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The Ministers Write...



From Rev. Kim Plumpton

Dear Friends,

With wintery showers being forecast we are being urged by the RAC to *"make sure that you are prepared for any eventuality before you set out, and follow this advice:*

- *Wrap up warm and take a blanket, waterproof clothing and sensible footwear.*
- *Take some high energy food such as chocolate or carry a thermos flask of hot soup.*
- *Ensure you have enough fuel for your journey as vehicles use more fuel when driving in winter conditions.*
- *In severe weather conditions it is also advisable to carry a good tow rope, snow chains and a shovel."*

Interesting isn't it but I wondered what we might say as we think about the Lenten journey we are called to make at this time. Perhaps it might go something like this:

If you are going to set out on the journey heading in the direction of the cross perhaps you might like to consider a few things:

- *Things happen along the journey both challenging and affirming, always remember never set off on a journey without one of the most important tools we have, prayer. This will help to guide you through those difficult patches when feeling tired and travel weary, it will also lift your spirits when you are not quite sure where you are heading.*
- *You should not set off without a good study bible which is an essential piece of equipment. Remember nourishment can be found in its pages, you will never go hungry or ever be thirsty.*

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- *The journey will not be an easy one, the satnav may be able to show you the destination, but there are several routes and you will need to decide which one to take. Some routes are more challenging than others, there are no direct routes each requires a considerable amount of self examination but the journey will be worthwhile.*
- *On this journey you are most likely to encounter God; don't look frightened at this thought. We can never be quite sure where God might surface but it is most likely he will appear when you least expect him to. The best advice I can give in this situation is to welcome him with open arms but try your hardest to resist the temptation to carry on moving. It is my experience that unless we welcome him we are most likely to keep going round in circles and never get much further than our starting point.*

I'm sure you could write so much more (probably better too) but I am running out of space...

Lent is a time of self examination and reflection and we are invited to share in this journey towards the cross. One thing is for certain, although we can see the destination, we can be assured that the best is yet to come and that our best is still ahead of us.

With every blessing,

Kim

From Rev. Ian Howarth

Dear Friends,

If we take Lent seriously it is a very challenging time of year for Christians. It is the time when we are asked to contemplate the journey of Jesus to his death on the cross in Jerusalem. It is a time when we are asked to reflect for ourselves what it means to follow Jesus on the way of the cross. It is a time when we are asked to look into our own lives and examine our relationship with God.

If we are not careful we can either walk away from such challenge, or we can go the other way and come to see the Christian life as an exercise in masochism. It is important to be reminded that there is an element of self-sacrifice in the Christian life. Putting the way of Jesus first, sometimes means that, in the words of the Methodist covenant, we have to do things that are contrary 'to our natural inclinations and material interests'. The way of the cross asks us to consider whether what we give of our time, our money, our gifts is what we give of our surplus, or whether it really is the result of a whole life committed to the way of Christ and of working for the values of his kingdom in the world today.

Put like this it can seem rather grim, but the promise of the gospel is that the way of Jesus, even the way of the cross is the way to life in all its fullness. The world around us tells us that all sorts of other things are the way to fulfilment.

However, our faith tells us that while the material world is important, while it is vital that people have what they need to live on, by itself material things will not offer the best that life has to offer. That comes from our relationship with God through Jesus. That comes through living his way, which will at times be sacrificial, as we put him first and as we serve him through putting others first.

Our relationship with God, and the way it issues in our relationships with others offers us the knowledge that we are loved, valued and affirmed. It is because of that knowledge that we can have the confidence to step out with Jesus on his Way, and offer his sacrificial love to a world that longs to discover a new life-giving way forward. We believe that way is the way of Christ, and I pray this Lent you will have an opportunity to reflect deeply on what that means for you in your life.

Yours in Christ,

Ian



Run the Race!

This is the title of the Methodist Prayer Handbook presumably referring to the Olympics. But there is another race that takes place annually, raising thousands of pounds for an array of charities - the London Marathon.

We in the north end of the circuit have usually sponsored a runner, very often Peter Dry. This year I am asking you to sponsor my grandson, Lewis Jenkins, who is running for Bowel Cancer UK in memory of his mother Fay. Fay died of this devastating disease five years ago after years of pain and struggle aged only 55. My son Mick ran the Marathon several times in his younger days. Now his son is taking up the baton while he waits for a hip replacement.

You can phone me to make a pledge of money (01372 456158) or e-mail me (freddiejenkins@hotmail.com). You can also donate direct on Lewis's fundraising website:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/lewisjenkins>

Lewis has had to promise to raise £2500 to be allowed to enter, so needs every bit of help he can get! Thank you so much.

Freddie Jenkins

Methodist Women in Britain South-East District Day



"Running the Race"

at Tonbridge Methodist Church
Higham Lane, Tonbridge, TN10 4JT
<http://tonbridgmethodistchurch.org>

Saturday 17th March 2012
10.30am (for 11.00am start) to 3.30pm

with Revd Dr Janet Corlett
of Bermondsey Central Hall and South London Mission
"The Games and the Bible"

Induction of Carol Jewell as District President;
Inspiring worship with Holy Communion

Bring a packed lunch – drinks provided
(£3.00 day charge covers refreshments and
contribution to expenses)

Local contact: Daphne Arden 01732 355620
roi.daff@tiscali.co.uk



Cobham

Methodist Church

Cobham Methodist Diary - March



Fri	2nd	10.30am	Women's World Day of Prayer Service at St Mary's Stoke D'Abernon
Sun	4th	11.00am	Angie Choat
Fri	9th	4.30pm	CYC at URC
Sat	10th	10.00am	Time 4 You
Sun	11th	11.00am 6.30pm	Rev. Val Ogden United Pastorate Service - here
Sun	18th	11.00am	Rev. Kim Plumpton - with Holy Communion
Fri	23rd	4.30pm 7.00pm	CYC at URC Up for GRABS at St Mary's (activities and discussion for 13-16s)
Sat	24th	10.00am	Craft Fair at Cobham URC (ends 12 noon)
Sun	25th	11.00am	Clive Haines
Tues	27th	7.30pm	House Fellowship at the Manse
Thurs	29th	7.30pm	"Impossible God" - Passion Play with Rev. Mark Topping at Cobham URC - see pages 10 & 14
April			
Sun	1st	11.00am	tba



**Next "Time 4 You" -
Saturday 10th March
10.00am - 12noon**



Cobham

United Reformed Church

Cobham URC Worship Diary - March



Sun	4th	9.00am 10.30am	Early Bird Service Ian Stewart
Sun	11th	10.30am 6.30pm	Rev. Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion United Pastorate Service at Cobham Methodist Church
Sun	18th	10.30am	John Stewart
Sun	25th	10.30am	Rev. Kim Plumpton
April			
Sun	1st	10.30am	Derek Wensley

Prayers at the Manse
at 9.30am on
Wednesdays: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March

Lent Course Study...
Starting the week of 20th February - for six weeks.
Please see church notice board for details

Cobham URC Events - March

Thurs	1st	12.30pm	Men's Fellowship at the Fairmile, Portsmouth Road, Cobham, KT11 1BW
Sun	4th	3.00pm to 6.00pm	Special Needs Group
Thurs	8th	8.00pm	Evening House Group at Isobel Foster's
Fri	9th	4.30pm to 6.30pm	CYC meets at the URC Cobham (8 - 13 year olds)
Tues	13th	9.45am 8.00pm	Church Walk Elders' Meeting
Thurs	22nd	10.30am	Morning House Group at church
Fri	23rd	3.00pm 4.30pm to 6.30pm	T @ 3 at church CYC meets at the URC Cobham (8 - 13 year olds)
Mon	26th	7.00pm to 8.00pm	Film Club for 13 - 16 year olds at St Mary's Church
Thurs	29th	7.30pm	"Impossible God" - Passion Play with Rev. Mark Topping (see pages 10 & 14)

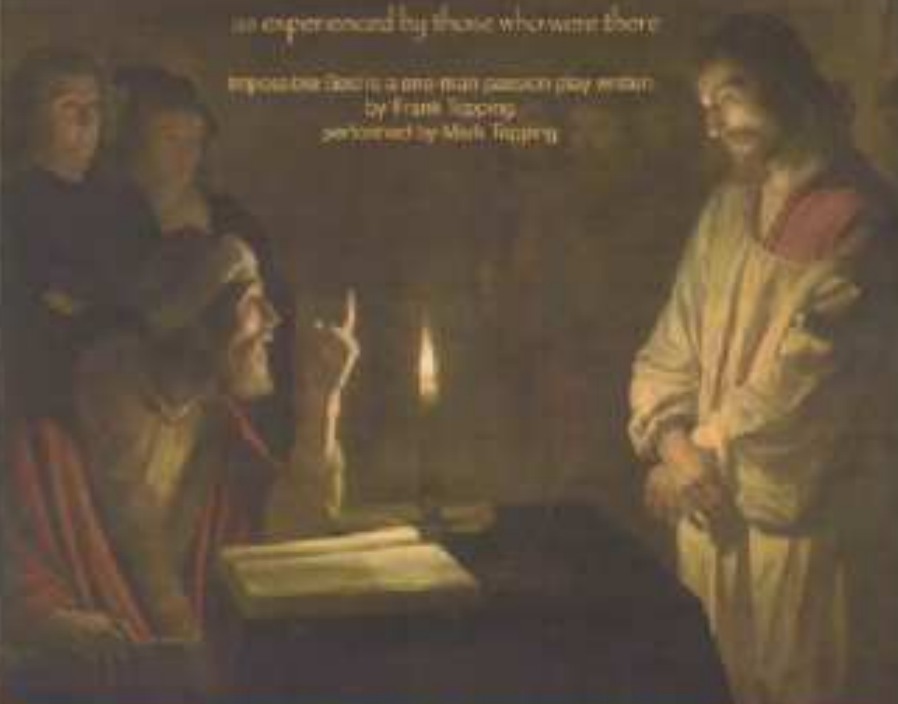


Impossible God

The Passion Play

The death and resurrection of Jesus
as experienced by those who were there

Impossible Gods is a one-man passion play written
by Frank Topping
performed by Mark Topping



MARCH 29th
4.30pm
COBHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
STOKE ROAD, KT11 3BD
TEL: 01932 586988

To book 'Impossible God' contact Mark Topping T: 0204 491006 E: marktopping@btinternet.com



Effingham

Methodist Church

Effingham Methodist Diary

- March

Prayer Meetings are held in the Chapel every Friday at 9.15am



Thurs 1st	2.30pm	Meditation in the Church
Fri 2nd	7.30pm	Women's World Day of Prayer @ EMC
Sat 3rd	10.00am	Café Church at KGV Hall (until 11.00am)
Sun 4th	10.00am	Rev. Kim Plumpton - Covenant Service
Tues 6th	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall
Wed 7th	8.00pm	Christian Meditation in the church
Sun 11th	10.00am 6.30pm	John Oborn United Pastorate Service at Cobham Methodist Church
Sun 18th	10.00am	Mothering Sunday with Alex Cloke
Tues 20th	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall
Wed 21st	8.00pm	Christian Meditation in the church
Sat 24th	10am - 12	Coffee Morning in aid of World Mission
Sun 25th	10.00am	Rev. Robert Davey
Thurs 29th	7.30pm	Impossible God - play at Cobham URC (see pages 10 & 14)
April		
Sun 1st	10.00am	Palm Sunday with Rev. Kim Plumpton
Fri 6th	5.00pm 6.00pm	Good Friday Walk of Witness At the Foot of the Cross Service @ EMC
Sat 7th	10.00am	Café Church at KGV Hall (until 11.00am)
Sun 8th	9.00am	Easter Sunday with Rev. Kim Plumpton

Birthday Dates to celebrate this month



Happy Birthday to three of our ladies: Janet Garnham on 19th, Elaine Moran on 24th and Angela Putland on 29th.

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

AJP

Dates for your diaries



If you're Spring cleaning we'd love to have any bric-a-brac for the Bring & Buy stall at our **World Mission Coffee Morning** from **10.00am to 12 noon** on **24th March** in aid of the Methodist Relief and Development Fund's Mali Project

Saturday Morning Live



Come and sample some alternative worship on **Saturdays 3rd March and 7th April** from **10.00am - 11.00am** at **King George V Hall** in Brown's Lane.

Enjoy coffee, croissants, and food for thought.

Women's World Day of Prayer

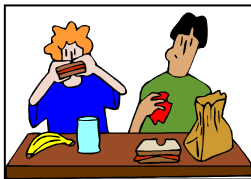


Effingham Methodist Chapel will be hosting a service prepared by Christian women of **Malaysia** on their theme of justice for all on **Friday 2nd March at 7.30pm.**

The speaker will be **Bex Keer**, a UK manager for **Stop the Traffik**, a charity working with the *United Nations* for a global solution to Trafficking.

LENT LUNCHES in Effingham...

...will be from 12.30 to 2.00pm at St. Lawrence Church Hall Starting on **Ash Wednesday - 22nd February** then fortnightly on **7th and 21st March**. The chosen charity this year is the re-named *Night Hostel*, now called **LeatherHead Start**. Each church takes a turn in preparing these meals and so we'd appreciate some help on 7th March. **Please talk to Janet or David.**



Lent Groups

This year **Churches Together LENT GROUPS** are studying **Handing on the Torch - Sacred words for a secular world** - another *York Course*. It's in five sessions starting in the last week of February. So it's not too late to join a group, just ring Dave Putland and ask if there's a group near you.



Week 1 - A Christian Country?

Week 2 - A Secular society?

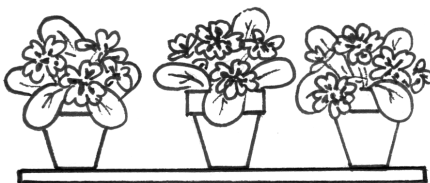
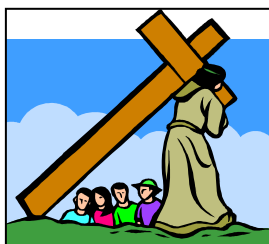
Week 3 - A Beleaguered Church?

Week 4 - Competing Creeds?

Week 5 - Handing on the Torch

EASTER in Effingham

6th April is **Good Friday** and there is a **Walk of Witness** at 5.00pm starting from All Saints' Church and ending with an **At the Foot of the Cross Service** at 6.00pm at the Methodist Chapel.





Come and see a Topping performance at Cobham URC on 29th March at 7.30pm

Impossible God, a one-man passion play, is a drama based on a devotional book written by actor, broadcaster and Methodist minister **Rev. Frank Topping**, who used to be a regular contributor to **Radio 4's Thought for the Day** programme. The book has been adapted for the stage by the author and his daughter **Anne**, a theatre director, and is performed by his son, **Mark**, a professional actor, who has a degree in theology.

Mark was also once a Franciscan novice, and a journalist for 10 years, but then became the curator at **Wesley's New Room**, in Bristol, the oldest Methodist building in the world, where his father was the warden. For eight years he gave hundreds of dramatic presentations to thousands of visitors, bringing **John Wesley** to life, and has now been touring the UK for five years in "*An evening with John Wesley*", including appearances on **BBC TV's Songs of Praise** and **Flog It!**

Impossible God recreates the world of those who witnessed the passion. Palestine AD32 is brought to life as numerous characters relive their experience of the events. The story is based on the Stations of the Cross, but also explores the Stations beyond the Cross, and the hopes and dreams of those who witnessed events beyond their understanding, reliving joy, fear and awe as apparently impossible events happened before their eyes.

It is a powerful exploration of the historical events at the heart of the Christian faith, and challenges us to look again at Jesus of Nazareth and consider the meaning of his life, death and resurrection.

Visit www.impossiblegod.co.uk for more details about this drama production.

Don't miss this rare opportunity.....EVERYONE WELCOME
There is no charge but donations will be gratefully received.

SEE ADVERT ON PAGE 10

How's your Moral Compass ?



Last week the Archbishop of Canterbury spoke out against a change in the law on assisted dying, which is about to be debated in Parliament. I'm a member of *Dignity in Dying* which is campaigning for a change in the law, and received their newsletter today with mixed feelings. In December an advisory group stated that the murder law in England and Wales is "outdated" for lumping together malicious killing and compassionate mercy killing, and requires a mandatory life sentence of at least 15 years.

Several high profile people including Sir Terry Pratchett - the sci-fi Discworld author recently diagnosed with early stage Alzheimer's disease and Sir Chris Woodhead, former chief of OFSTED, who has been confined to a wheelchair with motor neuron disease, have written eloquently about their support for the bill, and their condemnation of society for letting people suffer. There's an open letter from a TV producer, dying from cancer, who opted to die at Dignitas clinic in Switzerland.

It's a very thorny issue, with no easy answers.

Medicine has advanced so much that even very premature babies live and bring into question the laws on abortion, and far more people are surviving horrendous accidents and diseases. Injured troops are flown home from war-zones and treated in our hospitals, and re-habilitated in wonderful specialist centres like Headley Court. Technical advances in prosthetic limbs offer new hope to many.

Advances in medical science mean that even a patient in an advanced vegetative state may still be claimed to be "enjoying life". Some doctors, however, have gone to court asking to be allowed to switch off a life-support machine because there is no quality of life.

So who can decide? Are we too trying to play at being God? Will finances alone influence who we can afford to save?

For more information visit www.dignityindying.org.uk

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Leatherhead Pages

Information, news, events and happenings in and around Leatherhead including news of the Leatherhead Youth Project and joint Christ Church/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.

The meetings continue at Christ Church at 7.30pm on Thursday evenings and the remaining evening is as follows:

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

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 at Leatherhead Methodist Church and the remaining session is as follows:

13th March Creative approaches to worship using Singing the Faith including prayers and responses

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

No need for booking. Further information from the Leatherhead Church office (01372 362145 - Tuesday & Thursday mornings).

A CIRCLE OF SONG

Friday 2nd March at 7.30pm
at Leatherhead Methodist Church

A RECITAL BY:

Ian Howarth - Baritone
Judith Flint - Piano



Song cycles by Schumann and Britten

Opera arias by Donizetti, Britten,
Sullivan and Mozart

Admission free

Collection for Age Concern (Mole Valley North)
and Happy Child International

SurreySave Credit Union

It is marvellous to be able to report to you that, at last, our credit union is up and running. In Leatherhead, a group of us have been working towards this end since 2004. Sadly, the need for a credit union in our area has grown consistently since then.

Even in those days, debt was a big issue in our local community. It led to various degrees of misery such as family breakdown, homelessness, despair and even suicide. This gave us our original motivation for trying to set up a credit union. Since then we have seen the growth of payday loans, which can trap the unwary into a downward spiral of debt. I hear that in addition to doorstep lenders, who charge very high interest rates but are at least legal, we have loan sharks in Leatherhead now, who use criminal means to extort an income from those who can least afford it.

A credit union can help people to plan and organise their finances, and working with local advice agencies, can make a real difference.

We opened to the public on 1st February of this year. All members of the community can hold a savings account with us. By doing this, you can know that your money is safe, is helping the credit union, is circulating within the local community instead of going to shareholders or even abroad, and is earning you a dividend, and in due course, interest.

To find out more, go to our website, www.surreysave.co.uk or if you aren't on line, ring me on 01372 374901 or even better, ring the SurreySave office, 08444 060984.

Heather Ward, February 2012.

Leatherhead & District Voluntary Car Service

Do you drive? Can you spare a bit of time to help us? Who are we and what do we do? The Leatherhead & District Voluntary Car Service has now been going for over 40 years, but we are always in need of more drivers. We take patients from Leatherhead, Ashted, Fetcham and Bookham to local surgeries and hospitals and back home. It is not a regular commitment – drivers are usually asked about once a week or fortnight and just say if they are available when asked for a particular day.

All requests for transport come from the surgeries to the car pool co-ordinator who then contacts drivers to give them the patient's name, address and phone number.

The driver then rings the patient to arrange when to collect them. Patients give a previously agreed donation to help towards the cost of petrol etc. and drivers have a permit for all Mole Valley car parks and for Epsom Hospital.

It really is a very rewarding and worthwhile service and the patients always say how much they appreciate it, but we can only continue if we have enough drivers. So do please join us if you can. If you feel you can spare some time or would just like to find out more, please ring Graham or Sheila Hill tel. 01372 372165 – they would be delighted to hear from you and anyone else you can recommend. *Graham & Sheila Hill*

Christ Church, Epsom Road, Leatherhead

The Leatherhead Chamber Choir



Antiphonia

Hungarian Medley



Kodály **MISSA BREVIS**

Bartók **RUMANIAN DANCES** for flute

Seiber **THREE HUNGARIAN FOLK-SONGS**

and items by Morton Lauridsen and John Gardner

STELLA BAYLIS flute

GINA EASON accompanist

ANTHONY CAIRNS director

7.30pm Saturday 3 March 2012

Programmes at the door £10 (students £3) including refreshments
www.chch.org.uk/antiphonia.html 020 8398 4896

in aid of **HAPPY CHILD INTERNATIONAL**
and **AGE CONCERN**, Mole Valley North

The Leatherhead Drama Festival, 7th to 19th May 2012

The Leatherhead Drama Festival (LDF) enters its 9th year in May, having grown to be the largest amateur festival of its kind in the UK. Ten junior and 12 adult drama groups will be performing and initial publicity is in the Leatherhead Theatre Spring/Summer programme guide. Ten new plays will be performed for the first time at this year's festival. It takes 12 months to plan, organise and finance, all done by local volunteers.

You may have read in the local paper of 19th January, MVDC has cut its grants to arts groups. The LDF received £1500 in direct grant in recent years. This has been cut to zero this year. A separate application to the Thomas Flack Fund, administered by MVDC to fund fees for services such as the professional adjudicator, was also refused.

The LDF attracts contestants from an ever widening area, bringing with them audiences new to Leatherhead. One drama group went on to win an award at the British All Winners Festival in Guernsey. Another has performed at the Edinburgh Festival. It has been the start for promising careers in the theatre and TV, also inspired by the example set by the festival's patron, Sir Michael Caine.

The LDF is committed to be staged in May. As a festival fan, I am appealing to members of clubs, associations and other groups I associate with to donate £10 to this year's festival. If 150 people contribute we shall fill the gap left by the withdrawal of the MVDC grant. If you wish 'to play your part' in this effort, please make out a cheque to **Leatherhead Drama Festival** for £10, or more if you can. Send it, with your name and address to:

Colin Langley, 7 Cedar Drive, Fetcham, Leatherhead, Surrey
KT22 9ET

It will be sent to the LDF Committee and much appreciated.

If you are a member of other groups that may be interested to support the LDF, please make this information available to them.

Colin Langley
01372 374275

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S WORK: FOCUS ON TRIPOD

TriPod? What's that?



TriPod is an opportunity for Christians to get together once a term, to offer prayerful support for the life of Leatherhead Trinity School and Children's Centre.

Who is it for?

Anyone who is supportive of the school's Christian ethos and would like to know more about how it all works in practice. Members of the three sponsoring churches – St Mary & St Nicholas, Christ Church and LMC are all very welcome.

What do you do?

It depends what's going on. We will hear news about current issues, special events and ways in which the Christian ethos is expressed. There will usually be an update about assemblies, church services and/or the RE curriculum, as well as any particular issues that need prayer. Someone will lead some prayers. And we share some tea and cake!

When and where?

Next meeting: Wednesday 7 March, 6:30pm to 7:30pm at the school's Woodvill Road site. Parking available on site. More info from Jane Smith 01372 372919.



Next Messy Church:

Thursday 15th March,
3.30pm to 5.30pm at





Leatherhead

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Diary - March



Fri	2nd	2.30pm	Women's World Day of Prayer service at the Parish Church
		7.30pm	"A Circle of Song" recital (see page 17)
Sun	4th	10.30am	Rev. Ian Howarth with Holy Communion
		6.30pm	Rev. Ian Howarth - jointly with ChCh at LMC
Thurs	8th	7.30pm	Radical Welcome meeting at Christ Church (see page 16)
Sun	11th	10.30am	Juliet Fuller
		6.30pm	United Pastorate Service at Cobham Methodist Church
Tues	13th	8.00pm	"Singing the Faith" session (see page 16)
Thurs	15th	3.30pm	Messy Church
Sun	18th	10.30am	Rev. Ian Howarth
		6.30pm	Rev. Ian Howarth with Holy Communion jointly with Christ Church at LMC
Sun	25th	10.30am	Rev. Val Ogden
		6.30pm	New Fire
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Sun	1st	10.30am	Rev. Ian Howarth with Holy Communion
		6.30pm	Rev. Ian Howarth - jointly with ChCh at LMC

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

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Our thoughts and prayers are with...

...Joan Rowe, in residential care near her son Robert.



Congratulations to...

...Gill & Meurig Harris on the birth of their new granddaughter Grace, on 6th February, to their daughter and son-in-law Rhiannon and Toby.

Best wishes to...

...Sue and John Friend and family following their house move on 22nd February.

Lent

Lent, a time to think deeply and pray,

A time to show discipline of faith.

Lent, a time of challenge but also of promise;

A time for confessing the wrongs in our life;

A time to admit our mistakes

And show repentance.

Lent, a time to remember that God forgives,

To rejoice in his mercy and pardon.

A time to know, to feel, to face the road,

A time for thoughts, various and immense,

To soar as high as the heavens

Or sink as deep as the sea.

A time to hear the shout of the multitude

"Hallelujah!" "Crucify him!"

And choose the option.

To know, that through the grace of Christ,

Our prayers will be listened to.

We will be heard, acquitted of our ungodliness, absolved,

Forgiven.

Jean Plant

Christ Church

(United Reformed) Leatherhead

AntiphoniA concert:
Hungarian Medley

***Saturday 3rd March,
7.30pm***

See Page 19 for full details

Programme £10.00 at the door
(students: £3.00).

Refreshments.

In aid of Happy Child International,
and Age Concern, Mole Valley North.



Christian Aid - Saturday 28th April

Permission has been given for a collection to be made at TESCO Leatherhead.

If you are willing to collect, at the entrance to the store, for at least one hour, please contact Anne Ray (376788) as soon as possible.

The collection outside Tesco is a special one day collection and is in addition to our commitment to Christian Aid Week, which this year will be Sunday 13th to Saturday 19th May. Details for this will be in next month's Link.

Fairtrade Fortnight 27th February - 11th March

Theme: "Take a Step in 2012"

We're off! With Fairtrade sales breaking £1bn in the UK last year, we've made a better trade system for farmers in developing countries. But there is still a long way to go and we need more people to come with us in making the small steps towards a fairer world.

At Christ Church on Sunday 4th March we plan to hold a Fairtrade Cake Sale as one small step towards the goal. Please help if you can by donating a cake or buying a cake.

There are now so many products that are Fairtrade marked, with very competitive prices, so it is easy to raise the profile if you ask when you are shopping if the shop stocks a good range of Fairtrade goods and it encourages the store to continue their support. Tea, coffee, sugar, drinking chocolate, cocoa, pasta, geobars, honey, fruit, flowers and wine are but a few that are available.

As a Fairtrade Church we always serve Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar at our meetings and support the Traidcraft stall as part of our commitment to Fairtrade. Thank you for your continuing support.

Dorothy Poulton

Christ Church Diary - March



Fri	2nd	2.00pm	Women's World Day of Prayer Service: Parish Church
Sat	3rd	7.30pm	AntiphoniA Concert - <i>see page 19</i>
Sun	4th	10.30am	Rev. Alistair Hutcheson Organist: Gina Eason
		6.30pm	Evening Service at LMC: the Minister
Tues	6th	7.30pm	Surrey & Sussex Area Meeting: Crawley
Wed	7th	10.30am	Coffee & Chat
Thurs	8th	12.30pm 7.30pm	Parish Church concert series begins Radical Welcome meeting (see Page 16)
Sat	10th		Synod Together
Sun	11th	10.30am 6.30pm	Parade Service: Rev. Ian Howarth United Pastorate Service (5 churches) at Cobham Methodist Church
Tues	13th	8.00pm	Singing the Faith (at LMC)
Thurs	15th	12.30pm 3.30pm	Graham Davies: organ recital - Parish Church Messy Church at LMC
Sun	18th	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Rev. Donald Finnan Hospital Service Joint Holy Communion (LMC & URC) at LMC - Rev. Ian Howarth
Tues	20th	7.45pm	Elders' Meeting
Sat	24th	8.00am	Men's Breakfast Fellowship - LMC
Sun	25th	10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Service: Rev. Ian Howarth New Fire - Ecumenical Service at LMC
<u>April</u>			
Palm Sunday:			
Sun	1st	10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Service: Mrs Eileen Lawlor Organist: Gina Eason Evening Service at LMC

Christ Church Family News



Congratulations and all good wishes to **Frank Farnell**, who celebrates his 95th birthday on 9th March.

Lilian Parsons has recently moved from hospital into a care home. Her address is Limegrove, St Martin's Close, East Horsley, Leatherhead KT24 6SU. We send her our very best wishes.

We remember in our prayers all those who are experiencing health problems or undergoing treatment, and all who are unable to come to church and join in activities, especially in this cold weather.

Anne Cairns



Music Exams in Church:

Wed. 21st am/pm
Thurs. 22nd am
Tues. 27th am/pm
Wed. 28th am

SurreySave Credit Union

Please see Heather Ward's news on **page 18** that the Credit Union is now up and running.

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
Contact: Senior Steward -
Carol Stoves 01372 377125

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

www.chch.org.uk
Contact: Local Church Leader -
Mike Essex 01372 273472

Effingham Methodist Church:

www.effinghammethodistchurch.co.uk
Contact: Senior Steward -
Dave Putland 01372 454850

Cobham United Reformed Church:

www.cobhamurc.org.uk
Contact: Church Secretary -
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