

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



## SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 and notices for the coming week

World Day of Prayer 2020      Friday 6 March

Last week's notices drew attention to this year's World (formerly Women's) Day of Prayer (WDP). The WDP is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian Laywomen. It is run under the motto "Informed prayer and prayerful action" and is celebrated in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March, bringing together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a common day of prayer as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

The WDP started in the USA in 1887 as Mary Ellen Fairchild James from Brooklyn, New York called for a day of prayer for home missions and Methodist women called for a week of prayer and self-denial for foreign missions. Two years later two Baptists called together a Day of Prayer for the World Mission. This day of action expanded to Canada in 1922 and then to the British Isles in the 1930s. The movements focus on ecumenism and reconciliation led to growth after World War II. The Second Vatican Council united the Catholic May day of prayer with the WDP in 1969. As the WDP grew across the world women were encouraged to become aware of other cultures and to no longer live in isolation, and to pray with and for them.

Every year worship focuses on a different country and a specific theme with the order of worship prepared by the WDP Committee of the chosen country. This year it is led by Zimbabwe with the theme "Rise, Take your mat and walk". Planning started in 2012 and at that time Zimbabwe was facing many challenges and the country has gone through many changes since then. The world is encouraged to reflect on the difficulties and unrest that have plagued Zimbabwe for so many years and which have not diminished.

Locally the WDP will be celebrated at the Old Farm House, Elstead, at 2pm on Friday. Next year's WDP will be led by Vanuatu and in 2022 by England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

### **PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

We pray for the women of Zimbabwe who have prepared the World Day of Prayer service celebrated on Friday 6th March. For all those attending or listening to the service, that they may be renewed in prayer, love and service in your name.

Amen

Today's stewards are:

Vestry Steward  
Duty Steward

Alison Briscoe  
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.

**10.30am MORNING WORSHIP**

Led by:	Mrs Hilary Beckingham
Music:	StF CD's
Hosts:	Sylvia Kelley and Shirley Williams
Sound System:	Richard August
Projection steward:	Julie Rowling

Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

**Hymn: StF 353** Jesus is Lord

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Introduction

**Hymn: StF 323 (i)** I will sing the wondrous story

O.T. Reading: Genesis 2 vs 15 -17 (p4) & 3 vs 1-7 reader David Baillie

N.T. Reading: Romans 5 vs 12 -19 (p1132) reader Alison Briscoe

**Hymn: StF 235**

Christ our Redeemer

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4 vs 1 -11 (p967) reader Julie Rowling

Address

**Hymn: StF 240**

When we are tempted

Intercessions

Offering

**Hymn: StF 350**

I cannot tell

Benediction

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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 Wendy Weston - remembering her  
mother Gladys and sister-in-law Betty.

There will be Traidcraft and Mission Stalls in the hall following  
this morning's service.

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**Lenten Appeal** - we are supporting the Red Cross Ebola Crisis in the  
Congo. Letters are available in the Foyer throughout Lent and gifts will be  
dedicated on Easter Sunday.

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**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

9.00 – 10.15am  
10.30am

Fairtraid Sunday Breakfast  
Morning Worship led by Lyn McKay

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## DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020

- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.15pm Lent Group meets in River Room (all welcome)
- Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> 2.45pm Tuesday Fellowship 'Wildlife on Your Doorstep'  
with Geoff Lunn  
5.00 pm Brownies (*alison@sargeants.org*)
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am Godaltots (*godaltots@gmail.com*)
- Thur 5<sup>th</sup> 4.30 pm Rainbows (*godalmingrainbows@gmail.com*)  
5.45 pm Cubs (*cubs@guc.org.uk*)  
7.30 pm Scouts (*scouts@guc.org.uk*)
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> 12-1.30pm Friday Lunches  
2pm The World (formerly Women's) Day of Prayer '**Rise  
Take your Mat and Walk**'. The Old Farm House,  
Farnham Rd, Elstead. If you would like a lift please see  
Gwen Wheatman.  
6.00pm Music Kids – (*thekeens@btopenworld.com*)

### Advance Notices

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> March 3pm The Pastoral Team meeting in the Chancel Room

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> March 12.15pm for 12.30pm  
Lunch Fellowship at the Jack Phillips

Sat 21st March 10am - 3pm Advanced Module Safeguarding Training at GUC.  
This is for leaders of groups with children or vulnerable adults. Please bring  
your own lunch. (This was incorrectly put in last week as Sat 7th March)

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