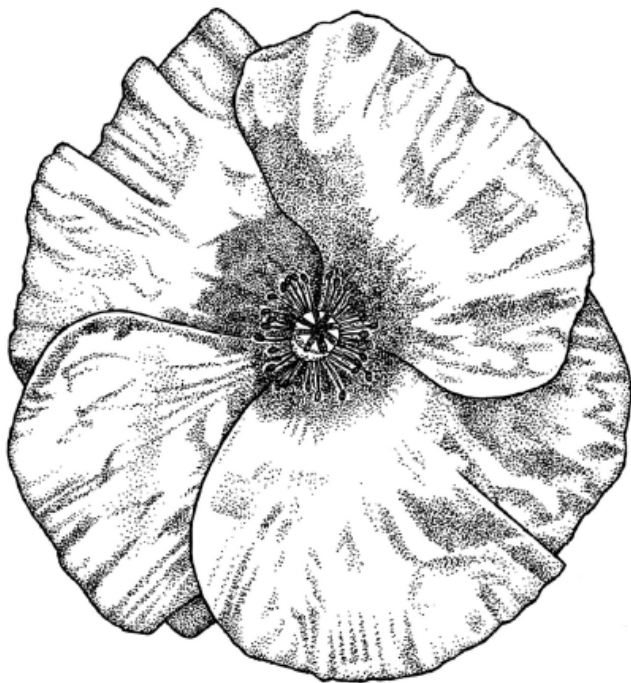


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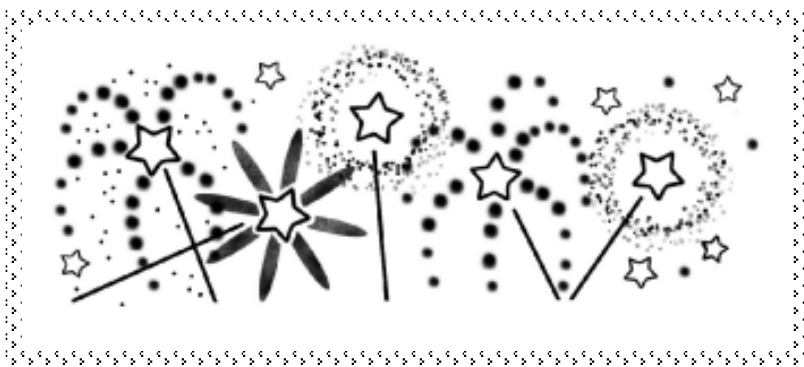
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## *The Ministers Write...*

***From Rev Lynda Russell***

Dear friends,

Last month we reflected on the 'Nature of Discipleship', and in my services at LMC we have continued this thinking. Of course you don't need to be at LMC to reflect on these themes! As I have previously mentioned, it is a series, and I will also reflect with you in 'The Link' so that we can all ponder them together.

Having begun with the Nature of Discipleship, we continue with our thinking on "**The Nurture of Discipleship**". This leads us to the consideration of 10 'holy habits' which form us as Disciples. Discipleship is an adventure and a journey. Indeed the Greek word translated into 'disciple' means literally 'one who learns as they follow'. Following – being on a journey – is important because it means that our discipleship should be active, lived out, not just abstract or theoretical. Being a disciple is also to be part of a deeply relational adventure – it's about becoming like the one we follow: Jesus. It's also to be part of a community – an Inter-Generational community who learn together and from each other.

Mission, Worship and **Intentional** Community are the most vital elements of our formation as disciples. The core Bible passage is from Acts 2: 42 – 47. Here we find an amazing picture of what the life of the early Christians was like – a community centred on Jesus and growing in the Spirit. The 10 holy habits we will be looking at are all shown in the Church here in Acts. Discipleship is above all a calling, but it's also a way of life, and we can learn to embrace habits that help us – or more than that – change and transform us. Interestingly it only takes about 6 weeks to establish a new habit!

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In the same way that the early disciples committed themselves as they began their adventure of following Jesus, we can also commit ourselves to this.

It's important to support each other, and think about how we can grow together as we try to put these holy habits into practice and into our lives. The first three habits we will consider this year are Biblical Teaching, Fellowship, and Breaking of Bread. I hope you will start to reflect on these themes even before we get to them on a Sunday. And if you're in one of the other churches in the Pastorate – please join us in our reflections via the Link, (perhaps write a short piece?) or share with us in person.

I am so looking forward to see what we can learn from each other and hear from God.

With Blessings on the journey –  
Lynda

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

Dear friends,

I went on a course last week called 'The Church Leadership Programme' in Derbyshire and then took a trip up to Manchester for a synod meeting.

The course wasn't quite what I had anticipated (I say that in a good way). It struck me particularly that much of what we were being called to remember was 'who we are in Christ' and it gave rise to each of us digging down into our inner souls to remember our calling, our past experiences, the very things that shape us as individuals. Remembering things perhaps you might well have liked to stay beneath. Beneath, a place that lies hidden out of view, a private place. Yet it's in the unearthing of such places, in doing the occasional spring clean of the soul that you recognise the very things that need attention. I was particularly struck by this quote from Steven Covey's '7 Habits of Highly Effective People':  
*"If you keep in mind your belovedness you can deal with an enormous amount of failure without losing your identity, because your identity is found in your belovedness."*

Remembering who we are in Christ, getting to the heart of such belovedness may well take a lifetime of exploration, but when you begin to grasp even the smallest glimpse of what it is to be beloved, you are empowered.

I was struck on my journey by train to Manchester, not only how much I dislike rush hour (gold star to the many of you who worked in the city and made that journey week after week), but by one particular station. As we pulled into the station, on one side, the railings were covered in bunches of flowers, in memory I suspect of someone whose life had ended in that very spot. For a family somewhere that very place was now entrenched in their memories for all the wrong reasons.

That moment was a sharp reminder to me of how important remembering and memories are to us. As we move towards a season of remembrance, we confess at times that we wish, like the bearer of those flowers at the train station, we were not making the journey to deliver them. For the many who will lay wreaths on remembrance Sunday, it will evoke memories that many would rather forget, a pain running so deep they'd rather not be reminded. But for others it's in the remembering, a place where we are able to stand together with those who lost their lives and say they are not forgotten and we too want to work for a better world.

Sadly our contemporary world is not short of conflicts and there are still thousands who will die, a casualty of human frailty.

In our remembering, we find a Christ whose desire to break into our world cost him dearly, sacrifice is something we remember in the breaking of bread. We share in it crying out 'change me, change those around me, change your world.' Remembering who we are in Christ offers us a different world, one we hope for and one we work towards.

*"I have to kneel before the father put my ear to his chest and listen without interruption to the heartbeat of God."*

Every blessing

Kim

# Empowering Small Group Leadership In Your Church



There are four sessions which include:

- How Can you be a better group leader.
- Using the Bible creatively.
- Refreshing prayer and worship in your group.**
- Your group can grow, looking at being intentional regarding growth

Led by Revd Andy Twilley

Training Officer for Southern Synod

**Where:** Cobham United Reformed Church,  
38 Stoke Road, KT11 3BD

**When:** 15th Sept, 13th Oct, **10th Nov**, 8th Dec

**Time:** 10:30 am

To book a place please contact: Revd Kim Plumpton  
01932 586988  
or email [Kimp\\_822@hotmail.com](mailto:Kimp_822@hotmail.com)



# Cobham Methodist Worship Diary



## November

**Sun 5th 10.30am Rhys Frost**

**Sat 11th 2.30pm Platinum service**

**Sun 12th 10.30am Remembrance Sunday  
Rev Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion  
(Joint Service at URC)**

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

**Sun 26th 10.30am David Cappitt**

## December

**Sun 3rd 10.30am Beth Little**

*From Rhonda*

### *Good Times and Bad Times*

*Rhys and I would like to thank  
all our family and friends  
for their generosity in the  
Celebration of  
our Silver Wedding Anniversary.*

*I personally want to say thank you for all the  
cards, flowers and support I received on the  
death of my mother.*



# Cobham

## United Reformed Church

### Worship Diary

#### November

Sun 5th 9.00am Early Bird Service  
10.30am Thelma Roberts

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

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

Sun 26th 10.30am Steven Thornton

#### December

Sun 3rd 9.00am Early Bird Service  
10.30am John Stewart

Your invitation to:



Thursday 23rd November  
3.45 to 5.45  
Cobham URC



## Cobham Events in November

Thur 2nd	12.30pm	Men's Fellowship at The Marquis of Granby, Portsmouth Road, Esher, KT10 AL
Tues 7th	9.45am 8.00pm	Church Walk Elders' Meeting (URC)
Fri 10th	10.30am	Small Group Leadership Training at CURC with Rev Andy Twilley ( <i>see p 6</i> )
Thur 16th	7.30pm	House Group ( <i>see below</i> )
Fri 17th	11.30am 7.30pm	Stewards Meeting (CMC) Joint Leadership Team at URC
Thur 23rd	3.45pm	Messy Church (at CURC) (to 5.45pm)

### Prayers at the Manse Wednesdays at 9.30am

**November:** 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

### House Groups

The House Group meeting in November will be on Thursday 16th at 7.30pm, continuing the study of Matthew's gospel.  
For further details contact Brian Manners.





# Effingham

## Methodist Church

### Birthday Dates to celebrate this month:



Happy Birthday to **Barbara Rombach** on the 18th and **Pat McElhill** on the 19th.

Please let us know about birthdays and BIG anniversaries!!

### Tuesday Teas

Fortnightly from 2.30pm to 4pm, for fellowship, chat, tea and cakes in St Alphege Hall, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Lower Road, Effingham (and occasional outings).

Next dates: November 7th and 21st.

Some car transport can be arranged.

Contact Gill on 01372 457987 for more information.

### Those amazing Children of Israel

In Church one morning young Joseph raised his hand and asked a question that had perplexed him for some time. 'There's something I can't figure out: according to the Bible, the Children of Israel crossed the Red Sea, right?' 'Right,' said the minister.

'And the Children of Israel beat up the Egyptians, right?' 'Er, right.'

'And the Children of Israel built the Temple, right?' 'Again you're right.' 'And the Children of Israel fought the Philistines and the Moabites and lots of other tribes, and the Children of Israel were always doing something important, right?' 'All that is right, too,' agreed the minister. 'So, what's your question, Joseph?'

Well what were all the grown-ups doing all that time?'

*Parish Pump*

# Effingham Methodist Diary



## November

**Sun 5th 10.00am Rev Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion**

Tues 7th 12.30pm Churches Together Prayer Lunch at EMC

2.30pm Tuesday Tea in the RC Hall

Thur 9th 2.00pm Christian Meditation in the church

**Sun 12th 10.00am Remembrance Sunday - John Oborn**

Thur 16th 12.30pm Oasis Bible Study lunch in the hall with Kim

Sat 18th 1.30pm Film followed by tea and discussion (see p12)

**Sun 19th 10.00am Juliet Fuller**

Tues 21st 2.30pm Tuesday Tea in the RC Hall.

Thur 23rd 2.00pm Christian Meditation in the church

**Sun 26th 10.00am Waseem Haq**

## December

**Sun 3rd 10.00am Rev Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion**

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

## Comfort my People !

The **Advent Offering** service is a connexion-wide event in the Methodist Church that raises money for the ongoing work of the **Mission in Britain Fund**, which is helping churches to serve local communities. This year's theme is **Comfort my People**, which follows two chaplains who are bringing God's comfort to people beyond Church walls and explores the inspirational work of chaplaincy placements in the workplace and with older people.

See the Methodist website [www.methodist.org.uk/advent](http://www.methodist.org.uk/advent) for downloadable worship resources.



**Guess which film !**

**Effingham Methodist Church will be hosting a well known film on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November from 1.30 to 3pm which will be followed by tea and a discussion on to about 4.30pm.**

**Please come and join us for an interesting afternoon.**

**Sorry we can't really tell you which film as it might break copyright rules, but maybe you can guess !!  
Sorry no prizes .....!!!**



**WHAT  
IS GOD  
CALLING  
YOU  
TO DO?**

Christmas starts with Christ



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

Our Posada nativity figure will be travelling around **Effingham, Little Bookham and Cobham**, visiting schools and occasionally staying overnight in someone's house !

Focus your mind for Advent ~ **Remember Jesus and Mary were refugees too !** 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  
or there's a Sign-up sheet in the hall !**



**St. Lawrence Church Hall in Brown's Lane**  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November & 13<sup>th</sup> December ~ 3.30 -5.30pm**



Last month's theme:  
A Holy Temple:  
God's Spirit in Us  
Building a Tower.:



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

***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. Refreshments, friendship, chat and a good range of activities are on offer for all.

Next dates fortnightly, November 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***

### **Christian Aid**

Many thanks to all who supported the "South Pacific" sing-along for Christian Aid. As well as enjoyment of the film and the well-loved songs, this raised £285 + Gift Aid.





## War and Peace!

Remembrance Sunday resources are available to download, including an order of service, Pow-erpoint presentations and free ebook versions of *Beyond Our Tears: Resources for Times of Remembrance* .

<https://ctbi.org.uk/remembrance-sunday/>

However in October the **International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)** a coalition of hundreds of non-governmental organisations and faith groups, was awarded the **Nobel Peace Prize**, for their work in getting the majority of the world's nations to agree the text of a *UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons*. So let's remember all those working for peace.

### A prayer for peacemakers

History can inspire or trap.

Walls can protect or divide.

Words can encourage or inflame.

Power can free or destroy.

Touch can comfort or violate.

Peace can be shared or withheld.

Gracious God, on this day,

when we remember past and present conflicts,

we pray for the divided peoples of the world,

that leaders, governments and each one of us

may use our resources,

our opportunities and our lives

in the service of reconciliation,

for the sake of future generations

and to the glory of your name.

**Amen.**

More prayers [www.rootsontheweb.com](http://www.rootsontheweb.com)



## Women against Violence Sunday

This is a poem/ meditation taken from resources on the Methodist website for a service on **19<sup>th</sup> November** this year.

### Conspiracy of Silence

Fear is a debilitating presence:

What will happen?

When will he do it again?

How will I cope?

Much the same as usual.

**You** don't see the issues,

**You** don't hear the questions

Must I forgive him?

He's a child of God like me.

Should I stay with him?

I promised to and meant it.

Can I speak of it to you?

I can't be disloyal.

So I stay locked into myself -

Pain and loneliness writ large,

Gradually losing my trust, my hope.

Will you be as Christ to me?

Will you see with the eyes of truth?

Will you hear with the ears of discernment?

Will you speak out with the voice of challenge?

Will you show me that things can be different?

Will you condemn the violence and abuse?

Will you gently hold me, believe in me?

And strengthen me.

I need the freedom Christ brings  
a liberating presence.



<http://www.methodist.org.uk/prayer-and-worship/methodist-special-sundays/women-against-violence-sunday>



## **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP)**

prayer for the persecuted

According to the Methodist UK website diary for Ecumenical Special Sundays, the **International Day of Prayer of the Persecuted Church is on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2017.**

However both **Release International** and **Christian Solidarity Worldwide** have resources for **19<sup>th</sup> November** and this year the organisers are calling on churches to dedicate **the whole of November** to pray for persecuted believers, using the message

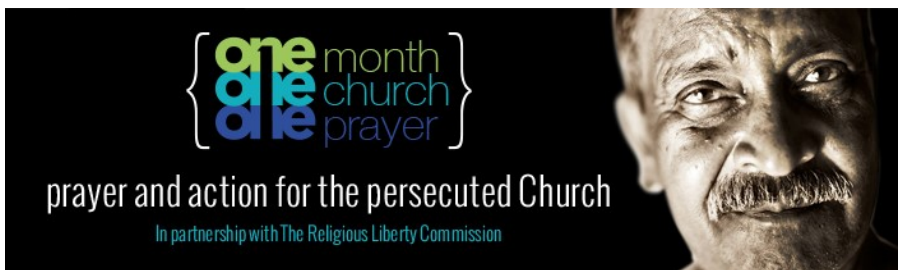
**“One Month, One Church, One Prayer”.**

*Release* have a PowerPoint presentation focusing on Eritrea

*CSW* has a prayer map, prayer points sheet and a downloadable prayer for your own use, at church or in small groups.

*CSW* are also asking people to get involved in **Red Wednesday** on 22 November, when churches and public buildings across the UK and around the world will light up in red as a sign of solidarity with persecuted Christians. They're partnering with **Aid to the Church in Need**, a Catholic organisation who are passionate about standing in solidarity with the persecuted Church globally.

You don't need to have a big building or a technical setup to join in! Marking **#RedWednesday** can be as simple as wearing red, holding a 'red coffee morning' (a good excuse to eat red velvet cake) or giving out red balloons – anything as long as the theme is red and, of course, standing with the persecuted church!



## Admission Service for two Local Preachers.

It was a joy to be present at the admission Service for Waseem Haq and James Wild recently. After three years of training, experience and examination they are now fully accredited as Methodist Local Preachers. Well done both of you !

God bless you as you serve Him in the future; we are lucky to have you in our Circuit.



Effingham's Living Nativity @ 2017  
from 6pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

# Leatherhead Pages

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



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## Next Sisters' Get-Together

Saturday 25th November  
8.30am – 10.00am

## AllSaints Coffee Shop

Speaker session, buy your breakfast from the coffee shop.  
We welcome all women/girls across the Churches in Leatherhead,  
together with any friends, family and neighbours.

## Leatherhead's Lunchtime Concerts

Leatherhead Concert & Arts Society Regd Charity 1166764

MUSIC  
on  
THURSDAYS  
at LMC



WEDNESDAYS  
at  
CHRIST  
CHURCH

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

### Music on Thursdays at LMC

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

- **Thursday 2nd November** 12.30 lunchtime  
**Opera Highlights**, sung by students of  
**The London College of Music**
- **Thursday 9th November** 12.30 lunchtime  
**Piano concert**, by a student of  
**The London College of Music**

### *Wednesdays at Christ Church*

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

- **Wednesday 15 November** 12.30 lunchtime  
**Guest organist:**  
**Ed Sutton**  
Church & Recital Organist

### Music on Thursdays at LMC

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

- **Thursday 23rd November** 12.30 lunchtime  
**Welsh Harpist**  
**Gwenllian Llyr**
- **Thursday 30th November** 12.30 lunchtime  
**SEASON FINALE**  
**Atéa Winds Quintet**  
*flute • oboe • clarinet • horn • bassoon*

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Our next piano concert will be at  
3pm on Thursday 1st March 2018  
after the 2pm AGM

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These concerts are free to enter, with a retiring  
collection to cover costs. *Programme is subject to change.*



## Next Messy Church for Leatherhead:

Thursday 16th November  
3.30pm to 5.30pm at:





NEW FIRE will be at AllSaints again this month. Everything you love about New Fire plus great coffee! The coffee shop will be open from 6.00pm. Please park at Trinity School.

**Next New Fire - 26th November at AllSaints  
6.30pm**

## Men's Breakfast



The next Leatherhead Men's Breakfast will be at 8.00am on the Saturday **25th November** at LMC.

There will be no Men's Breakfast in December. Watch this space for possible bi-monthly breakfasts in 2018.

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

# Time for Tea



**COME for TEA and COMPANY**

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

**LEATHERHEAD METHODIST CHURCH**

Next "Time for Tea":  
Friday 3rd November

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

(Suggested donation £1)



## **500th Anniversary of the Reformation**

A Talk on the Subject of  
**Martin Luther**  
and  
**The Reformation**  
at  
Christ Church (Hall)  
on  
Friday 3rd November  
at  
7.30pm

*All welcome; Free admission.*

Please sign the list in your church if you are intending to come.

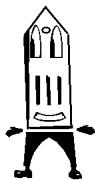
### **Ein Feste Burg**

A safe stronghold our God is still,  
A trusty shield and weapon;  
He'll help us clear from all the ill  
That hath us now o'ertaken.  
The ancient prince of hell  
Hath risen with purpose fell;  
Strong mail of craft and power  
He weareth in this hour;  
On earth is not his fellow.

With force of arms we nothing can,  
Full soon were we down-ridden;  
But for us fights the proper man  
Whom God himself hath bidden.  
Ask ye 'Who is this same?'  
Christ Jesus is his name,  
The Lord Sabaoth's Son;  
He and no other one  
Shall conquer in the battle.

*Martin Luther; tr Thomas Carlyle*





# 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 November.**

### LMC House Groups

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

Everyone is very welcome to join a group. Please contact the church office if you are interested.



## LMC Family News



*Congratulations and every blessing to...*

...James Wild on his admission and recognition, in October, as a Local Preacher.

*and Congratulations also to...*

... Joe Crome on his appointment from December as Director of Philanthropy with the Community Foundation for Surrey.

*Our thoughts and prayers are with...*

.....members, relatives and friends who are unwell, those in hospital or nursing care, those in residential care and everyone who looks after them on a daily basis. We remember especially James & Jean Ross, Harry & Peggy Robinson and Mary Thorp.



## Pastoral Visitors...

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

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 28th November** in the Vestry.



# Diary



## November

Thur 2nd 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 21*)  
Fri 3rd 2.30pm Time for Tea  
7.30pm Christ Church (Hall): Talk on Martin Luther and  
the Reformation (*see page 24*)

**Sun 5th 10.30am Rev. Lynda Russell - Holy Communion**

Thur 9th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 21*)  
6.00pm Revive Youth Club

**Sun 12th 10.30am Remembrance Service: David Cappitt  
Joint Service with Christ Church at LMC  
6.30pm Rev. Gavin Hancocks - Holy Communion**

Wed 15th 12.30pm Organ Concert at Christ Church (*see p. 21*)  
Thur 16th 3.30pm Messy Church (*to 5.30pm*)  
Sat 18th 4.00pm Family Games Evening

**Sun 19th 9.30am Prayer Breakfast  
10.30am Rev. Lynda Russell**

Tues 21st 7.45pm Leadership Team meeting at Norma & Ron's  
Thur 23rd 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 21*)  
6.00pm Revive Youth Club  
Sat 25th 8.00am Men's Breakfast at LMC  
8.30am Sisters' Get Together at AllSaints Coffee Shop

**Sun 26th 10.30am Jay Dunning  
6.30pm New Fire at AllSaints**  
(*coffee shop open from 6.00pm*)

Tues 28th 2.30pm Pastoral Visitors' prayer meeting  
Thur 30th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays Season Finale (*see p.21*)

## December

Fri 1st 2.30pm Time for Tea  
Sat 2nd 9.00am Family Christmas Breakfast

**Sun 3rd 10.30am Rev. Lynda Russell - Holy Communion**

# A Supermarket Comes to Town

“Oh no , not another supermarket” I hear you cry. Well, Waitrose opened its doors in January in Leatherhead and had chosen the Leatherhead Youth Project as one of its charities.

I went in the afternoon out of curiosity and bought an item to qualify for a free coffee. I met Tom (LMC) who joined me in the in store café followed by Margaret (Parish Church) who was delighted to see a familiar face! Later Peter (LMC) came and then Jill (Leatherhead library) joined us renewing old friendships. It was quite a social occasion and I left with a warm feeling as dusk was approaching.

Cafés and coffee shops play an important part in our community life particularly for people living on their own. The AllSaints Coffee Shop is a good example as are the coffee mornings in our local churches. The bright Waitrose café with its central location is a welcome addition and although the encounters may be brief, cafés and coffee shops provide important social meeting places where friendships are made and renewed, ideas exchanged and a chance to fulfil our commitment to **Love, Mission and Care (LMC)**.

*Fred Meynen*



# Harvest Supper



Lots of people helped in the preparation for the combined Leatherhead Churches Harvest Supper at LMC in October. Here are Mary and Lorna returning with a trolley load of food from Sainsbury's (they did return the trolley!) There were lots of other people helping, too many to name, but we do thank Norma for masterminding the whole evening and all the many helpers. The evening was very successful.

The Parish Church have offered to host next year's Harvest Supper, with Barn Dance, on Saturday 6th October 2018.

# REVIVE YOUTH CLUB



Come join us for fun and games, craft and activities,  
singing and dancing, Bible stories and teaching,  
tuck shop and new friends!

## THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Leatherhead Methodist Church

2nd and 4th Thursday

6pm-7:30pm

Ages 7-11

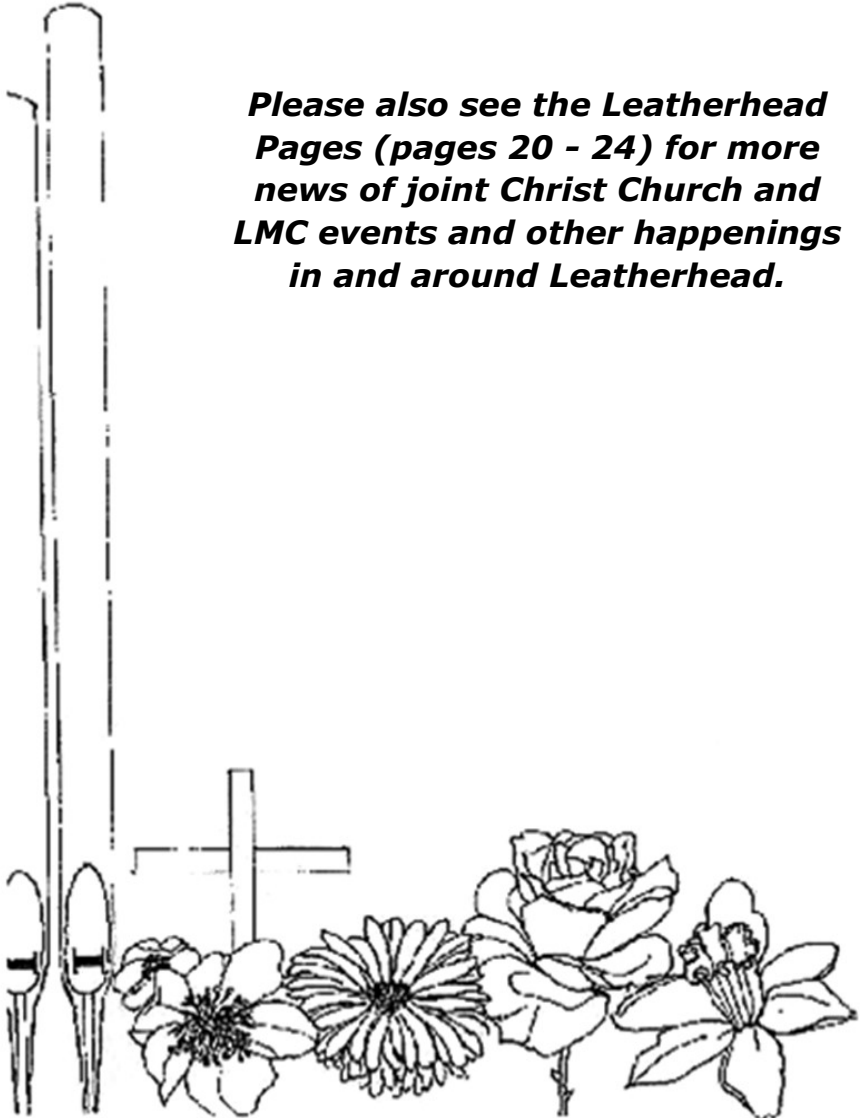
Cost £1

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

# **Christ Church**

**(United Reformed) Leatherhead**

***Please also see the Leatherhead  
Pages (pages 20 - 24) for more  
news of joint Christ Church and  
LMC events and other happenings  
in and around Leatherhead.***



# Christ Church Diary



## November

Thur 2nd 12.30pm LMC: Recital (*see p. 21*)  
 Fri 3rd 2.30pm LMC: Time for Tea  
           7.30pm Jim Sayers: Martin Luther and the  
                     Reformation (*see page 24*)  
 Sat 4th 7.30pm Surrey Philharmonic Orchestra concert

**Sun 5th 10.30am Mrs Heather Ward**

Wed 8th 7.00pm House Group at 38 West Farm Avenue  
 Thur 9th 12.30pm LMC: Recital (*see p 21*)  
           6.00pm LMC: Revive Youth Club  
           7.30pm CTiL meeting at the Parish Church  
 Fri 10th 10.30am Training session at Cobham URC (*see p 6*)

**Sun 12th 10.30am Joint Remembrance Day Service at LMC:  
 David Cappitt**

10.50am *Still Reforming: Saint Olav's, Albion Street:  
 Remembrance Service*

Wed 15th 12.30pm Organ Recital: Ed Sutton  
 Thur 16th 3.30pm LMC: Messy Church (to 5.30pm)  
 Fri 17th 7.30pm Choir Practice

**Sun 19th 10.30am Rev Stephen Thornton  
 - Holy Communion**

Wed 22nd 7.00pm House Group at 38 West Farm Avenue  
 Thur 23rd 12.30pm LMC: Recital (*see p 21*)  
           6.00pm LMC: Revive Youth Club

**Sun 26th 10.30am Rev Conrad Hicks (Methodist Asst Chair,  
 Southeast District)**

**6.30pm New Fire at AllSaints**  
*(coffee shop open from 6.00pm)*

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# Christ Church Diary Continued

## November

Mon 27th - Fri 1st Dec: Trinity/Guildhall Music Exams

Thur 30th 12.30pm Recital at LMC (*see page 21*)

## December

Fri 1st 2.30pm Time for Tea at LMC  
6.00pm *Still Reforming*: Most Holy Trinity (RC),  
Dockhead: *A Service of Remembrance and Fellowship*  
7.30pm Choir Practice

**Sun 3rd 10.30am Advent: Rev Bruce Stuart: Holy Communion**  
**6.30pm Parish Church: Advent Carol Service**

Mon 4th 9.00am Music exams Monday to Friday

Tues 5th 2.30pm Elders Meeting at 38 West Farm Avenue

## Christ Church Family News



As always, we pray for friends with health concerns, friends in care homes and the carers in our community. We remember the bereaved and the lonely.

*Anne Cairns*



# Two Minutes Silence

In this month, when we think about those who have given their lives in war, the two minutes silence is a familiar act of remembrance. We can use the silence to reflect on those who have suffered in war or on what it means to work for a peaceful world. Or do we end up thinking about lunch or panic that we haven't switched our phone off?

Victor Frankl, a victim of Auschwitz, suggested that the most intolerable of all human conditions is not imprisonment or hunger, but lack of meaning. The two minutes silence enables us to connect with Jesus' message, which offers true meaning to our lives and world. He spoke of giving ourselves in love for each other and the world, 'Love your enemies and pray for those that persecute you' (Matthew 5:44). He also demonstrated such love in sacrificing His own life, 'Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends' (John 15:13). In observing the silence, let's use it to reflect on this sacrificial love, as we remember all those who have experienced pain and conflict.

Of course, we should be serious about silence and stillness in the whole of our lives, not just for two minutes at an act of Remembrance. In busy lives where so much is clamouring for our attention, silence enables us to reassess our priorities and rediscover true meaning in our lives. Jesus made a habit of withdrawing to experience silence. He did this before choosing his disciples, after He heard of John's beheading, after feeding the 5000, after healing a leper, at the Transfiguration and to prepare for His death. 'The seeking out of solitary places was a regular practice for Jesus. So it should be for us.' (Richard Foster).

*Paul Hardingham: Parish Pump*





“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord  
“Who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”



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# Pastorate Details

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## **Effingham Methodist Church:**

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