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Pentecost Praise: The Great Commission Ministry leading praise at Cobham on May 20th

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The Minister Writes...

From Rev Gavin Hancocks

Dear Friends,

As we move past Pentecost we enter the period called Ordinary Time in the Christian calendar. A time for us to reflect on the Advent to Easter to Pentecost journey and what is the impact it is making in my life here and now. As we think about that I want to share something with you we were exploring in my Friday morning Bible Study at London Rd. We have been looking at Luke's Gospel with the help of Michael Wilcock's *The Message of Luke*. It is proving to be a challenging and stimulating journey as we explore familiar passages discovering new emphases and fresh insight into the old, old story that is ever new.

Recently we were exploring the second half of chp 13 and chp 14. As we finished reading the verses together, one of the group remarked on just how hard it was and who then was to be saved?! The piece we were reading was about the narrow door in chp 13:22ff and it hangs together all the way through to the end of chp 14. At first glance it does seem to be a series of disconnected sayings, each one raising the ante a little more than the previous ultimately leaving us with the exasperated conclusion: 'Well, just who then can be saved?'

Actually, we discovered, I hope, it's not that at all! Jesus isn't telling us how hard it is to get into the Kingdom, he's inviting us to get the priority right. Matt Redman in his song 'When the music fades' writes:

*I'm coming back to the heart of worship,
And it's all about You,
All about You, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,
When it's all about You,
All about You, Jesus.*

As we explored the various situations from questions about who's going to be saved, to Herod's interference, healing on the Sabbath,

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dinner invitations and heavenly banquets and final plans and not losing our zest for making a difference we came back to this one thing again and again – unless Jesus is the priority in our lives, the one to whom we simply come and lay our all before, we may well be found to be missing the narrow door, not to some better life in a distant future, but to the celebration that is the Kingdom life now, here! Or to put it in the words of Matt Redman:

*When the music fades, all is stripped away,
And I simply come;
Longing just to bring something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart.
I'll bring You more than a song,
For a song in itself
Is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear;
You're looking into my heart.*

All he needs to see is that the room there is for him and him alone and then anything, everything, is possible.

Yours in the Gospel,
Gavin



From Rev Kim Plumpton

Dear Friends,

By the time you receive this magazine we will be celebrating a United Church on the Stoke Road site. It has been an extraordinary journey with hospitality at the very centre of the conversation. We have of course drafted numerous documents, the first of which will have been signed on the 20th May in the presence of the Moderator Nicola Furley Smith, and the District Chair John Hellyar. The journey of course does not stop there, the closing of the premises at Cedar Road heralds the end of one chapter for Cobham Methodist Church, but the beginning of another at Stoke Road.

We have committed to record an ecumenical vision statement for the united Church and I offer this to you now:

Ecumenical Vision Statement

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Cobham Methodist Church and Cobham United Reformed Church commit themselves to:

- *work together committed to offering loving service to one another.*
 - *encouraging shared worship and ministry.*
 - *sowing seeds for growth as disciples of Christ.*
 - *offering and holding one another in loving prayer.*
- *serving God's mission in our neighbourhood and beyond.*
- *revealing the Kingdom of God through all we do: changing lives, sharing the gospel and healing the broken, through generous and gracious hospitality.*
- *being an active partner in God's global mission, as far as the disciplines of our Churches allow.*

The reality is that these words are simply words upon a page until they are brought to life. The old adage 'actions speak louder than words' is relevant here, for actions reveal one's true character, because it is easy to say things or make promises, but it takes every effort to do things, and of course to follow them through. To think upon this further, at the bottom of the stairs in the manse, we have a large board which was found discarded at the tip, leaning against the wall, and it reads "*To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream, not only plan, but also believe.*"

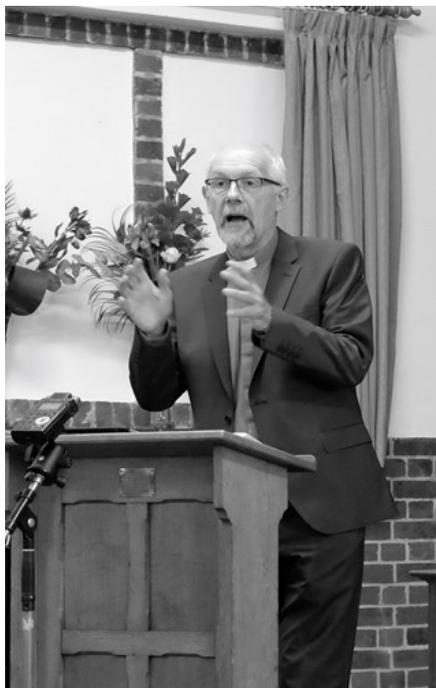
Like the disciples and the early church we begin this journey a little fragile, finding our way through a new way of being, but propelled by the knowledge that it is by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit that we will achieve all that God intends. '*I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.*' Acts 2 (quoting Joel 2).

It will not be in our own strength that the church will be driven forward, but by embracing a spirit that will not be confined by our understanding but propelled by God's purposes. We have much to learn, but we have a Spirit that desires to teach us if we are open to receive it and to listen to its nurturing whispers. Our words will express our desires, but it will be by the power of the Spirit working through us that God's glory will be seen.

Let's welcome the Holy Spirit and the many gifts held within, for we are not a wandering people with nowhere to call home, but we dwell in the house of the Lord, isn't that where we want to be?

With every blessing, Kim

HOPE



What a great day at Cobham on May 20th! We celebrated Pentecost, and the Spirit was certainly with us in praise, in prayers and in preaching. We celebrated our Church Anniversary: 156 years of Methodist worship, work and witness in Cedar Road - something to build on as we go forward in hope. We welcomed so many friends old and new to join with us on this special day: Cobham URC, Effingham Methodists, and representatives from both Leatherhead churches of the pastorate; The Great Commission Ministry, who regularly worship in our premises led the lively praise at the start of the service, and Bookham Baptist's Cobham Cell also joined us; our former minister Rev Ian Howarth (left) preached (on Hope) and his predecessor Rev Ian Field (with Doreen) joined our congregation. Towards the end of the

service, looking to the future, the Governing Document (Constitution) of Cobham United Church was signed by the Methodist District Chair and the URC Synod Moderator (right), and minister and representatives of the two churches coming together in Cobham United Church. Then we had lunch together; a FAITH lunch, a sermon on HOPE and LOVE for all much in evidence.

From the collection we are able to send £400 to the Methodist charity All We Can.

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Cobham United Church Worship Diary

June

**Sun 3rd 9.30am Early Bird Service
10.30am Vivian Gerhold**

Sun 10th 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton

Sun 17th 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion

Sun 24th 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton

July

**Sun 1st 9.00am Early Bird Service
10.30am Sydney Shore**

**Prayers at the Manse
Wednesdays at 9.30am**

June: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

House Groups

The next House Group meeting will be at 7.30pm on June 21st, and subsequent third Thursdays, continuing the study of Mark's gospel.

For further details contact Brian Manners.

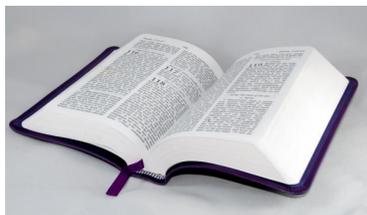
Cobham Events

June

Tues 5th	9.45am	Church Walk
	8.00pm	Trustees Meeting **
Thur 7th	18.30pm	Men's fellowship: The King William, W Horsley
Fri 8th	10.30am	Training Session with Andy Twilley (see below)
Sat 16th	6.30pm	Film: "The Shack" in the Harding Room
Thur 21st	7.30pm	House Fellowship (see p 7))
Thur 28th	3.45pm	Messy Church (to 5.45pm)

** : may need to be rearranged

Introduction to Hermeneutics



THE BIBLE; sixty-six books, varied styles of writing, many authors from very diverse cultures, can leave us struggling to fully understand its true message and meaning.

This event will help you appreciate a little more of how to appropriately read and understand the Bible.

Presented by Andy Twilley

June 8th: 10.30 - 14.30

Drinks provided, bring your own lunch

All welcome

At Cobham United Church

For more details contact Andy Twilley:

training@urcsouthernsynod.org.uk

07552 751600



Effingham

Methodist Church

Birthday Dates to celebrate in June:

Happy Birthday to Mary Verinder

Please let us know about birthdays and BIG anniversaries!!



Tuesday Teas

The Tuesday Teas group seems to be growing, which is lovely, with several new people enjoying tea and cake and endless conversation, and laughter too.

We meet fortnightly from 2.30pm to 4pm, in St Alphege Hall, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Lower Road, Effingham (and occasional outings).

Next meeting dates: June 5th and 19th.

Some car transport can be arranged.

Contact Keith or Gill on

01372 457987

for more information.



Effingham Methodist Diary



June

Fri	1st	7.30pm	Dambusters talk at St Lawrence Church
Sat	2nd	11.00am	(to 3.00pm) St Lawrence Church Fete with Flypast @ 12.45pm
Sun	3rd	10.00am	Rev Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion
Tues	5th	2.30pm	Tuesday Teas in the R.C. Hall
Thur	7th	10.00am	Connect group @ St Lawrence Hall (to 12 noon)
		2.15pm	Christian Meditation in the church
Sun	10th	10.00am	David Cappitt
Sun	17th	10.00am	Jay Dunning
Tues	19th	2.30	Tuesday Teas in the R.C. Hall
Thur	21st	10.00am	Connect group @ St Lawrence Hall (to 12 noon)
		12.30pm	Oasis Bible Lunch Group in the hall
		2.15pm	Christian Meditation in the church
Sun	24th	10.00am	Rhys Frost

July

Sun 1st 10.00am Rev Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion

Prayer Meetings are held in the Chapel every Friday at



St. Lawrence Church Hall in Brown's Lane
Next meeting is Wednesday 13th June; 3.30 - 5.30pm
 For more info contact Gill on 01372 457987



“Connect” a group for carers and partners with dementia

Come for refreshment, friendship, activities and fun.

We meet in St Lawrence Church Hall, Browns Lane, KT24 5LX in Effingham from 10am to 12noon on alternate Thursdays and also arrange monthly outings. Refreshments, friendship, chat and a good range of activities are on offer for all.

We recently enjoyed Sue Graves singing with her guitar, and though she is a folk-singer she included a number of songs from the '50s and '60s which everyone enjoyed.

Next meeting dates (fortnightly) are June 7th and 21st.

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

You don't have to live in Effingham to come and join us



Methodist Homes Sunday on 10th June



MHA was founded in 1943 by a group of Methodists who wanted to improve the quality of life for older people before the creation of the Welfare State.

As MHA celebrates its **75th anniversary in 2018**, Methodist Homes Sunday will have a special emphasis on the achievements of age and the completeness of life. This is an opportunity to celebrate the work of MHA and the need to value older people. Help them to provide things that help older people not just survive, but to thrive. **Chaplains** are a source of counsel, advice and guidance; **Music Therapists** can give someone with dementia the opportunity to express their feelings; and **Live at Home community based schemes** work to make sure people don't become isolated or lonely in their own home.

The theme of worship for 2018 is 'Full of Years' ~ download an Order of Service and other resources on Best For Ages website Or visit <https://www.mha.org.uk/get-involved/appeals/methodist-homes-sunday/>

You can help MHA by downloading **Glue**, making a donation and sharing the music video with family and friends. “**Glue**” is a charity single performed by *The Occasional Orchestra*, a six-piece indie folk band based in the Midlands. Lead singer Darrell Mitchell wrote the song about his father-in-law Stan and, with the support of his mother-in-law Ruth and the rest of Stan's family, they're aiming to raise £10,000 to provide music therapy to people living with dementia.





On 18-24 June 2018, Refugee Week reaches an important milestone: 20 years of celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees.

So they're holding a very special 20th birthday party.

But it's a birthday party that will happen everywhere, from theatres and museums to schools, parks and living rooms.

And everyone's invited.

<http://refugeeweek.org.uk/simple-acts/>

**To take part do one (or more!) of 20 Simple Acts
– one for each year of Refugee Week.**

Simple Acts are simple things everyone can do to show support for refugees, find out more about refugee experiences and make new connections in their communities. So while these Simple Acts may seem small – reading a book, sharing a message or baking a cake - together they will bring us a little closer to the kind of generous, welcoming, connected world we all want to live in.

Anyone can take part ~ school, workplace, place of worship, arts organisation, community group, friends, neighbours or just YOU.

Join the Simple Acts movement in three simple steps:

CHOOSE > ACT! > SHARE >

> Use resources on website then
share on social media using #SimpleActs,

Make Simple Acts part of your Refugee Week



The Green Shoots of Peace ?

The green shoots of peace have sprouted in the Korean peninsula, but the World is sceptical! Promises have been made and broken before, but surely freeing three US citizens, two of whom are Christian, is a positive step forward ?

Open Doors, a charity working secretly in N. Korea, is cautious.

A spokesperson says "Recent positive developments are far from the end of freedom work in North Korea. Instead, they should mark the beginning as we are driven to pray for and advocate for the estimated 50,000 North Korean Christians held in this prison system where abuses and conditions have been described as "as bad or even worse" than Auschwitz, the infamous World War II Nazi concentration camp. For the last 17 straight years, North Korea has been top of **Open Doors World Watch List** as the world's most dangerous country for Christians". Keep praying for real peace, human rights, tolerance and religious freedom.

Father, we praise you for the release of three US citizens, prior to talks between Kim Jung-Un and President Trump. We celebrate their homecoming with their families. But Lord, we know that so much work needs to be done to free Your people from this prison system and to free the 300,000 Christians who must practice their faith in secret. God we ask that you continually bring our North Korean family to mind in our prayers and we ask that You would move in dramatic ways in the hearts and minds of the Kim regime to release the 50,000 Christians imprisoned for their faith—and allow religious freedom to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Amen.





**75th
Anniversary
of the
Dambusters**

**Friday 1st June
@ 7.30pm in
St Lawrence
Church,
Effingham**

**A talk given
by the official
historian of
617 squadron**

**Free entry -
Retiring Collection in aid of the
'St Lawrence Church Lighting Appeal'**

Sir Barnes Wallis moved to Effingham in 1930, and early 'bouncing bomb' experiments were carried out in his garden using the family washtub and his children's marbles. He was Chairman of the Parish Council and a Churchwarden. After his death in 1979 a memorial service was held at St. Lawrence Church and an Avro Vulcan bomber from 617 Squadron (the Dambusters) flew overhead as a mark of respect. **So there's another flypast on 2nd June to mark 75th Anniversary of the Dambusters Raid.**



ST LAWRENCE & ALL SAINTS

Church Fete

SATURDAY 2 JUNE 2018

**CHURCH STREET, EFFINGHAM
11AM - 3PM**

- Dambusters Raid 75th Anniversary
- WW2 RAF Dakota Flypast @ 12:45
- Real Ale bar, barbecue, cream teas and cakes
- Music, stalls, plants, bouncy castle and lots more

Come and see the flypast ! Dave's doing the Public address system and we hope Churches together will have a stall !

Dorking and Horsham Circuit
NEWSLETTER

**June July
and August
2018**

Dear Friends,

Last time I reflected on Eugene Petersen's rendition of Jn 12:24-25 and asked the questions: 'Whose life is it?' and 'What are we doing with it?' basically. Following on from that, as we move beyond Ascension and Pentecost, I want to build on that by considering what it means to be called.

I wonder if it is not true that, for most of us, we see our Christian walk as a matter of our choice. We sing along with Martin Smith of Delirious – I've found Jesus! Think about our language? What is it saying to us? What does Jesus say to us?

Jn 15:16 says: "You didn't choose me, remember; I chose you..."(Msg) in fact, in Methodism we have a strong sense of that in our affirmation of the doctrine of Prevenient Grace – the belief that it is God who prepares the way for us to come to God, most notably expressed in the practice of infant baptism. In other words, what I am suggesting, it is not so much to do with us as it is to do with God and our response. You see, it's about Call. God calls us, and we answer God, but it doesn't end there.

Jn 15:16 goes on to say: "...and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won't spoil." God doesn't simply call us to just be with God, as though it is all about me and my salvation. No! God continues to call us into living, dynamic service in God's name and that's really what Pentecost is all about – power from on high to fulfill our specific calling within the wider calling of grace.

So, what's God calling you to in this Kingdom of love?

Yours in the Gospel,

Gavin

PS – I really enjoy Delirious and sing along heartily when I'm on my own in the car!

Gavin

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

EFFINGHAM

We may be giving away Simnel cakes on Maundy Thursday next year, as hot-cross buns have plunged in popularity, and commuters and shoppers seemed more diet conscious than previous years! Wind, snow and ice hit some of our Easter events: a devotional walk in torrential rain was sadly abandoned due to health and safety, but rain held off for the **Living Easter** pageant, which was a great success. Possibly because it started and ended in the local pub !

The Chapel was filled to overflowing for the memorial service for **John Rogers**, a former Circuit property steward and loyal servant of our little church, so there was a TV link set-up in the hall. Then a week later it was filled to brimming again for our **St. George's Day tea** which raised over £200.

Messy Church, Tuesday Teas and Connect, our dementia care group, continue to reach out to the local community, and members of local churches met at the Chapel recently for a Prayer lunch. We'll be joining together again, between Ascension and Pentecost , with prayer resources from **Thy Kingdom Come**. The Village fete in June will celebrate local hero **Sir Barnes Wallis** of "Dambusters" fame and the RAF's centenary with a fly-past and a talk by 617 Squadron's historian.

Effingham Local History Group met in the Chapel recently and were surprised that there were no pews and such a versatile and comfortable interior, so may make a regular booking. We'll be picking their brains for ideas for "**Extraordinary Women**" which is this year's theme for **Heritage Open Days**. Local suffragettes perhaps, but we'll certainly include Susannah Wesley, and famous Methodist women. **The Chapel will be open from 14th to 16th September**, with refreshments, and local history, including *Baryonyx* the Surrey dinosaur of course, and Dave's meteorites. It's now our 10th year as part of England's largest festival of history and culture, with places and events across the country celebrating their heritage, community and history – and it's all FREE. **Could you use your Church history for Mission ?**

Ange and David Putland

SOUTHWATER

In March our Minister Kath was invited to take part in 'Mission in Mexico' through our links with the Pioneer Network. She had an amazing week – resulting in over 500 new Christians but don't take my word for it – Kath is holding a Mexican evening—date and time to be advised. Do come along and find out for yourself!

We continue to take part in as many community activities as we can – running a toddler group (Little Stars), Young at Heart, Who Let the Dads out and supporting both St Andrew's café and the Community lunch. Our men have a monthly Who let the Men out evening and the ladies meet regularly for coffee in the local café.

During the summer we will be taking our Soul Space tent to as many community events as possible – including Summer Fun in Horsham Park and the Village Summer fete. Do come and see us!

Shirley Gardner

DORKING

The Christian Centre continues to be busy. The Chaplain's main role is pastoral, and she circulates in the Café looking out for people who may be on their own or if they appear to be new Café guests. The people come from not only Dorking but surrounding towns, like Guildford, Kingston or Reigate.

The Chaplain works closely with the St Martin's Pastoral Assistants and attends their monthly meeting. She visits people at home or in hospital when they are ill, especially if they are not church goers. She is a member of the Dorking Ministers' Fellowship where all the clergy/pastors meet for a six weekly 'sharing' lunch and a time of prayer and it is a privilege being a member of this group. Also she is a member of Churches Together in Dorking.

Lent Bible Sessions were held before Easter and they focused on Krish Kandiah's study notes on 'Living Faith' (*invitations from the cross*). It was encouraging in that the people who attended all came from different churches. We finished with a time of prayer at the end of the series, and people were keen for these prayer sessions to continue, perhaps on a monthly basis.

A limited Listening Service is provided once or twice a week by trained listeners, but more trained listeners are urgently needed in order to be available every weekday for people who require the service. The Centre continues to be a place where people can meet for coffee or lunch, feel safe, talk with a trained person who has a listening ear or to join in with some of the secular activities e.g. chair exercises and sequence dancing.

Recently an ambulance came into the Church Car Park. The Centre had not called an ambulance! The paramedics proceeded to help an elderly gentleman out of the ambulance, saying they brought him to the Centre because he was very lonely and they thought he could have lunch and meet some people. A lovely gesture from the paramedics' point of view.

Warm thanks to everyone for their care and support in my work.

Rowan Nunnerley

PARTRIDGE GREEN

Here in Partridge Green we are looking to move on towards some improvements to the front of our church porch. Hopefully, to change the porch door and windows and to provide a better access for disabled visitors. This will make the frontage of our church more welcoming to all. So, fundraising is the key, and we are planning a coffee morning in early May, and a quiz and Ploughman's supper evening on the 26th May, when we hope to welcome friends from other churches in the Circuit for an evening of brain power and food!

Inside our church we now look very different! The pulpit has been removed, giving us a greater area to enjoy, especially when we have our messy church mornings, which continue to go well. We have purchased new chairs to replace the pews which have now all been sold!

Over the past few months it has been a pleasure to welcome some new people to our congregation, which is most encouraging for us all.

Plans are being made with Angela Hancocks to have a fundraising concert in our church followed by Cream Teas. This will be on Saturday 7th July at 3pm, so another date for the diary. The following day we will celebrate our Church Anniversary with Gavin, when we will be 112 years old!

We continue with our strong ecumenical links with other churches in the village, through our Monthly Village Café, a Bible study group on alternate Tuesdays, and the monthly prayer meeting the first Monday evening of each month.

We are all looking forward to an inspiring Summer!

Alison James

COBHAM

Holy Week and Easter services were, as usual, inspiring, particularly as they were shared with our partners-to-be. On Maundy Thursday we shared a seder meal, and on Good Friday knelt before the Cross together before going on to share in the Silent Witness round the Cross in the centre of Cobham. The Easter Communion Service was at the Methodist Church, and we had a full church, rejoicing together.

We now have our consents from Circuit and District, including consent to cease Methodist worship at Cedar Road after 20th May. On that day we expect a very full church when we celebrate Pentecost and our Church Anniversary, give thanks for 156 years of worship and witness on that site, and look forward to a bright future in the new SCLEP (Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership) that will be Cobham United Church. Our preacher on that day will be our old friend Rev Ian Howarth, and the Methodist District Chair and URC District Moderator will be there to sign our constitution. In the tradition of Methodist (and other) churches, we shall then share a meal together.

David Cappitt

LEATHERHEAD

We were involved in some big events. We had a "Big Mixer" weekend when our church became a camp site and an educational centre for young people from our church and from a church in Swindon. Palm Sunday was preceded by a large town centre event which was termed "extravagant love", where we and our partner churches gave gifts and palm crosses to all who passed by and also those who worked in nearby shops.

Easter has been a period of sadness for many at LMC. Our minister, Lynda, ended her service with us and moved into a sabbatical period; our music leader, David Stoves, became very ill and remains in hospital. Nevertheless there were high points which included the Walk of Witness with our Churches Together partners, and a swiftly but successfully assembled choir for the reception of the Circuit Easter Offering.

Ron Shaw

LONDON ROAD, HORSHAM

During Holy Week members of London Road congregation were pleased to present a programme of prose and music entitled "Journey through Holy Week". In this presentation the audience were challenged to take a fresh look at the events leading up to the crucifixion, focussing on various characters involved in the Easter Story. We heard from the harassed wife of the owner of the Upper Room, a soldier at the foot of the cross and Joseph of Arimathea among others - including two doves who witnessed the cleansing of the temple by Jesus.

Our Wednesday Lunch Club is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year as the first ever lunch club started in April 1988. Over the years many friends have enjoyed fellowship and caring friendship as well as the delicious lunches and grateful thanks go to all the helpers over the years who have ensured that the club functions smoothly.

Three ladies from the congregation will be attending the Ladies Walk to Emmaus 2018 at Cliff College. This is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation and is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed through other believers.

Helen Currington

Leatherhead Pages

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Leatherhead including news of joint Christ Church/LMC events

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Leatherhead's Lunchtime Concerts

Music on Thursdays at LMC

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

- **Thursday 7th June • 12.30 lunchtime**
Djumash Poulsen, violin
Varinia Oyola Rebaza, viola
courtesy of the Royal Academy of Music

Music on Thursdays at LMC

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

- **Thursday 14th June • 12.30 lunchtime**
Alice Bishop, soprano
and
Simon Marlow, piano

Wednesdays at Christ Church

Epsom Rd, Leatherhead, KT22 8ST
plenty of on-site parking available

- **Wednesday 20th June • 12.30 lunchtime**
Guest organist: Timothy Guntrip
Asst Director of Music, Holy Cross Church, Uckfield

Music on Thursdays at LMC

Leatherhead Methodist Church, Church Road
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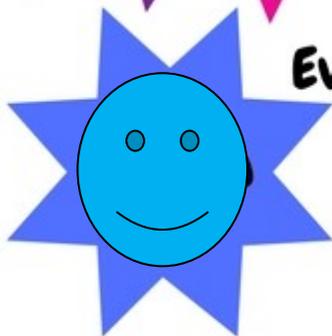
- **Thursday 28th June • 12.30 lunchtime**
Abingdon Wind Quintet
flute • oboe • clarinet • bassoon • horn
courtesy of the Royal Academy of Music

Music on Thursdays at LMC

Leatherhead Methodist Church, Church Road,

- **Thursday 5th July • 12.30 lunchtime**
Emily Capulet, piano
Head of Classical Performance
London College of Music

These concerts are free to enter, with a retiring collection
to cover costs. *Programme may change.*



Every Friday in term time

9:30am–11:00am

**Christ Church UR
Epsom Road, KT22 8ST**

**Toddler, babies and their carers are invited for play, craft,
songs, story and refreshments**

Group with a Christian theme

**For more info please email:
Hannahleatherheadfcw@gmail.com**



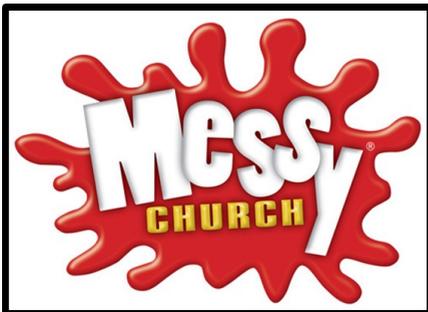
LMC





NEW FIRE will be at AllSaints this month.
Everything you love about New Fire plus great coffee!
The coffee shop will be open from 6.00pm.
Please park at Trinity School.

**Next New Fire - Sunday 24th June at
AllSaints, 6.30pm**



**Next Messy Church
for Leatherhead:**

Thursday 21st June
3.30pm to 5.30pm at:



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 1st June

EVERYONE WELCOME

(suggested donation £1)





Leatherhead

Methodist Church

Pastoral Prayers...

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 26th June at 2.30pm.**

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 David Stoves, who is making slow progress day by day in St Helier Hospital, Secombe Ward. He would welcome visitors (2pm to 8pm).

We remember too ...

... our members, relatives and friends. In particular we think of those who are unwell at home, in hospital, in residential or nursing homes and those who care for them every day. We give special mention to James and Jean Ross, Harry and Peggy Robinson, Mary Thorp, Edward Warren and Lynda and John Russell.

Prayer Breakfasts

Prayer breakfasts are held on the third Sunday each month at 9.30am. It's a bring and share (non-cooked) breakfast with a short time of prayer fellowship before the morning service. All very welcome.

Next Prayer Breakfast is on 17th June.



Diary



June

Fri 1st 2.30pm Time for Tea

Sun 3rd 10.30am Bob Boyce

First Sunday Family Lunch after the service

Thur 7th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 21*)

8.00pm Leadership Team Meeting

Sun 10th 10.30am Rev Christine Millward - Holy Communion (MHA Sunday)

6.30pm Waseem Haq

Thur 14th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 21*)

6.00pm Revive Youth Club

Sun 17th 9.30am Prayer Breakfast at LMC

10.30am John Oborn

Wed 20th 12.30pm Organ Recital at Christ Church (*see page 21*)

Thur 21st 3.30pm Messy Church (*to 5.30pm*)

Sun 24th 10.30am Rev Darlene McCarley

6.30pm New Fire at AllSaints Café

Tues 26th 2.30pm Pastoral Visitors' Prayer Meeting

Thur 28th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 21*)

6.00pm Revive Youth Club

July

Sun 1st 10.30am Rev Darlene McCarley - Holy Communion

First Sunday Family Lunch after the service

Thur 5th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 21*)

Fri 6th 2.30pm Time for Tea

Book Review



HOLMAN BIBLE ATLAS **by Thomas V. Brisco (Editor)**

Bible readers wishing to identify places mentioned in the Bible very possibly rely on the maps usually found at the end of the book. These are often very helpful but are limited in detail and space. More helpful are small and slim Bible atlases which have larger maps but contain only the maps relating to each period in Bible history with little, if any, historical detail.

The Holman Bible Atlas is a much more useful aid to Bible reading and study. It is just short of 300 pages long, measures 28 x 22 centimetres, contains 132 coloured maps co-ordinated with Biblical texts and 140 full colour photographs. It is not just an atlas but has much useful narrative relating to events in Bible history from Genesis to the 4th century AD. This atlas needs to be read as much as referred to. It is described as a Complete Guide to the Expansive Geography of Biblical History. In his Preface to the book Thomas Brisco points out that God conveyed the Bible's message in specific geographical and historical settings and that to understand the Bible today we must hear its words in light of the ancient setting.

The Atlas is in three parts. Part 1 describes the Biblical setting, the extent of the ancient Near East, the natural regions of Palestine and life in ancient Palestine. Part 2 covers the Old Testament including the Hellenistic Period in the inter-testamentary years.

Part 3 begins with the emergence of Rome before covering the New Testament and the Christian Church from 70 - 300 AD.

There is a chapter describing the Roman intervention in Palestine (63 – 40 BC) and the emergence of the client king Herod the Great and his reign. The succeeding chapter covers Herod's successors, the Procuratorship (including Pontius Pilate) and the religious groups at this time, namely the Pharisees and the Sadducees.

From the time of King David (circa 1000 BC) onwards there are pictures, diagrams and maps which keep us in touch with the development and history of Jerusalem and the Temple. This ends in 70 AD when the Romans laid siege to the city and destroyed the Temple.

A useful feature of the Atlas is the inclusion across the top of each page of the dates – BC or AD – appropriate to the characters and events on that page. Thus, for example, beginning on page 164 the dates across the top of the page run from 538 BC to 334 BC and include the names Malachi and Nehemiah and also Alexander (the Great).

The maps are colourful, clear and easy to use and understand. The photographs are useful and often they are of actual places mentioned in the Bible. Others are of probable locations of places mentioned in the Bible or where tradition places events.

The Holman Bible Atlas is a very useful tool for the Bible reader and I recommend it. The cost is around £18 online. My own copy is the edition of 1998 but the latest edition is dated 2014.

Laurie Williams



Methodist Homes Sunday - 'Best Sunday for ages' 10th June 2018

For several years, we at LMC have supported MHA. Some of our members hold collecting boxes throughout the year and we have an envelope collection on the designated Sunday. The envelopes are on the church chairs beforehand and can be returned in the offertory plate during the morning service.

The donated money is forwarded to MHA, together with Gift Aid declarations, to further their aim of bringing quality to later life. In particular, these funds assist the chaplaincy service, provide musical therapy for those with dementia and support live-at-home schemes that help counter loneliness or isolation.

These projects fit well with this year's theme of 'Full of Years' as MHA celebrates its 75th Anniversary with a special focus on the achievements of age and the completeness of life.

MHA is very grateful for the continuing financial and prayerful support from members and friends at LMC.

Freda Walker



FIRST SUNDAY FAMILY LUNCH!

Leatherhead Methodist Church

Bring and share lunch straight after
the first 10:30am Service of the
month!

All are welcome!

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL:

hannahleatherheadfcw@gmail.com

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

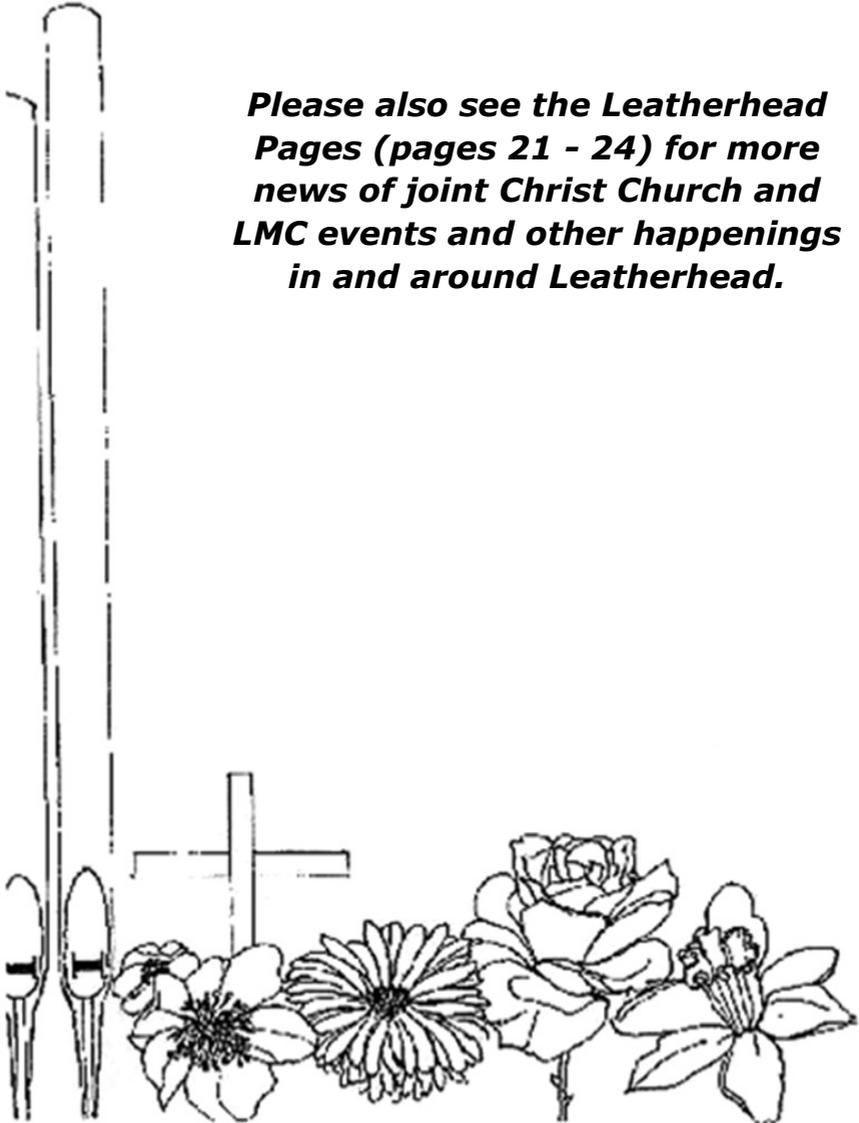
Cost £1

Email hannahleatherheadfcw@gmail.com

Christ Church

(United Reformed) Leatherhead

***Please also see the Leatherhead
Pages (pages 21 - 24) for more
news of joint Christ Church and
LMC events and other happenings
in and around Leatherhead.***



Christ Church Diary



June

Fri 1st 2.30pm LMC: Time for Tea

Sun 3rd 10.30am Mrs Thelma Roberts

Thur 7th 12.30pm LMC: recital (*see p 21*)

Fri 8th 12 noon - 4.00pm Flower Festival at Emmanuel Church, Guildford, GU2 9SJ

Sun 10th 10.30am Rev Darlene McCarley: Holy Communion

3.00pm Holiday Club preparatory meeting

Mon 11th 2.30pm Piano tuner in church

Wed 13th 7.30pm House Group at 38 West Farm Avenue

Thur 14th 12.30pm LMC: concert (*see p 21*)

5.30pm Revive Youth Club (*see p 32*)

Sun 17th 10.30am Rev Bruce Stuart

Wed 20th 12.30pm Organ Recital: Timothy Guntrip

Thur 21st 3.30pm LMC: Messy Church

Sun 24th 10.30am John Oborn

12.00 noon Church Meeting

**6.00pm All Saints: New Fire contemporary
Worship**

Mon 25th to Fri 29th 9.30am—5.30pm Music exams in the church.

Wed 27th 7.30pm House Group at 38 West Farm Avenue

Thur 28th 12.30pm LMC: Concert (*see p 21*)

5.30pm Revive Youth Club (*see p 32*)

June

Sun 1st 10.30am Mrs Heather Ward: Holy Communion

Mon 2nd to Fri 6th 9.30am—5.30pm Music exams in the church

Christ Church Family News



We are very pleased that Jill Osmond's operation was successful but sorry that the recovery is rather slow. We send our best wishes for eventual return to good health.

Mike Chamberlain thanks everyone for their prayers and is now feeling a lot better.

We remember these friends in our prayers, and also those with health concerns or awaiting treatment, those in care homes and the bereaved.

Anne Cairns

The Retreats Fellowship

of the United Reformed Church, Southern Synod

This Fellowship is open to ***all*** who want to deepen their relationship with God through prayer, reflection and silence and who would value the encouragement of others.

Quiet Day :

Tuesday 21st August 2018 10am – 4pm

at Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre

The Old Rectory, Forewood Lane, Crowhurst, Battle,
East Sussex TN33 9AD

Facilitator : Rev John Gordon

Cost £20 Members, £22 non-members inclusive of lunch

Arrivals at 10am for coffee – day starts at 10.30am

Further details from :

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Carol Stoves 01372 377125; Office 362145

Christ Church (United Reformed):

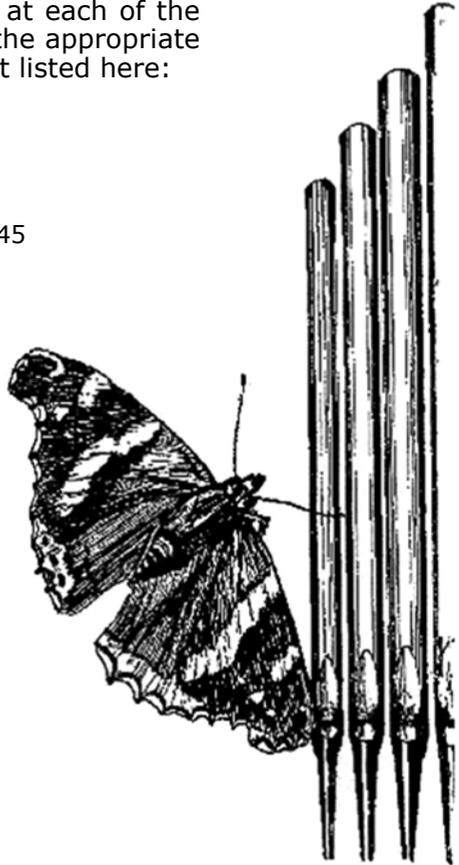
Epsom Road, Leatherhead, KT22 8ST
www.chch.org.uk
Contact: Local Church Leader -
Mike Essex 01372 273472

Effingham Methodist Church:

Chapel Hill, Effingham, KT24 5NB
www.effinghammethodistchurch.co.uk
Contact: Senior Steward -
Dave Putland 01372 454850

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38 Stoke Road, Cobham, KT11 3BD
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Contact: Church Secretary -
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For Leatherhead Churches

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