



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist & United Reformed)

SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 15th MARCH

and notices for the coming week

Coronavirus

I apologise for once again writing about the virus but the situation is changing day by day. Both of our denominations are updating their advice and it is important that their comments are brought to your attention.

Last week I wrote, in particular, of the need for good hygiene and this need is again endorsed. Changes have been made in the food serving arrangements at Friday Lunches so that they may continue for the time being. However, the operation of Sunday Breakfast is different and it is not considered, with effect from today, that Breakfast can continue until the threat of the virus has passed.

This morning's service with Holy Communion is proceeding (but future services will need to be considered at the appropriate time). Norman Edsall and Allan Taylor have spent considerable time discussing how this morning's service may proceed, meeting the hygiene requirements but not materially changing the significance of the communion service. Additional advice is now given that hymn books, service books etc should not be used so the WHOLE service will be projected.

Our denominations have also issued advice on "Should I go to Church?!" Their advice is as follows:

"Older members and those with medical conditions causing weaker health and greater vulnerability should consider not attending church for the time being if they're worried about infection. This is an act of mutual concern, and is not a desire that people 'give up' Church. If you are not an older member and don't have underlying health conditions, but are feeling ill and/or displaying the symptoms of a cold, please consider staying away from the service."

Finally it is recommended that people do not shake hands etc, rather that physical contact is avoided.

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 Alison Briscoe

Duty Steward Keith Rowling

(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	Rev. Allan Taylor
Music:	STF CDs
Hosts:	Barbara and Malcolm Keene
Sound System:	Richard August
Projection steward:	Julie Rowling

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR LENT AND PASSIONTIDE

THE SERVICE WITH LITURGY WILL BE PROJECTED IN FULL

Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

STF 1 All people that on earth do dwell
STF 818 Psalm 95 read alternately
STF 556 Just as I am
Gospel – John 4 v 5-42 Read by **Francis Groves**
STF 365 Jesu the joy of loving hearts
Intercessions **Led by Gwen Wheatman**
STF 590 Jesus we this obey
Collection and Dedication of the Offertory (Congregation please stand)
STF 436 What shall I do my God to love

Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee or tea or a drink of squash
in the River Room after the service.

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:

Thursday 26th March 8pm NEW THINKING ALLOWED – Margaret 01483 890209

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 22nd March

Mon 16	7.15	Monday Lent Group
Tues 17	2.45	Tuesday Fellowship – Saints Alive with Rev. Allan Taylor
	5 pm	Brownies (alison@argeant.org)
Wed. 18 th	10 am	Godaltots (godaltots@gmail.com)
Thurs. 19 th	4.30pm	Rainbows (godalmingrainbows@gmail.com)
	5.45pm	Cubs (cubs@guc.org.uk)
	7.30pm	Scouts (scouts@guc.org.uk)
Fr. 20 th	12-1.30pm	Friday lunches
	2.15	QUI in River Room
	6-6.45pm	Music Kids (thekeenest@btopenworld.com)
Saturday 21	10-3pm	Advanced Safeguarding Training at GUC
Sunday 22nd March	10.30 am	Mothering Sunday – led by the Rt. Revd. Jo Bailey Wells, Suffragen Bishop of Dorking

The Musical Allsorts Concert which was to take place on Saturday 28th March has had to be cancelled for this year.

Also the new Godalming Orchestra's Concert which was to take place on Saturday 4th April has had to be cancelled and hopefully will take place at a later date.

DATES TO NOTE IN APRIL

SATURDAY 4TH APRIL MESSY CHURCH 3PM

Shared Ecumenical Events:

GOOD FRIDAY 10 APRIL 11.30am Short Service in Godalming High Street

EASTER DAY 12 APRIL 5.45AM SUNRISE SERVICE AT MINSTER FIELD

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