



**GODALMING UNITED CHURCH**  
*(Methodist & United Reformed)*

## **SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> February 2020**

and notices for the coming week

As you all know too well, during the interregnum period we must find (and we scour the world!) ministers who are willing and able to lead our services each week. Today we give a very warm welcome and many thanks to the Rev. Adam Payne who responded to our request for help. As you will find out, he is an American minister of the United Church of Christ (a URC cousin) who happens to be currently living in Basingstoke. In my correspondence with him he explains how "the idea of a United Church is one that very much appeals to his roots" and that "he has been wanting to preach in one".

Our Old Testament reading this morning is from Micah. As we have previously noted, Micah was an 8th Century prophet whose words are as relevant today as they were when he wrote them. Judah was infected with the same sins that beset Israel, so Micah denounced rulers, priests and prophets; deplored the money grabbing exploitation of the helpless; dishonesty in business and sham religion. But Micah also sees a glorious future and in our final verse today sets out clearly and simply what is good and what is required:

- to do justice
- to love kindness
- to walk humbly with God

*Alan*

### ***PRAYER FOR THE WEEK***

We pray for those who will come onto our premises next weekend to see the pantomime and for those taking part, using the talents You have given them. May they sense something of Your love and, thinking especially of the children and young people -may they come to faith and grow in faith. Give wisdom to those who would guide them. Amen.

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

Today's stewards are

Vestry Steward: Keith Rowling

Duty Steward: Muriel Clark

*(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.

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**10.30am MORNING WORSHIP**

Led by	Rev Adam Payne
Music:	Keith Nye
Hosts:	Mary Hayes & Shirley Williams
Sound System:	Denis Leigh
Projection steward:	Julie Rawling

Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

HYMN (StF) 81 Now thank we all our God

Family Talk Who am I?

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

HYMN (StF) 611 Brother, sister

Collection and dedication of the Offertory (congregation please stand)

HYMN (StF) 395 Spirit of the Living God

Reading: Micah 6 v.1-8 page 934 read by Sarah Ings  
Luke 9 v. 57-62 page 1040 read by Muriel Clark

**Sermon** Committing to God

Prayers

HYMN (StF) 566 Take my life

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 and arranged by Wendy Bicknell  
celebrating John and Wendy's Wedding Anniversary and Wendy's birthday  
today.

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Tickets priced £8 for the Circuit Mission Supper on 29 February are now  
available from Sylvia Kelley. The supper is at 6 for 6.30pm at Trinity  
Methodist Church, Woking when Sam Monaghan, the CEO of Methodist  
Homes for the Aged, will talk about the work of that organisation.

ALL PROCEEDS AFTER EXPENSES WILL GO TO  
METHODIST HOMES FOR THE AGED

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**Advance Notice:**

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.15 – 8.45 Monday evening group – to include discussion  
on "Marriage and Relationships"

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 12.15pm Lunch Fellowship at the Jack Phillips

Thur 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 1pm Funeral for Roy Gray at Godalming United Church

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 12.45pm Funeral for Pat Archer at Guildford Crematorium

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 10am - 12 noon "Singleness and Loneliness" at Baptist  
Church.

See poster in vestibule.

**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb CHURCH MEETING after Morning Worship.**

## **DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Feb      2.45pm      Tuesday Fellowship in the River Room  
                         5.00 pm      Brownies      ([alison@sargeants.org](mailto:alison@sargeants.org))

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Feb      10.00 am      Godaltots      ([godaltots@gmail.com](mailto:godaltots@gmail.com))

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Feb      4.30 pm      Rainbows      ([godalmingrainbows@gmail.com](mailto:godalmingrainbows@gmail.com))  
                         5.45 pm      Cubs          ([cubs@guc.org.uk](mailto:cubs@guc.org.uk))  
                         7.30 pm      Scouts        ([scouts@guc.org.uk](mailto:scouts@guc.org.uk))

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Feb      12-1.30pm      Friday Lunches  
                         5.00 – 8pm      Technical Pantomime Rehearsal

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Feb      2.30 pm & 6pm      Wizard of Oz Pantomime

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

10.30 am Morning Worship – led by Jean Shepherd

1pm & 4pm Wizard of Oz Pantomime

6.30 pm Stankey & Moody Songs of Praise at Merrow Methodist Church. A special service of singing and listening to 'golden oldies'.

### **DATES TO NOTE IN MARCH**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2.00 The World (formerly Women's) Day of Prayer. The Old Farm House Elstead

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 10 am – 3 pm Advanced Safeguarding Training

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