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**Christ Church (United Reformed) Leatherhead**  
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**PLEASE NOTE: The December edition of The Link  
will not be in churches until Sun. 1st December.**



# The Ministers Write...

## From Rev. Lynda Russell

Dear Friends,

Well perhaps it would be OK if I was paid as much as David Beckham. Although I have to say that I read in the paper the other day how much "Brand Beckham" is worth and I could hardly believe it. How much?? Although I understand he did apparently give all his wages from his last 'employment' to charity, so perhaps he's not quite that bad – just very rich!

Anyway if I had a pound for every time I've been told that I've broken the 'Beckham bone' or something similar, I wouldn't be as rich as him, but it might be a start! I assume DB broke his foot playing football – sadly mine was more mundane and stupid – I slipped on the drain as I was going from the manse to the church! I'm told it will take about six weeks to heal properly.

In the meantime, I'm hobbling about, and can't drive or walk very far. Being confined more or less to the house unless someone takes me, is a new and strange experience for me, and very frustrating. It would be true to say that I have a new understanding, albeit in a limited way, of what it's like not to be able to go and do what I want or need to do when I want, and to be dependent on others. It certainly isn't easy to have to depend on others for help and support, even if those others are very willing to give that help. Some of you reading this may struggle with this on a daily basis, and not just temporarily like me.

When I reflected on this, I realised that it is often just as difficult to truly rely on God. Of course it's easy to say that we trust in God, but perhaps not always as easy when it comes down to it. When all is going well, we are tempted to rely on our own devices and our own strength to get by. However when times are tough, God can use these to help us to learn trust and complete reliance. We all know that this can be really hard, but God is with us all the way. The more we learn to lean on God, the more we find we are able to trust in his plans for us.

One of my best loved verses is from Deuteronomy 33:27 "the eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." This gives us the reassurance to know that we can never fall out of the arms of our loving God.

This is worth far more than the millions of 'Brand Beckham', and is the best news that we can ever know deep in our heart, and learn to live by, one day at a time.

Every Blessing, Lynda

## ***From Rev. Kim Plumpton***

Dear Friends,

Supported by the United Reformed Church *Commitment for Life* programme amongst many other sponsoring bodies, 'One World Week' last week (20th-27th Oct) gave us an opportunity to reflect upon global and local issues.

*"One World Week is a Development Education Charity. Each year, 'The Week' is an opportunity for people from diverse backgrounds to come together to learn about global justice, to spread that learning and to use it to take action for justice locally and globally. In our interdependent world, what each of us does affects all others and the ecosystem that sustains us. We want to build a network of co-operating individuals and organisations."*

The website ([www.oneworldweek.org](http://www.oneworldweek.org)) is well worth engaging with and provides some useful information about how to tap into resources and organisations we might not have previously been aware of.

In our fragmented world where there is great disharmony, suffering and anguish, and where Remembrance Sunday will bring that into sharp focus, we are often left feeling helpless and unable to see how we can make a difference. However there is much we can do from a global perspective and locally. Each of us has the potential to transform our world no matter how small our world might seem.

These words seem very appropriate:

**If we had a fraction of the faith in you that you have in us**

Then this world would be transformed, Lord.

**If we showed a fraction of the love that you show to us**

Then this world would be transformed, Lord.

**If we possessed a fraction of the patience that you display with us**

Then this world would be transformed, Lord.

**If we shared just a portion of the blessings that we have received from you**

Then this world would be transformed, Lord.

**If we showed as much trust in others as you have shown in us**

Then this world would be transformed, Lord.

**If we claimed just a fraction of the power you promised to your Church**

Then this world would be transformed, Lord.

**Transform us first, Lord, that we might transform this world**

**Through your love and your power.**

The tiny seed of transformations begins in us.

With every blessing,

Kim



# Cobham

## Methodist Church

# Cobham Methodist Diary - November



Sat	2nd	10.00am	Fund raising in aid of Harrison's Fund (to 12 noon) (see page 6)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Tina Andrews</b>
Fri	8th	4.30pm 7.00pm	CYC at the URC (to 6.30pm) Marriage Course at the URC
Sat	9th	10.00am 2.30pm	Time 4 You (to noon) Platinum Service
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday: Rhys Frost</b>
Fri	15th	7.00pm	Marriage Course at the URC
Sat	16th	7.15pm	Bible Society Quiz at Churchgate House
<b>Sun</b>	<b>17th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rev. Kim Plumpton - with Holy Communion</b>
Thurs	21st	10.30am	Advent Bible Study at the URC (see page 10)
Fri	22nd	4.30pm 7.00pm	CYC at the URC (to 6.30pm) Marriage Course at the URC
<b>Sun</b>	<b>24th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>John Osborn</b>
Wed	27th	7.30pm	House Fellowship
Thurs	28th	10.30am 3.30pm	Advent Bible Study at the URC (see page 10) Messy Church at the URC (to 5.30pm)
Fri	29th	pm	Cobham at Christmas, with carol singing in the High Street by Churches Together
<b>December</b>			
<b>Sun</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rev. Frank Smith</b>
Thurs	5th	10.30am	Advent Bible Study at the URC (see page 10)
Sat	7th	10.30am	Messy Morning at the URC (to 12.30pm)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>David Cappitt</b>
Fri	13th	12 noon	Opening of Cobham Area Foodbank at CMC by Dominic Raab MP



fighting duchenne  
muscular dystrophy

## Fund Raising in aid of Harrison's Fund:

**2nd November from 10.00am to 12noon  
at Cobham Methodist Church,  
Cedar Road, Cobham**

Harrison is a boy of 7 years old who lives in Cobham and has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD). There is no cure for this disease!!!

His parents have set up this charity to raise awareness and to try to help find a cure.

So what do I want? I am suggesting that you ask all your friends, relatives and neighbours to help with prayers, prizes, donations etc. of any sort so that we can help in fighting this life-limiting disease.

**In particular, donations for the cake stall, tombola,  
bric-a-brac and raffle will be very welcome.**

**Raffle**

**Bacon Rolls**

**Tombola**

**Cakes/pancakes**

**Guess the Weight**

**Lucky Dip**

**How many in ?**

**Cake stall**

**Café**

**Chocolates**

**Mulled Wine**

**Bread**

**Hot Chocolate**

**Jams/Marmalades**

**Coffee/Tea**

**Chutneys**

**Bric-a-brac**

Thank you.

*Rhonda*



# Fresh

Creative Expression  
Afternoons

Are you free on Mondays,  
a carer, a busy mum, retired,  
working part-time or just feel  
you need some 'ME TIME' ?

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OR you can just come, have a coffee & chat.  
No experience needed. Afternoons are free.  
donations towards materials appreciated.

[www.cobhamcommunitychurch.org/fresh](http://www.cobhamcommunitychurch.org/fresh)



## DATES

Mon 2 September  
Mon 16 September

Mon 7 October  
Mon 21 October

Mon 4 November  
Mon 18 November

Mon 2 December

All at 1:30-3:30 pm

In Small Hall on right  
Cobham Methodist Church  
Cedar Rd, Cobham  
KT11 2AA

Everyone welcome  
- just turn up -



## Next "Time 4 You"

Saturday  
9th November

10.00am - 12noon

Cobham Methodist Church

**"Why not stop and rest awhile, recharge your batteries, find the space for you to enjoy a chat and a free cup of coffee".**



# Cobham

## United Reformed Church

# Cobham URC Worship Diary - November



Sun 3rd	9.00am 10.30am	Early Bird Service Sydney Shore
Sun 10th	10.30am	Rev. Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion
Sun 17th	10.30am	Rev. Roy Bones
Sun 24th	10.30am	Rev. Kim Plumpton

### December

Sun 1st	9.00am 10.30am	Early Bird Service Rev. Norman Edsall
Sun 8th	10.30am	Rev. Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion



## Prayers at the Manse

at 9.30am on

Wednesdays: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th November

# **Next Messy Church for Cobham, Oxshott and Stoke d'Abernon**



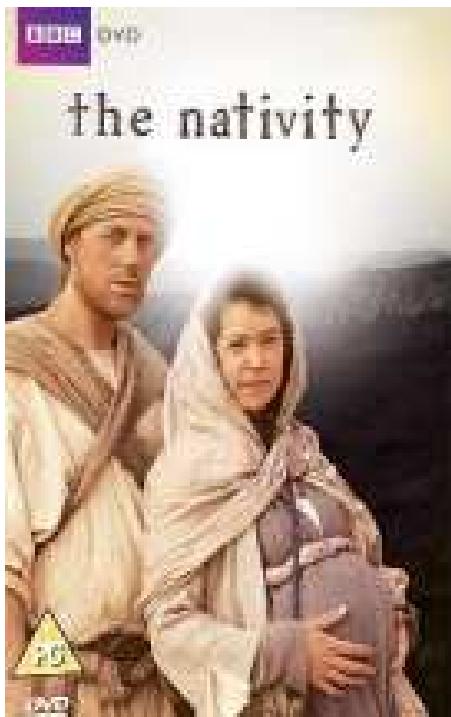
Date:  
**Thursday  
28th November**

Time: **3:30pm - 5:30pm**  
Venue: **Cobham URC,  
38 Stoke Road,  
KT11 3BD**

**All are welcome**



# Advent Bible Study



Advent Bible Study  
begins at 10:30am,

21st Nov  
28th Nov  
5th Dec  
12th Dec

Held at Cobham  
United Reformed  
Church

It is a familiar story, but over four weeks  
with the help of the 'Nativity' we will go  
on a journey of discovery.

# Cobham URC Events - November

Sun	3rd	3.00pm	Special Needs Group (to 6.00pm)
Tues	5th	9.45am	Church Walk
		8.00pm	Elders' Meeting
Thurs	7th	12.30pm	Men's Fellowship at the Fairmile, Portsmouth Road, Cobham, KT11 1BW
Fri	8th	4.30pm 7.00pm	CYC meets at Cobham URC (to 6.30pm) Marriage Course
Tues	12th	11.00am	Coffee for Carers
Thurs	14th	7.30pm	Evening House Group
Fri	15th	7.00pm	Marriage Course
Thurs	21st	10.30am	Advent Bible Study ( <i>see opposite</i> )
Fri	22nd	3.00pm 4.30pm 7.00pm	T @ 3 at Church CYC meets at Cobham URC (to 6.30pm) Marriage Course
		11.00am	Coffee for Carers
		10.30am 3.30pm	Advent Bible Study ( <i>see opposite</i> ) Messy Church at the URC (to 5.30pm)
Fri	29th	pm	Cobham at Christmas, with carol singing in the High Street by Churches Together

## December

Thurs	5th	10.30am	Advent Bible Study ( <i>see opposite</i> )
Sat	7th	10.30am	Messy Morning at the URC (to 12.30pm)



**Fri 13th December - 12 noon**

Opening of Cobham Area Foodbank  
at CMC by Dominic Raab MP



# Effingham Methodist Church

## Effingham Methodist Diary - November



Sat	2nd	10.00am	Café Church at the KGV Hall (to 11.00am) (see page 16)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Rev. Frank Smith with Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday with Lavinia Hicks</b>
Tues	12th	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall
Wed	13th	8.00pm	Christian Meditation in the church
Thurs	14th	12.30pm	Lunch and Bible Study Group with Kim in the hall (to 3.00pm)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>17th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Juliet Fuller</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>24th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Clive Haines</b>
Tues	26th	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall
Wed	27th	7.30pm	Advent meeting in the Catholic Church Hall (1 of 4)
		8.00pm	Christian Meditation in the church

### December

<b>Sun</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Rev. Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion</b>
Sat	7th	10.00am	Café Church at the KGV Hall (to 11.00am)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>John Oborn</b>

### Prayer Group

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

# **Messy Church - Churches Together plan to create a mess in Effingham!**

An open meeting led by Rev. Kim Plumpton with the Rector, Rev. Andrew Mackenzie, and attended by 23 people from different churches turned up on a wet evening to hear all about how a Messy Church runs and for whom. Kim spoke enthusiastically from Cobham's experience which started last January and which generally now has about 60 children accompanied by a carer or parent.

At the end of the meeting people offered their services as volunteers helping with crafts, cooking, reception duties or the steering group. Amazingly there appear to be a goodly number of folk willing to get involved and to help - if you would like to be involved do let Kim or myself know. We will need at least 10 volunteers each month on the second Wednesday of the month from 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

We aim to set up the steering group soon and to start Messy Church in January (2014). Your prayers for this new venture would be very welcome.

*Gill Walker*



## **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Once crimson poppies bloomed  
out in a foreign field,  
each memory reminds  
where brutal death was sealed.  
The crimson petals flutter down,  
still hatred forms a thorny crown.

For in this present time  
we wait in vain for peace,  
each generation cries,  
each longing for release,  
while war still plagues the human race  
and families seek a hiding place.

How long will human life  
suffer for human greed?  
How long must race or pride,  
wealth, nationhood or creed  
be reasons justifying death  
to suffocate a nation's breath?

For everyone who dies  
we share a quiet grief,  
the pain of loss remains,  
time rarely brings relief,  
and so we will remember them  
and heaven sound a loud amen.

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Tune: Little Cornard (StF 172)  
or "St Godric" (StF 620)



This new hymn for  
**Remembrance Sunday** by  
**Andrew Pratt**, one of our  
more prolific modern hymn  
writers, and a former **Chair of**  
**the Methodist Peace**  
**Fellowship**, is available on the  
**Singing the Faith website**, or  
[hymns.uk.com](http://hymns.uk.com) -  
[Remembrance Sunday](http://hymns.uk.com/Remembrance%20Sunday)

## **Do YOU have room for Mary & Joseph?**



Posada is a Spanish word that means 'inn' or shelter, and is a popular Advent celebration in many parts of the world, which re-enacts the journey to Bethlehem. Our **Posada nativity figures** will travel around **Effingham, Little Bookham and Cobham**, visiting schools and staying at a different house every night.

Imagine **Mary and Joseph** staying with **YOU** for one night - how would you feel? What questions would you ask? We need people to offer a room for the night, and to write about how it felt to be part of their journey. **Ring Angela on 01372 454850**



## **A great way to share the Christmas Story**

The **Real Advent Calendar** is a new and fun way for parents, grandparents and Godparents to share the Christmas story. Behind each of the 25 windows there is a *Fairtrade* chocolate star and a few words from the Christmas story. Behind the final window there is a 24-page Christmas story booklet to read, keep and enjoy. As well as celebrating the true meaning of Christmas, the calendar makes a charity donation to **The Children's Society** from every sale.

**The Real Advent Calendar** is available from Tesco stores and the *Fairtrade* catalogue. Further details at [www.realadvent.co.uk](http://www.realadvent.co.uk)



## **Christmas is worth saving!**

Today the Christmas story is at risk of being forgotten. Sadly 51% of people now say the birth of Jesus is irrelevant to their Christmas. Just 12% of adults know the nativity story, and more than one-third of children don't even know whose birthday it is!



**Together we can reverse the trend** - Join the campaign - use the logo and the great posters -

see [christmasstartswithchrist.com](http://christmasstartswithchrist.com)  
An ecumenical initiative of **Church Ads.net**



## Dates to celebrate this month

Happy Birthday to Freddie Jenkins on 4th, Barbara Rombach on 18th and Pat McElhill on 19th.

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

## Dates for your Diaries

Advent meetings start on Wednesday 27th November at the Catholic Church Hall - see poster for details.

### **Churches Together in Effingham and Little Bookham...**

...are hosting a discussion about "Women's role in the modern Church" at this month's **Café Church** on Saturday 2nd November from 10.00am to 11.00am at the King George V Hall, when our speaker is Rev. Cate Irvine, a chaplain at Royal Holloway College, whose family have a long tradition of women in the Church.

Coffee & Croissants = food for thought!

### **Effingham Heritage Weekend 13/14 September:**

A very special thanks to Ange and Dave Putland for the enormous amount of research, planning, complicated photocopying and physical hard work that they both put into this extremely interesting and professional display. Well done both of you. It was very much appreciated. Thank you.

*Avery Rogers*

## Hallowe'en

At present we are approaching this Festival, that night about which Christians have mixed feelings! Wallace and I first experienced the celebration of it in the Isle of Man, when the children would come round singing a little rhyme:

*"Hop tua nae, hop tua nae  
Jenny the witch jumped over the house  
To fetch a stick to lather the mouse  
Hop tua nae."*

Of course they expected to receive sweets as a reward. So we regarded 31st October as a night of fun and celebration, when we allowed the Youth Club members to dress up as witches and wizards and we played such games as bobbing for apples, that is until we came into this circuit and discovered that some members of St. Andrews Church were horrified that we should allow the children to celebrate a pagan festival. Actually its origin goes back to Druid beliefs and customs taken over by the Celts as many pagan festivals were, and a fearsome night was transformed into an occasion of jollification, particularly for young people and the children on my estate thoroughly enjoy going round in groups and knocking on doors. I always have streams of fearsome visitors, hoping I won't recognise them, so I lay in a stock of sweets and put on the scary green mask I frighten them with when I open the door!

However, Hallowe'en ushers in All Hallows day on 1st November when we remember all the saints known and unknown. Most of the saints I know are the very ordinary people I meet every day who don't think of themselves as saints at all!

*Freddie Jenkins*

## A Saturday conference in Banstead

My reason for writing anything as follows is merely to say "Well done Banstead" and I challenge the Pastorate to consider setting up a similar "meaty" conference for Churches Together and the Pastorate in 2014.

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Attending an all-day conference with my other half in Banstead with around 100 other folk starting at 9.00am on a Saturday morning is not usually my idea of fun. However the content of the day looked inviting, advertised as it was on the Surrey Faith Links Newsletter from Kauser Akhtar who is Faith Links Adviser for the Diocese of Guildford.

There was no overall theme but we were very pleased to have the opportunity to hear Dr Peter Vardy, an excellent speaker, on two sessions entitled "Good or Evil" and "Good and Bad Religion". Dr Peter was Vice Principal of Heythrop College, the Jesuit run specialist Philosophy and Theology College of the University of London. An Anglican, he has been Chair of Governors of a Methodist School and has been on the academic board of Leo Beck College as well as writing 15 books, the most recent "Ethics Matters" and "God Matters" to be published in November 2013. An exceptionally good speaker, clear, concise, thought provoking as well as being amusing.

The notion that evil applies to acts, not to people, and that no one is wholly evil is a belief that I can subscribe to, hard as it might be sometimes. Dr Peter noted that we all fall short of what we are capable of being and need to ask ourselves what sort of person do we want to become?

Peter then went on to set out two approaches, a Catholic and a Protestant perspective to Good and Evil through the teachings of Augustine and Thomas Aquinas and St Irenaeus. The concept that suffering and evil may enable us to grow spiritually is an challenging one.

Other speakers included Rev. John Proctor who spoke on "Breaking Bread" and "Mending Fences". John works for the United Reformed Church at Westminster College, teaching the New Testament to students in Cambridge and to church groups around the UK. He studied in Glasgow and for the Church of Scotland Ministry. The session seemed to focus sadly on the differences between the Christian denominations rather than what binds us together – perhaps this was inevitable given the title of his talk.

Finally Bishop Kieran Conry, Bishop of Arundel and Brighton, spoke on "Are there key ethical issues which church members should defend?" He studied for the priesthood at the Venerable College in Rome before he was ordained in 1975. He said that in today's world, the secular is taking over from the church and the church is now in competition. There is no single authority as perhaps there was in the past. Where do the aims and values come from today? Sharing belief as Christians was important. He suggested that we have lost human dignity today.

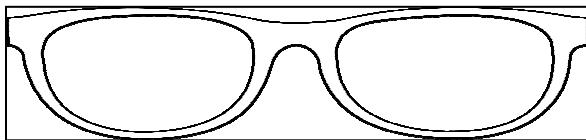
All in all a good day with a splendid diet of food for the heart and soul as well as lunch for £10 all organised by Banstead's five churches.

*Gill Walker*

# Leatherhead Pages

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

## Leatherhead, Bookham and Fetcham Harvested Spectacles:



With up to date figures now in from Symphony World Travel Fetcham, Christ Church URC, and Fetcham Parish Church, I'm pleased to announce that the positively final total, which I will be passing to the local newspapers, is an excellent 868 pairs of specs donated.

Well done everyone who promoted the idea around the town and villages, and everyone who ran a collection point or displayed a poster.

It may feel like a drop in the ocean when you look at the size of Africa's problems, but this total is higher than any district has donated to Vision Aid before. Come on Swindon, Basildon, Dudley, Macclesfield - see if you can beat us next harvest-time !

Thank you all.

*Peter Steadman, Appeal Coordinator*

Full figures on this webpage:

<http://www.musiconthursdays.org/harvestspectacles.html>



# Charity Dinner Dance Lifeboats

at Preston Cross Hotel  
Rectory Lane, Bookham  
on Saturday 16 November 2013  
at 7pm for 7.30pm



[prestonscrosshotel.co.uk](http://prestonscrosshotel.co.uk)

Dine and dance to live music of Glenn Miller  
and similar bands played by **Inside Out**



[insideout-band.co.uk](http://insideout-band.co.uk)

Three course dinner with live music - tickets £40 pp  
Cash bar

To buy tickets, please contact:

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Age Concern Mole Valley North  
01372 879083  
[dennis\\_wickham2000@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dennis_wickham2000@yahoo.co.uk)

David Richmond-Coppen  
RNLI Bookham & Leatherhead Branch  
01372 878812  
[david@rnl-i-leatherhead.org.uk](mailto:david@rnl-i-leatherhead.org.uk)

Improving later life  
Regulated charity number 107007

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea.  
A charity registered in England at House 2000009 and Scotland SC001798.  
Charity number CHY 3876 in the Republic of Ireland.

# The Effect of Poverty on Health Conference

2 Linden Court, Leatherhead, KT22 7JG

Dear Link Readers,

There will be a conference at Christ Church on **Saturday 2nd November** from 10.00am to 3.00pm on the topic of the Effect of Poverty on Health. This will promote **Surrey Save Credit Union**, and participants will include: Samaritans, Pitstop, Night Hostel, Age Concern Mole Valley North (speaker), Clubhouse & Mental Health (speaker), Food Bank, Surrey Save (speaker), Volunteer Bureau, CAB, Housing Associations, etc., with information stands. Interested enquiries please to Hilary Porter at the above address or by e-mail to:

**hm.porter@ntlworld.com**

*Hilary Porter*



## **Men's Breakfasts** (Doors open 8.00am.)

Sat 23rd November at Christ Church Hall

There will not be a December meeting

25th January 2014 at the Anglican Parish Hall

Cost £4. (Proceeds to speaker's nominated charity).

## **Next Messy Church:**

Thursday 21st November  
3.30pm to 5.30pm at



# Thanksgiving Meal at Therfield

It's interesting to think how the Banko family's Thanksgiving Meal for some neighbours has now become a major event, which this year fed over ninety people in North Leatherhead. It was a great meal on a slightly damp Saturday lunchtime in October in the main hall at Therfield School.

So welcome to the 2013 Churches Together Meal for Families in partnership with B@titude. A lot of volunteers were involved, from cooks to table decorators and serving staff, and they prepared and served vats of turkey and dozens of bowls of food, and all in all a great team effort.



This is a turkey dinner of a totally different style to those of us used to carving the British Christmas turkey. More of a unique style of turkey casserole, with masses of vegetables and potatoes, followed by a brilliant array of puddings, including the famous Banko Pumpkin Pie.

The diners are a group of families from some of our most deprived streets. This year saw far more children, particularly young children, having a great family occasion with friends. Next year we might try and organise some traditional style children's games to occupy the younger diners.

Renay Banko had organised a varied set of challenging competitions, including music tunes and company logo's. One learning point is that unlike our previous community centre venue, the size of the Therfield Hall and number of children makes a PA system a must for 2014, as the wall of sound even made Dave Banko sound silent.

So to end, a big thank you to Dave and Renay Banko and all their family for being the heart and spirit of the organisation. Plus a Thank You to everyone who helped, particularly the cooks who made such a tremendous effort. Plus Therfield School for kindly providing our new larger venue.

*Tim Hall*

Leatherhead Choral Society

# Britten A Ceremony of Carols



and other Christmas music

Conductor: Ian Assersohn

with Luisa-Maria Cordell (harp) and Gina Sason (piano)

Saturday 7th December 7.00 pm

St Andrew's Catholic School,

Grange Road, Leatherhead KT22 7JP

Tickets: Adults £10, Under 16s £5

[tickets@leatherhead-choral.net](mailto:tickets@leatherhead-choral.net) or Tel: 01372 355141

[www.leatherhead-choral.net](http://www.leatherhead-choral.net)

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# Leatherhead

Methodist Church



## Diary - November



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<b>Sun</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>10.30am 6.30pm</b>	<b>Beth Little Rev. Lynda Russell</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>17th</b>	<b>10.30am 6.30pm</b>	<b>Rev. Paul Cockburn - with Holy Communion Joint Service at Christ Church - Rev. Robert Blows</b>
Thurs	21st	3.30pm	Messy Church (to 5.30pm)
Sat	23rd	8.00am 10.00am	Men's Breakfast at Christ Church Demonstration of flower arranging at Christ Church (see page 31)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>24th</b>	<b>10.30am 6.30pm</b>	<b>Joint LMC/Christ Church Service at LMC - Rev. Lynda Russell New Fire</b>
Tues	26th	7.30pm	Leadership Team in the Lower Hall
<b><u>December</u></b>			
<b>Sun</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>10.30am 6.30pm</b>	<b>Rev. Lynda Russell with Holy Communion Informal Bring &amp; Share Advent Service - poems &amp; thoughts</b>
Fri	6th	2.30pm	Time for Tea (ends 4.30pm) (see page 27)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>10.30am 4.00pm</b>	<b>Clair Fisher Uniting Churches Christingle Service at the Parish Church (No evening service at LMC)</b>

# Ministers Galore!

In October's magazine, Denis wrote an article in which he said he was not sure what a collective noun would be for a number of ministers. Having experienced a gathering of such people outside Coventry Central Hall, he was sure 'a murmuring' was inappropriate, and that, perhaps, 'a union' would be a better alternative. So Les posed the question "What are our thoughts on the subject?"

Well, what a challenge for someone like me who thrives on words! Expressions such as Connexion, offering, collection, devotion and congregation quickly came to mind, but they are too obviously church-y. With tongue in cheek, I thought 'a yawning', but that does not apply generally, just the odd one that sends you into a stupor. What about 'rabble'? That I discarded when I found Thesaurus reads scum or riff-raff! Then there is babble and prattle meaning incoherent and childish, and I have met some like that, especially the incoherent implication.



They could be called a tribe. Their life is certainly nomadic, looking for milk and honey from the ideal congregation to feed. Along the same lines are a migration - and many do go to foreign shores - or a roving. Then there is a persuasion or influence, a chance to use their education, experience and passion to sway converts.

Motley sprang to mind, which the dictionary describes as varied. And they are certainly that! I just need to think of the six ministers I have known since I came to LMC in 1972 plus the many others in other circumstances. I think 'kaleidoscope' would be final choice, suggesting changing patterns, complexity yet with a symmetry of design, and a brightness to lighten our lives.

# **Weapons of the Spirit...**

...is a film written, produced and directed by [Pierre Sauvage](#).

**During World War II, in and around one village in Nazi-occupied France, 5,000 Jews were sheltered - by 5,000 Christians! The astonishing story of a unique *conspiracy of goodness*.**

**At the Yom Hashoah/Holocaust Remembrance address, on 23rd April 2009, President Barack Obama said:**

"In the moral accounting of the Holocaust, as we reckon with numbers like 6 million - we also remember the number 5,000 - the number of Jews rescued by the villagers of Le Chambon, France - one life saved for each of its 5,000 residents. Not a single Jew who came there was turned away, or turned in. But it was not until decades later that the villagers spoke of what they had done - and even then, only reluctantly."

**This is a story Pierre Sauvage was born to tell: born and protected in Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, he returned just in time to preserve the memory.**

Le Chambon-sur-Lignon was a tiny Protestant farming village in the mountains of south-central France. Defying the Nazis and the French government that was collaborating with the Nazis, the villagers of the area of Le Chambon provided a safe haven throughout the war for whoever knocked on their door. Most of the villagers were proud descendants of the Huguenots, first Protestants in Catholic France. They remembered their own history of persecution, and it mattered to them. They also read the Bible, and tried to heed the admonition to love your neighbour as yourself.

"The responsibility of Christians," their pastor, André Trocmé, had reminded them the day after France surrendered to Nazi Germany, "is to resist the violence that will be brought to bear on their consciences through the weapons of the spirit."

There were many other uncelebrated individual and collective acts of goodwill and righteousness throughout the dark war years. But nowhere else did a persistent and successful moral consensus develop on a scale approaching what happened in the area of Le Chambon.

Released theatrically in 1989 in over 50 major markets, selected for over 20 film festivals, the highly acclaimed feature documentary was the recipient of many [awards](#), including the prestigious DuPont-Columbia University Award in Broadcast Journalism. On television, the documentary has received two national prime-time broadcasts to date, on P.B.S in 1990 and in 1992. The P.B.S. broadcast was introduced by Bill Moyers, who also interviewed the filmmaker in the broadcast. The video includes Moyers' [introduction](#) and the [interview](#).

*Weapons of the Spirit* was produced by the non-profit [Chambon Foundation](#), founded by Pierre Sauvage, whose mission is to explore and communicate, especially on film, such necessary lessons of hope intertwined with the Holocaust's unavoidable lessons of despair.

*This article was submitted by Bob Greenfield. It is taken, with permission, from the website: [www.chambon.org/weapons\\_en.htm](http://www.chambon.org/weapons_en.htm)*

## **TIME FOR TEA Come for Tea and Company**

From 2.30pm to 4.30pm

**Fridays 1st November, 6th December...**

...and every first Friday in the month at

**LEATHERHEAD METHODIST CHURCH  
EVERYONE WELCOME**

If you need transport please contact:

Margaret Meynen on 372930 or Gill Harris on 458518  
(Suggested donation £1)

# **Wednesday House Fellowship**

During the winter months the Wednesday House Fellowship will meet on a Friday morning. Everyone very welcome. Please make a note of the November meeting date in your diary:

Friday 15th November at 10.30am, at the home of Winifred and Arnold Ashbrook.

For more information please contact Norma Shaw on 01372 274533 or email [norma.shaw@talktalk.net](mailto:norma.shaw@talktalk.net)

# **Monday House Group**

The Monday House Group meets on alternate Mondays. Contact Carol Stoves 01372 377125 for details. Everyone very welcome.



## **LMC Family News**

*Best wishes to...*

...Lynda for a speedy recovery from her broken foot

*Best wishes also to...*

...Carol Stoves who is taking over as LMC Administrator from Les. The LMC office will open from 10.00am to 12 noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Phone number: 01372 362145. Email: [leatherheadmc@gmail.com](mailto:leatherheadmc@gmail.com)

# **Christ Church**

## **(United Reformed) Leatherhead**

### **Commitment for Life**

This is the URC's main external giving programme. The main beneficiary is Christian Aid, but it also supports the World Development Movement. Four main development areas are identified - Bangladesh, Jamaica, Zimbabwe and the Palestinian Territories. The last is the special area for Christ Church.

What people give is up to them. However, as it is the one opportunity in the year to contribute directly to the alleviation of poverty and suffering, we would hope for a substantial donation, according to what people can afford. Explanatory literature and envelopes are included with this magazine. The envelopes will be received in church on Sunday 3rd November and subsequent Sundays.

*Mike Essex*



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Sat	9th	7.30pm	Surrey Philharmonic Orchestra Concert (see page 31)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>10.30am</b> 3.00pm 6.30pm	<b>Parade Service - Rev. Lynda Russell</b> AntiphoniA rehearsal Evening Service at LMC - Rev. Lynda Russell
<b>Sun</b>	<b>17th</b>	<b>10.30am</b> 3.00pm 6.30pm	<b>Rev. Donald Finnan</b> AntiphoniA rehearsal Joint Evening Service (URC/LMC) at ChCh - Rev. Robert Blows and Worship Group
Thurs	21st	3.30pm	Messy Church at LMC (to 5.30pm)
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<b>Sun</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Rev. Lynda Russell - Parade/Gift Service</b> <b>Uniting Churches Christingle Service at the Parish Church</b>

# **Christ Church Family News**



We are sorry to hear that Eric Brown, who now lives with his daughter, is very unwell. We send our very best wishes.

We are sorry to report that Jean McDowall suffered a fall recently. She is now recovering at home after a few days in hospital. We send our sympathy and good wishes and hope she will soon be back to normal.

Hilary Porter is safely back home after her hip operation. We send very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

We are sorry too that our Minister Lynda Russell suffered a nasty fall resulting in a broken bone in her foot. We send her our very best wishes.

We will keep all these friends, Dorothy Poulton, and others who are unwell, in our thoughts and prayers.

*Anne Cairns*

## **Church Flowers**

Alison Gillott will be giving a demonstration at Christ Church on Saturday 23rd November, from 10.00am to 11.30am on Simple Ideas for Arranging Church Flowers.

**All welcome!**

## **Surrey Philharmonic Orchestra**

*Conductor: Nicholas Smith*

**Concert at Christ Church - 7.30pm, Sat. 9th November**

Beethoven: Coriolan Overture;

Handel: Organ Concerto No. 10, Op.7/4

Beethoven: Symphony No.7 in A

Tickets: £13, £8 (concessions) from 01372 276949 or from Bartons Bookshop.

# Pastorate Details

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



## **Leatherhead Methodist Church:**

[www.leatherheadmethodist.org](http://www.leatherheadmethodist.org)

Contact: Senior Steward -

Sue Friend 01372 813464

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

[www.chch.org.uk](http://www.chch.org.uk)

Contact: Local Church Leader -

Mike Essex 01372 273472

## **Effingham Methodist Church:**

[www.effinghammethodistchurch.co.uk](http://www.effinghammethodistchurch.co.uk)

Contact: Senior Steward -

Dave Putland 01372 454850

## **Cobham United Reformed Church:**

[www.cobhamurc.org.uk](http://www.cobhamurc.org.uk)

Contact: Church Secretary -

Mary Langtry 01483 282421

## **Cobham Methodist Church:**

[www.cobhammethodistchurch.com](http://www.cobhammethodistchurch.com)

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