



LINK-UP

August 2017

Keeping Churches in Touch

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From the Chair

Three important dates for joint activities this month

Sunday 13 August, 10:00 to 11:00 Worship@ The Bandstand, a joint service for all. Bring a friend and a chair or a blanket to sit on (don't sit on the friend!). Refreshments afterwards. If wet in SS Peter and Paul.

Sunday 20 August, 17:00 to 18:00 at Busbridge Church Centre - *0-30 in 1 hour*: a time to pray for the young people of Godalming, the leaders of the groups, Trinity Trust Team and Manna Ministries.

All welcome of any age. Refreshments provided. (This will take place on the third Sunday of every month)

Saturday 26 August, 08:30 to 10:00 at Ladywell: Breakfast and prayer. All welcome for a good breakfast and chat and then a prayer time. These breakfasts are at a different church each month, with the prayer time being in the style of that church. Praying can be out loud or silent. It is a good way to see how other denominations pray. It's surprising how similar we all are!!! Or perhaps not!

URGENT: Help needed for Sunday 13 August to set up from 9:00 to hand out programmes from 9:30, to serve drinks after the service, to tidy away. I you could help with any of these, please make contact. michaeleashing@aol.com. Thanks

Michael Stubbs, Chair of Godalming and District Churches Together, michaeleashing@aol.com

Events for your diary

Below is a selection of the many events taking place during August 2017 and beyond. More detail can be found in the sections below and on the Churches Together website: www.godalmingchurches.org/calendar

Thursday 3 August

19:00 - Mary challenges us to respond, St John's Parish Room, Farncombe (£5 for supper)

Thursday 10 August

19:00 - Mary in sacred music, St John's Parish Room, Farncombe (£5 for supper)

Sunday 13 August

10:00 to 11:00 - Worship at the Bandstand service

Monday 14 August

10:30 to 11:30 - Feba prayer meeting, 42 Minster Road, Godalming

10:30 to 13:30 - Manna Ministries Summer school, Merrow Methodist Church, Bushy Hill Drive GU1 2SH

Thursday 17 August

19:00 - Mary's appearances and their significance, St John's Parish Room, Farncombe (£5 for supper)

Friday 18 August

14:00 to 20:00 - Manna Ministries Fun day, Farley Hall Field, Shophouse Lane, Farley Green GU5 9DN

Sunday 20 August

17:00 to 18:00 - *0-30 in 1 hour*: a time to pray for the young people of Godalming, Busbridge Church

Saturday 26 August

08:30 - Churches Together Prayer Breakfast at Ladywell Convent

Saturday 9 September

Ride+Stride to raise funds for church restoration, contact Ian Honeysett, Honeysett@btinternet.com
19:30 - Charity music night in aid of Busbridge Church Old Rectory at the Star Pub, Witley

Tuesday 12 September

10:00 to 16:00 - Hearing Champions hearing aid maintenance training, Diocesan House, Guildford

Tuesday 3 October

19:00 - Surrey Villages in the past, Godalming Baptist Church

Thursday 5 October

19:00 - Human Trafficking life issues event, Godalming Baptist Church

Friday 20 October

20:00 - *Blessed are the peacemakers*, a talk on the Balfour Declaration, Godalming United Church

Saturday 9 December

19:00 - Raggedy doll performed by Manna Ministries, The Leatherhead Theatre KT22 8DN

News of the Churches and organisations

Busbridge Church

Feba prayer meeting, Monday 14 August

At 42 Minster Road, 10:30 to 11:30. Please contact Shelagh Godwin, 01483417725

Charity music night, Saturday 9 September

Come and enjoy a night of music in aid of the Old Rectory at the Star Pub, Witley from 19:30. Various bands from around the local area are set to entertain you. Tickets (£5 single, £10 family) available online at www.bhcgodalming.org/tickets.

www.bhcgodalming.org

St John's Parish Church, Farncombe

At St John's we're beginning the second version of our Mission Plan, deciding our priorities for bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the parish of Farncombe over the next couple of years. We're pleased to have with us John Marrow, an ordinand-in-training from Emmanuel Church, Stoughton, for a while discovering how we do things here. We've just sent our Infants School leavers on their way with the annual service in church and said goodbye to Toddler Group children joining big school in the Autumn. Our next big event is the Village Show on 19 August.

www.farncombe.org

Godalming Baptist Church

Holiday at Home

Holiday At Home enjoyed all things Spanish with Flamenco dancing, Duo Villanesca- a delightful duo playing guitar and flute, Cheek to Cheek-again a wonderful duo of singers, armchair Keep-Fit with a Spanish theme, the ever popular bingo, boardgames, a craft session, a quiz, a wonderful classical singer and more! Spanish lunch was delicious each day and on the menu was potato bravas, cerdo asada, crema catalana to name but a few dishes plus a delicious array of home-made cakes for tea. A wonderful team of people make Holiday At Home such a happy event with many guests from our community.

Transformed lives

Looking ahead, in the autumn we are starting a new series of daytime and evening sessions "Transformed Lives" from CWR based on Ephesians

Human trafficking, Thursday 5 October

On 5 October at 19:00 Suzette Jones will lead a life issues session on human trafficking.

Surrey villages in the past, Tuesday 3 October

We also have David Rose returning on Tuesday 3rd October at 7.00pm to lead a fascinating evening on looking at Surrey Villages in the past

Make a Difference Week

At the end of the month we have Make A Difference Week. Details to follow.

Appointing a new pastor

We would value your prayers as we seek God's will as we begin the process to appoint a new pastor for GBC. May you all have a very happy and restful summer holiday. Much love and many blessings from us all at GBC.

www.godalmingbaptistchurch.org.uk

Godalming United Church

Thank you for donations to Whitechapel Mission

Many thanks to all who donated gifts of food, clothing and other essentials to our collection for the Whitechapel Mission to the Homeless. A bursting trailer and a full car-load have been sent off up to the East End.

An improvement to our facilities

During this "quiet" period we are undertaking a major improvement to our facilities - the downstairs River Room (overlooking the Lammas Lands) is being enlarged and upgraded, and our kitchen is being totally modernised. Hopefully the works will be complete by mid-September. Meanwhile, Sunday morning services continue as normal.

www.guc.org.uk

St Edmund's Parish, Godalming

Summer talk series

The Parish of St Edmund's is organising a series of summer talks on *Aspects of Mary*:

- Thursday 3 August - Mary challenges us to respond, Gillie Nicholls
- Thursday 10 August - Mary in sacred music, Francis Quinlan
- Thursday 17 August - Mary's appearances and their significance, Father David Parmiter

The talks will take place at St John's Parish Room, Farncombe, starting with supper at 19:00.

As we will need to know the number who are coming to supper (£5.00 per person), please would people let us know by emailing: sandrapaiano@Hotmail.co.uk or phone (01428) 684766. Everyone is welcome!

Godalming Quakers

Blessed are the Peacemakers, Friday 20 October

On Friday 20 October at 20:00, there will be a talk at Godalming United Church by the historian Mary Grey on the Balfour Declaration.

www.godalmingquakers.org

Manna Ministries

Godalming academy

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.

Summer school, Monday 14 August 2017, 10:30 to 13:30

£7 per child or £20 for 4 or more children. Merrow Methodist Church, Bushy Hill Drive, Merrow GU1 2SH. Tickets available from mannaministries.org.uk

Fun day, Friday 18 August 2017, 14:00 to 20:00

Music, bouncy castles, games, food and more. Farley Hall Field, Shophouse Lane, Farley Green GU5 9DN.

Free entry. Includes *Campfire encounters*, an opportunity to join with others in fellowship and worship around a campfire from 19:00. Expect to see and feel the presence of God, prepare to have the Father touch your heart and change it for ever.

Raggedy Doll, Saturday 9 December 2017, 19:00

Manna Ministries presents *Raggedy Doll*, a show based on the song of the same name by Philippa Hanna, featuring live music from Philippa Hanna. This year's performance will be at The Leatherhead Theatre, 7 Church St, Leatherhead KT22 8DN. Tickets are £10 per person or £30 for a family or group of 2 adults and 2 children. Carers, disabled and OAPs £7. www.mannaministries.org.uk/raggedy-doll-2017

Fundraising for microphones

Manna Ministries needs your help. Every show we need microphones to give children the best possible platform. At present, and for the last 9 shows, we have had to hire these, which is costly. If we had our own microphones, these funds could be put back into the charity to help us reach out to more children. If you would like to make a donation please visit: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/manna-academy

We also are trying to raise funds for an outside office space for us as a family, as we are still using a bedroom to run the whole ministry and it is crowding out our home.

Looking for volunteers

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

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

Diocese of Guildford

Hearing Champions: hearing aid maintenance training

Hearing Champions: hearing aid maintenance training sessions will take part on Tuesday 12 September and Tuesday 14 November at the Diocesan House, Quarry Street, Guildford GU1 3XG from 10:00 to 16:00. Sandwich lunch and refreshments are provided. There will also be an opportunity to purchase a basic maintenance toolkit.

Read my lips: lipreading courses

These will take place on Thursday afternoons from 14:00 to 16:00 at The Octagon, Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Godalming GU7 1ES. Classes are £5 per session, payable termly in advance. The first class is a taster session and will be free. Classes are limited to 10 people, completion of a booking form is required. 14 September to 30 November 2017 (half term 26 October). 11 January 2018 to 20 March 2018 (half term 15 February).

To find out more, please contact Tracey Wade, Sensory Inclusion Adviser in the Diocese of Guildford Communities Engagement Team. Tel: 01483 790327 or 18001 01483 790327. Mob: 07531 268476. Email: tracey.wade@cofguildford.org.uk

Items for next month's *Link-Up*

Please send items for the September 2017 edition of *Link-Up* to Matt Farrow: farrow.matt@gmail.com by Friday 18 August for issue during the week commencing Monday 28 August.