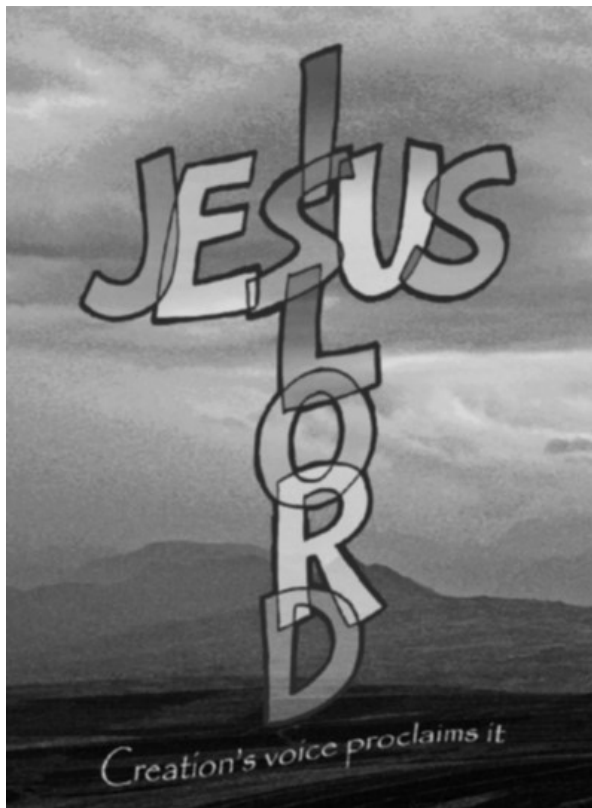


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The Ministers Write...

From Rev. Darlene McCarley

Dear Friends,

Some years ago I saw a DVD, 'Awakenings' and thought it very sad, but for Christmas I was given a copy of the book recounting the medical reports on which the film was based and discovered the real stories were even worse. It has made me think about some of the terrible trials people face in life: war, poverty, disability, illness, loss, physical and emotional pain. And I have been thinking too of what makes it possible to survive, let alone overcome life's trials and allow our souls to thrive.

The hospital doctor who, at the end of the 1960s, initiated the drug trial on which the story was based observed that three external things particularly aided patients in their battle not to be defeated by their illness: music, nature and relationships. The patients were often much more symptom free during a day out of the hospital, especially a day spent in the countryside (the hospital was in the middle of a city), or singing or attending concerts. But most beneficial of all was time spent with friends or family.

Dr Sacks said that during lucid periods many of his patients said the worst part of their 40 or more years of illness was the isolation. We live in a world where even healthy, fit people are becoming increasingly isolated. Too many children spend more time on mobiles and internet than interacting in person. More and more adults live alone. Someone has even invented a virtual wife! Local and village shops are disappearing and those neighbourhoods and villages are becoming places people leave, going elsewhere for shopping, education, work and social activities. More impersonal places, where they are less well known. 'Things' and activities are replacing people in our lives.

Christianity should above all else be about relationship; with God and with one another. And I believe that in our relationship with God lies the only real hope we have for seeing the true value and joy of life, of the world and people around us.

But that relationship, like all relationships, takes time and effort. The less we devote time and energy to nurturing our relationship with God the more likely we are to miss hearing his voice of comfort, wisdom and love when we encounter life's stumbling blocks. And the less use we will be to one another.

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So my new year resolution for 2017 is to have a gap year. A year off from all the things I normally worry about, try to achieve, and do to relax and 'destress', so I have time for God, and those he places in my path.

I know from experience that making a resolution to spend more time in bible study and prayer will simply not work if I try to do it on top of all the other things I do. So, I am going to drop other stuff in order to create the time I need – a God space in my life

Do you need more time with God? What could you give up or change to get that time?

In the light of your faith, what are your ambitions for this year?

Happy New year everyone,
And may it be filled with the blessings of God,

Darlene

From Rev. Kim Plumpton

Dear friends,

Here we are stepping into another year, I like to think full of potential and possibility. Yes, I know that there may well be some stumbling blocks along the way and I may even need help from others to climb over them. But I step into 2017 with anticipation, that I might learn something new in 2017 that was not made real to me in 2016, for we are always learning and that excites me.

I was fascinated recently by a book I had started to dip into in the hope it might provide some useful pointers for a discussion group. The book was called 'Does the bible really say that?'. The chapter that grabbed my attention was the one entitled 'Spiritual growth: how the church gets in the way.' I'm sure you can see why I was intrigued. Here's a little taster where Mark Woods talks about what he perceives to be a mature Christian after reflecting upon a bible study group: *"Maturity wasn't measured by the quantity of knowledge that they gathered — I was ahead of them there — but by its quality. There was a texture about their faith, which had nothing to do with how much they knew, and everything to do with how it had helped to shape them into the people they were. The mature Christian isn't someone who can reel off a verse for every occasion and who knows exactly when to pull you up because what you've said isn't doctrinally "sound".*

The mature Christian is someone who has lived fully and richly, and brought every part of his or her life into the presence of Christ and under his authority. Christian maturity isn't something separate from the development of our whole personhood, as though we can grow as Christians without growing as people. Growth is multifaceted, many layered and multidirectional, and far from it happening through church and church based activities, these can actually hinder it."

Although Mark Woods recognises the way in which church can expand our minds and spirits, he also refers to the way in which church can be all absorbing, our attention distracted by good intention. Too many meetings, too much emphasis on attendance at events, so busy keeping the church in order, or keeping our doctrine in nice neat boxes. What if we've become too orderly? Where might there be room for the unexpected or the surprises?

On reflection it's clear that growth happens when we spend time wrestling with the reality of life, where we engage with the mundane as well as complex issues and people. We become fully alive in Christ through life's experiences, where those experiences have transformed us and the gospel is made real to us.

The challenge for our churches is how we release people to grow into mature Christians outside the church as well as inside, how we break open the tidy and ordered structures of our churches and allow God to surprise us. We all need space to flourish but maybe it's not in the way we imagine it to be?

Every blessing Kim

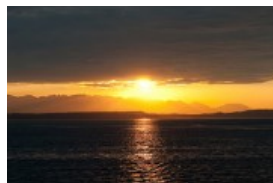
Prayer of thanks for God's light

Father of all creation,
Thank you for signs of life and light, even in the dark and sometimes difficult days of winter. Thank you for Jesus' victory over darkness and death – and for the assurance that, if we put our trust in Him - nothing can ever separate us from you.

Help us to hold onto the hope you have given us and to walk on with Jesus as our guiding light. And may His light attract others who don't yet know Him and whom the darkness threatens to overwhelm.

Shine on us, Lord, that we may reflect your light and receive your peace.
In Jesus's name.
Amen.

By Daphne Kitching - Parish Pump



Coming together in Cobham



Updates

It has been almost a year since we made a decision to explore becoming one church.
So what has happened in this last year?

We brought together the leadership of both churches and meet on a regular basis

A formal letter written to the moderator and district chair.

Contacting the county ecumenical officer.

Beginning to worship together more regularly, now meeting together twice each month.

Sharing Methodist and URC communion alternating each month.

Setting in place 5th Sundays to the URC

Consider all rotas so that all responsibilities are shared when worshipping together.

Visiting two united churches.

Visiting ecumenical officer.

Developing a booklet embracing elements that will need to be explored.

Developing a list of proposals for 2016/2017/2018.

Set out a day for spiritual reflection

Spend time exploring policies for a united church for the constitution: decision making; communion; baptism; ministry; worship; finance

What is planned for this next year?

Complete the policies

A meeting in March with Moderator, District chair, Superintendent.

A meeting with the county ecumenical officer.

Set aside a day for considering the vision and mission of the church.

A retreat for the leadership organised for June with Bernard Fidler

Consider the buildings in light of our mission

Keep the constitution in mind as well as the sharing agreement.

Throughout all of this it is our desire to make sure we communicate what is happening and bring before Church Council and Church Meeting the progress we have made.

It is our hope to move through this process thoughtfully and sensitively, taking our time through each stage so that we build proper and firm foundations.

Grateful thanks must go to the leadership for all their hard work, I am extremely thankful for their wisdom.

Every blessing Kim



Cobham Methodist Worship Diary



February

Sun	5th	10.30am	John Oborn
Sat	11th	2.30pm	Platinum Service
Sun	12th	10.30am	Rev Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion (Joint Service at URC)
Sun	19th	10.30am	Rev Kim Plumpton (Joint Service)
Sun	26rd	10.30am	Rev Gavin Hancocks

March

Sun	5th	10.30am	Rev Darlene McCarley
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Time 4 You

Time 4 You has been running at Cobham Methodist Church for some years now. It has been a drop-in coffee stop on the second Saturday of each month, with biscuits, bacon rolls, and sales of jams, chutneys and home-baked bread. Now that your mouths are watering, I am sorry to have to tell you that it has been decided to suspend it for the time being. **Many thanks to Rhonda** who initiated it and has run it up to the present time, and to all those who have supported and helped her.





Cobham

United Reformed Church

Worship Diary

February

Sun 5th 9.00am Early Bird Service
10.30am Vivien Gerhold

Sun 12th 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion
(Joint Service)

Sun 19th 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton (Joint Service at CMC)

Sun 26th 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton

March

Sun 5th 9.00am Early Bird Service
10.30am John Stewart

A Legend of St Valentine

The Roman Emperor Claudius II needed soldiers. He suspected that marriage made men want to stay at home with their wives, instead of fighting wars, so he outlawed marriage.

A kind-hearted young priest named Valentine felt sorry for all the couples who wanted to marry, but couldn't. So secretly he married as many couples as he could - until the Emperor found out and condemned him to death. While he was in prison awaiting execution, Valentine showed love and compassion to everyone around him, including his jailer. The jailer had a young daughter who was blind, but through Valentine's prayers, she was healed. Just before his death in Rome on 14 February, he wrote her a farewell message signed 'From your Valentine.'

So the very first Valentine card was not between lovers, but between a priest about to die, and a little girl, healed through his prayers.

Parish Pump

Cobham Events in February

Thur 2nd	12.30pm	Men's Fellowship (The Meridiana, Ockham Road South, East Horsley)
Sun 5th	12 noon	Church Council Meeting (CMC) (to 1.00pm)
	3.00pm	Play and Chat (to 6.00 pm)
Tues 7th	9.45am	Church Walk
	8.00pm	Elders' Meeting (URC)
Thur 16th	7.30pm	House Group (venue to be arranged)
Thur 23rd	3.45pm	Messy Church (to 5.45pm)
Fri 24th	7.30pm	Joint Leadership Meeting at URC
Tues 28th	10.30am	Lent Bible Study at the manse (repeated Fri 3rd March, 7.30pm at the home of Helen Pattison)

Prayers at the Manse
Wednesdays at 9.30am
February: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

Women's World Day of Prayer
Friday 3rd March
10.30am
Church of the Sacred Heart

For details of this year's theme see p15.

House Groups

House groups will take place on the third Thursday of each month at 7.30pm, in the homes of the members of the group. For the next few months we shall be studying Mark's gospel, and the next session will be on **Thursday February 16th** (venue to be decided). All are welcome.

For further details talk to Brian Manners or David Cappitt. Note that because of Lent Groups, there will be no house group meeting in March.



Lent Bible Study

This year for our lent study we will be using material focused on

‘Finding a voice: The Kings Speech’

This is a six week course. The first week begins by watching
The Kings Speech.



Meetings will take place at:

28th February: 10:30am @ The manse (The film)

2nd March 7:30pm @ Helen Pattisons (The film)

7th March 10:30am @ The manse

9th March 7:30pm @ Helen Pattisons

14th March 10:30am @ The Manse

16th March 7:30pm @ Helen Pattisons

21st March 10:30 am @ The manse

23rd March 7:30pm @ Helen Pattisons

28th March 10:30am @ The manse

30th March 7:30pm @ Helen Pattisons

4th April 10:30am @ The manse

6th April 7:30pm @ Helen Pattisons

Fundraising events



11th March 7pm
Sing-A-Long

6th May 6:30pm
Quiz Night



2nd July 12:15pm
Barbecue



23rd Sept 7:30pm
Harvest Supper

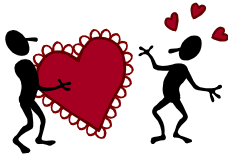
For information: contact Kim on
01932586988 or kimp_822@hotmail.com





Effingham

Methodist Church



Birthday Dates to celebrate this month:

No birthdays, but we'll celebrate with some cake or choccies, especially on the 14th, which is **St Valentine's Day!!**



Dates for your Diaries

If you're spring-cleaning, we'd love to have any bric-a-brac for **Effingham Chapel's** Bring and Buy stall at our **World Mission Coffee Morning on 25th March from 10 to 12 noon**. Money raised will be divided between *Habitat for Humanity* and World Mis-

Effingham's Cleaning and flower Rota, 2017



Firstly I'd like to say a big Thank You to everyone on our rota for all you do to keep the Chapel and Hall looking clean and tidy. Just ask if you'd prefer to do flowers only, or would like someone to help with cleaning, or join the rota! Remember you can also donate towards flowers, maybe in memory of a loved one, just let me know. The rota has been emailed but just ask if you need one. With love and thanks **Pat McElhill** .

Tuesday Teas

Alternate Tuesdays, 2.30pm to 4pm in St Alphage Hall, Or Lady of Sorrows Church, Lower Road, Effingham.

Come for friendship and chat as well as tea and cake, occasional outings and entertainment. February dates: Feb 14th; for the 28th we shall be visiting The Grange by prior arrangement for a cream tea and will therefore not be at the hall. Then March 14th as usual.

For further information and transport if required phone Gill or Keith on 01372 457987 or email tinkersend@gmail.com .



Connect

"Connect" a group for carers and partners with dementia

Come for refreshment, friendship, activities and fun.
You don't have to live in Effingham!

We meet in St Lawrence Church Hall, Browns Lane, KT24 5LX in Effingham from 10am to 12noon on alternate Thursdays. Earlier in December we enjoyed having Grace Notes, a small music group from Horsley playing well known songs. The singing by our members and volunteers was amazingly wonderful. Also closer to Christmas we enjoyed having Morag with her guitar singing Christmas songs and hymns. Later this month on the 16th we will have Sheila for another gentle exercise session.

Our mornings start with tea/coffee and cake and we aim to have something for everyone, Our general activities and puzzles are always ready for easy interaction for all with snooker and new age kurling being popular. We also now arrange monthly outings; to Garsons Farm at the end of January for a special tea and cake. We have space for more couples from the surrounding area, so if you know anyone for whom this sounds of possible interest and benefit, please let us know. Next dates for February are Feb. 2nd and 16th and fortnightly thereafter.

For more info. contact Gill on 01372 457987
email GillianMWalker@gmail.com
or Kim on 01932 586988



All YOU need is LOVE !

Valentine's Day

How about a Charity Voucher for Valentine's Day, alongside those flowers, chocolates or that bottle of wine? Thoughtful, caring and just a bit different!

Effingham Methodist Diary



February

Thur 2nd 2.00pm Christian Meditation in the church
Sun 5th 10.00am Covenant Service with Rev Kim Plumpton
Sun 12th 10.00am David Cappitt
Tues 14th 2.30pm Tuesday Tea in the R. C. Hall
Thur 16th 12.30pm Oasis Study Group lunch with Kim in the hall
2.00pm Christian Meditation in the church
Sun 19th 10.00am Angie Choat
Sun 26th 10.00am Jay Dunning
Tues 28th 2.30pm Tuesday Tea in the R. C. Hall

March

Fri 3rd 7.30pm Women's World Day of Prayer @EMC
Sun 5th 10.00am Rev. Kim Plumpton with Sacrament

Prayer meetings are held at the Chapel every Friday at 9.30 am

Your invitation to:



St. Lawrence Church Hall in Brown's Lane
Wednesdays 8th February and 8th March
~ 3.30 -5.30pm

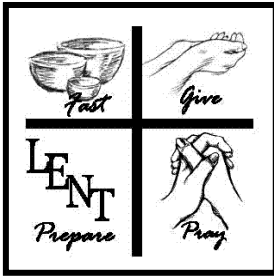


Women's World Day of Prayer Friday 3rd March

This year's service has been prepared by the **Christian women of the Philippines** with the theme of **Am I Being Unfair to You?** (Matthew 20:1-16)

The service has been translated into over 60 languages and 1000 dialects, and an estimated 3M people in over 170 countries will take part in thousands of services throughout the world. Remember it's not just for women ~ everyone is welcome.

Our local services will be held on **Friday 3rd March**
10.30am @ St. Nicolas Parish Church, Gt. Bookham and
7.30pm @ Effingham Methodist Church



Ash Wednesday is when the first of Effingham's fortnightly **Lent Lunches** will be held from **12.30 to 2pm** in **St. Lawrence Church Hall**.

This year's charity is **CONNECT** the fortnightly group for carers & partners living with dementia. Please come if you can and support us on 1st, 15th & 29th March. A group of Anglicans, Roman Catholics and Methodists have been organ-

ising these simple lunches for many years, taking it in turns to do the lunch. So we'd greatly appreciate any offers of help: perhaps setting up the hall, or providing food when it's the Methodists' turn on the 15th.

Many thanks. **Pat Mc .**



Lent talks by Leslie Pitcher, a local art historian will be held at 7.30pm on 8th, 15th, 22nd March at **Our Lady of Sorrows**.

Full details on posters later this month.



Ideas for Prayers in February Sometimes we need help to pray !

Perhaps you, like me, are often embarrassed by a huge wish list for family and friends, or depressed by War and world-wide events ?

For me, the **Methodist Prayer handbook** *Freedom to Share*, is a useful focus for daily prayer. However many people gain inspiration by reading the bible, and are familiar with **BRF**, the *Bible Reading Fellowship*, which has four different series of Bible reading notes - **New Daylight, Guidelines, Day by Day with God and The Upper Room** - with different approaches to reading the Bible. They're available from a Christian bookshop, or via subscription service, which delivers the next edition directly to your door and offers the best value.

<http://www.brfonline.org.uk/daily-bible-reading/>

Meanwhile the **Methodist UK** calendar of Special Sundays, and Ecumenical Sundays shows that we should prepare for **Racial Justice Sunday on 12th February**. Downloadable resources on 2017's theme of **JUSTICE FOR ALL**, written in partnership with EMBRACE, Belfast, Northern Ireland, are available from *Churches Together in Britain & Ireland*(CTBI)

<https://ctbi.org.uk/justice-for-all-racial-justice-sunday-2017/>

All Together for Justice is the theme of an interesting 6 week study programme of reflections, activities and prayers for LENT, produced by the charity **All We Can**, (formerly MRDF). These resources take inspiration from **John Wesley's** words: "*Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.*".

A strong call to action to change the world together. It can be used daily by anyone or weekly by small groups. Other materials include films, prayers and a talk, for groups or for a church service, so perhaps could be used for **Racial Justice Sunday** too.

See website to order your free resources for you or your church

<http://www.allwecan.org.uk/bible-studies/lent-2017>

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Leatherhead Pages

Information, news, events and happenings in and around
Leatherhead including news of joint Christ Church/LMC events



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Next Sisters' Get-Together

Saturday 25th February
8.30am – 10.00am

Parish Church Hall, Church Rd,
Leatherhead

Why not come along for breakfast and a chat with friends ?

Chance to catch up over coffee, croissants, fruit and more

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 New Fire - 26th February



Next Messy Church for Leatherhead:

Thursday 16th February
3.30pm to 5.30pm at:



Men's Breakfasts



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

- 25th February)
-) venues to be confirmed
- 25th March)

...then on the fourth Saturday each month in the New Year.

All men of any denomination or none are welcome. A suggested donation of £4 would be appreciated to cover costs; any surplus is donated to the speaker's preferred charity.

Time for Tea



COME for TEA and COMPANY

from 2.30pm to 4.30pm
on the first Friday every month at

LEATHERHEAD METHODIST CHURCH
Next "Time for Tea" - Friday 3rd February

No Time for Tea in March as it coincides with the Women's World Day of Prayer. The following Time for Tea will be on 7th April, then every first Friday at LMC.

EVERYONE WELCOME

(Suggested donation £1)



Women's World Day of Prayer 2017

"Am I Being Unfair to You?"



WWDP began as separate days of prayer organised by individual denominations in America in the mid 1800's. It has now become a truly ecumenical and international day of prayer. The day begins in Samoa as the sun rises there and continues round the world until the sun sets over American Samoa.

During that time, it is estimated that 3 million men, women and young people in 170 countries will have taken part in the same service. 6000 services will have been held in the British Isles.

This year the focus is on the people of the Philippines. As their committee was preparing the service, typhoon Haiyan struck the islands causing a great deal of destruction. In spite of natural disasters and very different living conditions, the people of the Philippines carry on. They go on in faith and, in faith, we support them at our service.

**Friday 3rd March at 2.30pm at
the Methodist Church, Church Road,
Leatherhead.**

The service is for ALL.

**You are invited to stay for refreshments
afterwards.**

**NB Parking is restricted to Disabled only.
Other parking is available in the Parish Church
car park.**

Leatherhead Churches WWDP Committee



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12.30 lunchtime, Thursday 6th April

Opening Concert of 2017

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Pastoral Visitors...

Pastoral Visitors' 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.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 28th February.**

Christmas Angels

At 7.00am on Saturday 24th December, Leatherhead and Leatherhead North were bombarded with knitted "angels". All the angels, which were hung on railings with a label saying "Happy Christmas from Churches Together in Leatherhead", were taken. A great big thank you to all the people from the Leatherhead churches who gave their time and joined the brigade of knitters. Well done Lynda for bringing this idea to Churches Together in Leatherhead.

Norma Shaw



These are the angels knitted by LMC members on the piano at church.

Leatherhead Community Association

With possibly the coldest part of the year still to come, why not look at the programme that the LCA has planned for the next four months and come to the Institute and keep warm.

The Art/History Lectures started on 25th January with a talk by Jessica Saraga on Winifred Knights, who was singled out as 'the rising star of her generation' in the early part of the last century. Jessica gives one further lecture on 1st February on Georgia O'Keefe and Paul Pickering completes the season with two talks in February covering the topic 'An overview of still life painting from Caravaggio to Chardin.

Tea and talks begin in January with Nigel Arch talking about 'Royal Marriages from the 18th Century', and there are two further afternoons which will cover John Betjeman and Georgian London. All the talks start at 2pm, and are on the second Friday of each month.

As usual Gwen Hoad will be having her recorded music afternoons on the 3rd Wednesday in the month when she will be playing 'a few of my favourite things'.

Don't forget that there is now a social Bridge Club twice a month, on the second and fourth Friday in the afternoon, with Scrabble every other Friday afternoon, Table Tennis and Snooker every Monday afternoon, and the Book Club in the evening on the first and last Thursday of the month.

Visits have been arranged for the first four months of the year and they will be to the British Library, the Whitchurch Silk Mill and a distillery in Hampshire (hopefully with some tasting), the London Charterhouse and then a tour of Arundel Castle and Gardens which will include their tulip festival.

Peter Humphreys is planning his walks for the beginning of the year. For full details please contact him on 01372 378347.

Peter has also arranged a very special evening with Martin Hunka, the popular storyteller and London Blue Badge Guide, who used to own the Mole Bookshop in Leatherhead in the 1980s. He will be coming on Friday 3rd March at 7.30pm, to re-tell the story of the homecoming of Odysseus (Ulysses) after a long and brutal war. Much happened at home in Ithaca while he was away, and human nature was not as infallible as expected. This promises to be a fascinating evening so please book early (£7 for adults, £3 for U18s, with free refreshments in the interval. Booking forms available from the Institute, and you can pick up a newsletter with full information.

Please contact Sarah, our administrator on 01372 360508, lca2@btconnect.com for all the information you need.

Frances Presley



Leatherhead

Methodist Church

West Hill School Community Café...

...is held at LMC every Friday 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 Friday mornings to support this very worthwhile enterprise.

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 very welcome.

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. Please contact the church office if you are interested.



LMC Family News



Our thoughts and prayers are with...

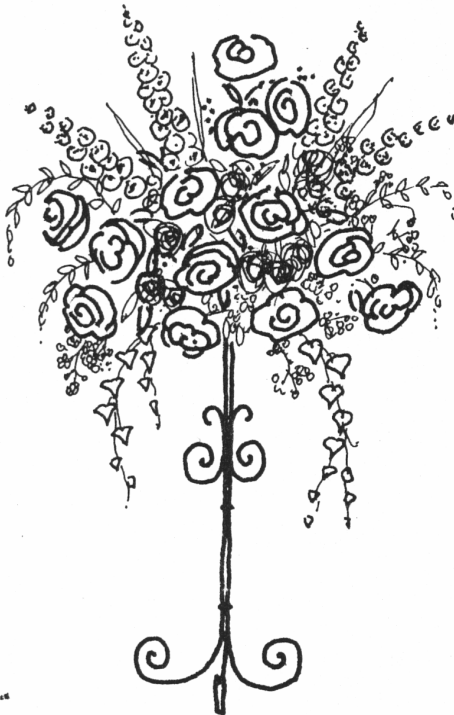
... the family and friends of Marion McAuley and Geoffrey Marland, who both died in November 2016.

We send our very best wishes to ...

... Jean Plant as she settles into her new home in Leatherhead.

We remember ...

... those who are in hospital, in nursing care or at home and those who look after them day by day.





Diary



February

Fri 3rd 10.30am West Hill School Café at LMC
2.30pm Time for Tea (to 4.30pm)

**Sun 5th 10.30am Rev. Darlene McCarley
with Holy Communion**

Thurs9th 6.00pm Revive Youth Club (to 7.30pm)

Fri 10th 10.30am West Hill School Café at LMC

**Sun 12th 10.30am Joint Service at Christ Church -
Rev. Bernard Fidler
6.30pm Rev. Darlene McCarley - Holy Communion**

Thurs16th 3.30pm Messy Church (to 5.30pm)

Fri 17th 10.30am West Hill School Café at LMC

**Sun 19th 9.00am Prayer Breakfast
10.30am Rhys Frost**

Thurs23rd 3.00pm Music on Thursdays pre-season concert
6.00pm Revive Youth Club (to 7.30pm)

Fri 24th 10.30am West Hill School Café at LMC

Sat 25th 8.00am Men's Breakfast: Speaker - Rev. Ian
Stonehouse -*My journey to ministry in Leatherhead*
8.30am Sisters Get-Together at All Saints Café

**Sun 26th 10.30am Rev. Conrad Hicks (Asst. District Chair)
6.30pm New Fire**

Tues 28th 2.30pm Pastoral Visitors' prayer meeting

March

Thurs2nd 7.30pm Church Council

Fri 3rd 10.30am West Hill School Café at LMC
2.30pm Women's World Day of Prayer at LMC
(No Time for Tea this month)

Sun 5th 10.30am Rev. Darlene McCarley (provisional tbc)

Moving

I moved two days before Christmas from my house in Bookham to a brand new retirement flat in Leatherhead. What a traumatic experience! Next time, any boxes involved will have me inside one!

I knew I had to move. I rattled around in the house, and although there was the upkeep of it all so much I didn't use. Ann, Jane and Susan were afraid for my safety on the stairs (I wasn't!) and, knowing I was a sociable person, worried that I sometimes went days without human contact. So the decision to move was made.

It was a wrench! 18 years in one house holds many memories - weddings, funerals, family barbecues and Church ones too, furnishing and decorating as required, plus hours spent in the garden, the garden that Denis so loved. Nobody can take those memories away but it is not the same as being there.

Emmeline Lodge could not be bettered. The main entrance is straight into the residents' lounge, with its own kitchen facilities, and gives the impression of brightness and comfort. Two of Sue Friend's sons are my paper boys, and they reported back "Posh!" My flat is not cramped. The kitchen is compact but the other three rooms quite adequate for one. The girls did all my unpacking and I am still finding out where everything is. I sussed out the washing machine, (but its wash cycle seems to go on forever), fridges and freezers don't need much understanding, and after some trial and error, I can cook on the hob. The oven is still a bit of a mystery!

During the months leading up to the move, my girls, plus husbands, were invaluable. Each had their own strengths although all three spent hours sorting cupboards and drawers - lots of them - and clearing clothes. Ann's strength was dealing with the legal, business side, Jane sold things on-line, Susan made sure we all had something to eat and packed her large car with things to go to charity shops, and the men made numerous trips to the 'dump'.

Between us, we got there in the end, now all I have to do is make the flat really my own. There is no hurry. I am not working to a time schedule. I can sleep easy!

Jean Plant

REVIVE YOUTH CLUB



Come join us for fun and games, craft and activities,
singing and dancing, Bible stories and teaching,
tuck shop and new friends!

THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Leatherhead Methodist Church

2nd and 4th Thursday

6pm-7:30pm

Ages 7-11

Cost £1

Email hannahleatherheadfcw@gmail.com

Mary

The Christmas period is over, but the message of Christmas continues. One of our young people wrote this monologue to be included in our nativity play this year and we loved it, so wanted to share it!

I was just a normal teenager. I chatted to my mum. I went to fetch water. Until one day everything changed.

A bright light in the shape of a body with wings just suddenly appeared. I knew it was an angel. I was so surprised. Was I dreaming? I had never ever expected to see an angel. I was stunned. Shocked.

Then the angel started talking. He told me that the Lord was with me. I wondered why the angel had come to tell me this. The angel must have known my thoughts because he answered my question. He told me I was going to have a son who would one day be the most high.

I couldn't believe it. Why me? I was so worried. What if I mess up? I can't be trusted with something this important. The angel told me that God could do anything. He reminded me that my cousin Elizabeth was six months pregnant and she is really old. I mean everyone thought she was too old to have a baby.

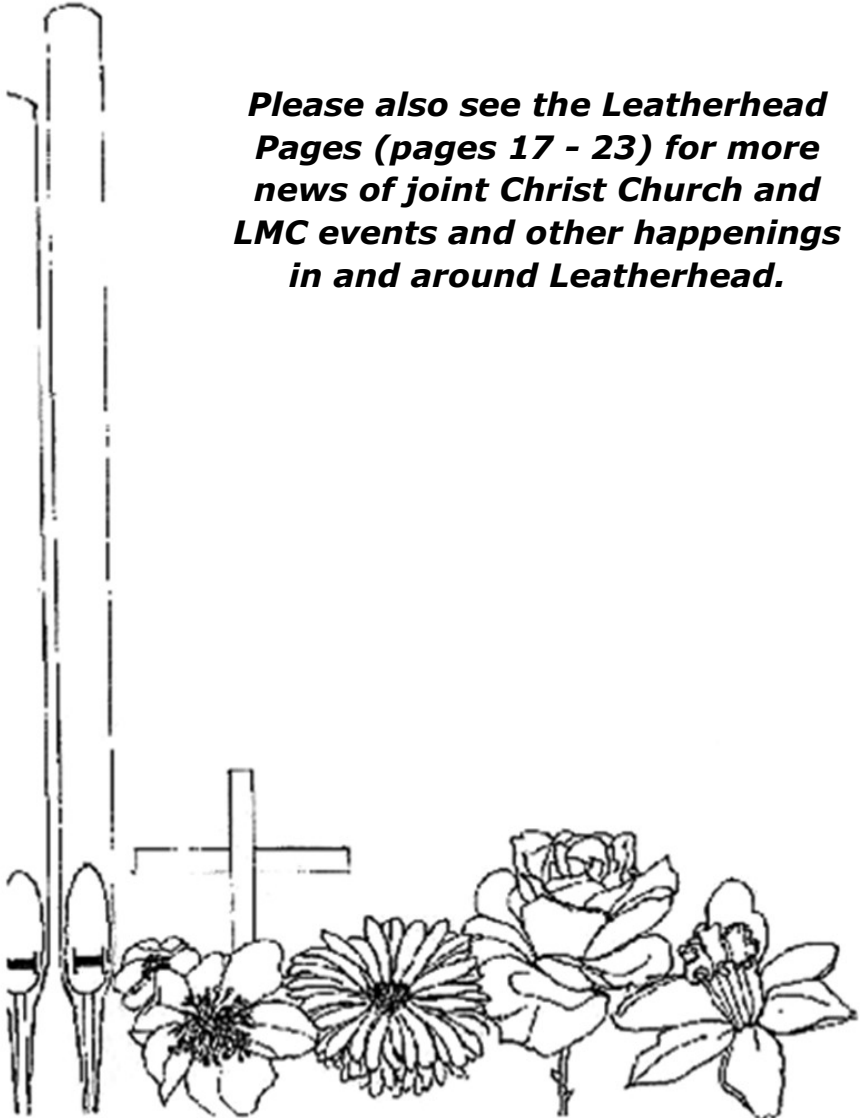
After hearing this I knew that I was a follower of God. I knew that God has chosen me for a reason. I can't let him down. I can do this with his help. I am happy to be his servant.



Christ Church

(United Reformed) Leatherhead

***Please also see the Leatherhead
Pages (pages 17 - 23) for more
news of joint Christ Church and
LMC events and other happenings
in and around Leatherhead.***



Christ Church Diary



February

Fri	3rd	2.30pm	Time for Tea (LMC)
Sun	5th	10.30am	Mrs Thelma Roberts
Sun	12th	10.30am	Rev Bernard Fidler (Joint service)
		4.00pm	<i>Still Reforming</i> Forest Hill Quaker Meeting House (see p33)
Thur	16th	3.30pm	Messy Church (at LMC)(to 5.30pm)
Sun	19th	10.30am	Rev Robert Blows: Holy Communion
Sat	25th	8.00am	Men's Breakfast at LMC: Rev Ian Stonehouse: <i>My Journey to Ministry in Leatherhead</i>
Sun	26th	10.30am	Rev Brian Treharne: Commissioning of Mrs Heather Ward as URC Accredited Lay Preacher

March

Fri	3rd	2.30pm	Women's World Day of Prayer (at LMC) <i>(No Time for Tea this month)</i>
Sun	5th	10.30am	Mrs Linda Roberts



Christ Church Family News



We are sorry to report that Margaret Ball had a bad fall at home before Christmas, breaking a bone in her neck. She is still recovering in Dorking Cottage Hospital. She remains positive and cheerful. We send her our very best wishes for a full recovery.

Congratulations and all good wishes to Rula and Ollie on the birth of their son Alfie on 31st December, a first grandchild for Judith and Carl, and a first great-grandchild for Dinah and Mike Essex.

We are sad to report the death of our good and faithful friend Bob Booker, who died on 28th December in Epsom Hospital at the age of 94. We give thanks for his service to the community, especially the Lions Club, and we shall all miss his wonderful smile and cheerfulness. We extend our sincere sympathy to his daughter and family.

We are also sad to hear of Joyce Cuss's sudden but peaceful death at the age of 94 on 7th January at the care home in Reigate. A longstanding church member, she had been unable to attend services for some time, and had to move to a care home last May. She was a well-loved member of our church family, always interested in everyone, and we greatly miss her presence. We send our sincere sympathy to her daughter and family.

We send congratulations and warmest good wishes to Beryl Turner for her 100th birthday on 2nd February. Unfortunately she suffered a fall recently, cracking some ribs, and is in Epsom Hospital. We send our very best wishes for a quick recovery, so that she can celebrate her birthday properly.

We remember all these friends in our prayers, with those who are unwell, thinking especially of Lynda our minister, those recovering from illness, especially Laurence Martin, and the lonely and bereaved.

Anne Cairns



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Dear friends,

Happy new year. 2017 is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. 'Still Reforming' is an initiative put together by London Churches to mark this anniversary. Over the next 12 months 12 congregations will be opening their doors and hosting events to bring together the community and provide an opportunity to experience the diverse heritage of the Reformation. Lumen United Reformed Church will be hosting their event in August.

If you are interested in any of the Still Reforming events there is a link to the full programme here:

<http://swisschurchlondon.org.uk/content/uploads/2016/09/Booklet-500-Reformation-final.pdf>

Best wishes,
Lauren

Lauren Kane

PA to the Synod Clerk and Office Administrator

Admin Support to the CYDO, DOEL and Mission Officer

P.S. The twelve churches which are taking part are from a wide range of persuasions, from Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church in January to the Most Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, Dockhead in December, taking in Quakers in Forest Hill, the Finnish and Norwegian Seamen's Church, and Swiss, German, Dutch, French, Danish, Scottish and, of course, Anglican churches.



Full details are on the link at the end of Lauren's message above. If you are unable to open the link, ring Heather on 01372 374901, or Anne on 0208 398 4896.

1st Leatherhead (Christ Church) Scouts



CHRISTMAS GIFT SERVICE 2016

On Sunday, 11TH December 2016, a special service was held at Christ Church URC, which also included the Uniformed Sections, this was a Gift Service, which was celebrating the gift of 'The Light of the World'. All sections were involved in the service, which was led by Hannah Mulcroft, the Methodist Youth Worker, and was a very lively and enthusiastic experience for all the congregation. One of the highlights, was a solo 1ST verse of Once in Royal David's City, by one of our newest cubs, and all the readings were read by section members. At the end of the service, all members of the congregation were given a candle, which had been lit from the Advent candle, thus, passing around the 'Light of the World'. The photograph shows the scouts and families with their candles.

Jacqui Ball
CSL 1ST Leatherhead



The finding of the Dead Sea Scrolls – 70 years ago

Just 70 years ago this month, on 7th Feb 1947, the first of the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in a cave at Khirbat Qumran (now in the West Bank, Palestine) – in an echo of a biblical story, by a shepherd looking for a lost sheep.

The Dead Sea Scrolls have been called the greatest archaeological find of the 20th century. After an initial lack of interest – some of the scrolls were advertised in a small ad in an American newspaper – many more were discovered in nearby caves.

For the first 40 years the study of the thousands of text fragments was monopolised by fewer than a dozen international



scholars, which prevented quick publication of the texts. But in the early 1990s, the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) nominated Hebrew University Professor Emanuel Tov as chief editor, and the publication was divided among about 100 international scholars. By 2001 most had been published.

Numerous biblical manuscripts were discovered that were around 1000 years older than those already existing – and surprisingly, they are almost identical, indicating the great care taken by copyists down the ages.

One more manuscript that has come to light in recent years refers to the predicted birth of a wonderful child and provides a fascinating background to the New Testament messianic hope. It has been reconstructed from twelve small fragments, giving less than two columns of writing.

Most of the scrolls are in Hebrew, but others are in Aramaic, the language spoken by many Jews – including Jesus – between the sixth century BC and the siege of Jerusalem in 70 AD. One of the most intriguing manuscripts from Qumran is the Copper Scroll, a sort of ancient treasure map that lists 64 hidden treasures around Israel. None of these has been uncovered.

Parish Pump

Pastorate Details

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