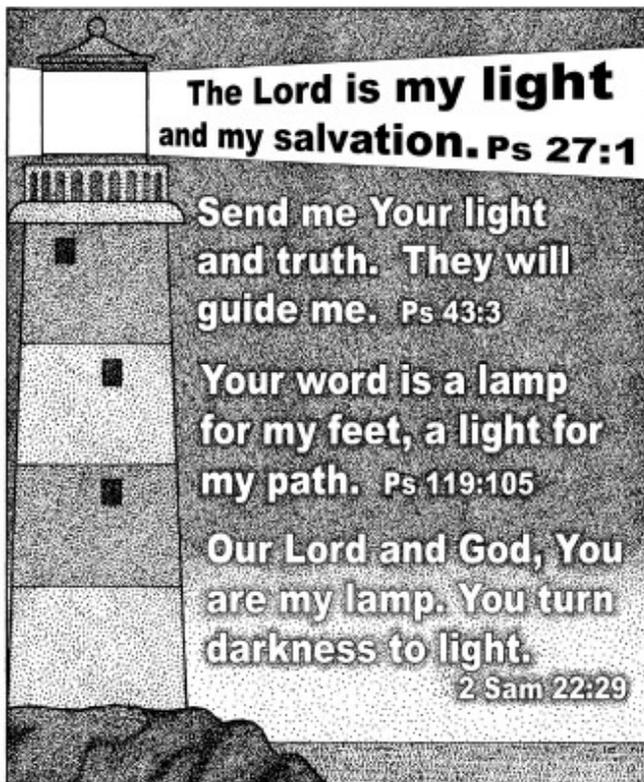


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The United Pastorate of  
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## October 2019



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*Don't forget to put your clocks back an hour at the  
end of October*

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## *The Minister Writes...*

**From Rev Kim Plumpton**

Dear Friends,

I was asked to go and share the harvest theme with a nursery school on the 20<sup>th</sup> September, rather fitting I thought as it was also World Climate Strike Day. The protest invited the world to sit up and take notice, It gave rise to numerous marches and strikes worldwide by hundreds of thousands of children and young people, a call to countries to up their efforts to combat climate change.

Greta Thunberg is a remarkable human being and if ever you wondered whether one person can make a difference in this world, she is certainly a good example. When asked the question why she encouraged young people to strike on a school day, she simply answered "If you don't give a damn about the future then why should I." It's a fiercely cutting response and one that takes your breath away. However, it makes the point that many younger people genuinely wonder what the future may look like for them. On receiving the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, one scientist answered criticism that talk of climate change by scientists is striking fear around the world. In response he simply said that if they had talked more frankly earlier perhaps we might have listened more intently then and actually done something about it. So here I was wandering around the nursery from classroom to classroom, encouraging the children to think about the world and why we should be thankful. I brought a treasure box and inside it held items representing the world's oceans, the land, the food we harvest, the air we breath, and the people we encounter. For the 1-year olds I sang a song 'who put the colours in the rainbow,' for the 2 year olds we sang and looked at the treasure box. For the oldest ones I used all the resources I had, the conversation flowed about our grateful thanks for such a diverse and treasured world. Yet in the back of my mind during that visit and for most of the day I wondered whether the world would sit up and take notice of the real issues that climate change raises. These small children sat before me will inherit a world so different from the one I grew

up in, my mind wanders to my grandchildren and I wonder if the word sorry is a good enough answer when they ask why the world is the way it is.

It is very humbling to have our young people raising their voices in such a significant way, I for one feel ashamed that it takes a multitude of young people to push such an important issue to the forefront, we ignore these voices at our peril.

This blessed world that God has so generously given us to care for may need a little more help than we had first appreciated. I suspect it is going to take the worldwide community working together in ways that it has never done before. It will need to nurture the brightest of minds to find solutions. It will need to encourage dialogue where perhaps there has been silence. It will need to educate a world that has been used to living in one particular way. It will require sacrifice to limit the impact we have upon the world's resources.

Our Christian response, without a doubt, is to be good stewards. Remember the story of the servant who buries his masters money, who does nothing with it only to return it to his master on his return. The servant is scolded for being lazy, for not having invested the money unlike the other servants. It is time to invest our time, attention and money to the issues raised by climate change, to listen to the voices that are raising concerns about the world and to be proactive. God has given us this world and its time for us to give something back.

With every blessing  
Kim



## ***From Rev Jan Hofmeyr***

Dear Friends,

The Annual Methodist Conference, which met in July, received a report from the 'Marriage and Relationship Task Group' entitled 'God in Love Unites us'. The report covers various issues including co-habitation, civil partnerships and same-sex marriage. The Conference accepted the report, with some minor changes, and has proposed that the document become part of Methodist belief and practice. It will be debated at the Synods of the Church which will report back to the Conference of 2020, where a final decision will be taken. Individual congregations and Circuits are also free to debate the report and feed back their decisions to Synods via their Synod representatives.

The most contentious part of the report is the recommendation that the Methodist Church of Great Britain allow for the marriage of same-sex couples. However, there is also the proposal that ministers not be obliged to conduct such marriages, but that they be able to choose whether or not to do so. Also, it is recommended that individual congregations may decide whether to allow their buildings to be used for such ceremonies.

I am not wanting, here, to discuss the merits or demerits of this issue, but rather some ways in which we can approach this debate in the most constructive way.

In coming to our own conclusions about these matters it is useful to bear in mind the 'Wesleyan Quadrilateral' – a long-standing tool in Methodism for arriving at a standpoint on some issue. This 'Quadrilateral' invites us to consider 4 perspectives on an issue – the Bible, Tradition, Reason and Experience. Each of these can inform our thinking. Obviously the Bible is our primary basis for decision-making, but since the cultural context of the Bible is very different to our own, we also need to give some weight to the traditions of the Church over the centuries, our own human reasoning, as well as that of others, and our experience regarding the issue in question. (If we haven't had first-hand experience of some ethical issue, we need to be careful about making categorical pronouncements on it.)

One of the dangers with any contentious theological issue is that we demonise those who take a different view to our own and accuse them of purposely flaunting God's precepts and 'not believing the Bible'. But, in my experience, such people are not

seeking to flaunt God's precepts, they have simply, and in all sincerity, come to a different conclusion about what God's precepts are on a certain matter. After all, Christians down the ages, all using the same Bible, have come to differing conclusions on many issues. We need to retain respect for others and their views, even though we may radically disagree with their standpoint.

Sometimes in the Church we put so much emphasis on orthodoxy (right belief), that we neglect the supreme value of love. We can become more concerned about being right than about being loving. As Dallas Willard has written in 'Renovation of the Heart', 'We may feel that being right licences us to be mean, and, indeed requires us to be mean. We feel we must be hard on people who are wrong, especially if they are in positions of Christian leadership'. But, as someone has said, 'You may be right and I may be wrong, or I may be right and you may be wrong, but if it causes division between us, we are both wrong.'

The task group who produced the report end it on this note: 'As a Task Group, we answer John Wesley's challenge to be "of one heart, though we are not of one opinion" with his own words: "Without all doubt, we may". We invite you, the Methodist people, to receive this report with that same spirit, using it as a map for our continuing Pilgrimage of Faith. In this, we seek to encourage all Methodists to love each other, despite holding differing opinions in matters of relationships and sexuality.'

May the Lord help us as a Church to approach this issue with humility, respect, prayer and love.

Yours in the love of Christ,  
Jan





# **Cobham United Church Worship Diary**

## **October**

- Sun 6th 9.00am Early Bird Service**  
**10.30am Robert Pitt**
- Sun 13th 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion**
- Sun 20th 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton**
- Sun 27th 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton (Followed by congregational meeting)**

## **November**

- Sun 3rd 9.00am Early Bird Service**  
**10.30am Rev Norman Edsall**

## **Prayers at the Manse Wednesdays at 9.30am**

**October: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th**



# Cobham Events

## October

Tues 1st	9.45am	Church Walk
Thur 3rd	12.30pm	Men's Fellowship: Sir Douglas Haig, Effingham
Tues 8th	8.00pm	Trustees Meeting
Fri 11th	2.30pm	Bereavement Café at CUC (to 4.00pm)
Sat 12th	10.30am	Synod Together (to 4.00pm)
Tues 15th	7.30pm	Synod Area Meeting
Wed 16th	7.00pm	Fundraising Group
	8.00pm	F&F meeting
Thur 17th	7.30pm	House Fellowship
Wed 23rd	8.00pm	The Graduate: Karen and Graeme Budd
Thur 24th	3.45pm	Messy Church (to 5.45pm)
Fri 25th	2.00pm	Pastorate Planning Meeting
Sun 27th	12 noon	Congregational meeting

### ***Mustard Seed:***

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



Your invitation to:



21st October 3.45 - 5.45pm

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# Effingham

## Methodist Church



### Birthday Dates for September:

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:  
Jean McMillan on the 8th and Margaret Warner on the 27th.

Please let us know about birthdays and BIG anniversaries!!



### Christian Aid Sing-along ?

Please come and join us for a **sing-along musical evening** in **Our Lady of Sorrows** hall on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> **October at 7.15pm.**

### Sorry but we can't tell you which film yet !

But it could be Grease, Gigi, High Society, Jesus Christ Superstar, Joseph, Cabaret or Seven Brides for Seven Brothers. Spoilt for choice! Some old favourites, like *Fiddler on the Roof* are sadly too long for a normal evening, at a marathon of nearly 3hours ! How many songs will you remember? Let's raise the roof and a few quid for **Christian Aid**.



**St. Lawrence Church Hall in Brown's Lane**  
**Wednesdays 9<sup>th</sup> October & 13<sup>th</sup> November ~ 3.30 -5.30pm**

For more information contact Gill on 01372 457987

# Effingham Methodist Diary



## October

- Sat 5th 10.00am** Flower Festival with refreshments (to 4pm)
- Sun 6th 10.00am** Chapel Anniversary with Kim and the new District Chair, Rev Dr David Hinchliffe
- Tues 8th 10.00am Church Council meeting (to 12 noon)  
2.30pm Tuesday Tea in the RC Hall.
- Thur 10th 10.00am Connect dementia group at St Lawrence hall  
2.15pm Christian Meditation in the church
- Sun 13th 10.00am** David Cappitt
- Thur 17th 12.30pm OASIS Bible lunch with Kim in the hall
- Fri 18th 2.00pm Precious Moments service with Kim (p13)
- Sun 20th 10.00am** Christine Lawley
- Tues 22nd 2.30pm Tuesday Tea in RC Hall
- Thur 24th 10.00am Connect dementia group at St Lawrence hall  
2.15pm Christian Meditation in the church
- Sun 27th 10.00am** Peter Bramhill

## November

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

Prayers in the Chapel at 9.30am every Friday



The **Christian Resources Exhibition** returns to Sandown Park  
**15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> October from 10-5pm or 4.30pm on last day**  
<http://creonline.co.uk/> **tickets 50% cheaper online**



# 'Connect'

A fortnightly group for carers

and partners living with dementia

At St Lawrence Church Hall, Browns Lane, Effingham

Thursdays 10.30 till 12 O'clock

***Come for refreshment, friendship, activities and fun.***

We meet in St Lawrence Church Hall, Browns Lane, KT24 5LX in Effingham from 10am to 12noon on alternate Thursdays and also arrange monthly outings, often for tea at local garden centres. Refreshments, friendship, chat and a good range of activities are on offer for carers and for those with dementia.

October meetings are on the 10th and 24th, when Sheila is coming to show us how to exercise to music.

For more information on Connect, contact :

Gill on 01372 457987

or Kim on 01932 586988

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

We meet fortnightly from 2.30pm to 4pm, in

St Alphege Hall, Our Lady of Sorrows Church,  
Lower Road, Effingham (and occasional outings).



Next dates are: October 8th and 22nd, and fortnightly thereafter.

Come and join us.

Some car transport can be arranged.

Contact Keith or Gill on 01372 457987 for more information.



# Precious Moments

**Short service  
with hymns, poetry and  
readings  
Followed by afternoon tea**

**For those living with and caring  
for those with Dementia, as well  
as friends in the community**

**Effingham Methodist Church**

**Held at 2pm on**

**18<sup>th</sup> Oct,**

**29<sup>th</sup> Nov, 20<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**For more information Contact:01372 457987**

# ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL



**Effingham will celebrate the 165<sup>th</sup> Chapel Anniversary  
with a Flower Festival from 10-4pm  
on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October with refreshments then  
a Special Service on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October @ 10am  
led by the new District Chair Rev. Dr. David Hinchliffe  
and followed by a Faith lunch in the hall.**

## **Prayers in October**

Here are **Special Sundays & Ecumenical Special Days** on the Methodist Church's website for October

**Homeless Sunday on 13<sup>th</sup> October** is a chance for Churches and Christian groups from across the country to join together to pray, reflect and plan practical action on homelessness, but also for a united Christian voice to offer solidarity and be a prophetic voice for change. Fact sheets and [theological reflection](#) available at **Housing Justice** website. <https://www.housingjustice.org.uk>

**Freedom Sunday** ~ Join a global day of worship and action against human trafficking. Modern slavery is the world's fastest growing global crime, involving over 40 million men, women and children around the world today, more than at any other time in human history. **Freedom Sunday** is a day for global faith communities to stand together in prayer and take action to put an end to this horrendous crime.

**Freedom services are usually held on the weekend closest to EU Anti-Trafficking Day on the 18th October**, but you can use the resources on any day of the year! <https://freedomsundayglobal.org>

## **Bible Sunday is on 27<sup>th</sup> October**

Free resources to download from the Bible Society including sermon notes, youth material and children's activities. Can't do this date? The resources can be used anytime, so pick a week that suits your church. <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/bible-sunday>

## **One World Week - 20-27 October 2018**

**Working together for a just, peaceful and sustainable world**  
Each year, thousands of people take part in One World Week events across the country. The week always includes **United Nations day** (24th October) although events can and do happen all year round. <https://www.oneworldweek.org/>

### Safeguarding Sunday is 13<sup>th</sup> October

Raise awareness of safeguarding issues and get resources from **Thirtyone:eight** formerly CCPAS and show why it is such an important issue in all churches. Talk about all you have in place to safeguard vulnerable people and pledge together as a church to create safer places for all.

### **PRISONS WEEK ~ 13TH—19TH OCTOBER**



For over forty years **Prisons Week** has prepared prayer literature for the Christian community to use as they pray for the needs of all those affected by prisons: prisoners and victims, their families, their communities, those working and volunteering in prisons and the criminal justice system.



## Welcome Service for New District Chair



Members of the Circuit attended the Welcome Service for our new District Chair, Rev David Hinchliffe, on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August at Redhill Church. The church was packed and it was a good opportunity to meet a few friends from other churches scattered around the South-East who we hadn't seen for some time. The service was very uplifting and led by Rev. Jonathan Hustler, secretary of Conference, and the preacher was Rev Steve Wild, Chair of the Cornwall District.

We look forward to having David visit Effingham on our Chapel Anniversary on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

He has a busy year ahead as he will be serving as Chair of both the Guernsey and South- East Districts for a year and is glad that the District manse is a stone's throw from Gatwick Airport!

He is married to Kathryn, and they have two children: Rachel who has just completed her second of four years at the University of York; and Jonathan, who will complete his A-levels in the forthcoming year. Consequently, Kathryn and Jonathan will be living in Guernsey for the next year – another great reason to be thankful for being near Gatwick.

# Mission Aviation Fellowship

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# Leatherhead Pages

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



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on

Thursday 31st October  
from 3.30pm to 5.30pm

at

Christ Church (United Reformed), Epsom Road,  
Leatherhead

# **Joint Harvest Supper** incorporating a **Murder Mystery Evening**

**Saturday 28th September from 6.30pm at  
Leatherhead Methodist Church**

A two-course meal with coffee/tea and mints following. Tickets will be on sale from Sunday 1st September at £6 per person, family £12, single family £9.

## **Christ Church and LMC Harvest Festival and Parade Service**



**Sunday 29th September at 10.30am at  
Leatherhead Methodist Church**

**Led by our Minister - Rev. Jan Hofmeyr**

For LMC Members - help will be needed to prepare the church for this special service - watch the weekly notices nearer the time for details of how you can help.



*Our foodbank is a project founded by local churches and community groups, working together towards stopping hunger in our local area. **We run five centres, (Epsom, Ewell, Leatherhead, Banstead & Tadworth)** which means we have one open each day from Tuesdays through to Saturdays.*

We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide three days' worth of nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis. We are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

We continue to be very busy and only recently fed 38 people at one centre. As you can imagine, this is having an impact on our food stocks with some items being in very short supply. Your continued support has always been appreciated but never as much as now.

This is our current wish list (most needed items):

Cereal - not porridge ; Tinned veg; Tinned spaghetti;  
Long life fruit juice; Long life sponge puddings;  
Fruit squash; Tinned fruit; Instant mash; Noodles;  
Baby shampoo; Dried/powdered milk;  
Custard; UHT milk - semi skimmed and full fat;  
Shaving foam; Washing up liquid; Clothes washing powder/liquid;  
Chocolate, sweets, crisps etc; Nappies - size 6 only  
Hair conditioner; Tinned fish.

We also need heavy duty carrier bags/ bags for life.

**Items can be taken to the community centre in Kingston Road, North Leatherhead between 9.30am and 11.00am on Saturdays, or see Ron/Norma Shaw, Sue Friend or Tim Hall.**

Many thanks for your continued help and support.

# NEW FIRE

Don't forget to plan to come along to the contemporary New Fire service at 6.30pm on the fourth Sunday evening each month at AllSaints Café. Park in Trinity School.

**Next New Fire - Sunday 27th October**



CRE at Sandown Park

15th to 17th October 2019

10am to 5pm Tuesday and Wednesday  
10am to 4.30pm Thursday

Tickets can be booked online at  
[www.creonline.co.uk/tickets](http://www.creonline.co.uk/tickets)

# Time for Tea



## **COME for TEA and COMPANY**

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

### **LEATHERHEAD METHODIST CHURCH**

**Friday 4th October - Pat Harris: "My early life  
in the local area"**

**Friday 1st November - John Bees:  
"Moving Experiences"**

## **EVERYONE WELCOME**

(Suggested donation £1)

The Time for Tea team would be very grateful for any offers of help, especially with baking, setting up the room and transport. Please speak to Mary Pittam if you feel you are able to help in any way.



# The Ark Toddler Group



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and join us  
for a tea or  
coffee  
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child plays



For More Information  
Contact Joycey on  
[Joycey.lmcyouth@gmail.com](mailto:Joycey.lmcyouth@gmail.com)





## Leatherhead's Lunchtime Concerts

Leatherhead Concert & Arts Society  
Regd Charity 1166764

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



• **Thursday 3rd Oct • 12.30 lunchtime**  
**Music on Thursdays at LMC**

Leatherhead Methodist Church, Church Road,  
*please use multi-storey car park*

**The Two Classical Guitars of  
Francisco Correa &  
David Massey**

• **Thursday 10th Oct • 12.30 lunchtime**  
**Music on Thursdays at LMC**

Leatherhead Methodist Church, Church Road,  
*please use multi-storey car park*

**Spanish accordion player  
Iñigo Mikeleiz Berrade**

• **Weds 16th Oct • 12.30 lunchtime**  
**Wednesdays at Christ Church**

Christ Church (UR), Epsom Road,  
*plenty of parking in-site*

**Guest organist: Polina Sosnina**  
St Martin-in-the-Fields &  
Temple Church

*musiconthursdays.org*

We reserve the right to alter this programme

• **Thursday 24th Oct • 12.30 lunchtime**  
**Music on Thursdays at LMC**

Leatherhead Methodist Church, Church Road,  
*please use multi-storey car park*

**Hammig String Quartet**

• **Thursday 31st Oct • 12.30 lunchtime**  
**Music on Thursdays at LMC**

From Belgium

**Duo Biz 'Art**

1 piano 4 hands

Geoffrey Baptiste & André Roe

• **Thursday 7th Nov • 12.30 lunchtime**  
**Music on Thursdays at LMC**

Juliet Evans, recorders

Thomas Ang, piano

• **Thursday 14th Nov • 12.30 lunchtime**  
**Music on Thursdays at LMC**

Ibrahim Aziz, viola da gamba

Yeo Yat-Soon, harpsichord

*musicinsurrey.co.uk*



# Leatherhead

Methodist Church

## Weekly Prayer Meeting

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

## Sunday Lunch on the First Sunday each month

**On Sunday 6th October**, Rev. Ian Howarth and Barbara will be with us for the Anniversary Service and once again, we'll have a bring and share lunch after the service in the Lower Hall.

## LMC House Groups

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



**Monday evenings fortnightly:** contact **Carol Stoves**

**Friday mornings monthly:** contact **Norma Shaw**

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

Everyone is encouraged to join a house group

# Leatherhead Lunchbox

A big Thank You to both Colin Plumpton (Cobham) and Dave Putland (Effingham) who between them run the weekly Lunchbox at LMC. There's a hot meal provided, together with help and advice, for local people in need including many who are homeless.

Dave has given us some background notes, and he writes:

“Over the last few years we have been supported by kind donations from church members in the Pastorate, other local churches, schools, shops and local charities. As we have progressed we have increased our support for needy families requiring food but we have not always increased our efforts to raise money to enable the work to go on as we are also busy with doing other things, so at the moment our funds are very low. We are exploring charities who might help us during the coming year at the moment.

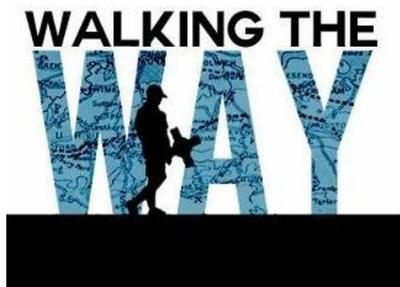
Meanwhile any gifts of food, money and clothing are most welcome. It costs us about £1,500 to run the lunch side of things and a further £1,000 in providing food parcels etc. We reach out to around eighty homes and shift tons of stuff during the course of a year. Collecting food from our various supporters also costs us petrol money as well as time and without our little team of volunteers we could not continue.

It is both Colin's and my view that God will provide us with what we need but this does not stop us from advertising our needs and taking advantage of local charities if they offer. I have been a bit slow to do this in the past because of being busy with other things so I very much appreciate any efforts to help.”

Lunchbox is in need of supplies, particularly tinned meat pies, tinned soup and tinned meat. Place any food items in the box at the back of the church. As mentioned by Dave, they also need some financial support. If you are able to make a contribution towards this worthwhile cause, please can you place it in an envelope marked “Lunchbox” with your name on the back and give it to Les or Maureen Prescott who will ensure that it is passed on.

With grateful thanks.

# WALKING THE WAY



South African David Cape who has carried the cross and bowl in over 30 countries over 30 years has answered a prophetic call to walk the 173 miles of the Pilgrim's Way across south eastern England to call the nation back to the Lord.



He says the cross walk - from 25th August to 29th September - was suggested to him by pastoral friends who drew his attention to the ancient pathway which was used by early Christian believers from 597AD and later extended after the murder of Christian martyr Thomas Becket in 1171.

He says the prophetic call to undertake the walk was confirmed one morning as the Lord gave him the Scriptures - Jeremiah 18 v15:

"For My people have forgotten Me,  
They burn incense to worthless gods  
And they have stumbled from their

ways,

From the ancient paths,  
To walk in bypaths,  
Not on a highway."

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and Jeremiah 6 v16:

Thus says the LORD,  
"Stand by the ways and see  
and ask for the ancient paths,  
Where the good way is, and walk in it;  
And you will find rest for your souls."

"I felt God was saying that the highway is His way, and that the Pilgrim's Way is a prophetic symbol of that highway and Him calling me to carry His Cross along the entire route. It would serve as a prophetic statement calling the nation back to a fresh resolve and commitment to the Lord," he says. He plans to end his long walk by joining in an event in Westminster called "the Turning" during the last weekend of September.

We were delighted that Dave accepted our invitation to come to LMC for the evening service on 8th September to talk about his experiences. He was surprised and pleased to learn that John Wesley's last sermon was preached in the town. "We will be standing on the shoulders of giants" he said.



# LMC Family News



## *Our thoughts and prayers...*

... are with the family and friends of Kathleen Platt who, sadly, died in August. Donations from her funeral service have been forwarded to MHA, as requested.

## *Congratulations...*

... are in order for Ed and Eileen Lambert who celebrated their 69th Wedding Anniversary in September.

## *Congratulations also...*

... to Claire (Howard) and Matthew Waters on the birth of their daughter on 11th September. She is to be called Molly and the new family is very happy and well.

## *We remember too...*

... our members, families and friends - particularly any who are recently bereaved, those who might be lonely, any who are unwell at home or in hospital, those in nursing or residential care and the people who look after them. We especially think of James & Jean Ross and Harry & Peggy Robinson.



# Diary



## October

Tues 1st 9.00am Prayers in the Vestry  
Thur 3rd 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 25*)  
Fri 4th 2.30pm Time for Tea

**Sun 6th 10.30am Rev. Ian Howarth - Holy Communion Anniversary Service**  
**12.30pm Bring and Share Lunch in the Lower Hall**

Tues 8th 9.00am Prayers in the Vestry  
8.00pm Church Council  
Thur 10th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 25*)

**Sun 13th 10.30am Angie Choat**  
**6.30pm Rev. Jan Hofmeyr - Holy Communion**

Tues 15th 9.00am Prayers in the Vestry  
Wed 16th 12.30pm Organ Recital at Christ Church (*see p 25*)

**Sun 20th 10.30am Rev. Jan Hofmeyr**  
Tues 22nd 9.00am Prayers in the Vestry  
Thur 24th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 25*)

**Sun 27th 10.30am James Wild**  
**6.30pm New Fire at AllSaints café**

Tues 29th 9.00am Prayers in the Vestry  
Thur 31st 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 25*)  
3.30pm Bright & Light Party at Christ Church

## November

Fri 1st 2.30pm Time for Tea

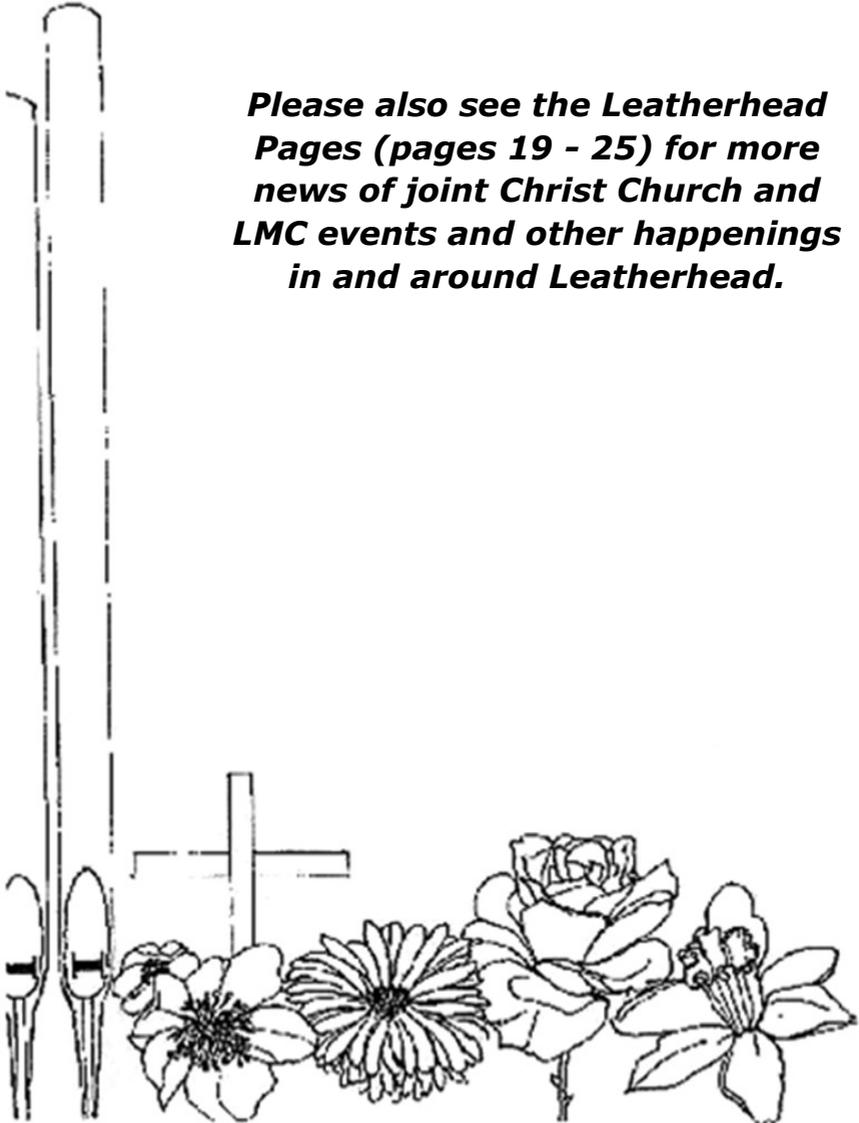
**Sun 3rd 10.30am Rev. Jan Hofmeyr- Holy Communion**

Tues 5th 9.00am Prayers in the Vestry  
Thur 7th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 25*)

# **Christ Church**

**(United Reformed) Leatherhead**

*Please also see the Leatherhead  
Pages (pages 19 - 25) for more  
news of joint Christ Church and  
LMC events and other happenings  
in and around Leatherhead.*



# Christ Church Diary



## October

- Tues 1st 7.30pm SPO rehearsals weekly until 5th November  
Wed 2nd 7.30pm House group: 3, Orchardleigh  
**Sun 6th 10.30am Heather Ward**  
**12.00noon LMC: Bring and share lunch with**  
**Rev Ian Howarth**  
**Sun 13th 10.30am Rev Jan Hofmeyr, Holy Communion**  
Tues 15th 10.00am Christian Resources Exhibition at Sandown  
Park (until Thur 17th)  
Wed 16th 12.30pm Organ Recital: Polina Sosnina  
7.30pm House group: 3, Orchardleigh  
**Sun 20th 10.30am Gail Partridge**  
**Sun 27th 10.30am Rev Jan Hofmeyr**  
Wed 30th 7.30pm House group: 3, Orchardleigh

## November

- Sun 3rd 10.30am Rev Stephen Thornton**  
Sat 9th 7.30pm SPO Concert



# Christ Church Family News



We are sorry that Anthony Cairns suffered a fall recently, cutting his head, which caused some memory loss. Luckily no permanent damage was done and he has recovered well. He is back at the organ.

Unfortunately Steve Neal fell at home in late August, breaking some ribs. Sadly he had to spend his 85th birthday in hospital. He had recovered well but has now contracted shingles. Thankfully he has responded well to treatment, and is back on his bike! We send our good wishes for a speedy recovery.

We remember these friends in our prayers, and other members who have health problems, some awaiting treatment. We remember too those in care homes, members unable to get to church, the bereaved and the lonely.

*Anne Cairns*

## **HAPPY HEALTH DAY - 2<sup>ND</sup> November 2019, in the Leatherhead Institute**

I live in hope that as I grow older, I also grow wiser due to experience. I have certainly benefitted from all I have learnt about my health, but I find myself increasingly suffering from A.R.I, age related irascibility, I go slower, but my impatience goes more quickly. We live in time when we are subjected to scams, and to advertising of foods and medication, which line the pockets of the inventors and sometimes do more harm to our health than the benefits they advertise. Some of us here in Leatherhead, do not even have the ability to feed our families and the queue at the Food Bank gets longer. So I have been given the task of helping research the help I have had in the past as a single parent, homeless, disabled, on benefits (briefly) bringing up children, caring for elderly neighbours and to pass on my knowledge of nutrition, credit union, and statutory and voluntary services to others.

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Arthur-itis and other unwanted companions on the road are inevitable, and the state of the NHS leaves us wondering whether they are really trying to keep us alive successfully providing we escape the side effects of medication which may be giving us extra difficulties. This unwanted stress is not necessary, if we learn to understand how our bodies work and how they have a miracle of capability to self-heal if given time, rest, and the correct care and nutrition. Of course we need the vital, life-saving service of our GPs, A&E and Hospitals, but we should not be overloading them with minor complaints. Stress increases as we try to get appointments. Conditions worsen as we wait for hospital appointments, or an available bed.

Stressed backwards spells desserts. Do we get our just desserts if we over indulge, or eat sweets or cake to spoil ourselves when distressed and then become diabetic?

Please help me shape a happier future for the unaware, who need information and some basic education on how to enjoy good health, and where to get help when needed; depression leads in some sad unhelped cases to unhappy death. My event focuses on Happy Birth, Happy Life and then Happy Death, with reduced anxieties.

Jan reminded us how we SHAPE our service in the community. Spiritual gifts – caring: Heart – feeling for others: Ability - gifts, skills, storytelling teaching: Personality – introvert or extrovert, ideas or action: Experience – to teach or help others. All of us are involved in our daily lives, even the lonely can try to stay cheerful and smile, which helps others.

I know everyone is busy, but I would be very grateful for help on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, even if it is just to sit at a table and play a table game with children, listen to a question and direct someone to the possible answer, wash a plate or make a sandwich, or hand out an invitation. The Ashlea medical practice Patient Participation Group had a health event last year in Ashted, but did not have enough money to repeat the event for Leatherhead. With funds from the Leatherhead planning group for a Credit Union and an Education grant, I am able to repeat a health event for Leatherhead, but I need helpers. Please come, all are welcome.

Hilary Porter (member of Harmonies (Mental health support), and Leatherhead Residents' Association)

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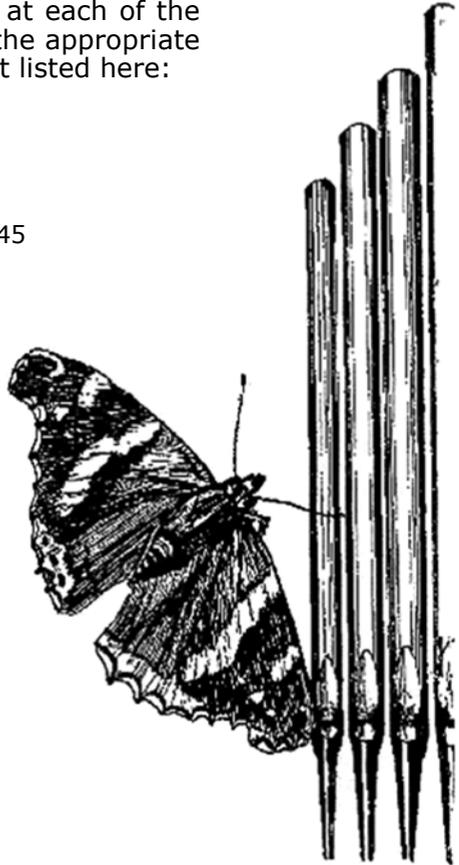
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www.chch.org.uk  
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