



LINK-UP

Keeping in Touch

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From the Chair

Harvest is coming... but what are WE harvesting?

October is here, and this year there will be two Light up the Dark parties: one on Saturday 29 October and the other on Monday 31 October. Do look out for the details if you would like a children's party not celebrating Halloween.

Christmas Festival

We are starting to think about the stall that Churches Together will have at the Christmas Festival on Saturday 26 November - Switch on of the Lights. We will need people to be part of a rota and also to help set and take down, and ideas, possibly present wrapping.

It would be good if we could have nice attachments to go on the presents - any ideas? Or perhaps some from your church might like to make some. Do get in contact.

A thought: are we too busy? If so, why? And if not why are we doing what we do? Do we do things in our own strength - or in His?

Let's pray and then 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 October and beyond. 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

Saturday 24 September

08:30 to 10:00 - Churches Together prayer breakfast at St Nicholas Church, Compton

Monday 26 September

20:00 - Meet Sahar Vardi, an Israeli conscientious objector, Godalming United Church.

Saturday 1 October

14:30 - Marvellous Movie Matinée, Busbridge Church

Sunday 2 October

12:15 - Harvest celebration at *The Cricketers* (See Busbridge & Hambledon Church below)

Tuesday 4 October

Manacality Music begins at Godalming Baptist Church (see section on Manna Ministries below).

Friday 7 October

19:00 - Fundraising concert by Eduardo Niebla for CAFOD - St John's Godalming

Saturday 8 October

09:00 to 13:00 - Seasons: *Embracing the rhythms of life*, led by Lynette Brooks, Godalming Baptist Church

Sunday 9 October

10:30 - Café-style Harvest Festival, followed by buffet lunch, Godalming United Church

Wednesday 12 October

20:00 to 21:45 - Musical evening at Hambledon Church

Saturday 15 October

10:00 to 16:00 - Jubilate Celebration, All Souls, Langham Place, London WB1 3DA

Sunday 16 October

12:00 - Bring and share lunch at St Mark's Community Church and Centre

Tuesday 18 October

09:30 to 13:00 - Managing anger and frustration, led by Rhia Gohel, Godalming Baptist Church

Wednesday 19 October

19:45 - The Churches Together AGM and open Meeting at St Marks Church. There will also be a talk by Callum Stubbs, who has worked 'on the ground; with Refugees, here with Diane Peters, in Calais and Greece. He will be talking about these and also his time with an African Refugee organisation.

Saturday 22 October

08:30 to 10:00 - Churches Together prayer breakfast at Godalming United Church

Saturday 29 October

17:00 to 18:00 - Light up the Dark service for 0 to 11 year-olds, Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul

Monday 31 October

10:30 to 11:30 - Feba prayer meeting

Light Party for children 4-11years at Busbridge Church. Please register with Amy Johnston

Saturday 19 November

Ceilidh in aid of Busbridge Central, Wilfrid Noyce Community Centre

Saturday 17 December

Manna Ministries Christmas show, *Raggedy Doll*, St Catherine's School Theatre, Bramley. Tickets now available.

News of the Churches and organisations

The Parish of Godalming

Bring and share lunch at St Mark's Community Church and Centre

There will be a bring and share lunch at 12:00, following our Harvest Festival service on Sunday, 16 October.

Anyone is welcome to come. Please let Jacky Tickner, 415702, know what you would like to contribute. Harvest gifts will be donated to Godalming Food Bank.

www.parishofgodalming.org.uk

St John's Parish Church, Farncombe

Relaunch of Junior Church

We were very pleased at the response to the relaunch of our Junior Church on Sunday 18 September. We suspended Junior Church back at the start of 2014 after a long while when we'd only had one or two children attending, but now felt the time was right to have another go.

Junior Church will meet at the same time as the Parish Eucharist on the 3rd Sunday each month.

Transforming Church, Transforming Lives

On Sunday 25 September St John's, in common with the other Anglican churches in the Guildford diocese, will introduce Bishop Andrew's new strategy 'Transforming Church, Transforming Lives', which is intended to pull together the efforts of churches to meet the challenges of their circumstances and encourage co-operation.

Harvest season

The Harvest season is getting going, and this year we will support Village Water as our charity as well as the local food bank - www.villagewater.org.

Eduardo Niebla in concert for CAFOD, Friday 7 October

A charity fundraising concert for CAFOD (Catholic Agency For Overseas Development). In a career spanning four decades, guitar virtuoso and composer Eduardo Niebla has been acclaimed as one of the most potent forces in flamenco jazz fusion today. And his highly lyrical style, with explorations into Indian, Arabic and classical music, has resulted in the most electrifying, brilliant and poignantly poetic guitar playing on the world circuit. Doors @ 7.00pm. Show starts @ 7.45pm. Tickets £14 in advance available from Record Corner or contact Julian Lewry on 01483 421520 or

£17 on the door.

www.farncombe.org.uk

Busbridge and Hambledon Church

Marvellous Movie Matinée, Saturday 1 October

There will also be another Marvellous Movie Matinée for the grown ups on Saturday 1 October at 14:30 at Busbridge Church. Licensing prevents us from typing in the name of the actual film (grrr!) but if we said Colin Firth puts in an award-winning Kingly performance and gives the most amazing speech in the film, you may know what to expect! There is no charge, but don't forget to bring a cushion.

A different kind of Harvest celebration, Sunday 2 October

Busbridge Church will be having a different kind of Harvest celebration this year – we'll be in the pub! We'll be heading to *The Cricketers* for a buffet lunch on Sunday 2 October at 12.15. Tickets are £7 per adult and £3.50 for children 10 years and under. For more information about booking your ticket (payable in advance), please call the Church Office on 01483 421267.

Musical evening, Wednesday 12 October

From food, to film to music – we're also putting together a Musical Evening on 12 October, from 20:00 to 21:45 at Hambledon Church. The musical talent of those at Busbridge&Hambledon are combining to perform an eclectic mix of songs and recitals – something for everyone.

Jubilate Celebration, Saturday 15 October, 10:00 to 16:00

On Saturday 15 October, there will be a day of celebration of half a century of new songs and hymns that began with the ground-breaking Youth Praise in 1966, to be held at All Souls, Langham Place, London W1B 3DA.

Our very own Bishop Michael Baughen, a member of Busbridge Church, will be there - let's support him and others who have blessed us with wonderful words and music! Tickets are £10. Check out the website www.jubilate.co.uk/50 for details and online booking.

Feba prayer meeting, Monday 31 October

Prayer meeting for Feba, a media organisation with partners in most of the world's trouble spots. Monday 31 October, 10:30 - 11:30, 42 Minster Road. Details from Shelagh Godwin on 01483 417725.

Light party, Monday 31 October

Light Party for children 4-11years at Busbridge Church. Please register with Amy Johnston

Ceilidh in aid of Busbridge Central, 19 November

On Saturday 19 November there will be a ceilidh in aid of Busbridge Central at the Wilfrid Noyce Community Centre. A bar will be available on site. For more information or tickets, contact ceilidh@bhcgodalming.org

Godalming Baptist Church

Seasons: Embracing the rhythms of life, Saturday 8 October

From 09:00 to 13:00. This half-day workshop explores God's rhythms and provides the opportunity to consider how to move at His pace, to see the blessings and challenges that each 'season' offers, and to discover our place in our own spiritual journey. Led by Lynette Brooks, Director of Publishing and Ministry at CWR. Cost £6.

Managing anger and frustration, Tuesday 18 October

09:30 to 13:00. This session aims to identify some of the reasons why we experience anger and frustration, understand how anger and frustration can affect our thoughts, behaviours and emotions, teach some self-help techniques to help manage anger and frustration, and provide some sources of further information and support. Cost £7.

www.godalmingbaptistchurch.org.uk

Godalming Quaker Meeting

Meet Sahar Vardi, an Israeli conscientious objector, Monday 26 September

Join us at **Godalming United Church** for an open evening to hear about the darker side of everyday life in the Holy Land and the cost to young Israeli conscripts who choose nonviolent resistance to military occupation.

www.godalmingquakers.org

Godalming United Church

New area Methodist circuit

Our new area Methodist circuit – Wey Valley (formed from the merger of the Guildford and Woking & Walton circuits) was officially inaugurated at a service in Woking on 11 September.

Member churches all received a symbolic candle and exchanged gifts – we took a Pepperpot mug and received a model of Concorde (from West Byfleet).

Charitable link with The Gambia

Our charitable link with The Gambia is as active as ever, and two containers full of educational equipment, clothes and furniture were dispatched to Banjul in mid-September.

Appeal for the Italian earthquake

During September we have had an active relief appeal for the Italian Earthquake – funds being directed through our mission partners Daniel and Grace Pratt-Morris-Chapman who are working for the Italian Methodist Mission.

Harvest Festival, Sunday 9 October

Looking ahead, you are cordially invited to our café-style Harvest Festival on Sunday 9 October at 10:30, followed by buffet-lunch. Our catering will cope with those who drop in!

www.guc.org.uk

Manna Ministries

***Mannacality Music* - starts Tuesday 4 October**

Mannacality Music is a new class for young people aged 9 to 18 on Tuesdays at Godalming Baptist Church, starting on Tuesday 4 October 2016. It is pure music, from vocal to instruments, combining performance and song to create a choir with a difference, acting out their songs with expression and 'musicality'.

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.

Tickets for Christmas show now available

Tickets for our Christmas show with Philippa Hanna are now available. This will be a musical production based on the song *Raggedy Doll*, featuring a guest appearance and live music from Philippa Hanna. The event will take place at St Catherine's School Theatre, Bramley on 17 December.

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

Trinity Trust Team

The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness will have seen many harvest festival services and the opportunity for us to support the local food bank resource, an important element of community outreach.

As we head further into October we turn our attention to how we as Christians can be salt and light in the world by celebrating the light of Christ and inviting others who may not be regular church goers to join us in doing so.

Light up the Dark service, Saturday 29 October, 17:00 to 18:00

This year TTT will be hosting an inclusive Light up the Dark service on behalf of GTiG in Saint Peter & St Paul's church on Saturday 29th from 5pm-6pm for ages 0-11 with activities, songs, craft, a short reading & prayer – refreshments will be provided.

At the end of the month we see Hyekyeong off on her maternity leave so ask you to join us in prayers for a safe and healthy delivery for the end of November and for a blessed period of early motherhood as she and Miso adjust to a new life in theirs and all the joy and exhaustion that this can mean!

Please pray for:-

- All the churches' Light up the Dark services and parties
- Hyekyeong as she takes maternity leave
- Matt as he takes on wider responsibility

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 November *Link-Up* to Matt Farrow: farrow.matt@gmail.com by Friday 21 October for issue on Thursday 27 October.

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