



# LINK-UP

## *Keeping in Touch*

June 2016

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## From the Chair

### Let's Pray and Act Together

Do come to the Open Meeting on Wednesday 15 June at Hascombe Church. Manna Ministries will be giving a 20-minute presentation of their work at 7:45 at the start of the meeting. It's very impressive, and we are planning to work with them on various initiatives over the next year. Let's Act together.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is encouraging a weekend of Prayer 23-25 September, this is backed by a number of organisations including CWR, Evangelical Alliance and 24/7. Let's pray together.

We will be organising an *Any Questions?* for a panel of clergy in the autumn. Look out for more details.

Trinity Trust Team will be running a *Light up the Dark Party* on Saturday 29 October (alternative to Halloween) At SS Peter and Paul but they need helpers.

### **Let's pray and Act together.**

*Michael Stubbs*

Chair of Godalming and District Churches Together

## Events for your diary

Below is a selection of the many events taking place during June. More detail can be found in the *News of the Churches and organisations* section below and on the Churches Together in Godalming and District website: [www.godalmingchurches.org/calendar](http://www.godalmingchurches.org/calendar)

### **Wednesday 8 June**

19:30 - Bible study evening: St Paul's letter to the Philippians, Parish Church of SS Peter & Paul

### **Thursday 9 June**

Friendship Lunch at Godalming Baptist Church: Street Party to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

**Monday 13 June**

19:00 - Prayers for Farncombe, St John's Parish Church, Farncombe

**Wednesday 15 June**

19:15 - Open Meeting at Hascombe Church 7.15 for prompt 7.45 start.

**Thursday 16 June**

19:30 - Feba prayer meeting, 14 Chestnut Way

**Sunday 19 June**

15:00 - Songs of Praise at the Bandstand

**Saturday 25 June**

08:30 - Churches Together prayer breakfast at St John's Farncombe

**Sunday 26 June**

17:30 - Choral evensong at St Peter and St Paul

**Friday 8 and Saturday 9 July**

19:00 - Manna Ministries: the story that inspired *The Sound of Music*, St Catherine's School Theatre, Bramley

**Wednesday 13 July**

4Churches4U coach outing to Worthing

## News of the Churches and organisations

### 4Churches4U

**Coach trip to Worthing - 13 July**

Booking forms for the 4C4U outing to Worthing on Wednesday 13 July for the over 60s in Godalming and Farncombe are available between Monday 23 May and 13 June, and can be collected from the Denningberg Centre, Farncombe Day Centre and St.Mark's Community Centre. The cost is £5. Please contact Jacky Tickner on 01483 415702 if you have any queries.

### Busbridge and Hambledon Church

**Next Feba prayer meeting**

To encourage more people to attend, we are scheduling our next Feba prayer meeting in the evening. If you would like to pray for an hour or so for a media organisation with a strategic ministry in many of the world's trouble spots, please come to 14 Chestnut Way at 7:30 on Thursday 16 June. Further information from Shelagh Godwin on jimdogshome@aol.com or 01483 417725. [www.bhcgodalming.org](http://www.bhcgodalming.org)

## Godalming Baptist Church

### **Holiday at Home 2016**

Our thoughts are turning to our Holiday At Home, which will take place on Weds 27th and Thursday 28th July at Godalming Baptist Church.

This two-day event is for senior folk in our churches and the local community. Our theme this year is Wales, and there will be craft, musical entertainment, bingo, boardgames, armchair keep-fit and delicious home-cooked lunches, tea and home-made cakes and more! Please contact the Church Office on 01483 422105 if you know of anyone who may be interested. Booking forms are available at Godalming Baptist Church. Book early as places are limited.

### **Refreshing waters day**

Thank you to those who supported our recent ladies 'Refreshing Waters' day at Waverley Abbey. We were truly refreshed - what a beautiful day! Thank you also to those who came to our Life Issues 'Losses' Day. It was such an encouragement to us all - deeply moving and powerful.

### **Friendship Lunch - Thursday 9 June**

This month at our friendship Lunch on Thursday June 9th we are holding a Street Party to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. We have several 90 plus dear folk at GBC and many in our community. How blessed we are to have their wisdom, courage and faithfulness.

[www.godalmingbaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.godalmingbaptistchurch.org.uk)

## Godalming United Church

### **New window screen**

We are proud to display a prominent new feature in our church – indeed, it is unmissable! A “stained-glass-window-effect-screen” now enhances the large window in the chancel above the communion table.

We've always had a dazzle problem with the window – and the new screen is the solution. Since September 2015 Church member Maureen Nye has coordinated 23 students at Rodborough School (that's 40 lunchtimes) to produce a stunning work of art, using hand-motifs from 134 contributors – mainly children, ranging from Rodborough, Green Oak School & Nursery, to the United Church “Godaltots”.

The shapes are painted in vivid transparent acrylics and together create a scene based on the Noah's Ark story. The rainbow - depicting God's covenant with mankind - is prominent, along with the ark, and the nativity star is shown as a bridge between heaven and earth. The flood is represented by a huge wave, in the style of Japanese painter Katsushika Hokusai, and incorporates the shapes of currently endangered animals. This vibrant “Helping Hands” screen breathes new life into the church interior and challenges the beholder. Do pop in and see it!

## **Collection for the Whitechapel Mission**

Looking ahead to the end of June, please support our Collection Trailer with items for the Whitechapel Mission in the West End. This centre for the homeless is open 365 days a year, and all who come are given the opportunity to shower, have a change of clothes and have breakfast. The urgent need is for men's clothing and non-perishable breakfast foods.

Planned collecting times are as follows, in the church car park:

Fri 24 June 12:00 – 13:30

Thurs 30 by request

Sat 25 10:30 – 12:00

Fri 1 July 12:00 – 13:30

Sun 26 11:45 – 12:45

Sat 2 10:30 – 12:00 & 14:00 – 15:00

Mon 27 by request (tel 423261 or 527670)

Sun 3 rd 11:45 – 12:45 & 14:30 – 16:00

Tues 28 14:00 – 15:00 Mon 4 th 19:00 – 20:00

Wed 29 19:00 – 20:00

[www.guc.org.uk](http://www.guc.org.uk)

## **Manna Ministries**

### **The story that inspired The Sound of Music**

8 and 9 July 2016, 19:00 at St Catherine's School Theatre, Station Road, Bramley GU5 0DF. Based on the autobiography of Maria Augusta Trapp. Adapted for stage by Jaime Crick

Tickets £6 from [www.mannaministries.org.uk](http://www.mannaministries.org.uk)

### **Performing arts classes in Godalming**

Donation-based performing arts classes will begin in September 2016. For more information, visit: [www.mannaministries.org.uk](http://www.mannaministries.org.uk)

## **St John's Parish Church, Farncombe**

### **Prayers for Farncombe - Monday 13 June**

Everyone is welcome to Prayers for Farncombe, our ecumenical prayer event on Monday 13th June at 7pm.

### **Churches Together prayer breakfast - Saturday 25 June**

The Churches Together prayer breakfast for June will be held at St John's on Saturday 25 June at 8:30. All are welcome.

[www.farncombe.org.uk](http://www.farncombe.org.uk)

## St Peter and St Paul and St Mark's

### **Family Service - 6 June**

This year our June Family service at the parish church (6th ) will include baptisms of children rather than a blessing of pets but I am sure it will be just as lively!

### **Bible study evening - 8 June**

On Wednesday evening 8th June at 7.30pm in the Octagon there will be the second of our bible study evenings looking at St Paul's letter to the Philippians. Everyone is welcome to attend and hopefully will be as well attended as our first meeting was last month.

The evening will include time to look at the letter, share thoughts and reflect on the meaning in our own lives.

### **Songs of Praise at the Bandstand - Sunday 19 June**

A town event hopefully you will try and support and encourage people to attend, is the annual Songs of Praise held at the bandstand on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June. This is one of the Go - Godalming weekly concerts, and it is a great opportunity to invite people to join in an act of worship that is accessible and enjoyable.

Our own Gospel Choir will be singing together with some "Holy Fools" ( Christian clowns) taking part and entertaining children. One of our local brass bands will accompany the singing.

### **Choral evensong - Sunday 26 June**

For those who find choral evensong a service they appreciate, we have a visiting choir singing at SSP&P on Sunday 26th June at 5.30pm. Called Quintus Imperfectus – they are a small group of singers who specialise in leading worship choosing music from our cathedral choral tradition.

[www.parishofgodalming.org.uk](http://www.parishofgodalming.org.uk)

## Trinity Trust Team

### **Big Brekkie events**

We are grateful to the management and teams of Innovate (Rodborough) and Caterlink (Broadwater) and the SLT at both schools for allowing us (along with our Christian Union students) to run Big Brekkie events in school during Christian Aid week, and for donating the profits of both events to the appeal.

The amounts raised haven't been announced at the time of going to press, but we are confident that a number of goats could be purchased with the money raised!

### **Transition workshops and retreat days**

Plans for transition workshops and retreat days and our summer activities are well advanced, and we hope to interview for a new team member in early June, along with the team at St Mary's who are seeking to appoint a new full time Youth & Children's worker.

Please pray for:-

- Our plans to recruit into the team and for St Mary's PCC also
- Our Friday Night outreach programme, re-launched in partnership with the Surrey Community Youth Service
- That we receive adequate funding to subsidise our activities week (25th-29th July)
- We continue to thank all those who play a part in and support the youth ministry of the Trinity Trust Team. Our thanks and blessing all. Andy

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## Items for next month's *Link-Up*

Please send items for the July *Link-Up* to Matt Farrow: [farrow.matt@gmail.com](mailto:farrow.matt@gmail.com) by Monday 20 June for issue on 23 June.

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