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The Minister Writes...

From Rev Kim Plumpton

Dear friends,

Next year will be my very first sabbatical, a luxury we are afforded every 10 years. I was assured that the 3 months we are given is not an extended holiday (wouldn't that have been nice), but a time to replenish oneself with some form of study. All URC ministers are encouraged to consider a course or activity that might enhance one's ministry. You are expected to submit an application indicating what you will be doing during this precious time, as well as funding needs once you have some understanding of what is required. The funds could pay for courses, accommodation or any expenses incurred. You're encouraged to choose books and to organise a retreat, time for spiritual refreshment. You are also expected to secure a supervisor, someone experienced in the field you are pursuing, an advisor offering guidance when needed. It all began to sound far more complicated than I had first appreciated.

So what to pursue was the first big question, I needed to think fairly swiftly in the hope that the relevant forms could be submitted to a committee in the summer.

It came down to two areas of interest, the first, my passion for the creative arts and the second, an exploration into the world of conflict resolution. I pondered hard on what would really get me excited and enthused. After all, if I was going to study for 3 months then I needed to be passionate about what I was studying. It didn't take long to realise that my passion for the creative arts was calling me. Having fashioned 'One woman's Story' for Maundy Thursday (2 years ago with music and words written back in 2002), I decided to contemplate creating resources to be used in other churches.

So who would be my supervisor? Having enjoyed the work of Roger Jones, creator of Snakes and Ladders, From Pharaoh to Freedom, Jairus' Daughter and Pharisee amongst many others, I could never have hoped or imagined that God had him already lined up to say yes when asked. I was soooo excited when I heard he was happy to be my supervisor. God is indeed so gracious. So we'll see what 2020 has to offer. I am hoping that I will return very much more energised, invigorated and rejuvenated, as well as with a collection of resources for others to use.

It has been said that *'When you're surrounded by people who share a passionate commitment around a common purpose, anything is possible.'*

There are times when we doubt and times when we are fearful but it's clear from the journey the disciples make over the next few weeks that their encounters with the risen Christ energise and invigorate them. From death to life, from sadness to deep joy and from unbelief to belief. Jesus' presence alone a recognition of truth, that everything that Jesus has said and will say comes from the very heart of God. It is in those encounters with the risen Christ that we are revitalised, recharged, refreshed and renewed. It is by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit we may be sustained.

It is this kind of Joy that is infectious and demands to be heard, in the words of a hymn *'we've a story to tell to the nations'*.

"Go!" we're told, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Come closer to Christ, bathe in the joy of his infectious message which brings with it a revolution in our thinking and in our being. It is in this encounter that we too find that we are renewed, recharged, revitalised, refreshed, rejuvenated, energised and invigorated for the journey ahead. Don't stand at a distance, come closer!

With every blessing, Kim

From Rev Jan Hofmeyr

Dear Friends,

At a recent Synod meeting, one of the speakers made this comment, 'There is no such thing as a volunteer in the church.' I was rather taken aback by this, together with most of the others present. I have always thought in terms of volunteers in the church – those who are not employed by the church and who can offer voluntary service in it.

But thinking about it, I realise the speaker was quiet right. We are called by the Lord to different areas of service within the church. Calling is very different from volunteering. In calling the Lord is the one who calls the shots; in volunteering we call the shots. As Jesus said to His disciples, 'You did not choose me; I chose you, and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that lasts'. (John 15:16)

When we become Christians, we become part of the body of Christ. As Paul explains in 1 Cor 12, the body of Christ, like the human body, has many different parts and each part has its own function. Christ is the Head of the body and, under Him, we each have a function to fulfil. So our service is not voluntary, but it is compulsory. Imagine if our feet said, maybe we should volunteer to carry this body around; or our eyes said, 'If we feel like it maybe we can volunteer to stay open for a while each day to help the body to see where it's going'. The human body could not function if the different parts felt they had the choice whether to play their part or not. But often this is the case in the church -we see our contribution as optional rather than obligatory.

On the one hand this is a challenging and sobering thought, as it should be, but on the other hand it is a wonderfully affirming thought to know that God trusts us to accomplish certain tasks for Him in the world. God enters into partnership with us fallible human beings to achieve His purposes. Although of course He does give us His Spirit to work in and through us.

This all means that it is very important for us to seek to discern what role it is that God calls us to fulfil. Some of them are self-evident. For example, parents have an obvious and important calling to care for and nurture the children entrusted into their care. As members of the human race we are all automatically called to care for the earth and for those who might depend on us in some way. We also have a calling in the places where we work. Each of us is Christ's representative there.

Together with these general roles, there may be more specific ones – the gifts of the Spirit as they are called in the New Testament. It may be a gift of teaching, caring, preaching, administration, praying, listening, serving in practical ways with our hands and so on. If we have a certain gift, it is not a case of us volunteering our gift to serve God and the church; it is a case of us having an obligation to use our gift where we feel called to do so.

So, instead of waiting for someone to ask us to serve in some way, let's be asking the Lord what the gifts are that He has entrusted to us, and let's explore with leaders and others in the church where the Lord may be wanting to use us.

There's a job card out there for each of us – let's make sure we find it and get on with it!

With love in Christ,
Jan



Cobham United Church Worship Diary

May

- Sun 5th 9.00am Early Bird Service
10.30am Rev Roy Bones
- Sun 12th 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion
- Sun 19th 10.30am John Oborn
- Sun 26th 10.30am Church Anniversary: Rev Kim Plumpton

June

- Sun 2nd 9.00am Early Bird Service
10.30am Thelma Roberts

Prayers at the Manse Wednesdays at 9.30am

May: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th



CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

On May 26th we shall celebrate one year of being together as Cobham United Church. We have invited TGCM to join us so we expect joyful and lively praise, prayerful rededication and challenging preaching.

Cobham Events

May

Thur 2nd	12.30pm	Men's Fellowship: The Anchor, Pyrford Lock
Tues 7th	9.45am	Church Walk
	8.00pm	Trustees Meeting
Thur 16th	7.30pm	House Fellowship
Thur 23rd	3.45pm	Messy Church (to 5.45pm)

Mustard Seed:

- Bible study meeting every
- Thursday, 1.30 - 3.00pm, at
- the home of Yoke Lan Palmer.
- All are welcome.



An evening with John Blanchard

22nd June (Place: CUC; Time: tbc)

Put the date in your diaries!!!

John Blanchard is an internationally known Christian preacher, teacher, apologist and author. He has written 30 books, including two of Britain's most widely used evangelistic presentations, *Right With God* and the booklet *Ultimate Questions*.

The latter has over fourteen million copies in print in about 60 languages. His major book *Does God believe in Atheists?*, published in 2000, was voted 'Best Christian Book' in the 2001 UK Christian Book Awards, and immediately became a best-seller, described as 'a brilliant defense of belief in God'. Other books he has written include: *Truth for Life*, *Whatever Happened to Hell*, *Meet the Real Jesus*, *Beatitudes for Today* and *Major Points from the Minor Prophets* and *The Hitch-hiker's Guide to Heaven*.

John Blanchard is now heavily committed to Popular Christian Apologetics, a project involving writing, speaking, teaching and broadcasting in defense of the Christian faith. Following on from *Does God Believe in Atheists?* further books in the series include, *Has Science got rid of God?*, *Is God past His sell-by Date?*, *Meet the Real Jesus*, *Is Anybody Out There?*, *Where Do We Go From Here?*, *Evolution: Fact or Fiction?*, *Why Believe the Bible?*, *Why on Earth did Jesus Come?*, *Why the Cross?*, *JESUS: Dead or Alive?*, *Anyone for Heaven?*

More information to follow in the June edition of The Link.



Puppeteers will be
joining us for Messy
Church



23rd May
3:45-5:45pm
Cobham United Church
Cobham, Oxshott and Stoke D'abernon
Churches Together



Effingham

Methodist Church

Birthday Dates for May:



Wow! What a lot of birthdays this month!

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to: Jayne and Norma on the 3rd, David on the 21st and Pauline on the 29th.

Tuesday Teas - a social group with tea, chat and fellowship



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

Next dates are: May 7th and 21st, and fortnightly thereafter.

Come and join us.

Some car transport can be arranged.

Contact Keith or Gill on 01372 457987 for more information.

Patriotism is not enough

This month sees the centenary of the state funeral and burial of Nurse Edith Cavell. She had trained as a nurse, and, being fluent in French, was asked to start a nurses' training school in Belgium. When war was declared in 1914 she was in England on holiday, but went straight back to Brussels where she cared for Belgians and invading German troops alike. She also sheltered British soldiers trying to get back to England, and was sentenced to death by firing squad for aiding the enemy. Her last words to the local priest were ***"This I would say, standing as I do in view of God and eternity, I realise that patriotism is not enough; I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone."*** At the end of the war she was given a state funeral in Westminster Abbey before being reburied in Norwich.

Effingham Methodist Diary



May

- Tues 2nd 3.30pm Tea and play in St Alphege Hall (*see p14*)
- Sun 5th 10.00am Rev Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion**
- Tues 7th 10.00am (to 12 noon) Church Council meeting in the Chapel**
- Wed 8th 2.30pm Tuesday Tea in Our Lady of Sorrows Hall
3.30pm (to 5.30pm) Messy Church in St Lawrence Church Hall
- Thur 9th 2.15pm Christian Meditation in the church
- Sun 12th 10.00am David Cappitt**
- Thur 16th 12.30pm Oasis Bible Lunch Group in the hall
- Sun 19th 10.00am Rev Robert Davey**
- Tues 21st 2.30pm Tuesday Tea in Our Lady of Sorrows Hall
- Thur 23rd 2.15pm Christian Meditation in the church
- Sun 26th 10.00am Peter Bramhill**
- Fri 31st 2.00pm Precious Moments service with Kim

June

- Sun 2nd 10.00am Rev Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion**

Prayers in the Chapel at 9.30am every Friday



Date for your diaries

Don't forget the **Church Council Meeting** in the Chapel on **Tuesday 7th May from 10am to 12 noon.**

Items for the agenda should be sent to Gill Walker, Church Secretary, asap.

Messy Church for primary school children and their parent/carer



St. Lawrence Church Hall in Brown's Lane

Our April/Easter meeting was of course all about the Easter story. We made palm crosses, cards, bead necklaces with a cross and Easter gardens in jars . Eggs were painted and rolled outside in the garden, as our picture shows. A number of families were away on holiday this last time, but we shall meet again on:

Wednesday 8th May ~ 3.30 -5.30pm

For more information contact Gill on 01372 457987



Christian Aid Week ~ 12–18 May



For more than 70 years, with the help of their amazing supporters, **Christian Aid** has been helping change the lives of people, of all faiths and none, living in poverty around the world. Let's act again now, to help relieve suffering and build a world where everyone has a safe place to call home.

Put love into action through church collections, **Big Brekkie** fundraising breakfasts, or collect house-to-house.

Order resources or donate at www.caweek.org

Effingham & Little Bookham Churches Together will be organising another fundraising event in October. Perhaps another Singalong, or even a barn dance or quiz ?

Loving Lord

Thank you for loving us and all that you have made

May we reflect you in how we love others and see them through your eyes

Rid us of bias and hatred and of selfishness and greed

That we might face outwards towards our neighbours

Ready to give of ourselves just as Jesus Christ gave up his life for us

– the greatest act of love of all

Amen

Prayer by Laura Cook who works for All We Can



Methodist
relief and
development



Join us for a Women's Breakfast
With Guest speaker: Carmel Plumpton

Life as a Transgender Woman

Date: 15th June

Place: St Lawrence Church Hall

Time: 9am

Tickets: £6

**For tickets contact Revd Mandy MacVean
& Parish Office
or Revd Kim Plumpton (01932 586988)**



'Connect'

A fortnightly group for carers

and partners living with dementia

At St Lawrence Church Hall, Browns Lane, Effingham

Thursdays 10.30 till 12 O'clock

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, often for tea at local garden centres. Refreshments, friendship, chat and a good range of activities are on offer for all.

We have just started a borrowing service for some of the games, puzzles and equipment we now have

May Dates: 9th and 23rd.

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

Top Hat Tales

May 2nd, St Alphege Hall, tea at 3.30 and performance at 4 pm (for an hour)



Following a successful "Jack and the Beanstalk" production, the **Rah Rah Theatre Company** return to perform "Top Hat Tales" - a comedy love story based around Broadway shows of the 30s, 40s and 50s with songs for all to remember and join in with. Specially for

Connect families, and friends too - all welcome.

Contact Gill for more info and for catering facilities on 01372 457987

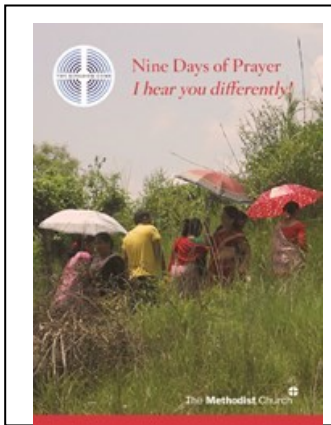


THY KINGDOM COME

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that began in the Church of England, and the Methodist Church of Britain has become a partner in the initiative. The World Methodist Council is also encouraging Methodists across the world to take part. The aim of Thy Kingdom Come is that Christians pray that people might know Jesus Christ during a focused time between Ascension and Pentecost from **May 30th to June 9th**

To take part, you can sign up and 'pledge to pray' on the Thy Kingdom Website; www.thykingdomcome.global

Methodist resources: I hear you differently!



A prayer guide written by the Revd Dr Barbara C Glasson, President-Designate of the 2019/2020 Methodist Conference and Team Leader at Touchstone, part of the Yorkshire West Methodist District dedicated to inter-faith work. Photographs by David Glasson. Copies are being distributed to Districts, and so – before placing your order – please check first with your District *Thy Kingdom Come* Champion or

email thykingdomcome@lambethpalace.org.uk

Download a Pdf of I hear you differently!

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/prayer/thy-kingdomhy-kingdom-come-resources/>



Called to Participate.

There's a video filmed at **The New Room** at Bristol on **Thy Kingdom Come's** website.

It's a guided tour around this award-winning museum by one of the trustees, **Rev Gareth Powell** with a commentary about the Wesley brothers and the beliefs that meant that the New Room wasn't just

a Church, or a meeting room but also a dispensary for the sick, and a helping hand for the poor and a school too.

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/called-participate-new-room-methodist-church-great-britain-thy-kingdom-come>

In addition there's a wide range of videos available. It also features young voices such as Jasmine Yeboah, the British Methodist Conference's Youth President-designate for 2018-19 and some of the current members of the Community of St Anselm – the new monastic community for young people based at Lambeth Palace.

Thy Kingdom Come also recently launched its newly re-vamped website complete with resources available in eight different languages and with a new engagement feature "share and shine your light", which allows those who sign up, to shine their light on a global map and share it across social media.

Since the movement began, more than a million Christians from 65 different denominations and traditions, in more than 114 countries worldwide, have prayed for more people to come to faith in Christ.



Aldersgate Sunday is on 19th May.

Aldersgate Sunday is a great opportunity to celebrate the work of God in our lives, and to reflect on how we should respond to everything that God has given us.

It is suggested that a **Feast of Faith** could be an afternoon or evening celebration on 19 or 24 May or thereabouts to prompt sharing about the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of our congregations. A joyful sharing of food, and inspired by John Wesley's warmed heart experience, a chance for church members to talk about how their experiences of God's love and grace have changed their lives or are inspiring mission in their church or community.

Feast of Faith resources: organisers pack to download

For you and every member of your church, Feast of Faith should be about: your relationship with God, your story and your thankful response to the call to live generously.

Having shared your faith stories, how might your congregation respond to the work of God in their lives: how we can each live more generously? Look at mission across Britain and see how individual Methodists can make a regular commitment to support the wider work of the Methodist Church. See website for the [#igive2mission](#) fundraising campaign video.

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/methodist-special-sundays/aldersgate-sunday/>



*Aldersgate Memorial
Sculpture*



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WORLD WATCH LIST - GLOBAL TRENDS IN 2019

Persecution of Christians is getting worse. 5 years ago, only one country – North Korea – was ranked in the 'extreme' category for its level of persecution of Christians. This year, 11 countries fit that category. **North Korea** tops the **World Watch List** for the 18th year in a row, even though it did free three Korean-American Christians.

China has risen 16 places to 27 after new *Regulations for Religious Affairs* came into force in February 2018.

In **Myanmar (18)** tens of thousands of members of the Karen tribe – a majority-Christian ethnic tribe – have been killed and least 120,000 displaced. **India (10)** has entered the top ten for the first time, as it's government continues to promote an extremist militant Hindu agenda. In **Turkey (26)** ultra-nationalistic sentiment has caused added difficulties for Christians, especially Evangelicals. As radical Islam has been forced out of the Middle East, it has spread into sub-Saharan Africa. Almost 30 violent Islamic extremist groups are known to be active in the region.

Islamic militants have also gained strength in failed states like **Somalia (3)**, **Libya (4)** and **Yemen (8)**, where they continue to recruit, and capture pockets of territory.

The two places where Christians suffer the most violence are **Nigeria (12)** and **Pakistan (5)**. **See website for resources** <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/>



Leatherhead Pages

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



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Men's Breakfasts



The Leatherhead Men's Breakfast Fellowship meets bi-monthly on the fourth Saturday in the month.

The next meeting is on **25th May**, at LMC, speaker Dave Banko with a Churches Together update.

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, SUMPTUOUS CAKES and GOOD COMPANY

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

LEATHERHEAD METHODIST CHURCH

Next "Time for Tea" -

Friday 3rd May - Speaker: Hilary Porter -
"The Importance of Music in my Life"

EVERYONE WELCOME

(Suggested donation £1)



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toys, come
and join us
for a tea or
coffee
whilst your
child plays



For More Information
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Joycey.lmcyouth@gmail.com



**MUSIC
on
THURSDAYS
at LMC**



**WEDNESDAYS
at
CHRIST
CHURCH**

musiconthursdays.org

Music on Thursdays at LMC

2nd May

12.30 lunchtime

Marina Kan, piano

plays Brahms

courtesy of the Royal Academy of Music

Music on Thursdays at LMC

9th May

12.30 lunchtime

Diphonon Duo

Michael Iskas, viola

Iñigo Mikeleiz Berrade accordion

Bach • Ravel • Piazzolla • Constantinidis

Wednesdays at Christ Church

15th May • Epsom Road

12.30 lunchtime

Katherine Dienes-Williams

Organist & Master of the

Choristers, Guildford Cathedral

Leatherhead Concert & Arts Society

Registered Charity 1166764

Music on Thursdays at LMC

23rd May

12.30 lunchtime

Juliette Roos, violin

with piano accompanist

Music on Thursdays at LMC

30th May

12.30 lunchtime

Andrews Massey Duo

Emily Andrews, flute

David Massey, guitar

Music on Thursdays at LMC

6th June

12.30 lunchtime

Kenny Fu, piano

Ana-Lavinia Vlad, violin

Annabelle Oomens, cello

courtesy of the Royal Academy of Music

Free concerts, with a retiring
collection to cover costs

Concerts continue weekly
all through the summer and autumn

Leatherhead Community Association - May to August 2019

As, we hope, the next four months are going to be a 'real' Summer, Peter Humphreys has planned a very interesting series of walks, both for the very energetic and the not so energetic. Please don't forget that all are welcome. They start at 10am; for non-members the first one is free with a nominal charge of £3 for subsequent walks. They nearly always finish near a pub!

Peter's Shorter walks, about 2-3 miles in length, are on the first Wednesday of each month. On 1st May it will be around Effingham and in the following months they will explore Fetcham Downs; Ashted Park; Wooton Hatch; Capel; and the last one in October will go to and around Sheepsheas.

The Longer walks, usually on the second Wednesday of each month, are about 4-6 miles in length and always include a hostelry for lunch. They start on 8th May and will go around Shere, followed by East Clandon in June, Chipstead in July, Albury in August, Peaslake in September and Compton Eight in October. There is also a 'Sunny South' Mystery Tour on 17th July.

Peter is always happy to answer any questions on 01372 378347, and there will be full details of the itinerary in the LCA Newsletter that is due out very shortly and can be picked up in the Leatherhead Institute. Rosanna has been busily booking some day trips which include a garden tour of Saville Gardens in June, a visit to the Temple of Mithras in the City in July, and a coach trip to Eastbourne which includes a matinee of 'Top Hat' in August.

For music lovers David Hanson has arranged tickets for a concert of Beethoven, Sibelius and Tchaikovsky at the RFH on 11th May, and June Robinson is organising a visit by coach to The Hawth in Crawley on 24th June to see a programme of four ballets given by Ballet Central (book by 6th May).

Liz Meikle will not start her Art/History lectures until the Autumn, but Paul Pickering is giving a morning talk on 1st May (repeated 8th May) about Joaquin Sorolla and Van Gogh. Please contact Paul for full details and enrolment, 07766 538822 or paulpickering11@virgin.net.

Gwen Hoad is giving her recorded music afternoons on the third Wednesday of each month and Diana Carr invites you to 'Tea and Talks' on the second Friday of each month, except August. Also don't forget that the usual Social Bridge Club, Scrabble, Book Clubs and Table Tennis and Snooker still take place over the Summer.

For full details of all these events, especially the music and Tea and Talks programmes, please call in at the Institute and pick up the latest newsletter, or go onto our website lca2@btconnect.com. Trudy, the Administrator is in the office from 9am-12noon everyday and is always happy to answer any questions.

Frances Presley

HOLIDAY CLUB 2019



The dates for this year's holiday club "The Big Build" are:

Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th August - Set Up

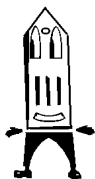
**Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd August -
The Holiday Club**

Saturday 24th August - Family Time
(couple of hours in the rec.)

Sunday 25th August - All-Age Service at Christ Church

If you feel you can help in any way, please keep these
dates free and speak to Joycey, or email:

joycey.lmcyouth@gmail.com



Leatherhead

Methodist Church

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 19th May.**

Weekly Prayer Meeting

Prayer meetings are now held every Tuesday morning in the Vestry at LMC. Meetings start at 9.00am and last about 40 minutes. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

LMC House Groups

LMC has three House Groups where Church members and friends can meet together on a regular basis, usually 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.



Monday evenings fortnightly: contact **Carol Stoves**

Friday mornings monthly: contact **Norma Shaw**

Friday afternoons (2nd and 4th Fridays): contact **Sue Friend**

Everyone is encouraged to join a house group



KNIT AND NATTER



**NEW GROUP
STARTING
ALL ARE
WELCOME**

Leatherhead
Methodist Church

Every Tuesday
between 1400-1600
50p Per Session
to cover costs



“This Man” - A Modern Oratorio

We were prepared to be delighted, overwhelmed, saddened and thrilled by the music and lyrics of the story of Easter, told through music and song, and we were not disappointed.

"This Man: A Modern Oratorio", was first created for children by Anne de Waal, who was asked to write something for a musical Easter celebration.

The first song, 'Riding on a Donkey' was born and the Oratorio began to take shape. Finding that the music was so enjoyed by audiences, Anne and her husband Dana further developed it for adult choirs.

They performed it at LMC on 6th April, and brought with them a wonderful choir, made up of members of several choirs that are run by Anne and Dana in Derbyshire.

We were delighted that Angela Hancocks from our London Road Church, was a leading soloist, singing the part of Mary.

An enthusiastic audience were pleased to listen and view this modern oratorio, which had many contemporary styles of music, as well as classically written pieces within it.

David Stoves





Methodist Homes Sunday - 2nd June 2019 at LMC

LMC has supported the work of MHA for several years. Some of our members have been 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 during the morning service.

All donated money and Gift Aid declarations are forwarded to MHA to help provide life-enhancing additional services such as chaplaincy, music therapy for those with dementia, and support for live-at-home schemes to counter loneliness and isolation.

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

LMC Family News



Our thoughts and prayers are with...

... all our members, friends and relatives – especially those who are unwell at home, in hospital, in residential or nursing care and with those who look after them day by day. We think particularly of Peggy and Harry Robinson, Edward Warren, James and Jean Ross, and Joy Foreman.

Barbara Bees passed on very peacefully on Sunday 14th April. Please continue to support John, Julie, Andrew and family with your prayers.



Diary



May

Thur 2nd 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 21*)

Fri 3rd 2.30pm Time for Tea (*see page 19*)

Sun 5th 10.30am Rev. Jan Hofmeyr with Holy Communion
(*Easter Offering for the World Mission Fund*)

12.00noon Bring and share lunch at the Manse

Tues 7th 9.00am Prayers in the Vestry
2.00pm Knit 'n' Natter

Thur 9th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 21*)

Sun 12th 10.30am Rhys Frost
6.30pm Rev. Jan Hofmeyr with Holy Communion

Tues 14th 9.00am Prayers in the Vestry
2.00pm Knit 'n' Natter

Wed 15th 12.30pm Organ Recital at Christ Church (*see p21*)

Sun 19th 9.30am Prayer Breakfast

10.30am Rev. Jan Hofmeyr

Tues 21st 9.00am Prayers in the Vestry
2.00pm Knit 'n' Natter

2.30pm Pastoral Visitors' Quarterly Meeting

Thur 23rd 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 21*)

Sat 25th 8.00am Men's Breakfast at LMC

Sun 26th 10.30am Christine Lawley
6.30pm New Fire at AllSaints café

Tues 28th 9.00am Prayers in the Vestry
2.00pm Knit 'n' Natter

Thur 30th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 21*)

June

Sun 2nd 10.30am Rev. Jan Hofmeyr with Holy Communion
(*Methodist Homes Sunday*)

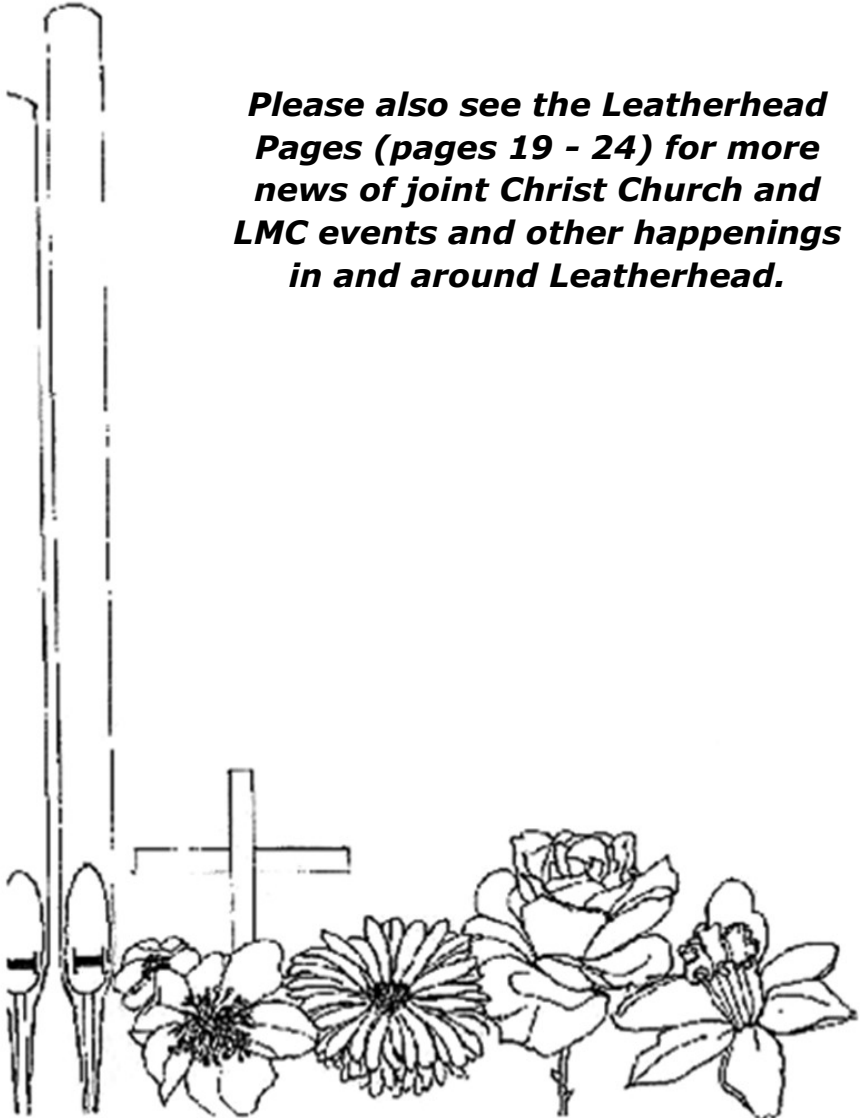
Thurs 6th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 21*)

Fri 7th 2.30pm Time for Tea

Christ Church

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***Please also see the Leatherhead
Pages (pages 19 - 24) for more
news of joint Christ Church and
LMC events and other happenings
in and around Leatherhead.***



Christ Church Diary



May

Thur 2nd 12.30pm LMC: Music on Thursdays (*see page 21*)

Sun 5th 10.30am Rev Stephen Thornton

Wed 8th 7.30pm House group: 3, Orchardleigh

Thur 9th 12.30pm LMC: Music on Thursdays (*see page 21*)

Sun 12th 10.30am Rev Jan Hofmeyr

Wed 15th 12.30pm Organ Recital: Katherine Diennes-Williams
(Guildford Cathedral)

3.00pm Elders Meeting

Sun 19th 10.30am Vivien Gerhold

Wed 22nd 7.30pm House group: 3, Orchardleigh

Thur 23rd 12.30pm LMC: Music on Thursdays (*see page 21*)

Sat 25th 8.00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast: LMC Hall: Dave
Banko on the Food Bank

Sun 26th 10.30am Rev Jan Hofmeyr

**6.30pm All Saints Café: New Fire ecumenical
service**

Thur 30th 12.30pm LMC: Music on Thursdays (*see page 21*)

June

Sun 2nd 10.30am Rev Robert Blows

Wed 5th 7.30pm House group: 3, Orchardleigh

Wednesday Organ Recitals at Christ Church

We have the opportunity of hearing some fine musicians at Christ Church in our 2019 "Wednesdays at Christ Church" programme.

Our series starts with a welcome third visit from Mark Brafield (17 April) from Dorking who is a barrister and experienced organ recitalist.

Katherine Dienes-Williams (15 May), Director of music at Guildford Cathedral was the first woman to hold such a post in a UK cathedral, and we are particularly privileged to hear her play in Leatherhead. Men have always dominated the organ world, but last February the Society of Women Organists was formed and we are pleased that five of our eight recitalists this year are women, including Marion Bettsworth (19 June), Rebecca Taylor (17 July with Gwyn Howell, trumpet), Polina Sosnina (19 October, Assistant at the Temple Church and St Martin in the Fields) and Hannah Parry (20 November). Hannah is a composer, and so is Paul Ayres (18 September). Dr Anthony Gritten (14 August) teaches at the Royal Academy of Music, and gave a recital last year on the large Kenneth Tickell organ at St John's School.

It is fascinating to hear how different musicians react to the versatile though modest-sized Norman & Beard pipe organ at Christ Church.

Anthony Cairns

Leatherhead Youth Project Update

LYP Gala Dinner

We are very excited to announce that our third annual Gala Dinner will take place on Saturday 18th May. Held at St John's School, the evening will include a sparkling reception, 3-course meal, entertainment and a silent auction. Tickets are £50 or £400 for a table of 10. All proceeds help make a difference to young people's lives.

One-to-one Counselling

The LYP One to One team continues its strong local provision, working to provide a minimum of 65 counselling sessions a month to young people in Mole Valley. The majority of the counselling is delivered in local secondary schools, and we have built up strong working relationships with these schools.

BFree Youth Café

BFree Youth Café is at the heart of our youth work in Leatherhead and hundreds of young people come through our doors each year.

LYP Team

Christ Church Family News



News of members:

We are sorry to report that Mike Essex is suffering with leg problems which makes walking difficult and prevents him from driving but he is hopeful that an injection will bring some relief. We send our very best wishes for a speedy recovery from this painful condition.

We are glad to hear that Gilbert McMillan is making progress and pray that he will soon feel a lot stronger. We look forward to seeing him back at church soon.

We pray for these friends and others of our church family who have health problems, and our bereaved friends and the lonely and isolated in our community.

Anne Cairns

Lent Groups

This year the focus of the Lent Groups was on the parable of the return of the prodigal son. Each participant was given a print of the picture by Rembrandt of the same title to study over the five weeks, with excerpts of Henri Nouwen's book entitled "The Return of the Prodigal Son - a Homecoming" which was inspired by Rembrandt's painting (*see page 35*).

Discussions were varied and wide-ranging and most of us had sympathy for all three main characters involved: the son, the father and the elder brother. Each week a different aspect of both the painting and the story was discussed, and we all agreed that looking at the parable in such depth had been interesting as well as revealing.

Our thanks go to Linda Hauxwell who organised the groups, and to the hosts who welcomed us into their homes and provided refreshment each week. Definitely a worthwhile annual event.

Jill Osmond

Brian Treharne's Last Service

On Mothering Sunday we were privileged to hear Brian preach the last sermon of his long ministerial career, 25 of those years at Christ Church. It was an excellent service with a strong message to take away with us. He was supported by six members of his family, and about forty of us shared a celebratory meal in the hall afterwards. Thanks go to Alison Gillott and the catering team for producing a delicious lunch. It was a very special occasion.

Anne Cairns



Rev Brian Treharne with his daughters Joanne and Heather



The Return of the Prodigal Son - by Rembrandt (see p 33)

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:

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Christ Church (United Reformed):

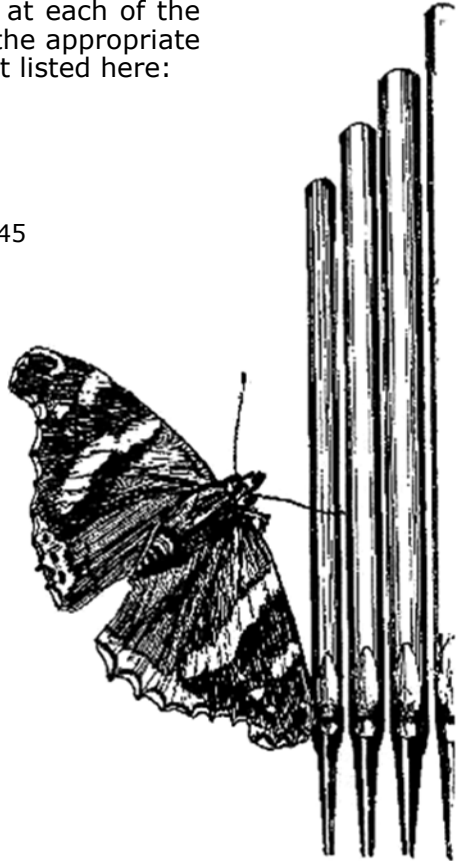
Epsom Road, Leatherhead, KT22 8ST
www.chch.org.uk
Contact: Church Secretary -
Mike Essex 01372 273472

Effingham Methodist Church:

Chapel Hill, Effingham, KT24 5NB
www.effinghammethodistchurch.co.uk
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