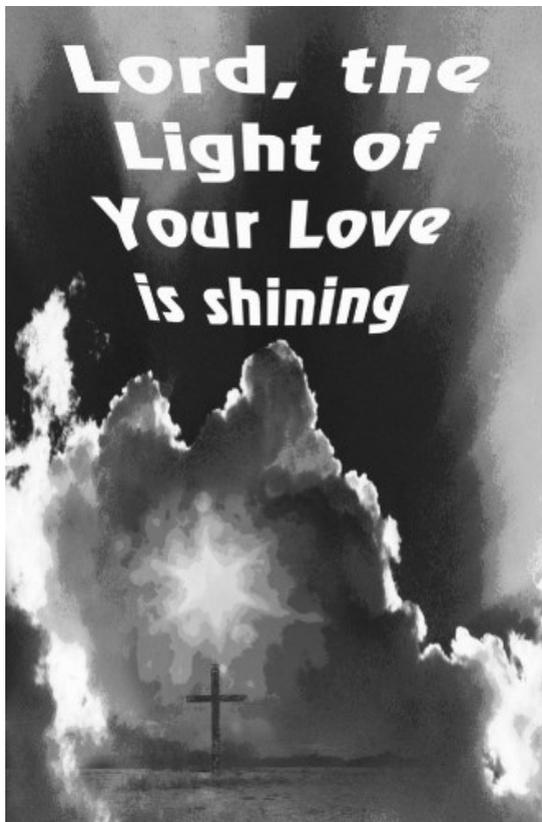


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The Ministers Write...

From Rev. Lynda Russell

Dear friends,

April is just around the corner, and indeed will be with us by the time you read this, and it finally feels as if Spring is coming. However I'm wondering if we are going to get our "April showers" this year. During the period of Lent, I suggested to the members of Christ Church who were at one of my services that we keep a "thankfulness diary". I provided a chart that we could complete every day or as often as we remembered (!) with what we wanted to give thanks to God for that day.

I have this diary in front of my computer as I work each day, and have remembered to fill it in probably every other day (in my defence, sometimes it had papers on top of it! OK I accept that's not a good excuse!). Reading it now, the ones that strike me first are the 'working drains' and 'water freely out of a tap'. I would never usually think of those, except of course - you've guessed it - our drains got blocked a few weeks ago. And then we see so frequently the pictures of refugees who don't have even the most basic amenities when they step off a boat. They have lost everything. It's heart breaking as we watch them queuing even for the water we take for granted.

In the developing world, of course many people still have to fetch their water from wells. You may remember that Jesus met a woman at a well where he had a long conversation with her about water! Having asked her for a drink from the well, Jesus then offers her a gift of 'living water'.

Years earlier Isaiah had said: "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Why spend money on what is not bread, and your

Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. But anyone who drinks the water I give will never be thirsty again. The water I give people will be like a spring flowing inside them, gushing fountains of endless life."

If you are feeling or have ever felt dry or somehow shrivelled on the inside, or that what you are doing or how you are living does not satisfy, then this is what Jesus means – at this time of Easter Jesus offers us his love through his death and resurrection. If we come to Jesus and ask, then He will give us this 'living water', which will renew our souls and revive us in our inner selves.

May the love of Jesus be with us all this Easter.

Every Blessing.

From Rev. Kim Plumpton

Dear friends,

"He has forced open a door that has been locked since the death of the first man. He has met, fought, and beaten the King of Death. Everything is different because He has done so... What are we to make of Christ? There is no question of what we can make of Him, it is entirely a question of what He intends to make of us." C.S. Lewis.

C.S. Lewis had a wonderful capacity to explain profound truths in a simple manner and I find his simplicity deeply thought provoking. The resurrection is central to the Christian narrative. What are we to make of a Christ who has beaten 'the King of Death' who walks and talks with his disciples in these coming 40 days. "See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. Luke 24:39-42.

There are numerous encounters with Christ after the resurrection not least at the tomb, but also on the road to Emmaus, the meeting in the upper room with Thomas, the lakeside encounter and numerous others. After those 40 days Jesus gives final instructions to the

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

It seems to me that to have any capacity at all to fulfil the great commission we must have a deep sense of who Christ is and a confidence in such understanding. In what way can we share the gospel if we have not found our own way through the ethical, sociological, political and spiritual depths that inhabit the gospel? The reality is there is much we don't understand and yet like C.S. Lewis, simplicity is perhaps the best way forward. The Bible is an accumulation of testimonies, an oral tradition passed down until others determined it was time to put 'pen to paper'. Yet in the numerous groups I have attended, the moment we are asked for personal testimony people move quickly to avoid any form of self-disclosure.

Is it that quintessentially conservative streak within us that Brits are sometimes known for? Why do we feel so inhibited when it comes to sharing our stories? Where has God been present for you today, this week, last week? God talk is missing and we need to develop ways of getting that kind of enthusiastic conversation going. Have confidence in your story, real integrity in a conversation is generally well received. It's okay to admit you don't have all the answers if it leads to other questions but share how your faith makes a difference. Word gets round when it's worth listening to, and clearly we have something to say. So let's get talking, let's get out there and spread the good news because Christ doesn't go to all this trouble so that we

Ascension Day

There will once again be a service at the viewpoint on Box Hill at 6.30am on Ascension Day, 5th May, led by Rev Linda Harknett, vicar of Headley and Box Hill. All from the Pastorate will be very



Cobham

Methodist Church

Cobham Methodist Diary



April

Sun	3rd	10.30am	Rev. Paul Cockburn
Sat	9th	10.00am	Time 4 You (<i>until 12 noon</i>)
		2.30pm	Platinum Service
Sun	10th	10.30am	James Wild
Sun	17th	10.30am	Rev. Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion
		6.00pm	United Service of Christian Unity at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Wed	20th	8.00pm	House Fellowship at the Manse
Sun	24th	10.30am	David Cappitt
Thurs	28th	3.45pm	Messy Church at the URC (<i>to 5.45pm</i>)



St. Paul in Malta

Christianity has almost 2000 years of history in Malta. According to tradition, it was brought to the Islands by none other than the Apostle Paul himself in around A.D. 60.

Paul was being taken to Rome to be tried as a political rebel, but the ship carrying him and some 274 others was caught in a violent storm only to be wrecked two weeks later on the Maltese coast. All aboard swam safely to land.

The site of the wreck is traditionally known as St. Paul's Island, and is marked by a statue commemorating the event.

The welcome given to the survivors is described in the Acts of the Apostles (28) by St. Luke:

*"And later we learned that the island was called Malta.
And the people who lived there showed us great kindness,
and they made a fire and called us all to warm ourselves... "*

As the fire was lit, Paul was bitten by a poisonous snake but he suffered no ill effects. The islanders took this as a sign that he was a special man. This scene is depicted in many religious works of art on the Islands.

According to tradition, the Apostle took refuge in a cave, now known as St. Paul's Grotto in Rabat, Malta.

During his winter stay, he was invited to the house of Publius, the Romans' chief man on the Islands. It was here, according to tradition, that Paul

cured Publius' father of a serious fever. Publius is then said to have converted to Christianity and was made the first Bishop of Malta. The Cathedral of Mdina is said to stand on the site of Publius' house.



Archaeological evidence seems to support this tradition, as Malta was one of the first Roman colonies to convert.

Cobham Page

Information, news, events and happenings in and around
Cobham including news of Cobham Churches events



Next "Time 4 You"

Saturday 9th April
10.00am - 12 noon

Cobham Methodist Church

Why not stop and rest awhile, recharge your batteries,
find the space for you to enjoy a chat and a free cup of
coffee.

Next Messy Church for Cobham, Oxshott and Stoke D'Abernon



Date: Thursday 28th April

Time: 3.45pm to 5.45pm

**Venue: Cobham URC,
38 Stoke Road,
KT11 3BD**

All are welcome



Cobham

United Reformed Church

Cobham URC Worship Diary



April

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|-----|------|---------|--|
| Sun | 3rd | 9.00am | Early Bird Service |
| | | 10.30am | Vivien Gerhold |
| Sun | 10th | 10.30am | Thelma Roberts |
| Sun | 17th | 10.30am | Sydney Shore |
| | | 6.00pm | United Service of Christian Unity
at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church |
| Sun | 24th | 10.30am | Rev. Kim Plumpton
<i>Church Meeting (AGM) takes place
after the service</i> |

May



Cobham URC Events

April

Sun 3rd 3.00pm Play & Chat (to 6.00pm)

Tues 5th 8.00pm Elders' Meeting

Thurs 7th 12.30pm Men's Fellowship

Tues 12th 9.45am Church Walk

Fri 22nd 3.00pm T @ 3

April 

Prayers at the Cobham URC Manse:

at 9.30am on Wednesdays:

6th, 13th, 20th, 27th April.



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**Tea at Three:
Friday 22nd April**



Effingham

Methodist Church

Dates to celebrate this month:



Two of our ladies celebrate birthdays this month:

Rachel Reed on 5th and

Rosemary Roberts on 19th.

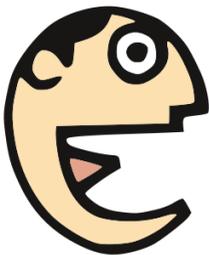
Remember we need your help to update our records

Prayer Meetings...

...are held at **the Chapel**
every Friday at 9.30am.



Well Done! - Lent Lunches organised by Churches Together in Effingham & Little



Saturday Morning Live: **No meeting in April**

Next meeting is **Saturday 7th May** from 10.00am to 11.00am at **St. Lawrence's Hall** when our speaker is from the charity **Habitat for Humanity.**



**St. Lawrence Church Hall in Brown's Lane
Wednesday 13th April - 3.30pm to 5.30pm**

Get Messy !! Very, very Messy!
FUN! FUN! FUN!

Messy Church in March

The picture below shows us looking forward to Easter, making Easter cards, gardens and yummy chocolate nests too! The story of Easter was told and remembering that hollow Easter eggs remind us of the tomb that Jesus was laid in. A small egg and a little Easter story was given to each child.



Hector
Gilchrist

The Byfleet Anchor Ukulele band

Chris
Harris

Sue
Graves

Mike
Peach

Paddy
Brady

Cameron
Brown

Janet
Geen

Tony
Geen

Steve
Primarolo

Chris
Wallace

Dawn
Lloyd

Phil
Hudgell

Kim
Plumptre

Dennis
Wickham

Morag
Butler

An evening

with some

Folk

21st May

An evening of Folk Music

in aid of Habitat for Humanity

7.30 in St Lawrence Church Hall
Browns Lane, Effingham KT23 5LX

Tickets £12
includes refreshments

Bring your
own drinks

Tickets available from

Gill 01372 457987 or Morag 01372 459642

Effingham Methodist Diary



April

Sun 3rd 10.00am Rev. Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion

Sat 9th 10.00am World Mission Coffee Morning
to 12 noon (*see opposite*)

Sun 10th 10.00am Jay Dunning

Tues 12th 2.30pm Tuesday Tea in The Grange (*book early*)

Wed 13th 3.30pm Messy Church - St. Lawrence Church Hall

Thurs 14th 2.00pm Christian Meditation in the Church

Sun 17th 10.00am Beth Little

Tues 19th 2.00pm Prayer Walk - meet at St. Lawrence Church

Thurs 21st 12.30pm Oasis Bible Lunch Group in the Hall
(*to 3.00pm*)

Sat 23rd 12.30pm St George's Day Lunch in the Hall

Sun 24th 9.00am Rhys Frost

Tues 26th 2.30pm Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall

Thurs 28th 2.00pm Christian Meditation in the Church

May



St. George's Day Lunch
at Effingham Methodist Church
Saturday 23rd April
12.30 to 2.00pm

Tickets at £5.00

Ring Pat McElhill on 01372 457979. In aid
of World Mission & Habitat for Humanity

**World Mission Coffee Morning at
Effingham Chapel on 9th April
from 10.00am to 12 noon.
Bake Sale, Books and Knick-knacks too**



Whose shoes? Living with dementia

Members of the "Connect" group were invited and took part in a specially designed game (tool) to enable people to share their experiences with the NHS.

Age UK Surrey were consulting with patients and their carers to find out what "health care" is like when you are living with dementia. NHS Health Education working in Kent, Surrey and Sussex have been working hard to ensure health care staff have the skills and knowledge to support people living with dementia.

A very interesting morning was had by all and hopefully will provide useful information for NHS staff.



A fortnightly group for carers and partners
living with dementia



'Connect'

At St Lawrence Church Hall, Browns Lane, Effingham KT24 5LX

alternate Thursdays 10am till 12noon

March 3rd, 17th & 31st

April 14th & 28th

May 12th & 26th

June 9th & 23rd

**Come for refreshments,
friendship, chat
and activities**

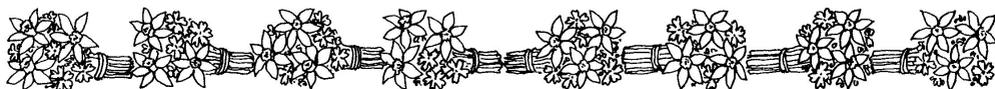
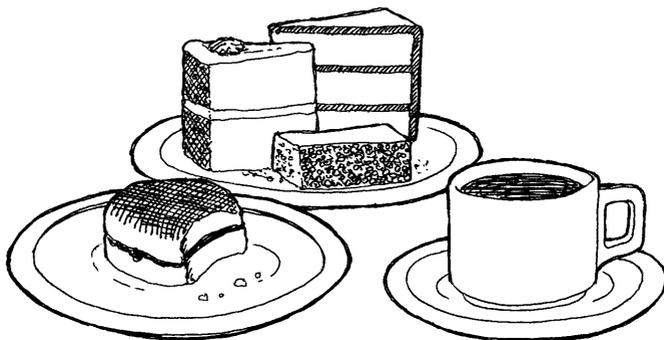
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Leatherhead Pages

Information, news, events and happenings in and around
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Martha's Market

The Parish Church has started a new community initiative called Martha's Market. This happens on Friday mornings from 10.30am to 11.30am at the Parish Church Hall. As a customer you are welcome to come and buy cakes, eggs, plants, crafts and more. As a stallholder you can have a table to sell almost anything. We very much hope that you will come along for a cup of coffee and a chat too.

Time for Tea



COME for TEA and COMPANY

from 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Next "Time for Tea" - Friday 1st April

Speaker: Peter Dry

LEATHERHEAD METHODIST CHURCH

EVERYONE WELCOME



Brass for Leatherhead Trinity

Leatherhead Concert & Arts Society is the charity that runs the town's lunchtime concerts. As LCAS 'grows up' (2016 is our 5th year) we have begun to think beyond the lunchtime concerts to consider what further musical benefit we can bring to Leatherhead.

I have vivid childhood memories of my introduction to the sights and sounds of musical instruments. This was before the days when every child was presented with a recorder. My mother played the piano at home and encouraged each of us to learn, but I knew little of orchestral sounds.

Then one day, in the school hall, a harp appeared. I knew harps existed, but here was my very first *live* harp. Enormous, ornate, delicate, beautiful... And then she played it!

Over my primary and secondary school years we were introduced to more instruments – oboe, cor anglais, clarinet, bassoon, brass and strings of many sizes.

And that is the inspiration for our project. Let's bring the sounds of orchestral instruments, and professional performance, to Leatherhead's youngsters. We want to share with a new generation the musical experiences we enjoy.

So for the morning of Thursday 9th June Mardi Brass are invited to play for the pupils at Leatherhead Trinity School. Afterwards, the group will come to the Methodist Church to perform our 12:30 lunchtime concert.

Mardi Brass are five professional players of trumpet, horn, trombone, and tuba. They will introduce the sounds of their instruments to the pupils at Leatherhead Trinity, even letting one or two have a go.

Who can tell what possibilities that experience will open for any one of the children listening? I went on to play trumpet, horn, and later tuba. That tuba got me into the town band when I lived in France, a great way to meet and share with a variety of

We plan to make this a regular part of our work and are thinking who the School might invite for their next session. Two donors have already given £100 to help guarantee the project. The amount you give will help determine whether the School can invite musicians each term, or just once or twice a year.

Let's see if we can fill some young heads with the excitement of live music, and let them discover where that spark takes them.



*Peter Steadman
Trustee,
Leatherhead Concert*



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on
THURSDAYS
at LMC**



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**WEDNESDAYS
at
CHRIST
CHURCH**

Wednesdays at Christ Church

Epsom Road, Leatherhead, KT22 8ST (*on-site parking*)

**A guest organist each month
through to November 2016**

12.30 lunchtime, Wednesday 20th April

David Oldfield

Organist & Director of Music, All Saints, Banstead

12.30 lunchtime, Wednesday 18th May

Mark Brafield, Concert Organist

12.30 lunchtime, Wednesday 15th June

John Eagles, Organ Recitalist & Teacher

Music on Thursdays at LMC

Leatherhead Methodist Church, Church Road,
please use multi-storey or Church Street car parks

weekly lunchtime concerts

April 28th to the end of November

12.30 lunchtime, Thursday 28th April

ACACIA DUO

Samantha Pearce, flute • Heather Wrighton, harp

12.30 lunchtime, Thursday 5th May

Jacqueline Phillips, cello

First of three concerts featuring the six Bach Cello Suites

*All these concerts: free entry, with a retiring collection
Leatherhead Concert & Arts Society HMRC Charity Ref EW02213*

NEW FIRE

Don't forget to plan to come along to the contemporary New Fire service at 6.30pm on the fourth Sunday evening each month at LMC. Stay afterwards for coffee and a chat.



Next Messy Church for Leatherhead:

Thursday 21st April
3.30pm to 5.30pm at:

LMC



Men's Breakfasts

Leatherhead Men's Breakfasts will be at 8.00am on the following Saturdays:-

23rd April at Christ Church,

28th May at the Anglican Parish Hall...

...then on the fourth Saturday each month.

All men of any denomination or none are welcome. A suggested donation of £4 would be appreciated to cover costs; any surplus



Guildford Diocese Community Engagement Team are currently looking for volunteers for an hour a week to help support a family in need in the Leatherhead area.

If you are a good listener and keen to help, please get in touch with Kelly Hewson on 07548 962881. If you know of a family that could

Safeguarding training

Calling all people who are pastoral visitors, leadership team, work with children (e.g. Messy Church), discoverers, or vulnerable adults, or did the training back in 2010 and need to renew their certificate which has now expired. Safeguarding training with Angie Choat will take place on **Saturday 16th April** in the morning **at LMC**.

Please sign the list at the back of the church at LMC if you can attend or contact Carol on 01372 377125.

Monthly Service at The Beeches Care Home

A service is held at The Beeches Care Home in Forty Foot Road at 3.00pm on the third Tuesday every month. If you feel you can assist with running the service, please contact Lynda.



Sisters Get-Together in Leatherhead

**8.30am Saturday 9th April -
Parish Church Hall**



The next Sisters-get-Together will be on Saturday 9th April at 8.30am in the Parish Church Hall.

We will be welcoming Joy Foreman as our speaker with an interesting talk on 'The People in the Park'.

All women are welcome to join us for breakfast followed by the talk. Donations to cover costs. Look forward to seeing you then.

More details from Janine on 01372 374914

National Society Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) Report

In January 2016 Leatherhead Trinity School was inspected by SIAMS. Their report is worth publicising to a wider audience.

Leatherhead Trinity, in Kingston Road, is a larger than average primary school, with 408 pupils. It is an ecumenical school representing three Christian denominations: Anglican, Methodist, and United Reformed. It has two sites, one of which is a large Children's Centre. The number of children with learning difficulties and/or disabilities is

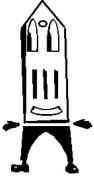
The number of pupils with English as an additional language is rising. However, attendance has improved and is now close to the national average.

The school's distinctiveness and effectiveness as a Church School are good: pupils discuss matters of faith and belief openly and with confidence; the high level of pastoral care ensures that all pupils are nurtured academically and emotionally; and the strong commitment of senior leaders ensures that there is continued improvement as a Church School.

A particular strength of the school's aims is the extent to which an explicit Christian ethos makes a difference to the lives of pupils and their families in the school community. In consequence the pupils' attitude and approaches to learning is improving. A core set of five values has been explored and are increasingly becoming integral to teaching and learning. These are: respect, truth, love, forgiveness, and commitment. Pupils have a good awareness of these, and articulate how respect encompasses the other four. They explain how these values together help them in their relationships with each other and with adults.

A central spiritual area is highly regarded by pupils, who say that it gives them space to be still and quiet. The impact of collective worship on the school community is good. They say that learning about Jesus helps them to become "better people".

The headteacher, fully supported by governors and staff, has ensured that the school has made good progress since the previous inspection in developing a Christian ethos which has the welfare of the children at its heart. The ecumenical foundation of the school is an asset because representatives of the three Christian denominations bring a range of perspectives, giving a broad vision of Christianity. Links with the Churches are valued by parents and children alike. Parents say that the focus on respect helps their children to appreciate a range of different faiths and cultures, and that the school helps them make up their own minds about belief.



Leatherhead

Methodist Church

***Please see the Leatherhead Pages
(pages 18-25) for more news***

West Hill School Community Café...

...is held at LMC every Tuesday morning at 10.30am, except during school holidays.

West Hill School in Leatherhead is an outstanding special school for pupils aged from 11 to 16 with learning difficulties and autism. The café is providing learners with opportunities to develop work-related skills as well as social and communications skills. Please come along on Tuesday mornings to support this

Prayer Breakfasts

Prayer breakfasts are held on the third Sunday each month at 9.00am. It's a bring and share (non-cooked) breakfast with a short time of prayer fellowship before the morning service. All

LMC House Groups

LMC has three House Groups where Church members or friends can meet together on a regular basis. These groups usually meet in someone's home, and are informal ways to get to know each other better, to share joys, concerns, and prayer requests if desired, and to discuss various subjects, either from the Bible or from other relevant Christian books. Everyone is very welcome to join a group.





Diary



April

Fri	1st	2.30pm	Time for Tea <i>(to 4.30pm)</i> <i>(see page 19)</i>
Sun	3rd	10.30am	Joint Service at Christ Church - Rev. Robert Blows
Tues	5th	10.30am	West Hill School Café at LMC - all welcome
Sat	9th	8.30am	Sisters Get-Together at the Parish Church Hall <i>(see page 24)</i>
Sun	10th	10.30am 6.30pm	Beth Little Rev. Paul Cockburn - Holy Communion
Tues	12th	10.30am	West Hill School Café at LMC - all welcome
Sat	16th	a.m.	Safeguarding Training <i>(see page 23)</i>
Sun	17th	9.00am 10.30am	Bring and Share Prayer Breakfast Rev. Lynda Russell - Holy Communion
Tues	19th	10.30am	West Hill School Café at LMC - all welcome
Wed	20th	12.30pm	Organ Concert at Christ Church <i>(see page 21)</i>
Thurs	21st	3.30pm	Messy Church <i>(to 5.30pm)</i>
Sat	23rd	8.00am	Men's Breakfast at the URC <i>(see page 22)</i>
Sun	24th	10.30am 6.30pm	James Wild New Fire
Tues	26th	10.30am	West Hill School Café at LMC - all welcome
Thurs	28th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays - 2016 Season begins at LMC <i>(see page 21)</i>

May

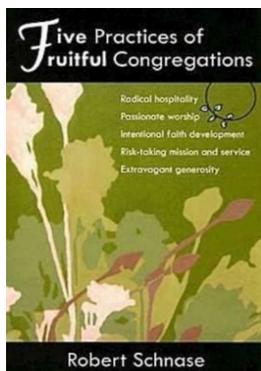
Sun	1st	10.30am	Rev. Lynda Russell - Holy Communion
Tues	3rd	10.30am	West Hill School Café at LMC - all welcome

Continuing the Series looking at the individual chapters of the book...

Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

Chapter 5:

The Practice of Extravagant Generosity (E.G.)



In 2 Corinthians 9, it states: "You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity." The dictionary describes generosity as abundance, copious and fertile, all of which could be applied to the context of this chapter. It begins with a story about a couple worried about tithing what seems to them, a large proportion of their income. In applying their minds to their problem, they find that they could manage and that putting a tithed giving into practice, deepened their faith and commitment to their church and to God. Jesus warns (in Luke 12) "... For one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." (Read the story of the three servants in Matthew 25). John Wesley told the early Methodists to practise generosity as a necessary and indispensable aspect of discipleship, something quite difficult for the people of the time whose general attitude was frugality. Generosity is a fruit of the spirit and the opposite of selfishness and self-absorption. It requires self-control, patience and faith.

E.G. is not entirely about tithing money. It is a form of stewardship, mission and purpose in order to accomplish things for Christ. Ministerial and lay leadership often go outside their comfort zone to encourage E.G. which could extend beyond the four walls of the church to support needs locally, nationally and worldwide. E.G. in these fields very often appeals to young adults in the church, therefore ensuring continued leadership on the theme.

Even if giving has to be limited - for many older people, once their money is gone, it cannot be replaced - every encouragement should be given for constant support for all mission so that the Church (LMC!) can fulfil its purpose to make stronger disciples for Christ.

Fruitful congregations acquire an excellence in whatever is on offer. Excellence means just that bit more effort to cultivate all gifts for the glory of God.

In these articles, I have only been able to express points that I consider important. Everyone needs to study the book for themselves and make their own decisions. Each person sees LMC in a different way, and ideas of what is important to progress as a vibrant congregation will vary.

Jean Plant

Editor's Note: I am very grateful to Jean Plant for summarising the book for us. You will remember that the book was one of the resources available at the "Navigating Change" event held in October 2015 which five from LMC attended. Our aim is to see how the book can be used at LMC to move forward. Please speak



LMC Family News



Our thoughts and prayers are with...

... Members and friends being looked after in nursing care or at home, and with all those who care for them day by day.

Methodist Women in Britain

District Day at Farnham Methodist Church - 12th March 2016



**Methodist Women
in Britain**

Sue and I went together to the District Day. The journey there was a bit murky but it brightened up later. It was good to have the venue in the Western Area of the District after a gap of some years.

As is usual, the day began with a Communion Service led by the District Chair, Rev. John Hellyer. His theme was based on the Bible story of Mary and Martha and he posed the question "Why are we so busy?" He advised that less but better was quite acceptable. The service included the induction of Annah Mwadiwa as the new District President of MWiB. We wish her well.

The guest speaker in both the morning and afternoon sessions was Anne Browse, National MWiB President. Her conversations with us were on the theme "This is my story, this is my song". In the morning we were fascinated with her stories of women met on her journey, quite ordinary women, just like those sitting listening. But they were there for her friendship, support and encouragement. Her talking was interspersed with hymns and songs. Anne has a great love for Germany. She is fluent in the language and had us singing (or trying to!) in German!

After lunch we chatted about women who had influenced us, sharing our stories with each other. It may sound all a bit simple, a something and nothing, but there was a depth and empathy in talking together that is hard to describe as it is more of a 'feeling'.

Annah led the final worship and began by inviting her Zimbabwean supporters to sing to us in their language, Shona. Translated, the

Book Review

Grow Your Church's Income - a guide to securing long-term financial health By Maggie Durran, Canterbury Press, £12.99



Here is a simple, practical guide to making your church's resources go as far as they possibly can in the short, medium and long term. In non-technical language this provides a basic guide to: Managing money and budgets, controlling your expenditure, ways of increasing income, how to address falling numbers and falling income, identifying ways to raise income

Pastoral Prayers

Prayer meetings are held at 2.30pm on the 4th Tuesday every month at LMC. All pastoral visitors Stewards and Christ Church Elders are welcome to attend.

Next meeting - **Tuesday 24th May.** *(No meeting in April).*

Christ Church

(United Reformed) Leatherhead

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Christ Church Diary



April

- Fri 1st 2.30pm Time for Tea at LMC (to 4.30pm) (see page 19)
- Sun 3rd 10.30am Joint Service at Christ Church -
Rev. Robert Blows**
- Sat 9th 8.30am Sisters Get-Together at the
Parish Church Hall (see page 24)
- Sun 10th 10.30am Rev. Lynda Russell
6.30pm Holy Communion at LMC - Rev. Paul Cockburn**
- Sun 17th 10.30am Rev. Bruce Stuart - Holy Communion**
- Wed 20th 12.30pm Wednesdays at Christ Church - Organ Concert
- David Oldfield (see page 21)
- Thurs 21st 3.30pm Messy Church at LMC (to 5.30pm)
- Sat 23rd 8.00am Men's Breakfast at Christ Church (see p. 22)
- Sun 24th 10.30am Rev. Lynda Russell
6.30pm New Fire at LMC**
- Thurs 28th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays - 2016 Season begins
at LMC (see page 21)

May



Christ Church Family News



We are pleased to say that Jean McDowall has moved from Epsom Hospital to Birdcroft Nursing Home, 16 Highfields, Ashted KT21 2NL. We send our very best wishes as she settles in, with her own room and belongings to make her feel at home.

We are very sorry to report that Anne Ray suffered a nasty fall in Epsom Hospital when visiting Derek and is herself in Buckley Ward. We send her our sympathy and very best wishes for a speedy recovery. She asks for no visitors at the moment.

We remember in our prayers Jean and Anne and their families, those who are unwell, the carers in our community and all those who need our support.



Pastorate Details

Details of the Services and Activities at each of the Pastorate Churches can be found on the appropriate

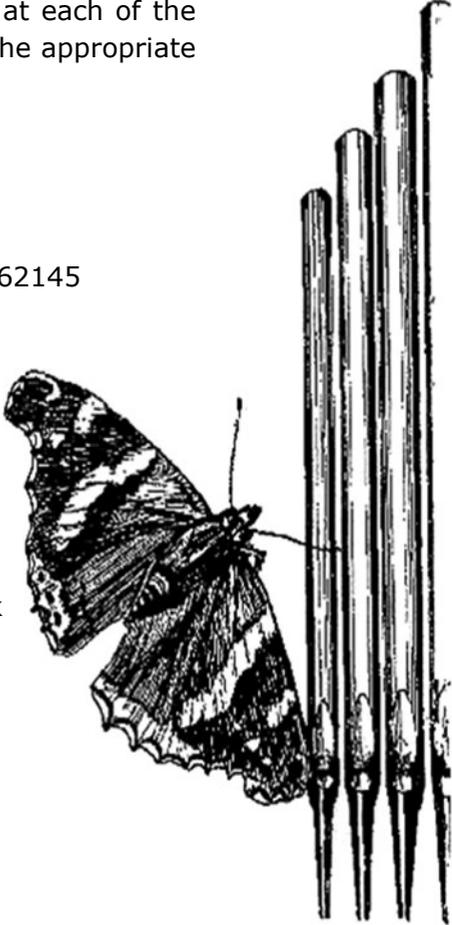
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