



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

## **SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

and notices for the coming week

I start these comments with my boring and familiar words, "The interregnum continues" and then rightly saying how thankful we are to visiting ministers who are willing to come and lead our Sunday worship. They must not be taken for granted, without them we could have Sundays without a minister. They bring a variety of worship styles and challenge to our worship.

Last week we said goodbye to Jean Shepherd as her future lifestyle plans take her away from Godalming. We now have no "Godalming owned" active local preachers so it is with much pleasure that we welcome back to preach this morning the Rev. Kate Gartside from Warrington. Some of you will recognise her, she has preached and worshipped here before, most recently with Norman at the Carol Service. Kate has grandchildren and family in Godalming to whom she and her husband pay monthly visits, most convenient for us! With this tenuous connection I intend to now classify her as "partly Godalming owned"! Kate is a retired URC minister but she remains very active and involved in the administration of the URC in her region of the country. Thank you for leading our worship, with Communion, today.

*Alan Steele*

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

We pray for GUC – the members and adherents, giving thanks for our relationships in the community, with our neighbours and the other churches of the town. Guide our deliberations in the church meeting on Sunday and in the Methodist church as a whole as we consider the report 'God in His Love unites us' Amen.

Today's stewards are: Vestry Steward: Muriel Clark

Duty Steward: Keith Rowling

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

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

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 with HOLY COMMUNION**

Led by:	Rev Kate Gartside
Music:	StF CD's
Hosts:	The Phillips family
Sound System:	Malcolm Keene
Projection steward:	Julie Rowling

Welcome & Notices

Opening words

**Hymn (S&H) 24 As we are gathered**

Intercessions - Prayer for our community and the world – Eileen MacDonald

Collection and dedication of the Offertory (congregation please stand)

Readings: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 (pg 209) read by Alan Steele  
Psalm 119: 1-8 (pg 616) read by Louise Steele

**HYMN (StF) 20 Be still for the presence of the Lord**

Reading: Matthew 5: 21-37 (pg 969) read by Francis Groves

**Sermon** How healthy is your heart?

**HYMN (StF) 513 Take this moment sign and space**

Prayer

**Communion**

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**HYMN (StF) 465      Guide me O thou Great Jehovah**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Communion response: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer followed by The Lord's Prayer  
Breaking of Bread & Distribution

Prayer after communion

**Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things.**

**May the ears that have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute.**

**May the eyes that have seen your great love shine with the light of hope.**

**May the tongues that have sung your praise also speak the truth.**

**May the feet that have walked in your house ever walk in the light.**

**May the bodies that have tasted your living body be restored to newness of life. Thanks be to God for his gift beyond words. Amen.**

**Hymn (H&P) 770      Go forth and tell**

Blessing

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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 Kris Benjafield - Remembering  
David's birthday.

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**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb**

10.30 am Morning Worship – led by Rev Allan Taylor

**CHURCH MEETING after Morning Worship.** Minutes of the ACM on  
29<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and the special meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November are  
available today in the foyer.

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:

Friday 6<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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### **DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.30pm Church Council Vacancy meeting in Chancel Room

Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2.30pm Tuesday fellowship - Action for Children

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

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2.15pm QUI in the River Room  
6.00 – 6.45 Music Kids

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 8.30am Prayer Breakfast at The Old Rectory **Busbridge**  
led by GUC members - all welcome. **Note change of venue.**  
10am - 12 noon "Singleness and Loneliness" at Baptist  
Church. (See poster in vestibule)

Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 6.00pm Pudding and Praise led by Rev. Claire  
Hargreaves at Walton Methodist Church.

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