



SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 12th JANUARY 2020

and notices for the coming week

This morning's service takes the form of the Methodist Covenant Service. Although he has attended the service previously it will be the first time that Norman, our Minister today, will have led the service which goes back to the earliest days of the Methodist Societies and John Wesley inviting the Methodist people to renew their covenant relationship with God. Wesley drew much of his material for the service from C17th Puritans.

Today, the Methodist Church writes of the service:

"Methodists hold an annual Covenant Service, at which we celebrate all that God has done for us, and affirm that we give our lives and choices to God. Most churches hold the service in the New Year, but some hold them in September, at the beginning of the Methodist year.

"The traditional Covenant prayer makes it very clear that this affirmation is a serious one that embraces the whole of our life, in all its parts. Most people find it quite tough to say, and really mean it. But the prayer is so central to the Christian life that other churches have also adopted it. In our culture we tend to prize our ability to make decisions and choose our own path in life. It can feel very hard to give that up. It is about surrendering to God in love and joy."

Next week we will attend the annual Churches Together United Service. We have hosted this service in recent years but now it moves on, rightly, to the Baptist Church. The following Sunday, January 26, the Circuit Superintendent, Rev. Keith Beckingham, will lead our service.

Alan

Prayer for the week is over the page

9.00 – 10.15 am eMerge (Fairtrade Sunday breakfast)

Today's stewards are:

Vestry Steward

Denis Leigh

Duty Steward

Nicola Gidlow

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

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, our year has just begun, but already we feel ourselves rushing ahead with diaries full of commitments or facing hours of emptiness. Help us to hold sight of you as you reveal yourself in love and laughter shared with others, in the beauty of the world around us, in small acts of care, in comfort in difficult times and in answered prayer. We pray that we will practice a discipline of booking time with you, just to listen - just to be. **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 HOLY COMMUNION and COVENANT SERVICE

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| Led by | Rev Norman Edsall |
| Music: | Candela |
| Hosts: | Eileen MacDonald and Sylvia Kelley |
| Sound System: | John Drake |
| Projection steward: | Julie Rowling |

Welcome and Introduction

Call to Worship:

HYMN (StF) 113 O Worship the King

Prayer and Lord's Prayer (Sung)

Commissioning of Pastoral Visitors Norman Edsall and Eileen Macdonald)

HYMN (StF) 548 Blessed Assurance

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HYMN (StF) 104 God moves in a mysterious way

Readings: Jeremiah 31 v31-34 p793 and John 15 v1-10 p1083 Eileen MacDonald

The Covenant MWB p285 12,13, 15B (15B congregation standing)

HYMN (StF) 594 Lord Jesus Christ

Holy Communion MWB p291 18, 21, 23, 25, 26

HYMN (StF) 345 And can it be

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 Barbara S
remembering her mother, Cilla

Advance Notices:

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.

Friday 24th Jan 2.15 pm Funeral service for Olive Muddle at Guildford
Crematorium led by Rev Paul Hulme. Refreshments
served afterwards at Godalming United Church

Saturday 25th Jan 10.30 am “All for Jesus” at Godalming Baptist Church
Led by Kathleen Smith & Fi Stevenson – see poster

Friday 31st Jan 2.00 pm Hobbies Group meet in the River Room

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 19th JANUARY

Mon 13th Jan 7.15 pm Monday Evening Group meet in the Chancel Room

Tues 14th Jan 5.00 pm Brownies (alison@sargeants.org)

Wed 15th Jan 10.00 am Godaltots (godaltots@gmail.com)

Thurs 16th 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 17th Jan 12-1.30 pm Friday Lunches

2.15 pm **Qui** meet in the River Room

6.00 pm Music Kids (the_keenies@btopenworld.com)

Sat 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

Sat 18th and Sun 19th Jan Circuit 24 hour Prayer Vigil

Sunday 19th January

10.30 am CTiGD at Godalming Baptist Church - No service at GUC

2.30-5.30 pm Wizard of Oz Panto rehearsal

6.30 pm Café style service at Addlestone Methodist Church led by
Fred Rowe “What Did Jesus Teach Us?”
Tea/Coffee & Cake from 6.00 pm

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHURCH PLEASE CONTACT:

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