



LINK-UP

April 2017

Keeping Churches in Touch

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From the Chair

Christians Arise

In a recent Service the following phrases were used: "Stand up Stand up for Jesus" and "We are one church; the church of Jesus Christ". How are we doing in Lent to concentrate on these two phrases?

Good Friday 14th April Walk of Witness will start from the Wharf at 10:45 and finish at the Pepperpot. This year Mamma Ministries dance team will perform a dance and skit in Crown Court.

Urgent Request - Stewards are needed for the procession and at Crown Court and The Pepperpot. Please contact Michael Stubbs if you can help. Two offers have been received to carry the cross.

Easter Day Sunrise Service, 16th April 6:45 at Minster Field, opposite the back entrance to Ladywell Convent.

Sunday 30th April 2017 18:30 - Churches Together evening service at Busbridge Church, Rev Marcus Dickinson preaching.

Christian Aid Week 14-20th May

Good news: Muriel Clark has agreed to be the Churches Together coordinator (taking over from John Dunning). Do support her and let her know what resource your church needs.

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A message from Patricia Dunning

I would like to use Link-Up to thank everyone so very much, for their kind sympathy following the death in December, of my dear husband, John Dunning. John saw it as a privilege to serve for several terms as Chairman of Churches Together in Godalming and also as Area Co-ordinator for Christian Aid.

I have been humbled and comforted by an outpouring of sympathy and kindness since John's 'homecall', not least by the thank offering for Christian Aid, which now amounts to £822.00. He would have been so pleased. Don't give up supporting this wonderful agency which works among the marginalised and poorest people in all parts of the world for Jesus' sake.

Eileen Godfrey died on 2nd March at St Barnabas Hospice in Worthing. Around a dozen Parishioners attended her Requiem Mass at the English Martyrs Church in Goring on 21st March.

Eileen was born in Liverpool in 1937 and trained as a teacher. She moved to Milford following her marriage to Richard, a widower with six children, and they later had two more children. She taught locally at Rodborough Secondary School and after her children had completed their university education she signed up for a distance-learning course at the Maryvale International Catholic College in Birmingham, and graduated with a BA Honours degree in Theology. She was invited to join the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem as a Dame and was later promoted to Dame Commander.

Eileen was a catechist for First Holy Communion and Confirmation preparation in Godalming parish and the parish rep for Ecumenism on Churches Together in Godalming, later becoming Chairman. She was the Deanery rep on the A & B Commission for Ecumenism and became Chairman of the Surrey Section – the first woman and lay person in that position. She was catechist for the preparation of adults to be received in the Catholic Church (RCIA) in both Godalming and Goring parishes.

Godalming Parish Church is delighted to announce the appointment of Rev Jane Vlach as Rector. She is currently vicar of All Saints' Church, Witley. The date when she will take up her ministry in Godalming has yet to be confirmed.

Saturday 1st April 2017 18:30 - Godalming Community Gospel Choir
Easter celebration, St Peter and St Paul Church
www.parishofgodalming.org.uk

Godalming Baptist Church.

In March it was so good to join with other ladies from various churches for an away day at Waverley Abbey. We also held a very sensitive and informative Life Issue session 'A Question of gender'. It was such a blessing to be together.

The month finished with a busy Saturday' Coffee Stop' with entertainment from 'The You Ukes' in aid of Trinity Trust, a sale of children's toys in aid of

the Fusion Getaway and a film for the children and meanwhile Art Space going on upstairs - a busy morning!

April sees the gentlemen visiting Tangmere Military Museum, our service at Eastlake, Fusion Sleepover, our Church weekend away, a curry night for the ladies, friendship Lunch, Ark Toddler Group and Doctor Martin Brunet and Doctor Karen Jones leading our Life Issue session 'End of Life Care'

There is the most important event of all in April - Good Friday when Jesus gave His life for us all and the joy and eternal hope that Easter Sunday brings. Sorrow and Joy-both of which we all experience on life's journey together but also Love-the eternal love of God and the precious love and support we receive from each other. Thank you all for your loving support and friendship. We send our love and greetings from GBC to you all. God bless.

Our series of life issues sessions is now under way. Here are some dates for your diary.

Saturday 22nd April 2017, 10:00 to 12:00: Focusing on end of life issues - Part 2 - from a Practical and Medical Perspective

Saturday 20th May 2017, 10:00 to 16:00: Managing conflict

Tuesday 2nd May, 19:30 to 21:00 Over the years, Guildford has changed from being a small market town to a regional centre, and this change has been reflected in the shops in the High Street.

This fascinating illustrated talk by David Rose will include photos from the late 19th century onwards, of the family run shops, and classic old advertisements from those shops. Please contact Sally Pollard if wish to attend by 23rd April - pollard3@gmail.co.uk, 01483 428646.

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Godalming United Church

Saturday 8th April 2017 15:00 to 17:00 - Messy Church, with 'Easter' activities for all the family and a party tea.

Thursday 13th April 2017 - Maundy Thursday 8:00 - Holy Communion

Friday 14th April 2017 - Good Friday Evening Service with U3A choirs - sacred music for Easter

Manna Ministries

Godalming academy runs on Tuesdays at Godalming Baptist Church from 16.15 for an hour for children aged 5 to 9 years. It is going strong and would love new members.

Sherbet Pips, 15th July, 19:00 at St Catherine's School Theatre in Bramley. Our new show is a heart-warming family musical set in the 1980s. Tickets are available from www.mannaministries.org.uk.

Looking for volunteers

Manna Academy of Christian performing arts is looking for volunteers. Can you spare an hour of your time every week? Manna Ministries is looking for volunteers aged 18+ who have a heart to serve children aged 4 to 16 and see them share Jesus through the power of performing arts. We need volunteers in Eastbourne, Reigate and Guildford.

Sponsoring of Manna Ministries

If you are, or were going to, sponsor Manna Ministries, please can you do it through the Stewardship scheme and whether anonymously or named can you mention 'Godalming Churches' and if possible agree to sponsor them for a stated period of time? It makes their accounting easier and helps landlords have more confidence with their rent. I have some paper copies of the sponsor forms, or you can go on the Manna Ministries website. If you have any queries, please contact Michael Stubbs. www.mannaministries.org.uk

Annual outing, Wednesday 19th July

This year's outing is to Worthing for the over 60s in Godalming and Farncombe. Four coaches are booked to leave at 9:30 and return from Worthing at 16:00. The cost is £5. Tickets are available from the Denningberg Centre, St Mark's Community Centre and Farncombe Day Centre.

The outing is being run as part of Churches Together, and consequently the scheme is widened to include any Pastoral Assistants who may wish to be involved.

Please contact Jacky Tickner for more information - 01483 415702

Please send items for the May 2017 edition of *Link-Up* to Matt Farrow: farrow.matt@gmail.com by Friday 21 April for issue during the week commencing Monday 24 April.