



LINK-UP

Keeping in Touch

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From the Chair

History is not what it was! But His Story is!

This month there is the National Heritage Weekend 10-11 September when all sorts of buildings are open for visiting. It gives people a chance to visit a church to see history - without the pressure of a Service! But it gives us an opportunity to present His Story! We have a number of churches who will open their doors, so do visit one you haven't been to before - and take along some friends! Let's support each other.

We are aiming to arrange some joint events over the next few months. Do look out for them and take part.

Don't forget the Prayer Breakfast during Weekend of prayer 23-25 September at Compton Church.

Let's pray together and Act together.

Report on Worship@the Bandstand

During *Staycation Live*, the annual Churches Together Worship@The Bandstand attracted over 300 worshippers from around Godalming and District to a service of praise and fellowship.

The musicians from Godalming Baptist Church, with lead guitarist James Jagger from Busbridge Church, began the hour of worship with the song 'Come now is the time to worship' on the heels of a robust welcome by Revd Paul Hulme of Godalming United Church (who also gave the Blessing at the end).

A Prayer of Praise by Revd Catherine McBride of Hambledon Church then led into the reading (Philippians 3:12-16) by The Mayor of Godalming, Councillor David Hunter.

The theme of the talk was the call to action to 'Run the Race for Life' for Christ with all its inherent 'ups and downs', as Revd Andy Spencer of Busbridge Church illustrated with examples familiar to us.

Andy Poulson of The Trinity Trust Team (TTT) 'took up the baton' and got us all out of our seats – reluctance in some of us gave way to acceptance and the action that followed brought a richness to being there together. Getting started is where it's at!

Intercessory prayers were lead by Revd Maggie Stirling-Troy of St. John's, Farncombe, after which we sang songs of praise, ending with the Blessing. This year there was also a Prayer Ministry Team, who ministered to a number of folk, and we managed to arrange refreshments (albeit on the pricey side. We will try and negotiate a reduced rate next time!)

Michael Stubbs

Chair of Godalming and District Churches Together

A short quiz

Don't phone, it's just for fun!

1. How many members are there in Churches Together in Godalming and District?
2. How many denominations?
3. Who can attend the CT Prayer breakfasts?
4. How many events does CT put on/ encourage per year? 1-6, 7-12,13-24, 25-36 more than 36?

Events for your diary

Below is a selection of the many events taking place during September 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 3 September

10:00 to 14:30 - *Woman - special and precious*: a quiet day led by Corinne Herrick, Godalming Baptist Church

Tuesday 6 September

19:30 to 20:30 - Feba prayer meeting, 42 Minster Road, Godalming. An opportunity to pray for a media organisation which has partners in most of the world's trouble spots. Further details from Shelagh Godwin: 01483 417725

Friday 9 September

19:30 - Cinema: *God's not dead 2* at St John's Centre, Merrow, GU4 7AA (Manna Ministries)

Tuesday 13 September

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

Thursday 15 September

Lip-reading course starts at the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul (see Parish of Godalming)

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.

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

Tuesday 18 October

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

News of the Churches and organisations

The Parish of Godalming

Lip-reading course, Thursday afternoons starting 15 September

Lip-reading is a vital communication skill for people who are deaf or hard of hearing that can help tackle isolation. It is widely recognised that lip-reading can help people of all ages, with any degree of hearing loss, to communicate better.

Sessions take place in the Octagon, St Peter and St Paul's Church, Godalming GU7 1ES. The cost is £5 per session, payable termly in advance. Classes are limited to 10 people. If you are interested in

joining, please contact Tracey Wade, Sensory Inclusion Advisor, Diocese of Guildford, Diocesan House, Quarry Street, Guildford, GU1 3XG. T: 01483 790327, E: tracey.wade@cofeguildford.org.uk

www.parishofgodalming.org.uk

St John's Parish Church, Farncombe

Getting ready for the new term

At St John's our groups will be getting under way again as we enter the new term (Bible study, fellowship groups, and Church Club at the Infants School, for instance).

People

Our curate, Maggie Stirling Troy, will be beginning working with the chaplaincy at Send prison, so she will welcome prayers, as will our ordinand-in-training Donna Gibbs in her efforts to find a parish in which to serve her curacy from next year.

Supporting the Parish of Godalming

We will be helping out with Godalming Parish during their vacancy over the coming months.

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

Godalming Baptist Church

Woman - special and precious, Saturday 3 September

From 10:00 to 14:30, join us for a quiet day led by Corinne Herrick. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a packed lunch. Refreshments will be provided.

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.

Sahar has been invited by the AMOS TRUST and will be a key speaker at their Amos Day in London on 24 September.

www.godalmingquakers.org

Godalming United Church

Refurbishments

During the church's quiet month of August, our upstairs vestry and "Lammas room" (with the incomparable view over the meadows) have been modernised. The elderly east- and south-facing windows have been replaced with well-insulated walls and windows, which will solve the problem of winter chill and summer over-heating. The work has been completed on schedule, with the refurbished (and more comfortable and eco-friendly) rooms ready for business at the beginning of September.

The next phase of refurbishment will be the replacement of the Hall roof slates (113 years old!) in October.

www.guc.org.uk

Manna Ministries

Cinema: *God's not dead 2* - Friday 9 September, 19:30

When a high school teacher is asked a question in class about Jesus, her reasoned response lands her in deep trouble and could cause God to be expelled from the public square once and for all. The Dove foundation have rated this film with five doves, and it is recommended for ages 12 and over.

Showing at St. Johns Centre, Merrow, Guildford, GU4 7AA. Admission by donation. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

***Mannacality Music* - starts Tuesday 13 September**

Mannacality Music is a new class for young people aged 9 to 18 on Tuesdays at Godalming Baptist Church, starting on Tuesday 13 September 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

Petition: Refugees welcome in Godalming

A petition has been set up to encourage Waverley Borough Council to offer to home five children before the start of the academic year. If you'd like to add your name, you can find it here:

<http://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/refugees-welcome-in-godalming-2>

Items for next month's *Link-UP*

Please send items for the October *Link-Up* to Matt Farrow: farrow.matt@gmail.com by Friday 16 September for issue on Thursday 22 September.

Quiz answers

1. 15 churches and Ladywell convent
2. 5
3. Anyone
4. A lot more than 36

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