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**The United Pastorate of  
Leatherhead  
Cobham  
Effingham**

## November 2014



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## The Ministers Write...

### From Rev. Kim Plumpton

Dear friends,

This year's Remembrance Sunday will bring into sharp focus 100 years since WWI. On 11th November the Queen will plant the last of the ceramic poppies at the Tower of London. A total of 888,246 ceramic poppies will become part of an installation by artist Paul Cummins called the 'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red'. Each poppy represents a single British or colonial soul lost in battle in WWI. It's an astonishing sight and a startling reminder that if we added all those who have died since WWI, as a result of war, we might find the enormity just too overwhelming. I remember walking amongst the so many headstones in the cemeteries in Belgium, the fallen in WWI, the uniformity of the white headstones created a powerful image and one I have never forgotten without feeling a deep sense of sadness. There has been no period in recorded history where there was not armed conflict going on in some part of the world and sadly even today our children are all too familiar with it.

It is an uncomfortable reminder that humanity has the capacity to both protect and to destroy, to hurt and to heal, to love and to hate. Christians are of course divided as to whether war can ever be justified. Some of you may well be familiar with the Just War Theory:

**Just War Theory** is a doctrine studied by theologians, ethicists, policy makers and military leaders. The purpose of the doctrine is to ensure war is morally justifiable through a series of criteria, all of which must be met for a war to be considered just. The criteria are split into two groups: "the right to go to war" and "right conduct in war". The first concerns the morality of going to war and the second with moral conduct within war. Recently there have been calls for the inclusion of a third category of Just War Theory dealing with the morality of post-war settlement and reconstruction. Just War Theory postulates that war, while very terrible, is not always the worst option. There may be responsibilities so important, atrocities which can be prevented or outcomes so undesirable they justify war.

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Our world and our society has always been in a state of 'awakening'. What was once justified years ago we struggle to even understand today. I studied social justice for a while at college and not so long ago even the church could be considered tyrannical and yet, on the other side of that, those with faith were also instigators of social reform. If only we could all experience a Saul moment: "Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again." Acts 9:18. Being 'awakened' to the way of peace which is so desired by us all may be a pursuit that seems untenable but it is a hope that makes sense of all the lives lost in its pursuit.

In some ways we are all pursuing the same goal of peace, the pacifist, the conscientious objector, and the soldier that fights for peace, it is only our response to war that is different.

My prayers this Remembrance Sunday are that we all might have the scales removed from our eyes, that the world will see the futility of war and that peace one day might be a reality. It's a tall order I know, but the sacrifice others gave for us is so great that we mustn't forget them or the goal they strived to achieve.

With every blessing, Kim

## ***From Rev. Lynda Russell***

Dear friends,

Remember, remember the 5th November! November is the month for remembering – including both the 5th, with Guy Fawkes and the fun of fireworks, and the sombre reflection of Remembrance Day. Remembering of course can bring many emotions; positive, poignant and painful.

I remember when I was little, we would go out into the garden and my father would have a tin of fireworks which he would let off at the bottom of the garden while we watched from a safe distance. It was exciting, and we would have a great time together as a family, but often the fireworks would fail to go off, and it was then too dangerous to go and check, in case they did go off at the wrong moment. Each year sadly still many people are injured in just these circumstances. So our expectations were often not realised as we waited for those fireworks to ignite, and in many cases we were disappointed. In particular it always seemed that the larger and more expensive the firework, the bigger the anti-climax when it didn't work.

When I reflected on this phenomenon, I started to think about life and its disappointments. Most of us have things in our lives and in our past that haven't gone as we hoped they would. Jobs, relationships, friends, families, colleagues. Actions we aren't proud of remembering, words spoken in haste or not spoken at all: in almost any area of our lives we could probably name something where either we have made a mistake or where we have regrets or feel we have failed in some way or failed those we love.

It is a rare person who has no regrets, but what matters is how we respond. If we dwell on the past, and hang on to regrets and failures then we spoil the pleasure of the present and the promise of the future. The good news is that God doesn't keep account of our past mistakes. Even though we may struggle to forget them, God does not. As we ask for forgiveness in the name of Jesus it is freely given and those mistakes forgotten. Does it sound too easy? Well yes, maybe it does, because sometimes we find it hard to forgive ourselves. But Jesus says he came to give us a rich and satisfying life (John 10:10 Message Version). Perhaps you might like to reflect on what that might mean for you in your situation...

"God of past, present and future, teach me to let go of my yesterdays, to trust in your tomorrow, and so to rejoice today, celebrating the fullness of life that you have given through Jesus Christ. Amen."

Every Blessing, Lynda

**Dorking and Horsham Methodist Circuit**

**1844 - 2014**

**Circuit  
170**

*Come to a celebratory Exhibition  
and  
Coffee morning  
marking 170 years  
of  
Methodism in our Circuit*

**Saturday 1st November 10.30 - 12.30**

**At London Road Methodist Church, Horsham**

# **Ebola**

The current outbreak in West Africa is the worst Ebola outbreak since the virus was discovered in 1976, with more cases and deaths than in all the previous outbreaks combined.

The Methodist Church in Sierra Leone (MCSL) has been at the forefront of the fight against Ebola. To date, the Methodist Church in Britain has sent two grants totalling £22,500 to Sierra Leone to aid with the epidemic.

The Ebola virus was also the focus of thoughts of the General Secretary, the Revd Dr Martyn Atkins when he led the Morning Service on BBC Radio 4 on 10th October.

There is also a prayer for people to use as they pray for all the people whose lives are being affected by the virus.

**O Lord, God of our salvation,  
we have cried out day and night before you.  
Let our prayers come before you; incline your ear to our cry.  
For our souls are full of troubles  
and our lives draw near to the grave.  
We are counted with those who go down to the pit;  
like people with no strength,  
Give ear, O Lord, to our prayers  
and attend to the voice of our supplications.  
In the day of trouble we will call upon you, for you will answer us.  
Preserve our lives, for you are our God;  
save your servants who trust in you!  
Be merciful to us, O Lord, for you are good and abundant in mercy  
to all those who call upon you.  
In Jesus name we pray,  
Amen.**





# Cobham

## Methodist Church

# Cobham Methodist Diary - November



Sat	1st	10.30am	Coffee morning at London Road Horsham <i>(see page 5)</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Bob Boyce</b>
Sat	8th	10.00am 2.30pm 7.00pm	Time 4 You (until 12 noon) Platinum Service <i>(for 7.30pm)</i> Quiz in aid of the Bible Society
<b>Sun</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Tina Andrews</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>16th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rev. Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion</b>
Tues	18th	12.30pm	Lunch and Bible Study at Cobham URC
<b>Sun</b>	<b>23rd</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>John Oborn</b>
Tues	25th	12.30pm	Lunch and Bible Study at Cobham URC
Thurs	27th	3.45pm	Messy Church at the URC <i>(to 5.45pm)</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>30th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>United Service at CMC - Rev. Darlene McCarley</b>
		<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Pastorate Service at Christ Church (United Reformed) Leatherhead</b>
<b>December</b>			
Tues	2nd	12.30pm 7.30pm	Lunch and Bible Study at Cobham URC <i>(for 8.00pm)</i> Preachers' Mtg at Dorking
Wed	3rd	7.30pm	House Fellowship at the Manse
<b>Sun</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Angie Choat</b>

# Cobham Pages

Information, news, events and happenings in and around Cobham  
including joint URC/Methodist events

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



Date:  
**Thursday 27th November**

Time: **3:45pm - 5:45pm**

Venue: **Cobham URC,  
38 Stoke Road,  
KT11 3BD**

**All are welcome**

## "Expecting Christ..."

**Bible Study** with lunch begins on 18th November,  
...then on 25th November, 2nd and 9th December.

We will eat together so it begins at 12:30pm

**in the Harding Rooms at Cobham URC**

*All are welcome*



## Next "Time 4 You"

Saturday 8th November  
10.00am - 12 noon

**Cobham Methodist Church**

# **COMPOSER MARTY HAUGEN RETURNS TO ST ANDREW'S!**

**Friday 21st November 7.30-10.00pm  
St Andrew's Church, Cobham**

We are delighted to be welcoming Marty Haugen back to St Andrew's Church. One of today's leading composers of liturgical music for both Protestant and Roman Catholic congregations, Marty is the composer of some 400 songs, some of which we sing regularly on Sunday mornings, including:

*Where your treasure is*  
and

*Send down the fire of your justice.*

He presents very accessible and inspiring workshops on the renewal of worship. He says, 'Worship is the place in which Christians proclaim, "The reign of God will be like this!"

For this reason, our liturgies are often filled with words of hope and comfort for those who suffer... If we believe that our responsibility ends here, our worship is not true and faithful to the Gospel of Jesus. If our proclamation of justice and mercy for all is not consistent with our actions, we distort and limit both our own vision and the vision of our communities about what the reign of God is to be.'

As well as being an engaging speaker, Marty will share songs with us. You do not need to sing in a choir, play an instrument or read music to enjoy this. All are welcome to what promises to be a very special evening.

There is no booking fee but donations are requested on the night to cover costs and go towards charities supported by St Andrew's Church. There will be a break for refreshments.

The organiser is Jan Brind and if you would like to know more you can phone her on 01483 224030.

There is a sign up list in our church for numbers so I could note if anyone is coming but I'm sure it will be fine to turn up!

*Dave Greenwood, the New Fire (at LMC) bass player & MAF rep.*



# Cobham

## United Reformed Church



# Cobham URC

## Worship Diary: November

Sun	2nd	9.00am	Early Bird Service
		10.30am	Rev Norman Edsall
Sun	9th	10.30am	Rev. Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion
Sun	16th	10.30am	Rev. Roy Bones
Sun	23rd	10.30am	Rev. Kim Plumpton
Sun	30th	10.30am	Combined Service at Cobham Methodist Church - Rev. Darlene McCarley
<b>December</b>			
Sun	7th	10.30am	Thelma Roberts

### Play and Chat

A group for families with special needs children. Meets every first Sunday of the month from 3.00pm to 6.00pm at Cobham URC.

### Prayers at the Cobham URC Manse

at 9.30am on  
Wednesdays:  
5th, 12th, 19th and 26th November

## **Inner Peace**

If you can start the day without caffeine, always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains, if you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles, eat the same food every day and be grateful for it, understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time, if you can take criticism and blame without resentment, conquer tension without medical help, relax without alcohol, and sleep without the aid of drugs - then you are probably the family dog !

## **Today's Poem**

Cholesterol is poisonous, so never, ever eat it,  
Sugar too might harm you - there is no way to beat it.  
And fatty foods might do you in - be certain to avoid them.  
Some foods are rich in vitamins, but processing destroys them.  
So let your life be governed, by each documented fact,  
And die of malnutrition, but with arteries intact!!

## **Truisms**

- Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad!
- I'm not sure if life is passing me by or trying to run me over?
- Whenever I feel the need to exercise, I lie down until the feeling goes away.
- You know you've reached middle age when everything starts to wear out, fall out or spread out.

## **Seasonal Fun...**

- What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney? Claustrophobia!
- Why does Santa have three gardens? So he can 'hoe, hoe, hoe'!
- What kind of motorbike does Santa ride? A holly Davidson!
- Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing? They always drop their needles!
- Did Rudolph go to school? No, he was Elf taught!

## **RNID News**

There is now a telephone test for deafness - 0845 600 5555

## **Finally...**

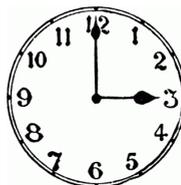
Surround yourself with people who make you laugh;  
Love the people who treat you right, pray for ones who don't.  
Life is too short to be anything but happy;  
Falling down is part of life, getting back up is living.

# Cobham URC Events - November

Sun	2nd	3.00pm	Play and Chat <i>(to 6.00pm)</i>
Tues	4th	9.45am 8.00pm	Church Walk Elders' Meeting
Thurs	6th	12.30pm	Men's Fellowship at the Fairmile, Portsmouth Road, Cobham, KT11 1BW
Tues	18th	12.30pm	Bible Study in the Harding Rooms "Expecting Christ"
Thurs	20th	7.30pm	Evening House Group at Carl Dixon's
Tues	25th	11.00am 12.30pm	Coffee for Carers Bible Study in the Harding Rooms "Expecting Christ"
Thurs	27th	3.45pm	Messy Church <i>(to 5.45pm)</i>
Fri	28th	3.00pm	T@3 at Church

## December

Sun	7th	3.00pm	Play and Chat <i>(to 6.00pm)</i>
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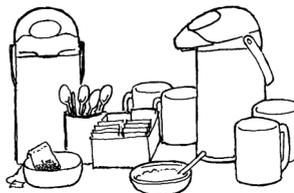


**Tea at Three:  
Friday 28th November**

## Coffee for Carers

A support group for those who offer care in the community or at home.

Meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at Cobham URC.





# Effingham

## Methodist Church



### Dates to celebrate this month

Happy Birthday to Freddie Jenkins on 4th, Barbara Rombach on 18th and Pat McElhill on 19th. We also congratulate Pat and John on their 60th Wedding Anniversary this month.

*Please let us know about birthdays or BIG anniversaries!!*

### Dates for your Diaries

CIRCUIT 170 - an exhibition and coffee morning will be held on 1st November at London Road Methodist Church, Horsham from 10.30am to 12.30pm

### Prayer Meetings...

...are held at the home of Freddie Jenkins every Friday at 9.15am.

### Saturday Morning Live

As we approach **Remembrance Sunday** with the **100th Anniversary of the start of WWI** in our thoughts, it seems appropriate that this month's **Café Church** is asking "**Is War ever Justified?**".

So join us for coffee, croissants and discussion on Saturday **1st November, 10.00am to 11.00am** at **St. Lawrence's Church Hall**.



**FOOD FOR THOUGHT!**

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

### **"AT WAR WITH CHURCHILL"**

You are invited to hear a talk by Joy Hunter on Monday 17th November at 7pm in The Catholic Church Hall, Lower Rd, Effingham.

During the Second World War, Joy worked in Churchill's war cabinet as a secretary, and was with the Prime Minister when he went to the Potsdam conference at the end of the conflict in 1945.

Donations for Churches Together.



### Mission in Britain: **Transforming Britain one life at a time**

Last year hundreds of churches supported the new Advent Offering because support for mission at home is needed more than ever.

The Mission in Britain Fund supports a wide spectrum of mission:

- Mission alongside the Poor
- Chaplaincy
- Sharing the gospel with all ages
- Ministering opportunities at Methodist Heritage sites
- Using church properties to serve local communities

Fundraising resources available on: [www.methodist.org.uk](http://www.methodist.org.uk)

# **A New Hymn for REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

## **A century passes, memories will fade**



A century passes, memories will fade;  
war's sun goes down, sharp pain is hid in shade.  
Yet still we pray for peace, as those men prayed;  
we will remember them. [We will remember, we will remember.]\*\*

Ten times ten thousand fell amid that rage.  
What is the gain we measure from that age,  
once reaped from carnage on that harrowed stage?  
We will remember them. [We will remember, we will remember.]

While some were buried, others have no grave,  
unmarked they fell, yet all, we say, were brave,  
and still we stand in thanks for all they gave:  
we will remember them. [We will remember, we will remember.]

Then let us work and move and strive for peace  
until the grace of God can bring release,  
and then all nations sing and never cease:  
Alleluia! [Alleluia! Alleluia!]

Andrew Pratt

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Suggested tunes: "Engelberg" (StF 731) or "Sine Nomine" (StF 745).  
\*\*When using "Sine Nomine" the alternative verse endings shown in square brackets should be sung.

For the period 2014–2018 all royalties received for use of this hymn will be donated to **SSAFA** (Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen Families Association) – the National Armed Forces Charity providing support for military families.

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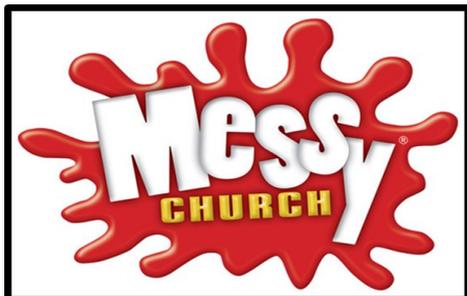


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		10.30am	Coffee Morning at London Road Horsham (see page 5)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Rev. Darlene McCarley - Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday - David Cappitt</b>
Tues	11th	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall
Wed	12th	8.00pm	Christian Meditation in the Church
Fri	14th	12 noon	Chapel open "I'm Here to Listen" (to 1.30pm)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>16th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Prisons Week with Beth Little</b>
Thurs	20th	12.30pm	OASIS Bible Study Lunch with Kim (to 3pm)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>23rd</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Clive Haines</b>
Tues	25th	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall
Wed	26th	8.00pm	Christian Meditation in the Church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>30th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Ecumenical Service at All Saints</b>
		<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Pastorate Service at Christ Church (United Reformed ) Leatherhead</b>
<b>December</b>			
Sat	6th	10.00am	Café Church at St Lawrence's Hall (to 11.00am)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Rev. Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion</b>



**Remembrance Sunday  
with David Cappitt:  
Sunday 9th November**

## **Messy Church - with the parable of the sower**



Well good news! The word has spread far and wide among the young families in and around Effingham. Queuing at the doors was the scene in October with our two receptionists overwhelmed with registrations as the children and their attending adults were ready for action through and into the hall. Our hold up was probably the little dog that takes the money and flips the coins into the container beneath. We plan to have the little dog that the children love to put the money into on a separate table. We managed 28 children this time each with a parent or carer and three young babes too. We fed the children well and a good time was had by all.

The craft tables were all set with different activities. As usual the biscuits to be iced in a flower shape proved popular – for a short time, until they were eaten! Flowers still in good shape from the Methodist Flower Festival for our anniversary gave the children a new opportunity to make little posies as well as drawings of daisies to colour in and seed heads to make.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the crafts, making cakes for tea or in the kitchen or telling the story at story time. We might need some more helpers now that the numbers are increasing, so do contact us if you think you could help.

November's Messy Church is on Wednesday 12th November at 3.30pm in St Lawrence Church Hall Effingham when the theme will be the parable of the house on the rock, so rocky cakes here we come.

For more info. Contact Gill Walker on 01372 457987.

## Do YOU have room for Mary & Joseph?



Not quite the journey to Bethlehem, but our **Posada nativity figures** will travel around **Effingham, Little Bookham and Cobham**, visiting schools and staying at a different house every night!!

Focus your mind for Advent - 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**



### Silent Night Carols?

On Christmas Day 1914, fighting ceased in the trenches of WWI and soldiers from both sides sang the well-known carol, Silent Night,



across No Man's Land. Some soldiers from the British and German armies even joined together to play football.

100 years on **christmasstartswithchrist.com** are inviting us to hold a Silent Night Carol event in our churches, to remember the remarkable Christmas of 1914.

See the free resources including special messages from Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, President of the Football Association and Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury. Proceeds will go to **TEARfund** who are following Jesus to places of greatest need, providing basic essentials like shelter, food and water, as well as trauma care to help people cope with the atrocities they have seen.

Let's organise a **Silent Night Carol event** in aid of TEARFUND in our area and play a part in helping those places in the world affected by conflict and disasters where we still need peace today ?

Email **theputlands@aol.com**

*Angela Putland*

*Effingham Methodist Church*

The Chapel will be open from  
12-1:30pm.

**‘I’m Here to  
Listen’**

*14th November  
12th December*



The Women Against Violence mission is to stop the cycle-of-abuse against women through prevention and education.

**WAV Objectives:**

To reach out to women of all ages, cultural, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds

To educate the community about violence against women

To educate women and men about the different types of abuse; the signs, symptoms and how to get help

To empower women so that they can avoid abusive and violent relationships

To be a resource of information for women who are being, or have been abused

**Women Against Violence** is a Special Sunday in the Methodist Calendar, and is set this year for the Sunday before Advent, **23rd November.**



See the Methodist website 'Special Sundays' for resources and a service.



**16th-22nd November  
2014**

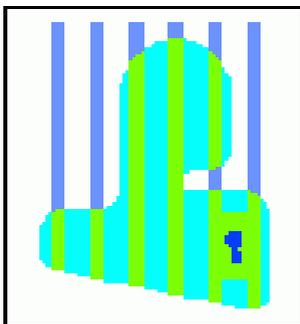
**PRISONS WEEK**

## **Building Hope**

This Prisons Week let us pray for all those affected by prison, that we may build a sense of hope in each other that life will in some measure be restored.

Everyone needs a few words of encouragement. We grow stronger, we see things more clearly, and we achieve more. Justice surely hopes that there will be a sense of healing, a chance to see things differently, and a new future for all those affected by crime and imprisonment. To achieve this we need each other, and in particular we need each other's words of encouragement.

More resources on the Methodist website.



“So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you’ll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind.”  
1 Thessalonians 5: 11



ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH, EAST HORSLEY  
Ockham Road South, KT24 6RL

## THE KNITTED BIBLE EXPERIENCE



Noah's Ark

Thirty-four 3D scenes from the Bible.

A half-term activity that will appeal to all ages.  
Childrens games and activities will be available.

**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> October daily  
until Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2014**

Open every day from 10.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.

**FREE ADMISSION**

Refreshments available throughout the day.

Please check the website for further details -  
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*No meeting in December*

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*In aid of 'Heart For Romania'*  Heart for Romania

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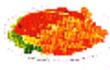
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# Messy Church

The new Messy Church year got off to a tremendous start in September, with a high turnout, including lots of new faces and people we hadn't seen for a while. We celebrated Harvest and thought about "Praying to Say Thank You". We are continuing the prayer theme over the next few months, when we will be "Praying to Say Sorry", "Praying to Say Please" and "Praying to Say Help!".

The Vestry has been transformed into a "Peace Tent", where people can take time to pray and reflect. While I was in there in Sept, I enjoyed meeting a young mum who enjoyed going to church with her dad as a teenager and had decided to give Messy Church a try. It was good to hear that we had been recommended by one of the support workers at the Children's Centre, who has enjoyed coming with her own children.

October was our fourth birthday and we managed to combine "saying sorry" with a birthday party, by thinking about the story of the Prodigal Son. With the gas still off, we didn't quite stretch to a fatted calf, but the pig-shaped fairy cakes were nice!

*Jane Smith*



## Next Messy Church for Leatherhead

Thursday 20th November  
3.30pm to 5.30pm at:



# Harvest 2014

We welcomed 90 people from the three churches to a Harvest Supper on Saturday 27th September, admirably organised by Alison Gillott. We enjoyed a convivial evening and made over £400 for the churches' project, Heart for Romania. Entertainment was provided by Jay Bristow.

On Sunday we had a combined Harvest Service at LMC, where we were joined by members of the various groups of 1st Leatherhead Scouts. The produce was later distributed to Pitstop, Leatherhead Start and B@titude.

## Two reminders for Christ Church people:

1. You will have received Commitment for Life literature. Please give generously.
2. Don't forget our Quiz night on Saturday 8th November. We would love a full house!

*Mike Essex*



# Time for Tea



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**Friday 7th November**

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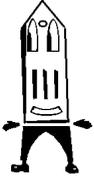
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Margaret Meynen on 372930 or Gill Harris on 458518

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## **MORNING PRAYERS**

The Morning Prayers schedule is going to be reconsidered at the Uniting Churches' next meeting. Meanwhile, with immediate effect, it has been found necessary to change the Wednesday venue from The Theatre to the Parish Church



# Leatherhead

Methodist Church

## LMC Family News



*Please offer your support and prayers for...*

...Jean Plant who recently lost her husband Denis.

*Our sympathy for...*

...Margaret Crome, now recovering from a fall in which she broke her wrist..

## LMC Housegroups

The **Friday Morning House Group** meets on the third Friday each month. Please contact Norma Shaw for further details.

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



### **The new Friday Afternoon House Group -**

After discussions with those interested, the new daytime house group, being led by John Russell, will meet from 1.30pm to 3.15pm. The November meetings are Fridays 14th & 28th. After this, we will meet every second and fourth Friday in the month. We will be following an 8-week course called Compass, Christian Discipleship in the Methodist Church. Contact Sue Friend 01372 813464 for details.



# Diary - November



Sat	1st	10.30am	Coffee Morning at London Road Horsham <i>(see page 5)</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rev. Lynda Russell with Holy Communion</b>
Thurs	6th	12.30pm 7.30pm	Music on Thursdays <i>(see page 27)</i> Church Council
Fri	7th	2.30pm	Time for Tea <i>(ends 4.30pm)</i>
Sat	8th	7.30pm	Quiz at Christ Church in aid of Church Project <i>(see page 25)</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday: Joint Service - Rev Lynda Russell Rev. Lynda Russell - Holy Communion</b>
Tues	11th	10.00am 2.30pm 7.30pm	West Hill Community Café <i>(to 12 noon)</i> Pastoral Visitors' & Elders' prayer group Jonathan Aitken at The Theatre <i>(see page 29)</i>
Thurs	13th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays <i>(see page 24)</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>16th</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>10.30am</b>	Bring & Share Breakfast and <b>9.15am</b> Prayers <b>Jay Dunning</b>
Wed	19th	12.30pm	Organ Recital at Christ Church <i>(see page 27)</i>
Thurs	20th	3.30pm	Messy Church <i>(to 5.30pm)</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>23rd</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Waseem Haq New Fire</b>
Tues	25th	10.00am	West Hill Community Café <i>(to 12 noon)</i>
Thurs	27th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays <i>(see page 27)</i>
Sat	29th	8.00am	Men's Breakfast at the Catholic Church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>30th</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Beth Little Pastorate Service &amp; Tea at Christ Church</b>
<b>December</b>			
Fri	5th	2.30pm	Time for Tea <i>(ends 4.30pm)</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Rev. Lynda Russell - Holy Communion Christingle at the Parish Church</b>

## Does God Condone Violence?

In his bestselling book *The God Delusion*, atheist Richard Dawkins refers to the God of the Old Testament as a "vindictive, bloodthirsty ethnic cleanser" (quoted by GotQuestions.org when answering the question "Why did God condone such terrible violence in the Old Testament?").

So is there a contradiction between the Old and New Testaments when it comes to the subject of violence? Jesus said, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword..." (Matthew 26:52). Paul says in Ephesians 6:12 that our war is not a military one but a spiritual one: "For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places".

However even in the Old Testament we can find many texts which are against violence. In Genesis 6:13 God says to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh; for the earth is filled with violence through them;...".

In 2 Samuel 2:26 in the context of the civil war between David and those who are loyal to Saul's son Ishbosheth, Abner, commander of Saul's army says, "Shall the sword devour for ever? Do you not know that the end will be bitter? How long will it be before you bid your people turn from the pursuit of their brethren?". In King David's song to the Lord in 2 Samuel 22:3 he says to the Lord, "...thou savest me from violence".

We also find statements against violence in the Psalms. For example, Psalm 5:6 says, "...the Lord abhors bloodthirsty and deceitful men". Similarly we read in Psalm 11:5: "The Lord...hates him that loves violence". When David says in Psalm 55:9 "...for I see violence and strife in the city", he implies disapproval or hatred of violence. The same applies when in Psalm 58:2 he says (addressing false gods), "...your hands deal out violence on earth". And again in Psalm 73:6 which is a Psalm of Asaph: "...violence covers them as a garment".

Psalm 72 is apparently a Psalm of Solomon and is I think a prophecy of the coming Messiah. Verses 12 to 14 say: "For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper. He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy. From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight".

In Proverbs 4:17 a father is instructing his sons not to enter the path of the wicked, partly because "...they eat the bread of wickedness

and drink the wine of violence". In Proverbs 10:6 one of the proverbs of Solomon says, "...the mouth of the wicked conceals violence".

The prophet Jeremiah complained (22:17): "But you have eyes and heart only for your dishonest gain, for shedding innocent blood, and for practicing oppression and violence".

The prophet Micah says (Micah 4:3) "...they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more;..."

Perhaps as we approach Armistice Day it is good to remember these things and that Jesus says in Matthew 5:9: "Blessed are the peacemakers,..." (quotations from RSV).

*Bob Greenfield*



## **MORNING PRAYERS**

Please see note at the bottom of page 30 regarding a change of venue for Morning Prayers on Wednesdays.

## **Special Memorial Service**

The proposed Joint Special Memorial Service planned for 16th November has had to be postponed until the New Year.

# Help our young people Participate!

On Sunday 5th October, Jane Smith spoke to the LMC congregation about the Participate programme, which is being followed by Alex, Amy, Rachel and Samuel. These young people, aged 10-12, have been attending church all their lives. Participate encourages them to explore their gifts and what God might be calling them to do as part of their Christian discipleship.

We asked the congregation to help us put together a list of all the things members of LMC are motivated to do by their Christian faith. The list is inspiring and I thought you might enjoy it!

During the next few weeks, the young people will be thinking about roles they might like to have a go at and other ways they could use their gifts. This list will help give them ideas and if your "job" is on here, we may well come looking for ways they could get involved.

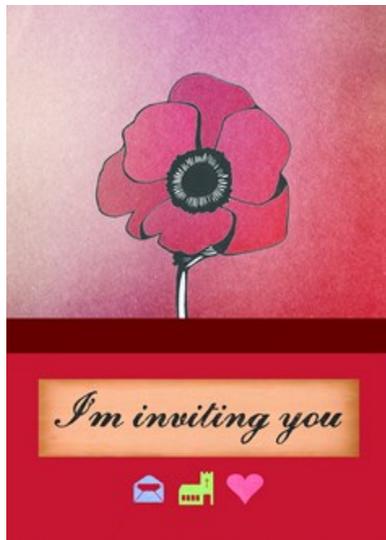
- Arrange the readers list
- Visiting housebound
- Take collection
- Count collection
- Preaching
- Help in hospital service
- Helping at BFree
- Care for people over the phone
- Sunday School/Discoverers
- House group leading and hosting
- Gardening
- Office work: posters, phone messages etc.
- Run youth club in Bookham
- Prepare and lead worship
- Entertaining grown ups
- Write articles for church magazine
- Magazine editor
- Play music
- Help look after the building
- Happiness!
- Welcome people to church
- Communion preparer
- IT Technician
- Putting the glasses away
- Bible readings
- Food Bank
- Make sure the biscuits don't get wasted!
- Helping the teachers at Bulembu (in Swaziland, Africa) so the orphans get great opportunities at their school
- Help at Messy Church
- Good Neighbours pack
- Giving lifts to people to various events/activities
- Notices
- LMC directory
- Door rota
- Stewards
- Caring about friends in need
- Writing Christmas plays

# Season of Invitation

A "Season of Invitation" began as "Back to Church Sunday" in 2004, which was an annual opportunity for churches across the UK and abroad to invite people to come with them to church.

This year we are inviting people to four services, and Back to Church Sunday on 19th October was the first one. It has been found people are much more likely to come to church and keep coming if they're invited several times, so we want to build "A Season of Invitation", with four invitational moments coming one after the other.

The next Sunday in the series is Remembrance Sunday on 9th November, when, jointly with Christ Church, we will be having another Service when you are encouraged to invite others to join with us.



The remaining services in the series are:

Sunday 7th December – Advent (Christmas season begins)

Sunday 21st December – Family Christmas Service

Attractive, high-quality invitation cards are available for each service, as well as a children's invitation card that can be used for any of the services.

# **Christ Church**

**(United Reformed) Leatherhead**

## **Morning Prayers**

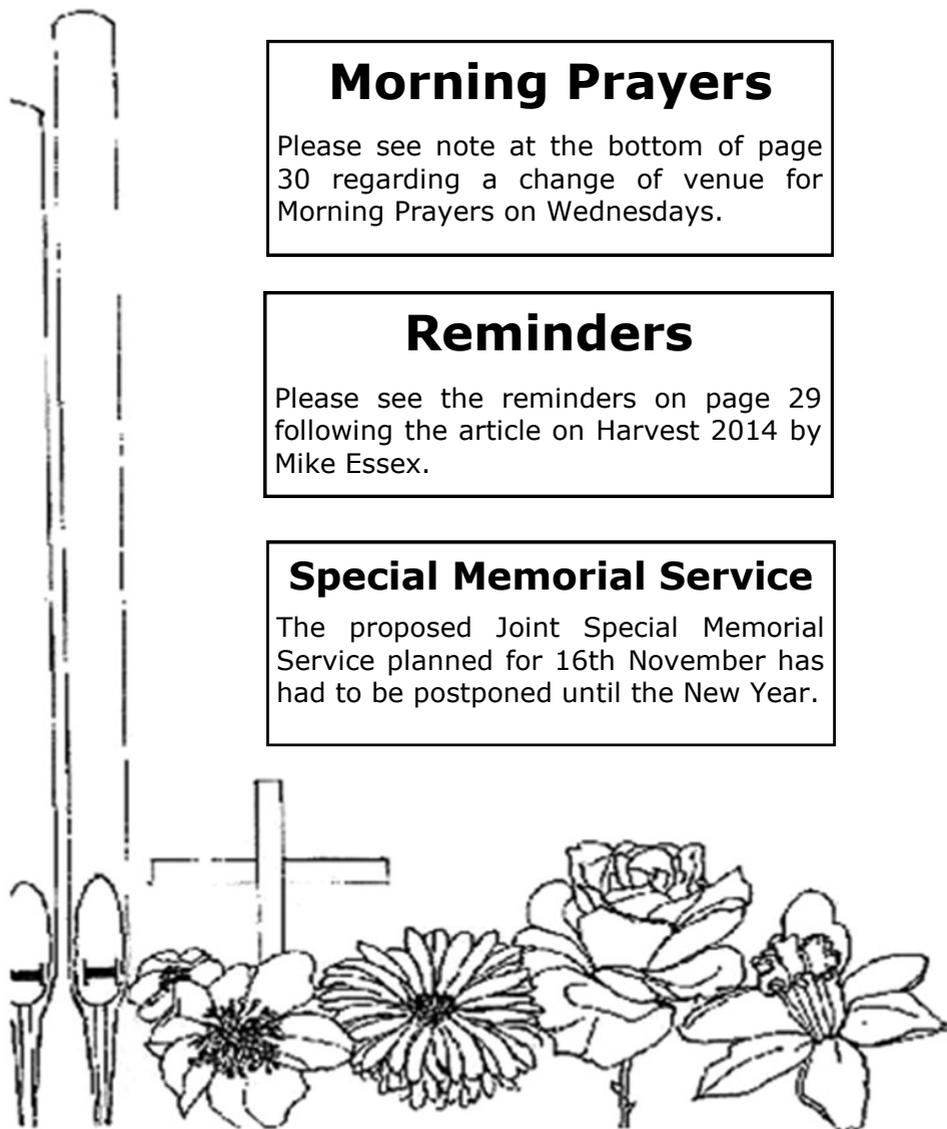
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## **Reminders**

Please see the reminders on page 29 following the article on Harvest 2014 by Mike Essex.

## **Special Memorial Service**

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# Christ Church Diary - November



<b>Sun 2nd</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Linda Richards - Holy Communion</b> <i>Linda is a URC Lay Preacher who is responsible for Lay Preaching in the Surrey and Sussex Synod Area</i>
Thurs 6th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays at LMC ( <i>see page 27</i> )
Fri 7th	2.30pm	Time for Tea at LMC ( <i>to 4.30pm</i> )
Sat 8th	10.30am 7.30pm	Synod Together at Caterham School Quiz in aid of Church Project ( <i>see page 25</i> )
<b>Sun 9th</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Joint Service at LMC - Rev. Lynda Russell</b> <b>Rev. Lynda Russell - Communion at LMC</b>
Tues 11th	2.00pm 2.30pm 7.30pm	Elders' Meeting Pastoral Visitors & Elders Prayer Meeting at LMC Jonathan Aitken at the Theatre ( <i>see page 29</i> )
Thurs 13th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays at LMC ( <i>see page 27</i> )
<b>Sun 16th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rev. Donald Finnan</b> <i>Donald is a retired Minister who has served in both Methodist and URC Churches</i>
Wed 19th	12.30pm	Organ Recital ( <i>see page 27</i> )
Thurs 20th	3.30pm	Messy Church at LMC ( <i>to 5.30pm</i> )
<b>Sun 23rd</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Robert Pitt (Methodist LP)</b> <i>Robert has been a Methodist Lay Preacher since 1988 and is based at London Rd Methodist Church, Horsham</i>
	12 noon	Church Meeting
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>New Fire at LMC</b>
Thurs 27th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays at LMC ( <i>see page 27</i> )
Sat 29th	8.00am	Men's Breakfast at the Catholic Church
<b>Sun 30th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rev. Bruce Stuart</b> <i>Bruce retired last year from New Malden and Thames Ditton URCs</i>
	11.00am	Hospital Service
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Pastorate Service and Tea at Christ Church</b>

## December

Fri 5th 2.30pm Time for Tea at LMC (to 4.30pm)

**Sun 7th 10.30am Rev. Robert Blows - Holy Communion**

*Robert is a retired URC Minister and is a member of our congregation*

## Christ Church Family News



We are sad to announce the death of Bernard Buckle on Thursday 25th September. Bernard had lived happily at the Beeches for many years and was a regular worshipper at Christ Church until he became too frail. We shall miss his happy smile and his contributions to the news.

We are pleased to announce the engagement of Catherine Huxtable, Sue's younger daughter, to Jonathan Raven. They will be getting married in Christ Church next spring.

We send our sincere condolences to Jean Plant on the recent death of her husband Denis.

We remember these friends in our prayers and those unable to attend church.

*Anne Cairns*

## Rev. Robert Blows

At the beginning of October, Robert celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination. Since his retirement as minister of Thames Ditton he has been a member of Christ Church, where his experience has been invaluable. He has taken many services for us, sung in the choir and has been a staunch supporter of Morning Prayers, including serving communion at the Parish Church.

He took our service on 5th October and preached a memorable sermon. Afterwards he was presented with a book token and a decorated cake. He was then sent off to Thames Ditton for a celebratory lunch.

Our best wishes go with him for the future.

*Mike Essex*

# 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  
Contact: Senior Steward -  
Carol Stoves 01372 377125

**Christ Church (United Reformed):**

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

**Effingham Methodist Church:**

Chapel Hill, Effingham, KT24 5NB  
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Contact: Senior Steward -  
Dave Putland 01372 454850

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Contact: Church Secretary -  
Mary Langtry 01483 282421

**Cobham Methodist Church:**

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