist Church, Woking. ALL PROCEEDS AFTER EXPENSES WILL GO TO
METHODIST HOMES FOR THE AGED. £8 per ticket. Please contact Janet
Shaw to reserve a ticket: jrshaw15@yahoo.co.uk

DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 12th JANUARY

Tues 7th Jan 5.00 pm Brownies (*alison@sargeants.org*)

Wed 8th Jan 10.00 am Godaltots (*godaltots@gmail.com*)
12.15 for 12.30 pm Lunch fellowship at Jack Phillips

Thurs 9th Jan 4.30 pm Rainbows (*godalmingrainbows@gmail.com*)
5.45 pm Cubs (*cubs@guc.org.uk*)
7.30 pm Scouts (*scouts@guc.org.uk*)

Fri 10th Jan 12-1.30 pm Friday Lunches
2.00 pm Hobbies Group in the River Room
6.00 pm Music Kids (*the keenes@btopenworld.com*)

Sunday 12th January

10.30 am Holy Communion and Covenant Service
– led by Rev Norman Edsall
2.30-5.30 pm Wizard of Oz Panto rehearsal

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