

SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 8th MARCH

and notices for the coming week

Coronavirus

Last Sunday in our prayers we made reference to the caronavirus. 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

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Walk with us Lord on our journey of faith both as individuals and as the Church of God. Open up to us the truths you long for us to understand and inspire all who teach and interpret the Scriptures. Equip us all to pass on the Good News of Jesus. Amen

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

Today's stewards are:

Vestry Steward Alan Steele
Duty Steward Sue Weighton

(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.

10.30am MORNING WORSHIP

Led by Mrs. Lyn McKay

Music: Candela

Hosts: Robin and Mary Bellwood

Sound System: Denis Leigh Projection steward: Julie Rowling

Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

HYMN 117 (StF) Sing Praise to God

Introduction to the Psalm

Responsive Reading StF 830 Psalm 121

Prayers

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