



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 8th MARCH

and notices for the coming week

Coronavirus

Last Sunday in our prayers we made reference to the coronavirus. National advice is that there is no improvement in the health situation, rather that the situation is worsening. We have now received guidance from both the Methodist and United Reformed Churches about how we should handle our responsibilities with regard to the epidemic, to help reduce the risk to people. We have also received advice from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, much of which is specific to the Catholic faith but which is, nevertheless, useful to be aware of. It is clear that all denominations are monitoring the situation and that the required action may change at any time. The Church Council will continue to monitor the situation and take what action is necessary, keeping all informed.

As of today and this Sunday the following advice applies:

- the advice is for good hygiene with regular hand washing with soap and water or hand sanitised gel.

- if you feel unwell, stay at home, do not attend Church

- cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin.

The Property Committee is ensuring that best hygiene practices are in operation in the Church. The hygiene issues will be brought to the attention of all groups using the Church.

Separate guidance has been issued on a range of theological issues, particularly as regards Holy Communion. This guidance is being considered by the Rev. Norman Edsall and he will give guidance before next week's Communion service.

Alan Steele

HYMN 91 (StF) The God of Abraham Praise

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 12 v1-4a p. 13 read by Sheena Packham

Meditation: Faith Matters

HYMN 457 (StF) Author of Faith

Gospel Reading John 3 1-17 p. 1065 read by David Hodson

SERMON GROWING IN FAITH

HYMN 370 (StF) Breathe on me breath of God

Prayer of Intercession Wendy Bicknell

Collection and dedication of the Offertory (congregation please stand)

Poem The Call

HYMN 410 (StF) Lord your Church on earth is seeking

Prayer and 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 Pearl Davies and Roy Bicknell remembering
their Mother's birthday

We have received the following message from the URC Wessex Synod:

"It is with great sadness that I share the news of the death of Anne Wales, wife of the former Wessex Synod Moderator Derek. Anne and a friend were killed, and Derek and another passenger injured in a car crash near their Chichester home on Thursday evening. Derek has been released from hospital after being treated for minor injuries."

Advance Notices:

Tuesday Fellowship 17th March Saints Alive with Revd. Allan Taylor

Mothering Sunday 22nd March The Rt. Rev. Jo Bailey Wells, Suffragen Bishop of Dorking will be the preacher

Saturday 21st March 10am-3pm Advanced Safeguarding Training at GUC
Saturday 28th March – Prayer Breakfast at St Mark’s Church 8.30-10.00
Sunday 29th March – Church/Congregational Meeting after morning service

DIARY FOR THE WEEK UP TO SUNDAY 15th March

Mon 9 th	3pm	Pastoral Team Meeting in Chancel Room
Tues 10 th	5pm	Brownies (alison@argeant.org)
Wed. 11 th	10am	Godaltots (godaltots@gmail.com)
	12.15pm	Lunch Fellowship at John Phillips
Thurs. 12 th	4.30pm	Rainbows (godalmingrainbows@gmail.com)
	5.45pm	Cubs (cubs@guc.org.uk)
	7.30pm	Scouts (scouts@guc.org.uk)
Fr. 13 th	12-1.30pm	Friday lunches
	6-6.45pm	Music Kids (thekeenies@btopenworld.com)

Sunday 15th March 10.30 am Morning Worship – led by Rev. Allan Taylor

DATES TO NOTE IN APRIL

SATURDAY APRIL 4TH AT 7.30

GODALMING ORCHESTRA conducted by Vincent Godfrey **performing Brahms Symphony No2 in D Major op.73**

This is the inaugural concert for Godalming Orchestra.

Vincent Godfrey came up with the idea of developing an orchestra as he felt the area was missing one. We have been pleased to welcome them to our church as they rehearse during the week and you are all invited to this concert.

Admission is free but donations will be gratefully received as the orchestra is just starting out and they need to buy music, hire venues and publicise their concerts.

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