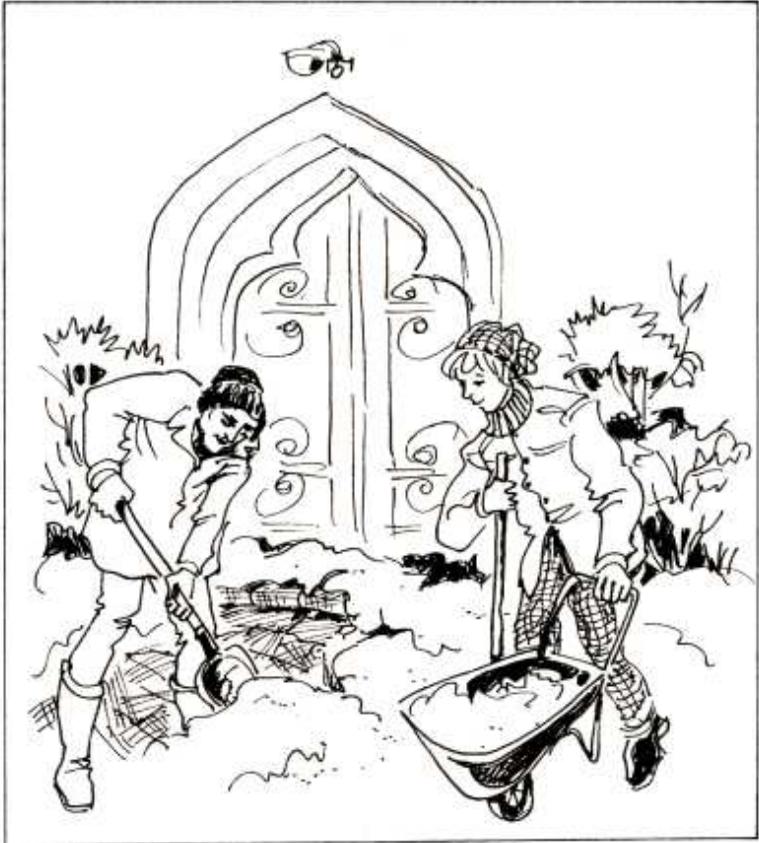


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**The United Pastorate of  
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# The Ministers Write...



## **From Rev. Kim Plumpton**

Dear Friends,

Invitations to special events are always a welcome surprise, so I was delighted when I was asked if I would like to attend an international conference at the House of Lords, commemorating Human Rights Day in December. It was led by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), in partnership with the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP), a non-governmental organisation connected to the UN. The central question we were asked to engage with was: How far have we progressed?

200 international delegates gathered from around the world, with 17 speakers from the House of Lords, Baronesses and Rt. Hon MPs, as well as a Nobel Peace Prize winner and eminent people from the diplomatic and human rights field. I felt so honoured to be in such esteemed company and overwhelmed by the enormity of this shared experience. It was such a privilege to be in the company of those who have given so much in the pursuit of peace. It seemed as we listened to the speeches, the answer to the question was: we have so much further to go.

Whilst I was sitting in the benches, admiring the huge paintings on the wall, I wondered what policies might have been challenged and fought over in those very rooms. In what way had the political and moral framework of our society been considered and determined by this group of individuals on behalf of so many? Unlike the House of Commons, members of the House of Lords are appointed. Membership of the House of Lords is made up of Lords Spiritual and Lords Temporal. There are currently 26 [Lords Spiritual](#), who sit in the Lords by virtue of their ecclesiastical role in the [established Church of England](#). The Lords Temporal make up the rest of the membership; of these, the majority are [life peers](#) who are appointed by the Monarch on the advice of the [Prime Minister](#), or on the advice of the House of Lords Appointments Commission. How far have we progressed? Might be an interesting question to ask when we consider the political and economic situation we find ourselves in.

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But our lives although affected by the statutes and policies ratified in that very place, are not determined by them on a spiritual level. Some would say that religion has no place in politics and that revelation of profound truths can only be found in the realms of ecclesiastical territory. Yet I know that there are many Christian MPs who face the challenges of trying to make a difference in a secular world.

In this season of epiphany, where God begins to reveal himself to us in even greater ways, I would ask you to consider praying for Christian MPs and Lords in the Houses of Parliament, that God's revelation and discernment might be given to them, so each might receive guidance concerning ethical, moral and social justice issues. They can make a real difference to people's lives; they need our prayers, particularly in this time of political and economic uncertainty. Making the right decision is not easy when you are under so much pressure to deliver.

With every blessing

*Kim*

***From Rev. Ian Howarth***

Dear Friends,

A happy new year to you all!

Within the Methodist tradition an important part of our observance of New Year is the Covenant Service, and it is a great joy to me that across the pastorate all five churches will have an opportunity to share in a Covenant Service this year.

The service offers us an opportunity to make what could be seen as a spiritual New Year's resolution of our commitment to Christ for the coming year. The commitment and the promises we make in the service are far reaching: 'I am no longer my own, but yours' we say: 'Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will, put me to doing, put me to suffering... I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.'

Such commitment is a challenge to us all, but it has to be seen in the context of God's commitment to us, shown above all in his reaching out in love to us in Jesus.

As we look ahead to 2012, we face an uncertain world. Economic recovery seems a long way away, the world wide damage to the environment and the growth of global warming seem unstoppable, the peace of the world seems a distant dream.

But after the waiting of Advent we proclaim a God who has come into this uncertain world in his love, to bring peace, justice and hope. In our Covenant service we are pledging our whole lives to work with God, so that his will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.

In the current climate the way of Jesus is more important than ever, a way of love and care, particularly for the vulnerable, a way of challenge to the powers of greed and violence. For us to follow Jesus on that way we need to be sustained by vibrant supportive communities of prayer and worship, and that is what I pray with God's help we are working for our churches to be.

The challenges of 2012 are all too real, but so is the promise of God to lead us through them on the way of Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Yours in Christ,

*Ian*





# Cobham

## Methodist Church

# Cobham Methodist Diary - January



<b>Sun</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Rev. Frank Smith - United Service with Effingham Methodist Church at CMC</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Rhys Frost</b>
Fri	13th	4.30pm	CYC at URC
Sat	14th	10.00am 2.30pm	Time 4 You Platinum Service
<b>Sun</b>	<b>15th</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Rev. Kim Plumpton - with Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>22nd</b>	<b>11.00am 6.30pm</b>	<b>Martin Ellis</b> Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service at Sacred Heart, Cobham (tbc)
Wed	25th	7.30pm	House Fellowship at the Manse
Fri	27th	4.30pm	CYC at URC
<b>Sun</b>	<b>29th</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Rev. Kim Plumpton - Covenant Service with Holy Communion- United with Cobham URC at CMC</b>
<b>February</b>			
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Rob Pitt</b>





**In Cobham and Stoke D'Abernon**

All the believers were together and had everything in common. (Acts 2:44)

# **Lent Study 2012**

**The Graceful Life – Paul's letter to the Romans**

- Study with Christians from across our local Churches.
- Discuss & understand Christ's teachings & how we should live.

**Join one of our warm, friendly groups.**

Suitable for people who are new Christians and those who have been Christian for years!

Discover together, what God wants us to learn from Romans.

Set aside a little time each week, over the six weeks of Lent.

Meet together, draw closer to God, understand the Good News of Christ's teaching and have a greater confidence to live the Christian life.

*(Daytime & Evening Groups. Transport for those who need it.)*

**For more details, please contact Rhonda Frost,**

**Tel: 01932 423100**

**E-mail: [rhondajenefrost@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rhondajenefrost@yahoo.co.uk)**

# Cobham Christmas Bazaar

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped at the Christmas Bazaar.

We had very stiff competition with five other Fairs [including the local school].

However, having hot bacon rolls and the best Bazaar, we raised a staggering £900 in aid of Help4Heroes and Besom.



**Next "Time 4 You" -  
Saturday 14th January,  
10.00am - 12noon**



# Cobham

## United Reformed Church

# Cobham URC Worship Diary - January



Sun	1st	9.00am 10.30am	Early Bird Service Sydney Shore
Sun	8th	10.30am	Rev. Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion
Sun	15th	10.30am	John Stewart
Sun	22nd	10.30am 6.30pm	Rev. Kim Plumpton Week of Christian Unuity Service at Sacred Heart Church (tbc)
Sun	29th	10.30am	Rev. Kim Plumpton - Covenant Service, jointly with Cobham Methodist Church at the Methodist Church
<b>February</b>			
Sun	5th	10.30am	Roy Bones

## Prayers at the Manse

at 9.30am on

Wednesdays: 4th, 11th and 25th January

## Marriage Course

at Church on

Fridays: 6th, 13th, 20th January at 7.30pm

## Cobham URC Events - January

Tues	3rd	9.45am 8.00pm	Church Walk Elders' Meeting
Thurs	5th	12.30pm	Men's Fellowship at the Fairmile, Portsmouth Road, Cobham, KT11 1BW
Sun	8th	3.00pm to 6.00pm	Special Needs Group
Tues	10th	8.00pm	Evening House Group <i>(please check and confirm before you attend)</i>
Fri	13th	4.30pm to 6.30pm	CYC meets at the URC Cobham
Thurs	26th	10.30am	Morning House Group at church
Fri	27th	3.00pm 4.30pm to 6.30pm	T @ 3 at church CYC meets at the URC Cobham

## 50th Anniversary celebrations 22nd - 23rd September 2012

As you know in September we will be celebrating the fact that the church has been a presence in the community for 50 years. As a church we intend to celebrate this by holding a flower festival, concert and a special service of Harvest on the Sunday. By inviting former members and ministers it should be a weekend to remember. It will be a journey that will remind us where we have come from, who we are and how we might engage with the future.

At the first meeting in December attended by Rev. Normal Edsall, Brian Manners, Jean Magill, Anita Latham and myself, we enjoyed a morning looking at old photos and historical documents. Even finding some photos of the Rev. John Bates, first minister of the Congregational Church. Our intention is to encourage displays around the church whilst inviting flower displays from user groups and organisations in the community. But we need your help, we would like to present a picture of the church from 1962-2012. If you have any old photos of events around the church or documents that you think might be helpful we would be delighted to receive them. (Please make sure that you put your name on the package so that we can return them when we have finished).

It should be an exciting weekend and we look forward to celebrating the wonderful and undoubtedly challenging moments that constitute 50 years of Cobham history.

# Lent course beginning February for six weeks

Although we have only just entered January we need to think a little ahead and talk about this year's Lent course. Although I led the study last year, 2012 is the year we share in ecumenical study. This year Rev. Jeremy Cresswell from St Andrews Oxshott, has written a course entitled "The graceful life" focusing on text from Romans.

Session one: Chapter 1:   - The resurrection of Jesus Christ  
                                  - The revelation of God in creation  
                                  - The wrath of God

Session two: Chapters 2 and 3:  
                                  - Where is justice to be found?  
                                  - The faithfulness of God in Christ

Session three: Chapters 4 and 5:  
                                  -The coming of righteousness  
                                  -Faith and grace

Session four: Chapters 6, 7 and 8:1-27  
                                  -Baptism and our life in Jesus Christ  
                                  -The victorious life of the Spirit

Session five: Chapter 8:28-39, and chapters 9, 10 and 11:  
                                  -Predestination and election  
                                  -The destiny of Israel "all will be saved"

Session six: Chapters 12-15  
                                  -life in the body of Christ  
                                  -Attitudes to the state etc.

I think the course presents us with some excellent material and an opportunity to experience ecumenical study, where we can enjoy the richness of each denomination in discussion. I encourage you to consider placing your name on the sign up sheet at church. You will need to decide which day you prefer and whether you would like to join a study group in the afternoon or evening. Remember that the course will be for six weeks. Karen Banks is co-ordinating the groups and will need to have the details by the end of January, so please make sure that you have filled in the sheet in these coming weeks. I will certainly be attending and I hope that you might consider it too...

*Kim*

# Week of accompanied prayer 23rd - 27th April 2012

Do you find yourself wanting a deeper relationship with God? Do you find it difficult to pray? Would you like to know more about different ways of praying?

Then perhaps the week of accompanied prayer is for you. The term 'prayer' refers to our interaction with God. This can be in a number of ways: through contemplating scripture, through waiting on God, through bringing what is in our hearts to God. It can be different for each person.

A week of accompanied prayer provides people an opportunity to deepen their relationship with God, without going away for a residential retreat. The participants agree to spend half an hour each day with an experienced prayer companion. The half hour with the guide can be in the day time or the evening.

Prayer companions or guides are drawn from a network of trained spiritual directors from several denominations, and all have been trained in accompanying people in this way. The companion is a listener, who gives the participant the opportunity to articulate his or her own experience, and to explore different ways of praying.

Although I have never experienced accompanied prayer, I know many people who have and they have always remarked on the benefits they have found from engaging with it. So I encourage you to give this initiative some thought. If you want to know more, there are leaflets at the church and you will need to make sure that you fill in the application form and **send it off before the end of January.**

*Kim*





# Effingham

## Methodist Church

# Effingham Methodist Diary - January



<b>Sun</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>United Service at Cobham Methodist Church - Rev. Frank Smith</b>
Tues	3rd	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall
Sat	7th	10.00am - 11.00am	Café Church at KGV Hall
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Rev. Val Ogden with Holy Communion</b>
Wed	11th	8.00pm	Christian Meditation in the church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>15th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>John Oborn</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>22nd</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>David Cappitt</b>
Tues	24th	2.30pm 7.30pm	Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall Church Council with Rev. Kim Plumpton
Wed	25th	8.00pm	Christian Meditation in the church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>29th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>United Service at St Lawrence</b>
<b>February</b>			
Sat	4th	10.00am - 11.00am	Café Church at KGV Hall
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Rev. Kim Plumpton - Covenant Service with Holy Communion</b>

**Prayer Meetings**

Prayer meetings are held in the Chapel every Friday at 9.15am.



## Birthday Dates to celebrate this month

**We wish a very Happy Birthday** to Philip Bearden  
on 4th and Charles Dawson on 29th.

I'd also like to apologise for last month's printing error which I'm sure you all spotted... poor **Joan was NOT 90 in December...** fortunately she has a wonderful sense of humour and thought it was hilariously funny. Phew! Thank you, Joan.

*Remember we need your help to update our records of birthdays and important anniversaries.*

AJP

Editor's note: The erroneous insertion of "90th" before "Birthday" in last month's Link, making it look as if we were congratulating Joan on reaching that wonderful milestone, was down to me. In my haste to get the magazine to the printers having just moved home and then going on holiday, obviously proved too much, and in overtyping Freddie's 90th birthday congratulations from the previous month, the "90th" failed to be deleted! So apologies from me too, Joan, and hopefully, it caused a few smiles.

## Dates for your diaries



Come and sample coffee & croissants, and some food for thought at:

### **Saturday Morning Live -**

Alternative worship at

### **King George V Hall**

on

**Saturdays 7th January and 4th February  
from 10.00am to 11.00am**

# “Let Justice Prevail”

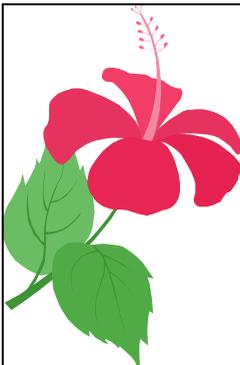


This year's **Women's World Day of Prayer service** will be held on **Friday 2nd March**. It has been prepared by Christian women of **Malaysia**, a multi-ethnic and multi-religious country, and one of the wealthiest and most developed countries in South East Asia.

Women have made important contributions to its social and economic development, but still face discrimination and violence at all levels of society. Although Malaysia's multi-ethnicity has added to the rich heritage of its land and people, it has also given rise to many problems. It is now the most popular destination country in Asia for migrant workers, and human trafficking has become a sophisticated and organised operation. These issues are woven into the service and the women voice their hope for the future. Justice for all is their hope, and their prayer is "Let Justice Prevail".

Further information and resources, together with details of services in your area, can be found on the WWDP website at [www.wwdp-natcomm.org](http://www.wwdp-natcomm.org).

## **Could you help Effingham Chapel host their Women's World Day of Prayer service on Friday 2nd March at 7.30pm?**



It's our turn to host one of the local services, and as the Chapel is small, we've been allocated the evening service. So we need volunteers to help with this special occasion. Could you be one of the Readers during the service? Could you decorate the Chapel or maybe help with food ?

We can borrow a national flag, but need ideas  
- Malaysia's national flower is the Hibiscus.

The speaker will be Bex Keer, a UK manager for **Stop the Traffic**, a charity working with the United Nations for a global solution to Trafficking. To add your signature to their campaign to prevent the sale of people, protect the trafficked and prosecute the traffickers go to [www.stopthetraffik.org/getinvolved/declaration.aspx](http://www.stopthetraffik.org/getinvolved/declaration.aspx)



## A slight case of Nimbyism?

**Oh Dear!** **NIMBY** is an [acronym](#) for the phrase "**not in my back yard**". **Nimbyism** is used to describe opposition by residents to a proposal for a new development close to them. Hmmmmm!!!

Local residents have recently been invited to have their say on plans for a new care home in Effingham, which would "provide 70 elderly people with nursing and dementia support." The proposals are a joint project between a specialist care home developer and a health and social care services provider. These plans will apparently help fill an increasingly urgent shortfall of 289 care home beds in the Effingham area. Care services for those suffering with dementia in the local area are also currently 530 bed spaces short and under mounting pressure. "It is expected that the care home will also create up to 60 new jobs in a range of different roles, many of which will go to local people" so we are told !

The facility may also offer a hairdresser, café, mini-cinema and drop-in day-care, which must raise concerns for local businesses. Locals are also worried that this development is totally out of scale with all other buildings in the centre of this historic village. The site is a small green belt field in the conservation area, surrounded by listed buildings, and will exit onto Lower Road roughly opposite the Roman Catholic Church, just yards from St. Lawrence Primary School and the Howard of Effingham. It is very busy already, especially during the school run peak period. Staff shift patterns will avoid peak times apparently but what about visitors and deliveries?

Detailed plans for the new care home will be submitted to Guildford Borough Council early next year. If approved, work will start in autumn 2012 and the care home will open in autumn 2013.

I must confess I'm not keen, even though I'm probably a possible future user of such facilities. So call me a nimby, but I've checked the carehome provider's website. I just hope and pray that the local council will make the right decision for our village.

*AJP*

# My resolution for 2012

This year Angela and I spent a lot of time studying the history of the Bible in English, so now I have decided to try and get to know its contents a little better this coming year.

We discovered how important it was for the Bible translators to communicate the real meaning of the gospel to their readers. So important in fact, that many of them were prepared to die or risk death so that the truth should be revealed. They were often well educated churchmen, living in a very violent world, who, once caught up by the Spirit, wanted not only to preserve the truth but to pass the Good News on in a language that could be understood by everyone.

It was their wish that everyone should have the opportunity to read the Bible and so it is not difficult to see how the printed Bible took off and eventually how church schools came into being, giving ordinary folk the chance of a simple education, learning to read and write with studies often centred around the Bible.

Reading the Bible was a good start for anyone, as the example of Jesus and His teachings were a really good pattern for life. It was only during the period of enlightenment, when geological and scientific studies started to be taken more seriously and widely publicised, that some Biblical ideas came into question.

Many of the early pioneers of science were men of the cloth who were not only convinced by God's Word but fascinated by His world. They were challenged by their findings and how it all fitted in with the teaching of the Bible and the Church. In our generation we face the same challenges, as science tries to replace God. When you read the Bible are you challenged? We hear it read every Sunday in our churches and it is part of the Methodist tradition to have it explained by the preacher and to attend a regular Bible Class during the week, but what does it mean for us today ?

2012 sees the celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. At her coronation 60 years ago she was presented with a Bible and the words "Here is Wisdom, this is the Royal Law, these are the lively oracles of God". I pray that I may consider them so and value them as she has throughout her reign.

*DP*

# Leatherhead Pages

Information, news, events and happenings in and around Leatherhead.

**CHRIST CHURCH and LMC**

**CHURCH SOCIAL**

**SATURDAY 7th JANUARY 2012**

**6.00pm at LMC**

**GAMES, QUIZZES, REFRESHMENTS**

**Sign up on the list at your church  
if you'd like to come.**



## **Next Messy Church:**

Thursday 19th January,  
3.30pm to 5.30pm at

**LMC**

# SINGING THE FAITH

## "Singing the Faith"

The New Methodist Collection of Hymns and Songs

### An Introduction

Rev. Ian Howarth is a member of the Methodist Music Resources Group responsible for producing the collection. Ian is leading a series of introductory sessions on Tuesdays in the New Year at Leatherhead Methodist Church as follows:

- |               |  |
|---------------|--|
| 17th January  | Introduction to Singing the Faith and new hymns  |
| 14th February | Worship Songs, learning and using them effectively                                     |
| 13th March    | Creative approaches to worship using Singing the Faith including prayers and responses |

The sessions start at 8.00pm and will end by 10.00pm. All will be welcome at the sessions, (particularly musicians, preachers and worship leaders).

No need for booking, but it would be helpful to know numbers likely to be attending, so please phone the Leatherhead Methodist Church office (01372 362145) and leave a message, or e-mail [leatherheadmc@gmail.com](mailto:leatherheadmc@gmail.com) if you would like to attend.

## Christ Church/LMC Joint Church Project Launch

A joint lunch at Christ Church to launch the joint church project is to be held on Sunday 19th February at 12:00 noon (after morning services).

Caroline Taylor will give a presentation on **Happy Child International** and Dennis Wickham will report on **Age Concern, Mole Valley North**.

Tickets available at the beginning of February.

# More Christ Church and LMC Events

## Radical Welcome

These sessions are an important way of thinking about how we present ourselves to the world, and how we can improve our mission to offer the welcome of Jesus to our community.

We will be using a course called 'Everybody welcome'. It uses a DVD and there is a members' manual at £3.99 that it would be useful for participants to buy. (Copies will be available at the Covenant service on 8th January.)

The meetings are at Christ Church at 7.30pm on Thursday evenings:

**12th January: Discover: making the church more visible**

**9th February: The Premises: making them more inviting**

**8th March: A welcoming God and his welcoming people**

This course also offers us an opportunity for the communities at LMC and Christ Church to get to know each other at a deeper level, and I hope as many as possible will feel able to come.

*Ian Howarth*

## Christ Church and LMC, joint Elders and Leadership Team meeting

The elders of Christ Church and the LMC Leadership Team met together on 22nd November to discuss matters of mutual interest and concern.

We heard inspiring reports from Jay Bristow and Jane Smith on the work with children and young people being done in the churches' name.

We also agreed to set up a group of three from each church to begin the process of drawing up a joint mission statement and profile for the two churches to help us plan positively for the future together.

Another issue we talked about was the need for better communication between the two churches. To help in this it was agreed that LMC would appoint two observers to come to Christ Church Church Meetings, and Christ Church would appoint two observers to come to LMC Church Councils.

The group agreed to meet together three times a year.

*Ian Howarth*



# Leatherhead

Methodist Church



## Diary - January



<b>Sun</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rev. Ian Howarth with Holy Communion with Christ Church at Christ Church</b>
		6.30pm	No evening service
Sat	7th	6.00pm	New Year Social for LMC & Christ Church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rev. Ian Howarth - Covenant Service with Holy Communion - jointly with Christ Church at LMC</b>
		6.30pm	Rev. Ian Howarth - jointly with ChCh at LMC
Thurs	12th	7.30pm	Radical Welcome meeting at Christ Church (see page 20)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>15th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rev. Ian Howarth</b>
		6.30pm	Rev. Ian Howarth with Holy Communion
Tues	17th	8.00pm	"Singing the Faith" session (see page 19)
Thurs	19th	3.30pm	Messy Church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>22nd</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rhys Frost</b>
		6.30pm	New Fire
<b>Sun</b>	<b>29th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Jon Fisher</b>
		6.30pm	Uniting Churches Service at St Mary's
<b>February</b>			
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rev. Ian Howarth with Holy Communion</b>
		6.30pm	Rev. Kim Plumpton

### Housegroups - All Welcome

Monday House Fellowship meets fortnightly - contact Carol Stoves 377125

Wednesday House Fellowship meets monthly -

contact Winifred Ashbrook 276776

Friday Daytime Fellowship meets fortnightly - contact Jane Smith 372919

# LMC Family News



## *Our thoughts and prayers are with...*

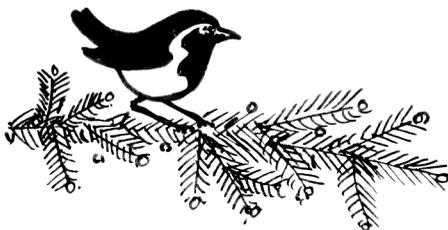
...Joan Rowe in St Helier Hospital following her fall at home and subsequent operation.

## *Congratulations to...*

...Carol and Jay Bristow on the birth of their son Spencer James, a brother for Reuben, on 29th November.

## *Best wishes to...*

...Sheila Davies and Ed Lambert as they recover from recent surgery.



## *Best Wishes also to...*

...James and Jean Ross as they settle in their new home at 1 Elmslie Close, Epsom, KT23 4SU, telephone number to be confirmed.

Also to Jill Godfrey following her move to 10 The Paddocks, Bookham, KT23 4SU, telephone number as before.

# New

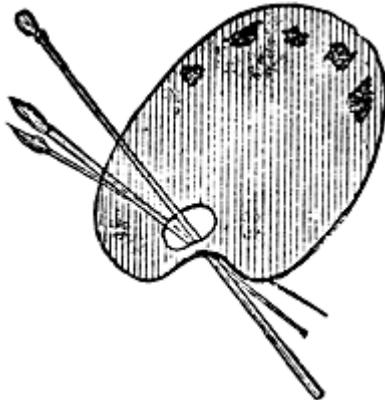
New year, new beginnings,  
Stretched out like a pristine canvas  
And an unused palette of colours  
To paint the coming year.

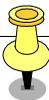
But is it quite as it seems?  
Can we really wipe out the 'before'?  
Past colours of life –

The greens of new growth;  
The purple of darker spells,  
Or perhaps indicating right royal times;  
Blue for the flowing movement of life,  
Mixed with sunshine yellow and rich red,  
And the bright orange of high days and holidays,  
All must be combined, blended  
To shade in the year to come.

A poised brush waits to curve a rainbow of hope,  
The watching and waiting, the anticipation of fulfilment,  
And the potful of memories at the end.  
Each moment that passes, such a brief time,  
Becomes another memento.  
New is so transitory!

*Jean Plant*





## LMC Reminders

Rev. Ian Howarth's website address is:

**<http://www.thehowarths.org.uk>** -

some of Ian's sermons are posted here.

See panel at the bottom of page 28 for the

Minister's telephone numbers and e-mail address

The Church website address is:

**<http://leatherheadmethodist.org>** -

you will find lots of useful information here,

including an electronic copy of The Link

The e-mail address for contributions to

The Link is:

**[pastorate.link@gmail.com](mailto:pastorate.link@gmail.com)**

The weekly notices are compiled by Norma Shaw

who can be contacted at home - address and

telephone number in the church directory - or

e-mail her at:

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The LMC office is open Tuesday and Thursday

mornings, 9.30am to 12noon for general

enquiries. The telephone number is:

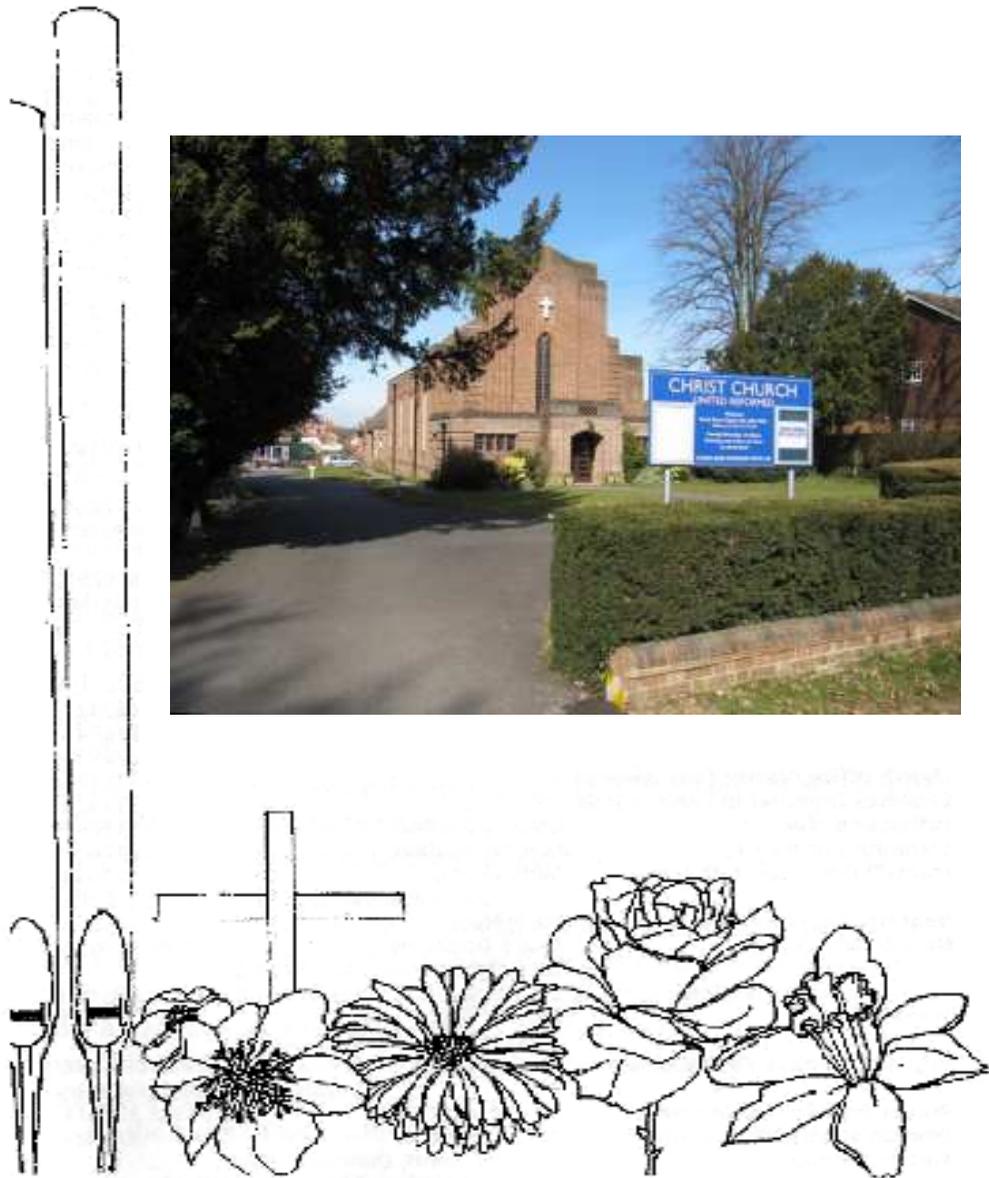
**01372 362145**

and e-mail address is:

**[leatherheadmc@gmail.com](mailto:leatherheadmc@gmail.com)**

# Christ Church

(United Reformed) Leatherhead



# Christ Church Diary - January



<b>Sun</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Service for LMC &amp; URC at Christ Church: the Minister. Organist: Gina Eason (No evening service)</b>
Wed	3rd	10.30am	Coffee and Chat
Sat	7th	6.00pm	Social with LMC at LMC (see page 18)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Methodist Covenant Service with Holy Communion, jointly at LMC: the Minister</b>
		6.30pm	Evening Service at LMC: the Minister
Thurs	12th	7.30pm	Radical Welcome session - the Minister (see page 20)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>15th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rev. Nicola Furley-Smith (Moderator, Southern Synod)</b>
		6.30pm	Joint Holy Communion (LMC & URC) at LMC: the Minister
Thurs	19th	3.30pm	Messy Church at LMC
<b>Sun</b>	<b>22nd</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Service: the Minister</b>
		6.30pm	New Fire - Ecumenical Service at LMC
<b>Sun</b>	<b>29th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mr. Alex Cloke (Methodist Lay Preacher)</b>
		6.30pm	Leatherhead Covenanting Churches service at the Parish Church
<b><u>February</u></b>			
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rev. Robert Blows Organist: Gina Eason</b>
		6.30pm	Evening Service at LMC: Rev. Kim Plumpton



# Christ Church Family News



We are very pleased to have friends from the Beeches with their carers Jo and Roshan, worshipping regularly with us at Christ Church, as well as some of their relatives.

Congratulations and all good wishes to Carol and Jay Bristow on the birth of their son Spencer James on 29th November, a brother for Reuben and a second grandson for Alison and Nigel Gillott.

Margaret Hughes has had recently had a hip replacement and is making good progress. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mary Keene would like to thank everyone who has encouraged and helped her prepare for her move on 6th January. Her new address will be: 1 Quennell Close, Ashted, Surrey KT21 2AW. We wish her much happiness in her new home.

We remember in our prayers all friends who are unable to come to church or who are housebound, and the bereaved and those undergoing or awaiting treatment.

*Anne Cairns*



# Pastorate Details

Details of the Services and Activities at each of the Pastorate Churches can be found on the appropriate website, or by telephoning the contact listed here:

## **Leatherhead Methodist Church:**

[www.leatherheadmethodist.org](http://www.leatherheadmethodist.org)  
Contact: Senior Steward -  
Carol Stoves 01372 377125

## **Christ Church (United Reformed) Leatherhead:**

[www.chch.org.uk](http://www.chch.org.uk)  
Contact: Local Church Leader -  
Mike Essex 01372 273472

## **Effingham Methodist Church:**

[www.effinghammethodistchurch.co.uk](http://www.effinghammethodistchurch.co.uk)  
Contact: Senior Steward -  
Dave Putland 01372 454850

## **Cobham United Reformed Church:**

[www.cobhamurc.org.uk](http://www.cobhamurc.org.uk)  
Contact: Church Secretary -  
Mary Langtry 01483 282421

## **Cobham Methodist Church:**

[www.cobhammethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.cobhammethodistchurch.org.uk)  
Contact: Senior Steward -  
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