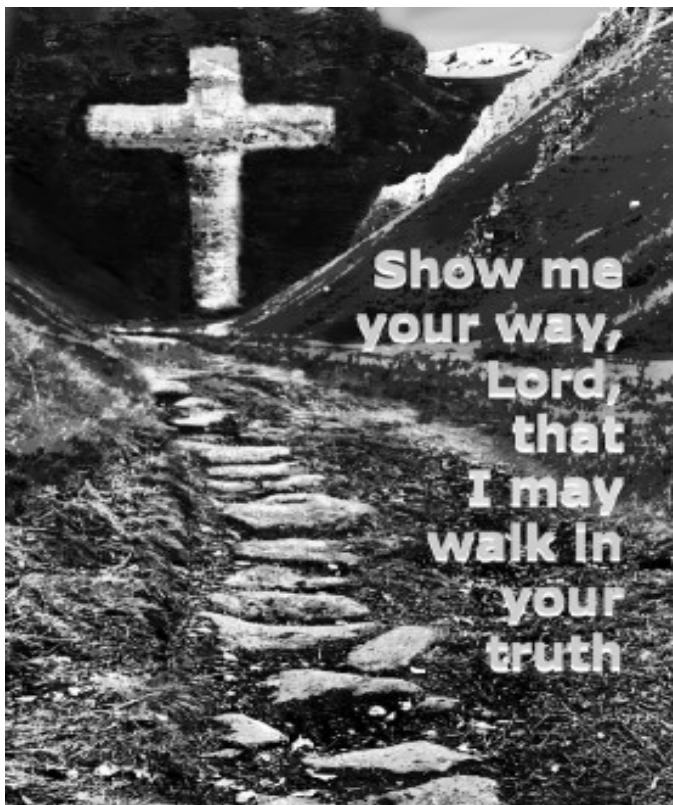


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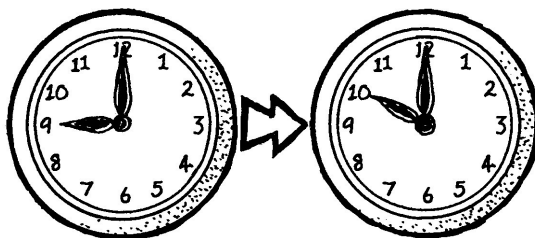
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## The Ministers Write...

### From Rev. Kim Plumpton

Dear friends,

As we come towards Lent I would like to offer you some reflections from a wonderful book I read only last week called 'Mere Spirituality' by Wil Fernandez .

I first caught a glimpse of this book on the back pages of the Methodist Recorder a few months ago. I had somehow managed to skip over the initial title and read the words 'The spiritual life according to Henri Nouwen.' He is of course someone I have come to admire in recent years, over 7 million of his books have been sold worldwide and one of his most popular books 'The return of the prodigal son' is well known by many. One of my favourite books by Nouwen 'The wounded healer' (which I have mentioned before in one of my minister's letters) helped me immensely when I was trying to minister through my own grief after losing mum.

Nouwen was a complex character, an experienced psychologist, theologian and priest, who passed away in 1996 from a massive heart attack. The 40 books he penned during his life time continue to inspire and challenge because he wrestled with life, 'torn between the saint inside of him who had given his life to God and the man inside him who had earthly yearnings and wanted to take his life back'. 'Mere spirituality' offers a holistic approach to Nouwen's written work, drawing from them what Wil Fernandez believes are the essential elements for Spiritual growth and a heart filled life.

Quite simply it can be encompassed in three ways: Communion-a life apart; Community-a life shared; Commission- a life given. Communion speaks of solitude, identity and presence. Community about togetherness, mutuality and solidarity. Commission to embrace the meaning of service, compassion and hospitality.

Nouwen urges us to contemplate these three things. Firstly, a life set apart with God "Somehow we know that without a lonely place our lives are in danger. Somewhere we know that without silence words lose their meaning, that without listening speaking no longer heals, that without distance closeness cannot cure. Somewhere we know that without a lonely place our actions become empty gestures." Intimacy is only achieved when one gives their undivided attention to another and Nouwen's starting point for a deeper spiritual life is in giving God our undivided attention.

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Just as Christ took time to be with the father, so we need to find those intimate moments, for it is only in them that we reveal who we truly are, for there are no hidden places in God's company, it is only here that we can be truly present away from distraction, and it is in these moments God's voice becomes more evident to us.

Secondly Nouwen recognises the deep need within us all to belong, to feel connected, to be part of a human family. *"Community is a fellowship who do not hide their joys and sorrows but make them visible to each other in a gesture of hope. In community, we say life is full of gains and losses, joys and sorrows, ups and downs-but we do not live it alone. We want to drink our cup together and thus celebrate the truth that the woundedness of our individual lives, which seems intolerable when lived alone, becomes a source of healing when we live as part of a fellowship of mutual care."* Community allows an abiding sense of mutuality, a common heart. It is in this place of solidarity that we find our humanness; a place of discovery, where our potential may be unearthed and God's grace lavished upon us.

Finally there is Commission, *"As the beloved ones, our greatest fulfillment lies in becoming bread for the world. That is the intimate expression of our deepest desire to give ourselves to each other."* Nouwen's idea of hospitality is almost immeasurable in its depth. Even in our woundedness and brokenness he suggests we can offer hope and service to others, for healing and reconciliation may well come from them. This brings to mind those who can forgive in the most extraordinary places of personal pain. This kind of hospitality is selfless and ambitious; it requires the giving of oneself fully to another; to be attentive to another's needs.

The book also offers opportunities for personal ponderings and is well worth exploring especially as we move towards Easter. I found the book very insightful and it has encouraged me to look more closely, to examine myself and consider the areas that need further development. I hope you too might find this helpful.

With every blessing Kim



## Mirror, Mirror on the Wall – how do you see yourself this Lent?

Somebody asked a Christian friend why he was eating doughnuts, when he had given them up for Lent! He answered, *'As I drove past the baker's I told God, that if He wanted me to buy doughnuts, He should provide a parking space in front of the shop. On the eighth time round the block, there it was!'* Rather than seeing Lent simply as a time to give things up, let's use it intentionally for self-examination, reading Scripture, penitence, fasting and prayer.

At Jesus' baptism, God's voice says, *'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'* (Luke 3:22). The Holy Spirit then leads Jesus into the wilderness, where we find Him coming to terms with who He is. Satan's temptations challenge Jesus in three key areas of His identity: social action, political power, and religious identity (Luke 4: 1-13). It is as though Jesus looked into the mirror at Himself to discern what kind of Saviour He would be.

We can also think of Lent as an opportunity to hold a mirror up to ourselves and ask the question, *'Who am I?'* It is a season of honest encounter with who we are, what we've done, and the world in which we live. How will you keep the Lent period of 40 days running up to Easter? What will you see when you hold up the mirror to yourself? Alongside taking time to read Scripture, you could study a Christian book and pray with fasting, or why not give up texting for Lent and simply talk on the phone; or commit yourself to just working 40 hours a week or spend five minutes each day in silence!

Whatever we do, Lent is a season for self-reflection, as we put ourselves in a position to receive afresh the forgiveness and healing that God offers.

*Parish Pump*





# Cobham Methodist Worship Diary



## March

Sun	5th	10.30am	Jay Dunning
Sat	11th	2.30pm	Platinum Service
Sun	12th	10.30am	Rev Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion (Joint Service at URC)
Sun	19th	10.30am	Rev Kim Plumpton (Joint Service)
Sun	26rd	10.30am	Rob Pitt

## April

Sun 2nd 10.30am TBA

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

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





# Cobham

## United Reformed Church

### Worship Diary

#### March

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

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

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

Sun 26th 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton

#### April

Sun 2nd 9.00am Early Bird Service  
10.30am Norman Edsall

**Prayers at the Manse**  
**Wednesdays at 9.30am**  
March: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

#### House Groups

Because of Lent Groups, there will be no house group meeting in March. The next House Group will be on Thursday 20th April at 7.30pm.



# Cobham Events in March

Thur 2nd	12.30pm	Men's Fellowship ( <i>The Running Horse, Bridge St, Leatherhead</i> )
Fri 3rd	10.30am	Women's World Day of Prayer ( <i>see p6</i> )
Sun 5th	3.00pm	Play and Chat (to 6.00 pm)
Tues 7th	9.45am	Church Walk
	8.00pm	Elders' Meeting (URC)
Sat 11th	9.30am	"Reimagining Church" at London Road Methodist Church, Horsham (to 4.30pm)( <i>see below</i> )
	7.00pm	Sing-a-Long fund-raising Event
Mon 20th	7.00pm	Meeting of Joint Leadership Team with District Chair and Moderator, at CMC
Thur 23rd	3.45pm	Messy Church (to 5.45pm)
Fri 24th	7.30pm	Joint Leadership Meeting at URC

## Lent Bible Study

Tues Feb 28th, Mar 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th at 10.30am at the manse  
Repeated  
Thur Mar 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th at 7.30pm at Helen Pattison's  
For details see p9

# REIMAGINE

Nurturing mission-shaped churches and circuits



**Dorking & Horsham Circuit Mission Training Day March 11<sup>th</sup> 2017**

Come be inspired and join in with Methodism's ongoing conversation as we reimagine what 21<sup>st</sup> Century church could look like and seek to fulfil our commission to make disciples of all people!

**Keynote Speaker: Rev Graham Horsley**

*Connexional Fresh Expressions Missioner*

Recorded Talk: Dr Rachel Jordan-Wolf

*National Mission and Evangelism Adviser for the CofE*

Plus feedback from the national Reimagine Conference, Breakout Sessions & Take it Home info pack

**Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017 10am to 4pm** (registration from 9.30am)

London Road Methodist Church, Horsham, W Sussex

Contact/info & to book your place: Juliet Fuller

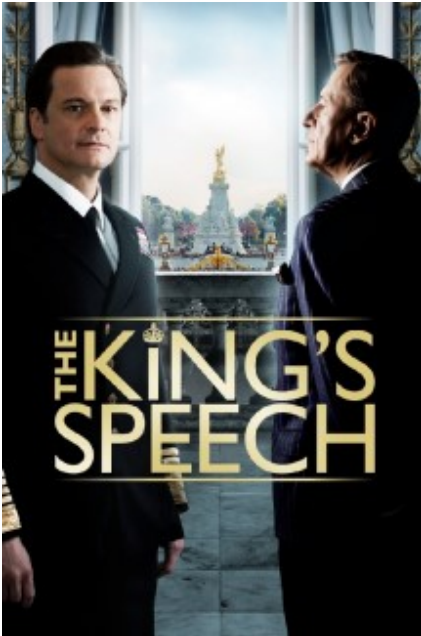
Tel: 01403 731927/Email: [faith.hope.love@live.co.uk](mailto:faith.hope.love@live.co.uk)

(NB: BYO lunch; tea/coffee provided)

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## Lent Bible Study

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

### **'Finding a voice: The Kings Speech'**

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

### Meetings will take place at:

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

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

7th March 10:30am @ The manse

9th March 7:30pm @ Helen Pattisons

14th March 10:30am @ The Manse

16th March 7:30pm @ Helen Pattisons

21st March 10:30 am @ The manse

23rd March 7:30pm @ Helen Pattisons

28th March 10:30am @ The manse

30th March 7:30pm @ Helen Pattisons

4th April 10:30am @ The manse

6th April 7:30pm @ Helen Pattisons

Fundraising Event

# SING-A-LONG



**11th March at 7pm**  
**Cobham United Reformed**  
**Church, Stoke Road.**

**Please join us for a fun night,  
singing a long to one of your favourite musicals.  
Nibbles and refreshments will be served.**

**No entrance fee but donations welcome on the night**

# Fundraising events



**11th March 7pm**  
**Sing-A-Long**

**6th May 6:30pm**  
**Quiz Night**



**2nd July 12:15pm**  
**Barbecue**



**23rd Sept 7:30pm**  
**Harvest Supper**

For information: contact Kim on  
01932586988 or [kimp\\_822@hotmail.com](mailto:kimp_822@hotmail.com)





# Effingham

## Methodist Church

### Birthday Dates to celebrate this month:



We wish a very Happy Birthday to 4 of our ladies: Pat Steer on the 17th, Janet Garnham on the 19th, Elaine Moran on the 24th and Angela Putland on the 29th.

*Let us know about birthdays or BIG anniversaries !!*

*Congratulations to Dennis and Gracie Wickham on their Golden Wedding Anniversary*



### Cleaning and Coffee

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 to 12 noon on 25th March**. Money raised will be divided between *Habitat for Humanity* & World Mission.



### Tuesday Teas

We have welcomed some new members recently and continue to meet fortnightly for tea, friendship and chat. We meet in St Alphege Hall, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Lower Road, Effingham from 2.30 to 4pm. **March dates: 14th and 28th.**

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



## "Connect" a group for carers and partners with dementia

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

We meet in St Lawrence Church Hall, Browns Lane, KT24 5LX in Effingham from 10am to 12noon on alternate Thursdays and also arrange monthly outings.

In February, we welcomed Sheila who led us with some exercises and visited Denbies for tea. In March we welcome Paddy with his guitar and some music to sing-along to and a First Aid talk on trips and falls.

We are happy to welcome more couples so if you know anyone for whom this sounds of possible interest and benefit, please let us know. Next dates fortnightly, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> etc. For more info. contact Gill on 01372 457987 email GillianMWalker@gmail.com or Kim on 01932 586988



Our February meeting was on the theme: Jesus, Salt of the Earth, Light of the World. The children made lighthouses and engaged with frozen water bombs, adding coloured paint and salt to see the effect, and vegetables with candles added giving light—all great fun! Spaghetti Bolognese was the meal of the day for all. Our next Messy Church is on **March 8th, 3.30pm to 5.30pm in St Lawrence Church Hall.**

For more information contact Gill on 01372 45787 or email gillianmwalker@gmail.com

# Effingham Methodist Diary



## March

Wed 1st	12.30pm	Lent Lunch in St Lawrence Hall
Thur 2nd	2.00pm	Christian Meditation in the Church
<b>Sun 5th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Rev Kim Plumpton with Sacrament</b>
Sat 11th	9.30am	"Reimagining Church" at London Road Methodist Church, Horsham (to 4.30pm)(see p4)
<b>Sun 12th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>John Oborn</b>
Tues 14th	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea in the R. C. Hall
Wed 15th	12.30pm	Lent Lunch in St Lawrence Hall
Thur 16th	12.30pm	Oasis Lunch and discussion in the hall (to 3.00pm)
	2.00pm	Christian Meditation in the church
<b>Sun 19th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>David Cappitt</b>
Tues 21st	2.00pm	Prayer Walk - meet at St Lawrence Church
<b>Sun 26th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Waseem Haq</b>
Tues 28th	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea in the R. C. Hall
Wed 29th	12.30pm	Lent Lunch in St Lawrence Hall
Thur 30th	2.00pm	Christian Meditation in the Church

## April

**Sun 2nd 10.00am Rev. Kim Plumpton with Sacrament**

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



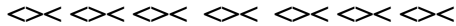
**Don't forget it's  
Mother's Day on  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>  
March**



## Women's World Day of Prayer Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

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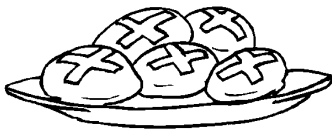
Our local services will be held on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**  
**10.30am @ St. Nicolas Parish Church, Gt. Bookham** and  
**7.30pm @ Effingham Methodist Church**



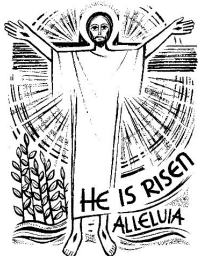
### LENT in Effingham

Effingham's fortnightly **Lent Lunches** will be held from **12.30 to 2pm in St. Lawrence Church Hall on 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March.** This year's charity is **Connect**, our fortnightly group for dementia sufferers and their carers.

**Lent talks** by Leslie Pitcher, a local art historian will be held at **St. Al-  
phage Hall, Our Lady of Sorrows, in Lower Road.** at 7.30pm on 8<sup>th</sup>,  
15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> March.



Once again **Churches Together** have organised for **free hot-cross buns** to be distributed locally on **Maundy Thursday.** Kim and helpers will be at Effingham shops, but Mandy, our rector will be at Effingham Junction station to catch early bird commuters.



### **Living Easter !**

Following the success of the Living Nativity, plans are afoot for another ambitious Christian drama, acted out around our churches, KGV and the Haigh pub on Easter Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> April at about 3pm.

We're casting parts now so please talk to Dave or Ange if interested.



## Prayers for Lent and Easter

The **Methodist UK website** has a page of prayer resources written by Dr. Deidre Homer, a Methodist local preacher in training.

She reflects that, as Christians, we can use the Lent period to prepare ourselves for God's great act of self-giving on Calvary. Christians need to undertake their own self-giving - responding to God's activity in the world by acting on behalf of those around us.

### **Prayer of Confession**

Forgive us Lord for our apathy,  
for our lack of courage to speak out.  
Forgive us when we walk past and don't offer help.  
Forgive us when we get it wrong.  
We confess that we are afraid -  
we don't want to overcome our hidden doubts and prejudices  
in order to be alongside those who are different from ourselves.  
We ask that you would lead us into action:  
give us strength to be a voice crying for justice and peace.  
Help us to step into another person's shoes,  
or if they have no shoes  
then not to be afraid to take off our own,  
  
peel off our preconceptions and assumptions,  
uncurl and spread out our toes, and  
tread in their footprints.

May we be a liberating presence  
and offer love, compassion and whatever is needed  
to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God. **Amen**



(Philippians 2:15),

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Dear Friends,

Lent is upon us and with it another moment of preparation. Just as during Advent we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ Child so in Lent we make preparations again but of a different sort.

Usually the focus of our preparations is giving something up – the almost inevitable chocolate! Without wanting to be totally dismissive, really? Is that the sum of our appreciation of the events of Holy Week and Easter Day that the best we can come up with is to give up chocolate? Again, forgive me, I know I'm being a little harsh but go to Luke 12:13ff and see what Jesus says. In response to an obvious question of a frivolous nature Jesus retorts: 'Man, who made me...' Wow, that sounds rather short to me. J Jeremias regards this parable of being of 'Eschatological significance' (To do with the ultimate moments of life). In other words, Jeremias is suggesting that Jesus' frustration is born out of a lack of appreciation of the moment on the part of the man in the crowd. Here he is, Jesus, the one in whom the ultimate questions of life, death, salvation and love find their answer and all this bloke can do is ask him to settle a family squabble! I must admit I find myself somewhat humbled in the face of that for I know I too am often far more interested in the 'little things' of my life than the eternal things of God's life for me in Jesus.

Lent, for me, is an opportunity to get that perspective back again. To be challenged to be more intentional in my relationship with God. Given the great lengths and awesome sacrifice God has embraced to demonstrate the extent of God's love for me, what opportunity is God opening up for me in this moment to offer myself to? I guess that will be different for each of us but I trust that Lent will be a fruitful time of deep searching and sacrificial commitment for all us as we respond to the amazing love shown to us the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour even Jesus.

On a different note, we have a rather awesome event lined up for Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March at London Road. The Circuit has been able to persuade the Discipleship & Learning Network to repeat certain elements of the Re-Imagine Conference held last summer. This conference was very well received and provides an opportunity to think again about being church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and beyond. Please do make every effort to participate. See your local church notice board for details.

*Gavin*

## ***SOUTHWATER***

Following on from the Reimagined conference and the Share Jesus training, 2017 looks like being a year of exciting mission possibilities in the village, as we continue to seek fresh ways to engage with our community and to make the name of Jesus known. Building on Angie's links with the local infant school, we have been asked to run a Parenting Course there and we're also looking into running prayer spaces and 'Open the book' drama based RE in each of the village schools.

At Easter, on Maundy Thursday, we invite people to share making cross shaped wreaths to place on their front door. On Good Friday, we prayer walk around our community listening to God and praying for the needs of our village (especially for the many new homes being built), followed by our Good Friday reflection. On Saturday we focus on our Easter witness in the village square engaging with shoppers offering prayer, balloons and eggs as we share the message of the cross and resurrection. Easter Sunday we share brunch before celebrating the risen Christ in our worship.

*Juliet Fuller*

## ***DORKING***

Rowan, our lay Chaplain, has settled into her important role. She described Christmas Day at the Centre thus: *Just under 70 people attended, many of them being our usual Café guests, but about 50% of the people were 'volunteers'! The cooks provided a wonderful full turkey lunch with all the trimmings, and then there was trifle, mince pies and Christmas pudding, much of the food having been donated by various shops or companies. In between courses we had poems, jokes, a quiz, carols and stories. The cooks want to serve again next Christmas!*

We were delighted to welcome back Revd Dr Malcolm Rothwell to take our Church Anniversary. He based the worship quite originally on what he had learned from his experience of running the London Marathon. Then we appreciated having our Covenant service led by our Superintendent.

The Food Bank which the Centre hosts continues its valuable work, and Elizabeth makes sure that Fairtrade and its challenge is not forgotten by her stall and occasional Saturday coffee mornings. Another of our members, Peter, has just retired after serving as lay Chair of Churches Together in Dorking. Sue is a Foundation governor at the Church's Primary School, and is one of the team from the Church who share in leading the collective worship there. Should you be in Dorking at midday on the first Saturday of a month, there is a concert in the Church, with a variety of styles and performers.

## ***PARTRIDGE GREEN***

In January, Gavin hosted a "Vision" day here in Partridge Green, and this was well supported by many. A positive experience for all, resulting in a revised Mission Statement which will be brought to Church council. We felt that our work with young families and a more structured approach to our pastoral care was of prime importance at this time. At this point we are planning our activities for our February and our Easter Messy Church mornings. These continue to be well enjoyed by many families who regularly attend. Planned Easter preparations in Partridge Green are weekly Ecumenical Lent Groups to be held at St. Michael's each Wednesday evening during Lent, entitled "Year of the Bible" and weekly Lent Lunches to be held at our church hall each Thursday at 12.30 pm commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> March, with money raised going to charity.

On Good Friday, there will be a Procession of Witness around the village, and in the afternoon, we plan our annual walk at 2.30 pm, followed by tea and a service.

*Alison James*

## ***LONDON ROAD, HORSHAM***

With Lent fast approaching, we have decided at LRMC to follow the York Course 'Receiving Christ in five different ways'. The house groups will meet weekly for the five weeks of the course and each Sunday the 10.30 am service will focus on that week's session. It is hoped that those who do not normally attend a house group will consider joining one of the groups. With a variety of days and times, there should be a group to suit everyone!

Then on March 11th, we are looking forward to hosting 'ReImagine', a day to be inspired 'as we reimagine what 21st Century Church could look like and seek to fulfil our commission to make disciples of all people!' We are very fortunate to have as our keynote speaker, the Connexional Fresh Expressions Missioner, Revd Graham Horsley. This event will take place between 10 am and 4 pm (bring your own lunch, drinks provided). Contact Juliet Fuller for further details and to book on 01403 731927 or email [faith.hope.lovelive.co.uk](mailto:faith.hope.lovelive.co.uk).

Looking further ahead, our Church AGM will take place after the morning service on April 9th and will be followed by a bring and share lunch.

Holy Week services are currently being planned, but will include a Tenebrae service at 7.30 pm on Maundy Thursday, shared with our URC and Baptist friends, and a Good Friday Service at 10 am followed by the Walk of Witness and shared Service in the Carfax.

*Carolyn King*

## ***COBHAM***

It was good to see a full church on Christmas Day. We also hosted a united service on New Year's Day, and on the third Sunday in January Cobham URC joined us for a Covenant Service. As we grow together the Covenant had a particular significance.

The Joint Leadership Meeting had a short discussion on Baptism and Membership (short not because it was unimportant, but because there were very few points of difference) and a much longer discussion on Ministry, where we differ on who can preside at Communion, and on the way we appoint ministers. We have just started holding joint house groups. We look forward to meetings with the County Ecumenical Officer in February and with the District Chair and Synod Moderator in March.

This year's (joint) Lent Study will be based on the film "The King's Speech", and our joint Easter Communion will be at CMC.

In May, we shall be celebrating our Church Anniversary on the 21st, when Kath Jones will be preaching, and we shall welcome Cobham Community Church and The Great Commission Ministry as well as Cobham URC to share in worship (and food) with us.

*David Cappitt*

## EFFINGHAM

After a rather grey and cold January there are signs of Spring in our Chapel garden, with green shoots heralding snowdrops and just a couple of primroses against the church wall. A lovely sight to greet **Gavin**, our Superintendent, who visited **Oasis**, the monthly lunch time discussion group, to introduce himself and get to know us. It was great to be able to chat to him and exchange ideas and concerns.

Being in a small village, Effingham Methodist Church works closely with the other churches through **Churches together in Effingham & Little Bookham**. A network of familiar faces and enthusiastic folk are involved in **Fresh Expressions** activities, regular Prayer walks and ecumenical Church Services. **Messy Church** is helping us to forge links with the local primary school, and, for the second year running, children joining us for *Messy Easter* will each receive a chocolate Easter egg with the story of Jesus. This year's **Lent Lunches** will be in aid of **Connect**, our fortnightly group for dementia sufferers and their carers, which is meeting a real need locally, and bringing people from as far away as Woking. There's also a series of **Lent talks** by a local art historian, hosted by our Catholic friends at Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

On **Maundy Thursday**, Kim and **Mandy**, the "new" **Anglican Rector**, and lots of helpers will be distributing **Hot-cross buns** at the local shops and railway station, to remind people about the real meaning of **Easter**. Then, as usual on **Good Friday**, we'll take a *Devotional Walk* via each of our churches, ending with a service at the Chapel. Following the success of our **Christmas Living Nativity** we will be raiding the dressing-up box again and organising a **Living Easter** event on Holy Saturday, with more free eggs for kids!

At the Chapel on 25<sup>th</sup> March we have a **World Missions** coffee morning with plants, cakes and a bring and buy stall. Then on 23<sup>rd</sup> April we'll celebrate **St. George's Day** in red, white and blue, with a lovely slice of patriotic cake in true Effingham style. *Ange & Dave Putland*

## LEATHERHEAD

Flooding Leatherhead with knitted angels on Christmas Eve must have been a big success as each one was taken by passers-by as a gift from our town's Churches Together organisation. A legacy is enabling us to upgrade our church's sound system.

*Ron Shaw*



The Methodist Church

Jesus -  
Crucified  
Risen  
Reigning

# Leatherhead Pages

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



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## Next Sisters' Get-Together

Saturday 8th April  
8.30am – 10.00am

Parish Church Hall, Church Rd,  
Leatherhead

Lesley's Time in Prison". Breakfast provided - donations to cover cost.  
We welcome all women/girls across the Churches in Leatherhead, together with any friends, family and neighbours.

# NEW FIRE

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

**Next New Fire - 26th March**



## Next Messy Church for Leatherhead:

Thursday 16th March  
3.30pm to 5.30pm at:

**LMC**

## Men's Breakfasts



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

**25th March**      **Parish Church Hall**  
Speaker: Martin Coles  
**22nd April**      **Catholic Church Hall**

...then on the fourth Saturday each month.

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

# Time for Tea



## **COME for TEA and COMPANY**

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

## **LEATHERHEAD METHODIST CHURCH**

**Next "Time for Tea" - Friday 7th April**

*No Time for Tea in March* as it coincides with the Women's World Day of Prayer, which is at LMC at 2.30pm on Friday 3rd March

## **EVERYONE WELCOME**

(Suggested donation £1)



# **Women's World Day of Prayer 2017**

## **"Am I Being Unfair to You?"**



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

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

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

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

**The service is for ALL.**

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

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

*Leatherhead Churches WWDP Committee*





**MUSIC  
on  
THURSDAYS  
at LMC**



**WEDNESDAYS  
at  
CHRIST  
CHURCH**

[musiconthursdays.org](http://musiconthursdays.org)

## Wednesdays at Christ Church

Epsom Road, Leatherhead, KT22 8ST  
*plenty of on-site parking*

**12.30 lunchtime**

**Wednesday 15th March**

**Jonathan Melling**

Organist & Director of Music  
All Hallows by the Tower, City of London

**A guest organist each month  
through to November 2017**

*Leatherhead Concert & Arts Society Regd Charity 1166764*

## Music on Thursdays at LMC

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

**12.30 lunchtime • Thursday 6th April  
sung excerpts from Will Todd's opera**

***ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND***

*with principal singers from the recent  
production at the London College of Music*

12.30 lunchtime concerts take place weekly  
From April to the end of November

*these concerts are free to enter with  
a retiring collection to cover costs*



## Pastoral Visitors...

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

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

# "The Gospel of Matthew"...

...performed by George Dillon at the Leatherhead Theatre on Tuesday 28th March at 7.30 p.m.

Acclaimed by critics and audiences in theatres and churches throughout the UK, award-winning actor George Dillon presents an unforgettable vision of Jesus in his highly intense, very human and occasionally humorous solo staging of the first Gospel, with an original musical score and video background.

Short-listed for The Stage's 'Best Actor' Award in Edinburgh, Dillon's epic, impassioned performance portrays Jesus not as a meek and mild lamb to the slaughter but as a contemporary raging fighter for God.

"Dillon brings out levels of meaning rarely heard in pulpits." Church of England News.

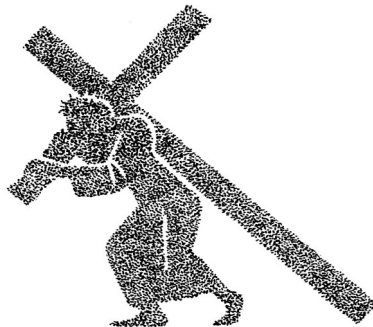
Pricing:

Standard £13.00

Theatre Friends £10.00

Concessions £10.00

Please note a website transaction fee of £1 will be added to each ticket. This includes 50p Restoration Levy and will be capped at £7.



## Leatherhead Community Association

The Leatherhead Community Association (LCA) which is based at The Institute at the top of the High Street, has been serving local residents for the past 40 years, providing educational, social and recreational facilities. It is run predominantly by enthusiastic volunteers guided by a Board of Trustees, protected by a trust, set up with a limited financial guarantee.

In order to keep up the good work, we require additional trustees with an interest in involvement in the community but especially, in the near future, a Joint Treasurer to replace the current trustee, who has filled this post diligently for a number of years

He or she would work with our existing Joint Treasurer/Company Secretary, who has a wide knowledge of charity finance and would give lots of support. A financial background and being able to work on the excellent Excel worksheets that record our accounts would be an advantage.

The work of a Trustee carries responsibility, but it is not too onerous, and is highly rewarding.

For further information please make contact with our Chairman by email: Mrs June Robinson - [lcachairman@btconnect.com](mailto:lcachairman@btconnect.com)

Also on 3rd March there is a special talk at the Institute at 7.30 given by Martin Hunks on "A Retelling of the Odyssey". Martin is a member of Surrey Storytellers Guild, and he used to run Mole Books in the 1980s where he used to tell stories in the shop. He has developed this fascinating version of Homer's Odyssey which was heard in Ewell last year. We are viewing this as a pilot to see if there is sufficient interest to have storytelling become a regular event at the LCA. Full details on the LCA website - [lca2@btconnect.com](mailto:lca2@btconnect.com)

*Frances Presley*





# Leatherhead

## Methodist Church

### **West Hill School Community Café...**

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

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

## **Prayer Breakfasts**

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

## **LMC House Groups**

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



Please contact the church office if you are interested.

# LMC Family News

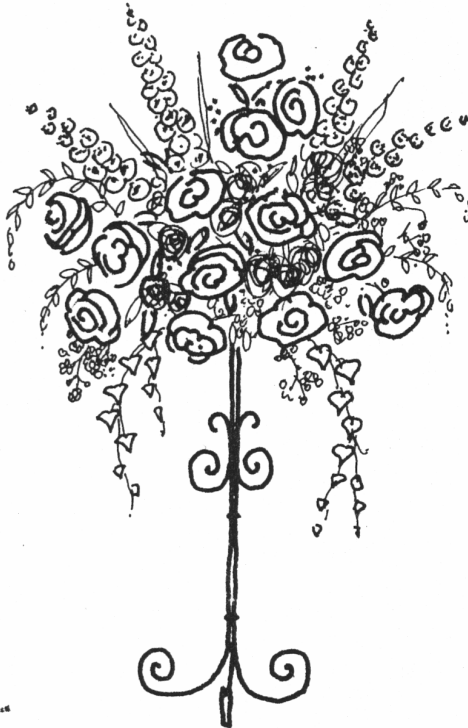


*Our thoughts and prayers are with...*

... Sherelle Munnis as she recuperates at home, following a recent illness.

*We remember ...*

... members, relatives and friends who are in hospital, in nursing care or at home and those who care for them day by day.



# LMC Diary



## March

- Thurs 2nd 7.30pm Church Council
- Fri 3rd 10.30am West Hill School Café at LMC  
2.30pm Women's World Day of Prayer at LMC  
(No Time for Tea this month)
- Sun 5th 10.30am Rev. Darlene McCarley with Holy Communion (to be confirmed)**
- Thurs 9th 6.00pm Revive Youth Club (to 7.30pm)  
7.30pm Leadership Team meeting at Norma & Ron's
- Fri 10th 10.30am West Hill School Café at LMC
- Sun 12th 10.30am Jay Dunning  
6.30pm Rev. Darlene McCarley with Holy Communion (to be confirmed)**
- Wed 15th 12.30pm Organ Concert at Christ Church
- Thurs 16th 3.30pm Messy Church (to 5.30pm)
- Fri 17th 10.30am West Hill School Café at LMC
- Sun 19th 9.00am Prayer Breakfast  
10.30am United Service at LMC - Angie Choat**
- Thurs 23rd 6.00pm Revive Youth Club (to 7.30pm)
- Fri 24th 10.30am West Hill School Café at LMC
- Sat 25th 8.00am Men's Breakfast at the Parish Church Hall:  
Speaker - Martin Coles
- Sun 26th 10.30am Rhys Frost  
6.30pm New Fire**
- Tues 28th 2.30pm Pastoral Visitors' prayer meeting  
7.30pm "The Gospel of Matthew" at Leatherhead Theatre
- Fri 31st 10.30am West Hill School Café at LMC

## April

- Sun 2nd 10.30am see Circuit Plan or weekly notices**
- Thurs 6th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays
- Fri 7th 2.30pm Time for Tea
- Sat 8th 8.30am Sisters' Get-Together at the Parish Church Hall

# 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!

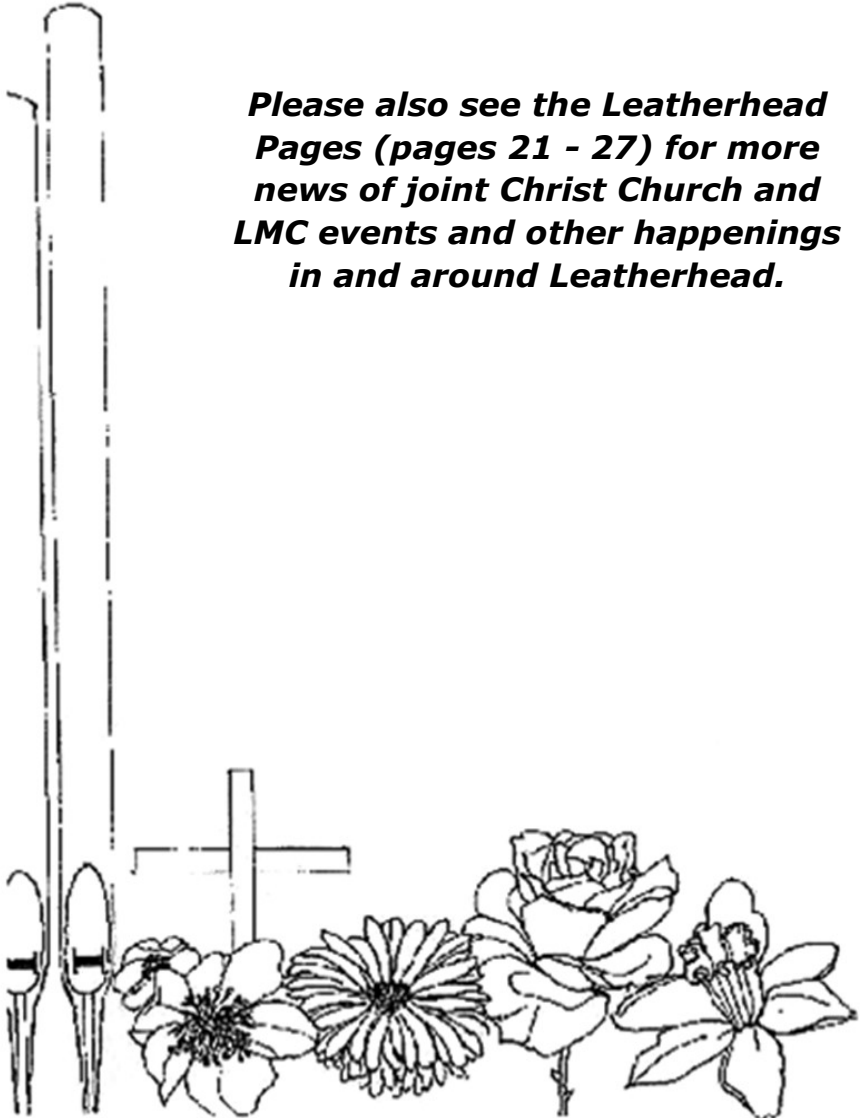
Leatherhead Methodist Church  
2nd and 4th Thursday  
6pm-7:30pm  
Ages 7-11  
Cost £1

Email [hannahleatherheadfcw@gmail.com](mailto:hannahleatherheadfcw@gmail.com)

# **Christ Church**

**(United Reformed) Leatherhead**

***Please also see the Leatherhead  
Pages (pages 21 - 27) for more  
news of joint Christ Church and  
LMC events and other happenings  
in and around Leatherhead.***





# Christ Church Diary



## March

- Fri 3rd 2.30pm Women's World Day of Prayer (at LMC)  
*(No Time for Tea this month)*
- Sun 5th 10.30am Rev Stephen Thornton**  
Sat 11th 1.00pm *Still Reforming: Swiss Church WC2H DY*  
*"Leave Christians a Free Choice"*
- Sun 12th 10.30am Rev Darlene McCarley: Holy Communion**  
Thur 16th 3.30pm Messy Church (at LMC)(to 5.30pm)
- Sun 19th 10.30am Angie Choat: United Service at LMC**  
Sat 25th 8.00am Men's Breakfast at Parish Church Hall;  
speaker Martin Coles.

### *Clocks Forward*

- Sun 26th 10.30am Rev Darlene McCarley: Parade Service**

## April

- Sun 2nd 10.30am Rev Robert Blows**  
Fri 7th 2.30pm Time for Tea (LMC)  
7.30pm *Still Reforming: German Christ Church, Montpelier Place*  
*"Things we really care about. Tracing the German Protestant Herit age.*



# Christ Church Family News



Fred Maddock is back home after a few weeks in hospital, but is still not very well. We send him our good wishes and hope that he will soon feel a lot better.

Beryl Turner was still in hospital for her 100th birthday on 2nd February, but was able to enjoy her cards, including one from the Queen. Her condition is improving, and she has now moved to a home for respite care near her daughter Janet. We send our very best wishes for her recovery.

Jill and Richard Osmond have moved to 6 Harroway Manor, Cobham Road, Fetcham KT22 2LL, telephone 01372 635104. We wish them every happiness in their new home.

We remember these friends in our prayers and all those who are unwell, thinking of Lynda Russell, Laurence Martin and Margaret Ball, those undergoing tests or treatment, the lonely and the bereaved.

*Anne Cairns*

## **Another Saint You've Probably Never Heard Of: Saint Rupert the Salty**

Rupert is the saint for you if you like *The Sound of Music* – or salt with your food!

Rupert (died c 710) was bishop of Worms and Salzburg, and he founded the great monastery of St Peter in Salzburg in the eighth century, thus firmly establishing Christianity in that city. True, it would be another 11 centuries before a certain young wanna-be-nun wandered about singing of her Favourite Things, but you have start somewhere.

In the meantime, Rupert also helped the people of Salzburg by developing the salt-mines nearby, which helped make the city prosperous. Though if salt became a too 'favourite thing', it would also have raised the locals' blood pressure.

Rupert's iconographical emblem is a barrel of salt, which makes sense, but is not as romantic as raindrops on roses, or whiskers on kittens.

*Parish Pump*

## 2017 Faith Easter Egg launched

The new look Real Easter Egg 2017 range has been launched, and churches are being asked to encourage people to support this unique way of sharing the story of Easter.

This year a 24 page Easter story-activity book, illustrated by Alida Massari, is included in the Original, Egg Hunt and Dark eggs. The Special Edition has an Easter traditions booklet inside. The Sharing box, with 30 eggs, comes with 30 colour-in posters.

Out of the 80 million Easter eggs sold in this part of the world every year, The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has a copy of the Easter story in the box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and makes a donation to charity from sales.

The Real Easter Egg was launched in 2010 but the supermarkets turned down the idea. It was left to churches and church schools to place orders to fund The Meaningful Chocolate Company so they could make The Real Easter Egg.

David Marshall, creator of The Real Easter Egg, said; "With the support of churches more than one million eggs have been sold with 750,000 of these sent through the post directly to churches and schools. The rest have been sold through independent retailers and supermarkets.

"The success of The Real Easter Egg has meant that the production of Fairtrade chocolate has moved to the UK. Over £250,000 has been raised from sales for charitable causes. Due to production restrictions, this year we have slightly few eggs available so we recommend people order as early as possible."

The whole range can be ordered online at [www.realeasteregg.co.uk](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk) (with free delivery) or from Traidcraft, Eden.co.uk, TLM trading.com, Embrace the Middle East. Christian bookshops and some cathedrals also have stocks. You can also buy the blue Original egg from Tesco, Waitrose and Morrisons.



The Real  
Easter  
Egg

# 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:**  
Church Road, Leatherhead, KT22 8AY  
[www.leatherheadmethodist.org](http://www.leatherheadmethodist.org)  
Contact: Administrator -  
Carol Stoves 01372 377125; Office 362145

**Christ Church (United Reformed):**  
Epsom Road, Leatherhead, KT22 8ST  
[www.chch.org.uk](http://www.chch.org.uk)  
Contact: Local Church Leader -  
Mike Essex 01372 273472

**Effingham Methodist Church:**  
Chapel Hill, Effingham, KT24 5NB  
[www.effinghammethodistchurch.co.uk](http://www.effinghammethodistchurch.co.uk)  
Contact: Senior Steward -  
Dave Putland 01372 454850

**Cobham United Reformed Church:**  
38 Stoke Road, Cobham, KT11 3BD  
[www.cobhamurc.org.uk](http://www.cobhamurc.org.uk)  
Contact: Church Secretary -  
Mary Langtry 01483 282421

**Cobham Methodist Church:**  
Cedar Road, Cobham, KT11 2AA  
[www.cobhammethodistchurch.com](http://www.cobhammethodistchurch.com)  
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David Cappitt 01932 862661



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