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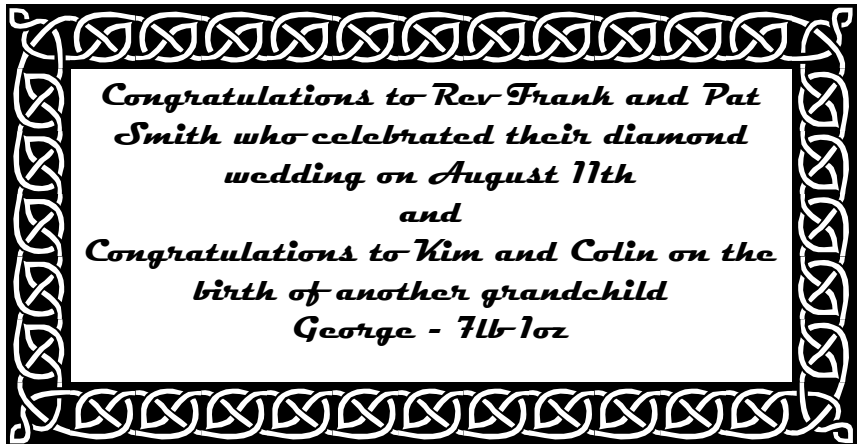
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The Ministers Write...

From Rev. Lynda Russell

So what has your summer been like? What have you been doing? I know some of you have been on holiday – and I hope you are feeling refreshed and ready for the new school year!

As most of you probably know, I've had a strange summer, with 2 ops and the corresponding recovery time. However, I did get back to work in between times, and I realised both times when I came back how much I had missed you all! Thank you so much for all your prayers, thoughts and cards. I'm hopeful that I won't have to have the same op again!

Some of you may also know that both Kim and I are big fans of 'Star Trek', although we differ on our favourites. During July the new Star Trek film came out, and of course I had to see it. I went to the first IMAX 3D showing on the release date, and for my efforts received a collector's ticket! 

For those of you who don't know the series, there are many theological themes to be found. In particular it struck me that the film reinforced the Christian concept of hope, which is indeed one of the core values of Star Trek.

In one of the scenes, Spock (the one with pointy ears) has been badly injured, and captain Kirk, his best friend, must try to save him (and the world of course!). In response to Kirk's question 'What shall we do now', Spock says: "We will do what we have always done, we will find hope in an impossible situation."

Hope – that we can and will better ourselves, that working together we can achieve far greater things than alone. One of the things which attracts me about ST is that from the beginning there has been a longing for a better world and humanity, together with a belief that it can be better.

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Most of us face difficult, if not impossible situations at some time, and we also need that hope and inspiration. Thankfully we don't need the pointy ears to go with it! For the good news is that Jesus has already gone 'where no one has gone before' – through death and to resurrection into heaven. Hope and faith in Jesus are not fantasy but reality.

In our uncertain and chaotic world, whatever our situation, we can turn our eyes to Jesus and have hope for both the present and for the future.

All you who put your hope in the Lord, be strong and brave. (Ps 31: 24)

Let us keep looking to Jesus. Our faith comes from Him and He is the One Who makes it perfect. (Hebrews 12: 2)

Lynda

From Rev. Kim Plumpton

Dear Friends,

Originally our holiday had consisted of a week's stay in a cottage in Scotland but it was cancelled due to a water leak. Colin and I decided to pack our bags, throw them in the car, head off, hoping we might find somewhere to stay. Our final destination was unknown to us although we knew that we would still aim to head for Scotland.

The mountain ranges and the glistening lochs is where I find food for the soul, my soul rejoices amongst such glorious surroundings. So here we were in Fort William and we chanced upon a meeting with Elsie. Elsie is 86 years old and runs a bed and breakfast from her 3 bedded apartment. Elsie provided us with our first night's rest. Unhampered by the requests from her family to stop offering her bedrooms for B&B Elsie explained that she enjoyed the company, liked to care for others and found great comfort in having people in the apartment. At breakfast the following morning Elsie informed us she had an appointment at the hospital and would be grateful if when we decided to leave, we would lock up and place the key under the mat by the

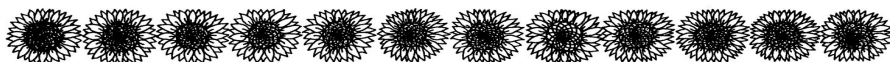
front door. We willingly obliged. Elsie's warmth and generosity of spirit is where we found the presence of God.

Fort William was a place of revelation for Col and I as we sat for our evening meal. I had an overwhelming sense that God required us to let go of the holiday and entrust it completely to him. Instead of the frantic web searches we were making in the hope of finding accommodation and the endless touring around the streets as so often happens, we both felt that we were being asked to let go, to take our hands off, to entrust God with the arrangements.

It was one of the most liberating experiences. We felt called to read our daily devotions together every morning and to pray that God would guide us to where we should go and who we should stay with. Our first reading was entitled 'travelling light', then another 'walking in faith', and another 'digging deeper', it seemed that God had even colluded with Nick Fawcett to write devotions that were so pertinent to our context. Our time in Scotland proved to be a deeply moving experience where we continued to encounter God in the people we met, the stories we shared and the places we visited. We were being fed along the way visiting the Orkney islands and the isle of Skye.

God's Spirit dwells within us, in the inner chambers of the heart in which God waits to do his glorious work. But I realized on our journey around Scotland that I need reminders, that I don't always acknowledge nor humbly give in to God's will. As the business crowds in God can be squeezed out and what was once God's work, can soon become my own. On my journey around Scotland I realized that God desires to do so much through us if only we would allow him.

Every blessing Kim



Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

The Methodist Church is joining with other denominations in a Day of Prayer for the Care of God's Creation on September 1st.



Cobham Methodist Worship Diary



September

Sun	4th	10.30am	Rob Pitt
Sat	10th	2.30pm	Platinum Service
Sun	11th	10.30am	Rev Kim Plumpton—Holy Communion (Joint Service at URC)
Sun	18th	10.30am	Rev. Kim Plumpton (Joint Service)
Sun	25th	10.30am	Rhys Frost with Sis Marife Harvest Festival Service— United with CCC and TGCM

October

Sun	2nd	10.30am	TBA
		6.30pm	Welcome to Rev Gavin Hancocks (at London Road, Horsham)



Next "Time 4 You"

Saturdays 10th September,
8th October
10.00am - 12 noon

Celebration

Question: What do you get when you add 80+2+5+BBQ?

Answer: A Summer celebration

On June 24th all Kim's churches, with CCC and TGCM, joined together for a celebration of worship. TGCM led the praise, EMC and CMC led the prayers, and James Clephane-Cameron spoke. We were celebrating David Cappitt's 50 years as a Methodist Local Preacher in God's service. Kim made a presentation to David on behalf of the Methodist and URC churches. The service was a mixture of all traditions, and of course was followed by a meal together. This time we had a BBQ—something new at CMC.

David suggested that the collection should go to Lunch Box and £400 was raised. Thank you all for your generosity.

Thanks to everybody who helped make this a lovely day, and the best kept secret.

Rhonda Frost

Thanks

Thanks to all who took part in the celebration on June 24th, even to those who set up the surprise. I thought we were just celebrating summer, right up to the time when Kim called me out to the front. It was great to have the five congregations all there together, and thank you all for the gifts. I must also thank all those who have supported and encouraged me in my preaching, particularly those I have mentored—I have gained at least as much benefit from them as they have from me—and every preacher needs a home congregation to give prayerful support, so thanks for that too. And I thank God that He has used me and continues to use me in this way.

David Cappitt

The Beatitudes

Charles Elliot, in his book "Praying the Kingdom", suggested that the first word of the Beatitudes, which we normally translate as "Blessed" or "Happy" might better be translated as "You are in the right place". (This was referred to by Rev Dr Roger Walton, the new President of the Methodist Conference, in his address to Conference.)

You are in the right place among the poor in spirit, for there is the Kingdom of Heaven.

You are in the right place alongside those who mourn, for there comfort is to be found.

You are in the right place with the meek, for the whole earth belongs to such as those.

You are in the right place with those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, there that hunger will be satisfied.

You are in the right place among the merciful, there mercy is found.

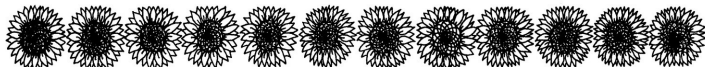
You are in the right place with those whose hearts are pure, there God is to be seen.

You are in the right place working with peacemakers, there you are among God's children.

You are in the right place when you are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for there is the Kingdom of Heaven.

You are in the right place because, surprising as it may seem, this is where God's blessing is to be found.

DC





Joint Leadership Meeting, 21st July

A fruitful discussion was held at the Joint Leadership Meeting and I offer you these notes as a way of keeping you informed about our progress towards a united church.

We assessed our progress so far and talked through some minor issues which needed addressing. We were happy that our objectives set at the previous meeting had been met, concerning a visit to another church and arranging a meeting with the spiritual advisor.

A visit to Littlehampton United Church in July was very helpful. With a congregation a bit bigger than our own, we found their enthusiasm and insight very informative. We will continue to keep contact with this church as they help guide us through the process where necessary.

A day for spiritual refreshment has been organised. We agreed that there were many practical issues to be dealt with throughout this process but spiritual formation was also crucial. Revd Bernard Fidler is joining us on the 24th September.

I spent two days researching documents so that relevant information could be placed into an A4 booklet for each member of the leadership team. It included summaries of two large documents for becoming one church: buildings, policies, theology and practice for both denominations, insights into worship, outlines on vision and mission statements, as well as proposals for the coming 2 years.

The proposals were discussed and it was agreed they provided us with objectives to aim for in the next two years. It was important they were realistic and achievable.

The group would need to break down into smaller groups to begin discussions on issues such as Communion, worship, baptism and membership, ministry, decision making and safeguarding.

Finance and bookings would be a constant area for discussion with Brian and David working together in the coming months to assess any issues that needed further consideration.

The leadership team will meet together again on the 20th September.
Kim

Prayers at the Manse
Wednesdays at 9.30am
September: 7th, 14th, 21th, 28th



Cobham

United Reformed Church

Worship Diary

September		
Sun 4th	9.00am	Early Bird Service
	10.30am	Heather Ward
Sun 11th	10.30am	Joint Service: Rev. Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion
Sun 18th	10.30am	Joint Service at CMC: Rev. Kim Plumpton
Sun 25th	10.30am	Rev Kim Plumpton—Harvest Service
October		
Sun 2nd	9.00am	Early Bird Service
	10.30am	Roy Bones

<h2>Cobham Events</h2>		
September		
Thur 1st	12.30pm	<i>Day of Prayer for the care of Creation</i> Men's Fellowship (at The Fairmile, Portsmouth Road, Cobham)
Sun 4th	3.00pm	Play and Chat (to 6.00pm)
Tues 6th	9.45am	Church Walk
	8.00pm	Elders' Meeting (URC)
Sat 10th	10.00am	Cobham Heritage Day, Ride and Stride (p10)
	10.00am	Time 4 You (at CMC)
Tues 20th	7.30pm	Joint Leadership Meeting at CMC
Thur 22nd	3.45pm	Messy Church (to 5.45pm)
Sat 24th	10.30am	Day of Spiritual Reflection at CMC led by Rev Bernard Fidler (see p 10)
Fri 30th	7.00pm	An Evening with Rev Dr Val Ogden at Dorking Christian Centre



A Time for Spiritual Refreshment Led by Revd Bernard Fidler

An opportunity to set some time aside for
spiritual refreshment
guided by Revd Bernard Fidler who is the
spiritual enabler for Southern Synod.

Date: 24th September

Venue: Cobham Methodist Church

Time: 10:30-4:30pm

All are welcome

Surrey Ride and Stride

Once again Surrey Churches Preservation Trust is organising “Ride & Stride” to coincide with Heritage Day, 10th September. This is a fun way to spend time on a pleasant Saturday in September while getting to know some Surrey places of Christian worship and raising funds for this worthy cause. For more details see www.SurreyChurchesPreservationTrust.org.





Effingham

Methodist Church



Birthday Dates to celebrate this month:

Happy Birthday to Dougie Reed on 17th .
Please let us know about birthdays or BIG anniversaries !!

Prayer Group...

...meets at the Chapel
every Friday at 9.30am.



Saturday Morning Live - Café Church

After four and a half years we have decided to pause and reflect for a while on the future of our Café Church. Those who have come over the years have greatly enjoyed the opportunity to hear some wonderful speakers from many different charities and other organisations, and to have time for reflection and thoughtful prayer. Our splendid band has given us words and music matching the morning's theme, sometimes sorrowful, sometimes joyful, but always relevant. We hope that while we are in pause mode something may rise from the ashes and reach out to our wider community.

God bless you for now, and thank you for supporting us along the way.

GW





Connect

“Connect” the group for carers and partners with dementia

Come for refreshment, friendship, activities and fun.

We meet in St Lawrence Church Hall in Effingham from 10 am to 12 noon on alternate Thursdays - September 1st, 15th and 29th. We have something for everyone: puzzles, quizzes, music, snooker, new age kurling, and more. From time to time there are also outings - a visit to Brooklands is planned for September.

We have space for more couples, so if you know someone for whom this sounds of possible interest and benefit, please let us know. You don't have to live in Effingham.

For more information call Gill on 01372 457987 (email gillianmwalker@gmail.com) or Kim on 01932 586988.



Freedoms to Share, the new Methodist Prayer handbook for 2016 – 2017 is now available at **£3.50 each**.. This 31 day prayer-cycle has classic, ancient and new prayers with a daily lectionary to guide you through the year. **Please pay David Putland**



St. Lawrence Church Hall in Brown's Lane
Wednesday 14th September & 12th October ~
3.30 -5.30pm

Effingham Methodist Diary



September

Thur 1st Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
2.00pm Christian Meditation in the church

Sun 4th 10.00am Rev. Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion

Tues 6th 2.30pm Tuesday Tea in the R. C. Hall

Fri 9th 10.00am Heritage Weekend with lunch & cream teas
(to 5.00pm)

Sat 10th 10.00am Heritage Weekend with lunch & cream teas
(to 5.00pm)

Sun 11th 10.00am Rob Pitt

12 noon Heritage Weekend with lunch & cream teas
(to 5.00pm)

Tues 13th 2.30pm Tuesday Tea in the R. C. Hall

Wed 14th 3.30pm Messy Church @ St. Lawrence Hall *(to 5.30)*

Thur 15th 12.30pm "OASIS" Bible lunch with Kim in the hall
2.00pm Christian Meditation in the church

Sun 18th 10.00am Tina Andrews

Sun 25th 10.00am John Oborn

Tues 27th 10.00am Church Council meeting (to 12 noon)

2.30pm Tuesday Tea in the R. C. Hall

Thur 29th 2.00pm Christian Meditation in the church

October

Sun 2nd 10.00am **Rev Kim Plumpton - Harvest Festival
and Chapel Anniversary
with Holy Communion**
6.30pm **Service of welcome for Rev Gavin
Hancocks (at London Road Horsham)**

Other dates for your diaries

Our next **Church Council** meeting will be on **Tuesday 27th Sep-
tember from 10.00-12noon in the Chapel.**
Items for the agenda to **Gill Walker asap.**

Singalong film night for Christian Aid on 14th October



**We celebrate our
162nd Chapel Anniversary on Sunday
2nd October
with a special Harvest Festival service led by Kim @ 10am followed by a pub lunch**

Journey to the Promised Land

Some people seem to be interpreting the referendum vote as a view that all immigrants are unwelcome. This was not always so and is a decidedly unchristian point of view. I am stirred to write for the following reasons. Some 50 years ago I had a Jewish colleague, Vernon, who died about 12 months ago. In the Jewish (and Moslem) tradition burial must take place very soon after death (see the account of the crucifixion where the bodies had to be taken down for burial before sunset); there is then a memorial service up to a year later. Vernon's memorial gathering took place this July, where Jewish family and friends, former colleagues, mostly Christian, and local residents and friends from where he had lived (a very mixed group including Rastafarians, and some of no religious affiliation) gathered together. Prayers were said in Hebrew, then all joined in reciting the 23rd Psalm, a unifying experience. Now Vernon had himself been an immigrant, a refugee from the Nazi regime in 1938, and he wrote an account of his experience coming to England. The following is an abbreviated version.

I left Magdeburg on the evening after Kristallnacht (10 Nov 1938), a shy, timid boy, my mother accompanying me to the German border, after which I was on my own until I reached Harwich some 17 hours later.

There my 'big' brother was waiting for me and a very sensible immigration officer allowed him to join me when he realised that my few words of recently acquired English were quite inadequate to cope with his questions. There followed a train journey to Liverpool Street, and my first ever experience of an underground train, during which I became aware of something I had never seen in Germany – everyone was wearing a red poppy, and to this day they have a special significance for me.

Then another train journey to Worthing, and finally we arrived at the home of Mrs Caroline Collard. This remarkable woman, a widow with sons and grandchildren of her own, living on a small pension, had undertaken to look after a small boy whose family she did not know, whose language she did not speak, and who was of a different faith. Indeed, when later it was suggested to her that as a Christian she ought to get me converted, she replied firmly that

she was acting in loco parentis, and that was not what my parents would have wished.

Next morning I really became aware of the total change in my life. Up to then I had lived in an apartment on a busy street of a big town, and now I was in a typical English semi, with a garden back and front, 2 large dogs, and aviary full of budgerigars and faced with a beige/ grey substance called porridge, which required all the diplomatic tact I was capable of to be polite about. In time actually I grew to like it, and still do.

Next day most of Mrs Callard's family came to lunch, my brother returned to London, and life in England began in earnest. The first requirement of course was to acquire a working knowledge of the language. When I went to the local school, I found myself translating problems into German, working out the answer, and translating that into English. After about three days, it dawned on me to try to think in English, after which progress was understandably faster.

Being a foreigner and a Jew, probably the only one in either category that most of my fellow pupils (and possibly some of the teachers) had met, I was something of a curiosity, but this mostly manifested itself through acts of kindness, which is not necessarily the way of school-boys in general. Recently there has been a good deal of discussion about religious education in state schools. I can only say that attending Assembly, and even Scripture class did me no harm, and gave me perhaps a better understanding about what was then still an important part in the lives of my fellows, and has been useful on occasions since.

I have been in England now for 51 years; it is 40 years since I left Worthing and the beautiful gentle Sussex countryside that I explored on my bicycle. I hope that at least some of the Children of Israel found the Land of Milk and Honey as much to their liking, and were as grateful to the Almighty as I am for bringing me to this 'green and pleasant land'.

*This first appeared in a synagogue newsletter at Pesach (Passover).
Charles Dawson*



The Methodist Conference of 2016 unanimously passed a resolution calling for respect and tolerance in our national life in the wake of the divisive **EU Referendum Campaign**. It's asking all Methodists to send a statement to their MPs and others in positions of leadership. Find this page on the website at :

<http://www.methodist.org.uk/mission/public-issues/national-life>

This will make sending the statement to your MP easier by automatically generating an email, and, based on the postcode you give, addressing it to the correct MP.

Or if you prefer to use old fashioned post to contact your MP, the text of the letter in **Word format** is there too. If you would like to share your replies or have any queries please contact enquiries@methodistchurch.org.uk



Meanwhile the Conference is also encouraging the Methodist people to join the campaign to **wear an empty safety pin as a badge symbolising solidarity against racism** (please see <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-36661097> for details).

#SafetyPin: The simple way to show solidarity with the UK's immigrant population and stop hate crimes.

BBQ in aid of Methodist Homes and Action for Children

It promised to be a lovely day for the BBQ as gazebos on loan from our Catholic friends were erected in anticipation the evening before. A splendid lunch was enjoyed by all with a delicious range of salads supplied by everyone. The bonus was the added entertainment with singing and playing on the guitar and ukulele from Morag Butler and Kim. Thank you to everyone who contributed in whatever way.

Sum raised: £250



Heritage Open Days Weekend

Effingham Chapel will be taking part in **Heritage Open Days** again this year, and will be open on **Friday 9th** , **Saturday 10th from 10am to 5pm and Sunday 11th from 12 -4pm** with refreshments all day, and an exhibition about our village, some famous locals and our Chapel's history.

SO PLEASE CAN YOU HELP ?

Talk to visitors, or help with refreshments, or bake some cakes or scones ?!

There's also the usual cyclists who'll also be dropping by on Saturday for signatures on sponsor forms for the annual **Ride & Stride** on behalf of *Surrey Churches Preservation Trust* and we'll be providing refreshments and a "comfort break".

Contact Pat or Janet or ring Ange on 01372-454850



Effingham Chapel will be open on
Friday 9th & Saturday 10th Sept >10-5
Sunday 11th Sept > 12-4

Find out more about our Victorian Chapel,
local history, dinosaurs and dig for fossils with your kids.

Cakes, Cream teas and Ploughman's lunches

Find us @ www.heritageopendays.org.uk

Leatherhead Pages

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

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Mole Valley's Heritage Open Days 8th - 11th September 2016

Heritage Open Days celebrate England's fantastic architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission. Every year in September, buildings of every age, style and function throw open their doors, ranging from castles to factories, town halls to tithe barns and many churches.

From Thursday 8th to Sunday 11th September, many buildings will be open throughout Mole Valley to celebrate the best of the District's heritage. Some events will also be promoted and a programme of these together with a list of buildings being opened will be available nearer the time online at www.molevalley.gov.uk, from Pippbrook's reception, the Leatherhead Help Shop, local libraries and some other local outlets.

See page 30 for details of LMC's opening hours for Heritage Open Days. For more details on Heritage Open Days generally, see www.heritageopendays.org.uk.

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Dorking and Horsham Circuit

NEWSLETTER

**September
October &
November 2016**

CIRCUIT WELCOME

We look forward to a gathering from around the Circuit for the welcome to Revd Gavin Hancocks as our new Superintendent.

**The service will be at London Road Church in Horsham
at 6.30 pm on Sunday October 2.**

Revd Conrad Hicks, District Assistant Chair, will preside.

LEATHERHEAD

New faces for old jobs have been a big part of LMC's recent months. Ron Shaw is the new treasurer, Les Prescott takes responsibility for Property matters and Neil Fraser tries to get HMRC to accept him as Gift Aid Secretary. A rather late and lively Annual Church meeting brought Maureen Prescott in as a church steward. We have missed Lynda for several weeks whilst she recovered from hospital treatment, but August should see her back with us.

THEN – the church roof leaked and a falling tile damaged a car, all by way of an introduction to property matters for Les. An anticipated deficit was reported yet again to the Church Council, adding further challenges to the treasurer role.

BUT – the *Holiday at Home* venture has taken off. Attended by around 25 people who enjoyed various crafts, puzzles, table games, manicures, flower arranging; a hot meal, an entertainer, cream tea and a thought for the day - feedback was that they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and would love to come again next year! Hannah's initiatives with young people seem to know no bounds. We also have a new weekly activity called *Conquest Art* enriching lives of people with disabilities, AND throughout the long school holiday, we offer a Friday Fun Café to young families, along with a family picnic and a Family Olympic Day - with games, Bible stories and even medals!! Summer Fun for all!

Ron Shaw

An Evening with Rev Dr Val Ogden at Dorking Christian Centre Friday 30th September at 7.00pm

**A social evening has been arranged when Val will tell us about her time in Fiji and the work she is doing there. This will be followed by a buffet meal and a chance for an informal chat. Please do come and join her. To help with catering, if possible please let the Christian Centre know you are coming:
(01306 886830 or email centremanager@dorkingmethodist.co.uk).**

**Val will also be in the Centre for the coffee morning
on Saturday 1st October from 10.00 — 11.00 am.**

*We'll praise him for all that is past
and trust him for all that's to come.*

The **Methodist Church** 

SCMC

Summer is always a busy time for Southwater and particularly for the Youth Project. Once again our Youth Worker, Angie, and her team of volunteers partner with the local Leisure Centre over 4 or so weeks to provide 3 mornings a week of crafts, sports and activities. This is always extremely popular and it's particularly good to see children returning from previous years.

It also provides an opportunity for young leaders from church and the community to experience what it's like to lead, rather than attend, and to grow their confidence whilst putting something back into the community during their school holidays. Some of them have been mentored by Angie and have attended young leaders' courses. In addition, Angie organises trips to Thorpe Park, Air Hop, fishing at Southwater Country Park, film afternoons and pamper sessions. How she does it all I don't know, but I do know it's much appreciated by the community, and hopefully the kids return happy and exhausted to their their parents. (Check out Southwater Youth Project on Facebook).

Looking forward, SCMC are hoping to become more involved in the community by renting a facility in the centre of the village. There have been delays in this space being made available, so prayers appreciated, but we hope to use this as a base for a listening service, community chaplaincy and drop-in support for families and people in need (such as supplying emergency food boxes). It very much feels like we're on the crest of a new wave of mission and discipleship, and we're looking forward to God showing us what this is going to look like in practice.

Juliet Fuller

WANTED

Circuit representatives for
Methodist Homes and
Methodist Women in Britain.
*Speak to your Minister
or the Circuit Meeting secretary.*

DORKING

By the time this goes to print the Centre will have hosted the lunches for the Dorking *Holidays at Home* Scheme where activities, talks and outings are laid on for a week on the theme of Royalty this year.

We are very sorry to say goodbye to Juliet Fuller as Christian Centre Chaplain, and thank her for all she has done over the past three years to enhance the life of the Centre – especially the pastoral care offered through initiatives such as the listening service – and to provide opportunities for people to draw closer to faith and to explore and deepen their existing faith.

At the same time we are pleased to welcome as her successor, Rowan Nunnerley, who takes up the post of Chaplain in early September. Rowan lives in Dorking, and is a member of the congregation of St John's, North Holmwood (Anglican). Over the course of her life she has worshipped in a variety of traditions, and is looking forward to learning more about Methodism. Her work background has been within the NHS, in midwifery, teaching and latterly in risk management. Do call in and say hello when you are in Dorking.

During the last quarter we have on Sundays introduced a monthly teaching service at 11.45 am, followed by lunch. Over the three occasions so far we have had an interesting mix of people, including several passers-by who have joined us for lunch. The next dates planned are 11 September and 9 October. On 11 September there is in addition at 6.00 pm Choral Evensong for Heritage Weekend, the first under the leadership of our new Director of Music, Martin Hall – and tea served beforehand.

On Saturday 8 October we are holding a quiz night, to raise funds jointly for the Christian Centre and for Christian Aid. All are very welcome; for more details contact me (01306 881479).

Elizabeth Dobson

LONDON ROAD, HORSHAM

On 30th July we were delighted that the skies cleared and the sun came out, as Alex and Vanessa (formerly Pitt) emerged from the Church following their marriage. They are setting up home in Newcastle, and we wish them both well.

At Paul's last service on 31st July, the congregation gathered for a photo at the front; this is becoming something of a tradition! Paul and Sue are moving to Sleaford in Lincolnshire, and we shall miss them both.

Plans for the autumn are taking shape. On Sunday 2nd October *Action for Children* are hosting 'Tea at the Ritz' (aka Wesley Hall!) in the afternoon. This will be a 'ticket only' event, so look out for information; make sure you don't miss out! In the evening, we will be welcoming our new Minister, Rev Gavin Hancocks and his wife Angela, at a Circuit Service at 6.30 pm.

The following week, make a note to come along to 'Time for God', a morning given over to prayer, reading and reflection on Saturday 8th October, followed by a shared lunch.

From November onwards, we will again be hosting the Night Shelter on Sunday evenings, organised by *Horsham Matters*. This is a mammoth undertaking by the Horsham Churches and we hope volunteers will come forward to help.

Finally, please pray for our young people, especially those recently graduated from University and embarking on new ventures, and those waiting anxiously for exam results.

Carolyn King

ST ANDREW'S

Well they say church is 24/7 and they're right! - children's and family work at St Andrew's is going really well. On Tuesdays our Little Stars toddler group runs in the morning with about 14 families attending. This is followed later with Triple MMM (milkshake, muffin & madness) after-school group. Kids get the opportunity to do crafts and play games. Wednesday sees me at Leechpool school taking cooking sessions after school. Recipes have included quiches, muffins and biscuits. Thursday back to school and Assembly, followed by a friendship group in the afternoon back at church. This group is for people who want to meet other people and talk. Friday evening sees the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association meet. We enjoy doing games, crafts, cooking and working towards badges. Saturday monthly is 'Who Let The Dads Out?' - a group for dads, carers etc. to meet together and chat whilst eating bacon butties! And Sunday we have junior church. During the holidays we've had sessions for families to enjoy, including activity mornings with the chance to make lots of crafts and play, film afternoons and colouring and games sessions. These conclude with a pamper session for the ladies and a men's social. Looking forward to October we will be starting 'Messy Church' as we now feel we have the opportunity for our families involved in groups to get to know the Bible in a fun way! And in December we will be holding another Christmas Fayre as well as a Christingle Service.

Darren Arnold

COBHAM

A question! What do you get when you add 80 +2+5+BBQ?

Answer: A Summer Celebration.

On the July 24 all Kim's churches along with the Community and Filipino Churches joined together for a celebration of worship. The Filipino Church led the praise and Effingham and CMC led the prayers, and James Cameron spoke. We were celebrating David Cappitt's 50 years as a LP in God's service. Kim made a presentation to David on behalf of the Methodist and URC churches. The service was a mix of all traditions in worship, and of course we had food!

David suggested that the offering should go to 'Lunch Box', and £400 was raised. Thank you for your generosity. This time we had a BBQ, something new at Cobham. Can I just thank everyone who helped make this a lovely day and the best-kept secret!

Rhonda Frost

EFFINGHAM

Everyone at the Chapel is looking forward to taking part in **Heritage Open Days Weekend** on 9, 10 & 11 September. We'll have an exhibition about our Methodist roots, local history and **Baryonyx**, the Surrey Dinosaur, will also star along with examples of local fossils, and a fossil dig for kids. So pop in to see the display and have a ploughman's lunch, cream tea, lots of cakes and perhaps some dinosaur biscuits, or just for a chat. See our entry on website <http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk> and for lots more events throughout Englandbut sadly not much in Sussex!

On October 2 we'll be celebrating our **162nd Chapel Anniversary** with a thanksgiving service with Kim, followed by a pub lunch. Back in May we had a folk evening which raised over £1k profit for *Habitat for Humanity*!! So during October we're planning another evening with a sing-along musical to raise money for **Christian Aid**. (Wonder if we can get *Grease* ?)

Saturday Morning Live, our monthly café church, has been going for the last four years, during which we've had some exciting and challenging speakers. But our enthusiastic band of helpers from **Churches Together in Effingham & Little Bookham** have decided to take a short break, and hopefully restart in the new year.

Ecumenical Christmas events are planned, including Bibles for our local primary school, and the Posada figures will be visiting several schools again in December. Meanwhile Effingham's fortnightly Dementia support group "**Connect**" is now offering some outings in alternate weeks, and **Messy church** and **Tuesday teas** are going strong, having become popular events with the local community.

It's now a year since our Chapel was re-roofed. But there's always something that needs repair, so now it's the flint and brick wall which supports our garden and the Chapel! When the chapel was built, only lumbering farm wagons passed by, but now it's massive articulated lorries and double-decker buses which shake our foundations! We have to adapt to change in all areas of our lives! *Ange & Dave Putland*

PARTRIDGE GREEN

On July 24 we celebrated our 110th church Anniversary, and combined this occasion with our farewell service for Paul and Sue Cockburn. A happy occasion with many friends and young family members joining our usual congregation. We wish them well as they go off to Lincolnshire for Paul to continue his ministry.

For the past 5 years, under Paul's leadership we have held five "Messy Church" mornings each year, and regular Toddler services also, which continue to be well attended by many young families in the village. We plan to continue with these activities, when Gavin and Angela Hancocks join us in October.

We are delighted that Waseem is now supporting us with our activities for the young people in the village, and we look forward to his planned prayer group to commence in September. Let's hope this new venture will be successful and will be well supported by our church family.

Alison James

With our thanks we have said farewell to Revd Paul and Sue Cockburn as they move to Sleaford. We wait to greet Revd Gavin and Angela Hancocks when they arrive from Torbay on October 1. We congratulate Revd Frank and Pat Smith on the celebration of their diamond wedding anniversary on August 11. We share in the sadness on the death of Revd Eric Maynard, with grateful memories of his ministry in the Circuit and especially in Horsham.

**MUSIC
on
THURSDAYS
at LMC**



**WEDNESDAYS
at
CHRIST
CHURCH**

musiconthursdays.org

Music on Thursdays at LMC

1st September, 12.30 lunchtime

Wezi Elliott, lute/theorbo
returns for a solo recital

Music on Thursdays at LMC

8th September, 12.30 lunchtime

Cavendish Winds

*Katy Ovens, flute
Mary Tyler, clarinet
Henry Clay, oboe
Alice Quayle, bassoon
Charlie Ransley, horn*

courtesy of the Royal Academy of Music

**Wednesdays at
Christ Church**

14th September, 12.30 lunchtime

Guest organist: Gary Sieling

*Director of Music, St Mary's Parish
Church, Henley-on-Thames*

LMC: Leatherhead Methodist Church
in Church Road, *please use the town's
multi-storey or Church Street car parks*

*Leatherhead Concert & Arts Society
Registered Charity 1166764*

~~ ARTS ALIVE FESTIVAL ~~

Music on Thursdays at LMC

22nd September, 12.30 lunchtime

Buck Brass Trio

*Daniel Walton, trumpet
Richard Buck, trombone
Timothy Ellis, horn*

courtesy of the Royal Academy of Music

JAZZ on Thursday at LMC

29th September, 12.30 lunchtime

The Tom Ridout Acoustic Trio

Thomas Morley Ridout, sax & recorders

*BBC Young Musician
Jazz Awards Finalist 2016*

Will Barry, piano

Flo Moore, double bass

students of the Royal Academy of Music

Music on Thursdays at LMC

6th October, 12.30 lunchtime

Clare Tunney, soprano

courtesy of the Royal Academy of Music

**Concerts continue throughout the
Arts Alive Festival and
weekly to the end of November.**

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 2nd September
(Tales out of School by Jean Plant)

The following next Time for Tea will be on
7th October, then every first Friday at LMC.

EVERYONE WELCOME

(Suggested donation £1)



Leatherhead Community Association

We would like to welcome members and non-members to the Leatherhead Institute to come and enjoy one or more of the many activities that are being organised by the Association over the next few months, both indoors and away from Leatherhead.

Our Art/History lectures start on 28th September with the first of two lectures by Jessica Saraga entitled 'Lost, Stolen and Strayed; the dispersal of Art at the English Reformation' These will be followed by four further lectures of equal interest between October and December given by Paul Pickering and Dr Katy Brown.

The popular monthly Tea and Talks afternoons, which are free, start again on 14 October, and on 11 November the Phoenix Entertainment Group from the Bookham U3A will be making a return visit.

There are visits already arranged to Hampton Court in September, a London Walk in October, a concert in the Royal Festival Hall in November and ending with the highly popular Christmas tea for members in December. The recorded music afternoons will continue as usual on every third Wednesday, and don't forget that there is scrabble every other Friday, social bridge twice a month, and table tennis and snooker every Monday Afternoon.

Peter Humphreys has planned his Autumn walks which start on 7 September with a short walk on Holmwood Common. The other short walks are on the first Wednesdays of October, November and December and the long walks start on 14 September along the Wey canal at Ripley. There will be two other long walks on the second Wednesdays of October and November but not in December. Peter usually makes sure that there is a pub stop for lunch and he is very happy for you to ring him for full information of all the walks - 01372 378347. There will be no Strolls until the New Year.

Did you know that there are several rooms available for hire at the Institute, morning, afternoon or evening, on a daily, weekly or monthly basis or for one specific occasion, there is limited parking but the Swan Centre multi-storey is close by. Please ring Sarah for all the details.

Some of the activities are free but Membership of the Institute is only £5 a year and you are very welcome to visit, on the left at the top of the High Street, to see all that goes on in the building. There you can pick up a Newsletter and there is nearly always a cup of coffee or tea available in the library which is open every morning where you can borrow books as well as DVD's. Sarah is in the office every morning from 9.30 - 12.30, and she will give full information about joining a walk, a visit or tell you what the Institute is all about..

The phone number is 01372 360508 or the email is lca2@btconnect.com.

Next Sisters' Get-Together

Saturday 8th October 2016

8.30am – 10.00am

**Parish Church Hall, Church Rd,
Leatherhead**

Why not come along for breakfast and a chat with friends ?

Chance to catch up over coffee, croissants, fruit and more

Brolly Good!

Last week, the first one in July, I had a nuisance phone call which began "Now that winter is nearly upon us..."! To me it was summer, and what happened to autumn?

It did make me think about the rather damp - wet! - periods we have had this summer. In fact, it is raining heavily as I write. This thought set me wondering about the history of our recently well-used umbrellas, and so I did a little research.

The word comes from the Latin 'umbra' which means shade or shadow. I was not at all surprised to learn that umbrellas were used by the people of ancient China, Greece and Egypt to protect them from the sun, and were considered to be a symbol of wealth and power. Their use gradually lessened and they did not become popular again until the Renaissance in the 14th/16th centuries. They were still an article of the wealthy. Now they are everyday objects and a cheap means of protection if caught out unprepared in the rain.

Made of whalebone and wood, with a covering of sturdy cotton fabric, the first umbrellas were hefty.



Later the cotton covering was waterproofed with oil or wax. By the 17th century the straight handles had become curved so that servants could hold the umbrella to shield their employer. To begin with, they were only used by women but men also began to use them about this time too, but still only by the upper classes. In the middle 1800's umbrellas became much lighter in weight when the frame began to be made from steel. During Victorian times parasols became popular again, as it considered very ill-bred to have anything resembling a sun-kissed face! They were very fancy, made of silk or finest cotton and elaborately trimmed with lace and tassels.

Today's umbrellas would be unrecognisable to the people of by-gone days. Now they are very lightweight, colourful and folding into the smallest space. Until the advent of the folding variety, umbrellas were left in their thousands on trams, trains and buses. Many of them would have belonged to my father. When he worked in the City in the 1930's, an umbrella was an essential part of the 'uniform' of the well-dressed City gent. It meant my mother never had to think what to buy for his birthday!

A thought: could we identify Christ as an umbrella to shield us from the storms of life? Or do we fold Him up to keep Him close in a pocket? Perhaps He gets forgotten and gets left behind to end up as lost property!

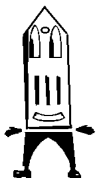
Jean Plant

Songs of Love and Loss

Sunday 2nd October at 4.00pm at LMC

Alice Bishop (Soprano) and Simon Marlow (Piano) are returning to LMC for a concert on the theme of 'Love and Loss'. It's a lovely programme and includes songs by Respighi, Debussy, Strauss and Korngold and some new compositions including a wonderful setting of Ozymandias by local composer James Francis Brown. And of course, most importantly, tea/coffee and homemade cake will be provided during the interval. Full details of the programme can be found via Alice's website:- www.alicebishop.co.uk

Tickets £12 (under 19's free) Please contact Alice on 01372 454962 (messaging service) or email: infoabishop@gmail.com



Leatherhead

Methodist Church

***Please see the Leatherhead Pages
(pages 18, 23 - 27) for more news***

West Hill School Community Café...

...is held at LMC every Tuesday morning at 10.30am, except during school holidays.

West Hill School in Leatherhead is an outstanding special school for pupils aged from 11 to 16 with learning difficulties and autism. The café is providing learners with opportunities to develop work-related skills as well as social and communications skills. Please come along on Tuesday mornings to support this very worthwhile enterprise.

Prayer Breakfasts

Prayer breakfasts are held on the third Sunday each month at 9.00am. It's a bring and share (non-cooked) breakfast with a short time of prayer fellowship before the morning service. All very welcome.

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 see Lynda if you are interested.





Diary



September

- Thurs1st 12.30pm Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see p 23*)
- Fri 2nd 2.30pm Time for Tea (*to 4.30pm*)
- Sat 3rd 7.00pm Rev. J. Jeyapaul - news of Kathryn's Mercy Home. Bring & Share meal. (*See page 33*)
- Sun 4th 10.30am Rev Lynda Russell with Holy Communion**
- Mon 5th 7.30pm Monday evening house group restarts at the home of Joy Foreman - all welcome
- Thurs8th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see p 23*)
- Fri 9th 10.30am West Hill School Café at LMC
- Sat 10th 9.30am Heritage Open Day (until 4.00pm)
- Sun 11th 10.30am John Oborn**
1.00pm Heritage Open Day (until 4.00pm)
6.30pm Kath Jones with Holy Communion
- Wed 14th 12.30pm Organ Recital at Christ Church (*see p 23*)
- Thurs15th 3.30pm Messy Church
- Fri 16th 10.30am West Hill School Café at LMC
- Sun 18th 9.00am Prayer Breakfast**
10.30am Rob Pitt
- Tues 20th 3.00pm Service at The Beeches (*see p 33*)
- Thurs22nd 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see p 23*)
- Fri 23rd 10.30am West Hill School Café at LMC
- Sat 24th 8.00am Men's Breakfast at LMC (*see p 31*)
- Sun 25th 10.30am Joint Harvest Festival & Parade Service at LMC – Rev. Lynda Russell**
6.30pm New Fire
- Tues 27th 2.30pm Pastoral prayer meeting (*see p 33*)
- Thurs29th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see p 23*)
- Fri 30th 10.30am West Hill School Café at LMC
7.00pm Val Ogden's presentation on Fiji at Dorking Christian Centre (*see next page for details*)

October

Sat 1st 6.30pm Harvest Supper - Parish Church hall

Sun 2nd 10.30am Youth led service

4.00pm Songs of Love & Loss (*see page 27 for details*)

6.30pm Welcome service for new Superintendent at London Road

Thur 6th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see p 23*)

Fri 7th 10.30am West Hill School Café

2.30pm Time for Tea

Sun 9th 10.30am Church Anniversary Service - Rev. Ian Field

An Evening with Rev Dr Val Ogden Friday 30th September at 7.00pm

Val is coming to Dorking to the Christian Centre to say hello to old friends and acquaintances and to give a talk. This will be followed by supper and then a chance for a chat. Do come and see her then or alternatively over coffee in the Centre next morning.

To help with catering, if possible please let the Centre know you are coming (01306 886830 or centremanager@dorkingmethodist.co.uk)

Heritage Open Days in September

Leatherhead Methodist Church will be open on Saturday 10th September from 9.30am to 4.00pm and Sunday 11th from 1.00pm to 4.00pm as part of the National Heritage Weekend when public buildings, schools and places of historic interest are open to the general public. We will have on display the history of our Church and Methodism together with archives relating to John Wesley who preached his last sermon in Leatherhead in 1791.

Cyclists and walkers raising money for church restoration will be visiting and if you would like to help by being a steward and serving refreshments please get in touch.

Fred Meynen
tel: 01372 372930

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 LMC. Stay afterwards for coffee and a chat.

Next New Fire - 25th September



Next Messy Church for Leatherhead:

Thursday 15th September
3.30pm to 5.30pm at:

LMC



Men's Breakfasts

Leatherhead Men's Breakfasts will be at 8.00am on the following Saturdays:-

24th September at LMC,

22nd October at the Parish Church...

...then on the fourth Saturday each month.

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.

LMC Family News



Congratulations...

... to Harry & Peggy Robinson who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in June,
... to Collins Ekere Jnr. who was married to Faye at Milton Abbas in Dorset on 4th August,
... to Claire Howard and Matthew Waters who were married at the Parish Church on 5th August.

Every good wish...

... to Jo Crome who was elected to MVDC in June as a councillor representing Leatherhead North,
... to our young people in colleges and schools who are moving on to new experiences after their exams, to a job or further training, to a new class or new teacher,
... to Norma Shaw and to David Barnes for continuing recovery from surgery.

Welcome back...

... to Lynda following her surgery over the summer, in the hope that her recovery will be further enhanced by her holiday with John this month.

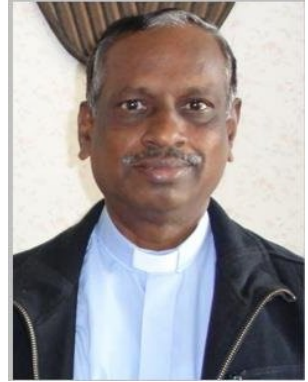
Our thoughts and prayers are with...

... Lorna & Ray Alexander on the death of their daughter Caroline on 10th August. We also think of Caroline's husband Cyril and the whole family at this sad time for them all.

Also with...

... Members and friends being looked after in residential or nursing homes or at home, and with all those who care for them day by day.

Rev. J. Jeyapaul



The Kathryn's Mercy Home Trust (UK), is the British charity that supports the work of Rev. J. Jeyapaul with Dalit children and families in Devakottai, Tamil Nadu, South India. Rev. Jeyapaul and his son Charles will be visiting us on the first weekend in September. Rev. Jeyapaul is a friend of Rev. Ian Howarth's and has visited our church on several occasions in the past.

Come and join us to find out more about the good work that is going on in South India and also enjoy a meal together.

The event will be on Saturday 3rd September at 7.00pm at Leatherhead Methodist Church. All welcome.

Contact Carol Stoves for more information

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 27th September.**

Monthly Service at The Beeches Care Home

A service is held at The Beeches Care Home in Forty Foot Road at 3.00pm on the third Tuesday every month. If you feel you can assist with running the service, please contact Lynda.

Holiday at Home

Living Life to the 'Max' in our Senior Years



Leatherhead Methodist Church organised a "Holiday at Home" for any senior citizen to enjoy. Almost 30 people attended with 20 volunteers helping to make it a day to remember. The morning offered flower arranging demonstration tables, games and a nail-bar. Following a homemade lunch, Jonjo the magician entertained and amazed everybody. More was to come with a comedy sketch and a sing-a-long.

The day was rounded off with a cream tea and transport for anyone who needed it. Look out for another "Holiday at Home" next Summer.

Norma Shaw

My Impression of the Day

The morning began with everyone finding a table and chair to have tea, coffee and biscuits. Lynda spoke to open the day. Alison from Christ Church talked about flower arranging and demonstrated with some beautiful flowers. We talked among ourselves and I met lots of people from other churches or from no church.

We found tables filled with board games, crafts, drawing, painting, jigsaw puzzles, card making, shove halfpenny, bagatelle and nail polishing. We all enjoyed ourselves thoroughly.

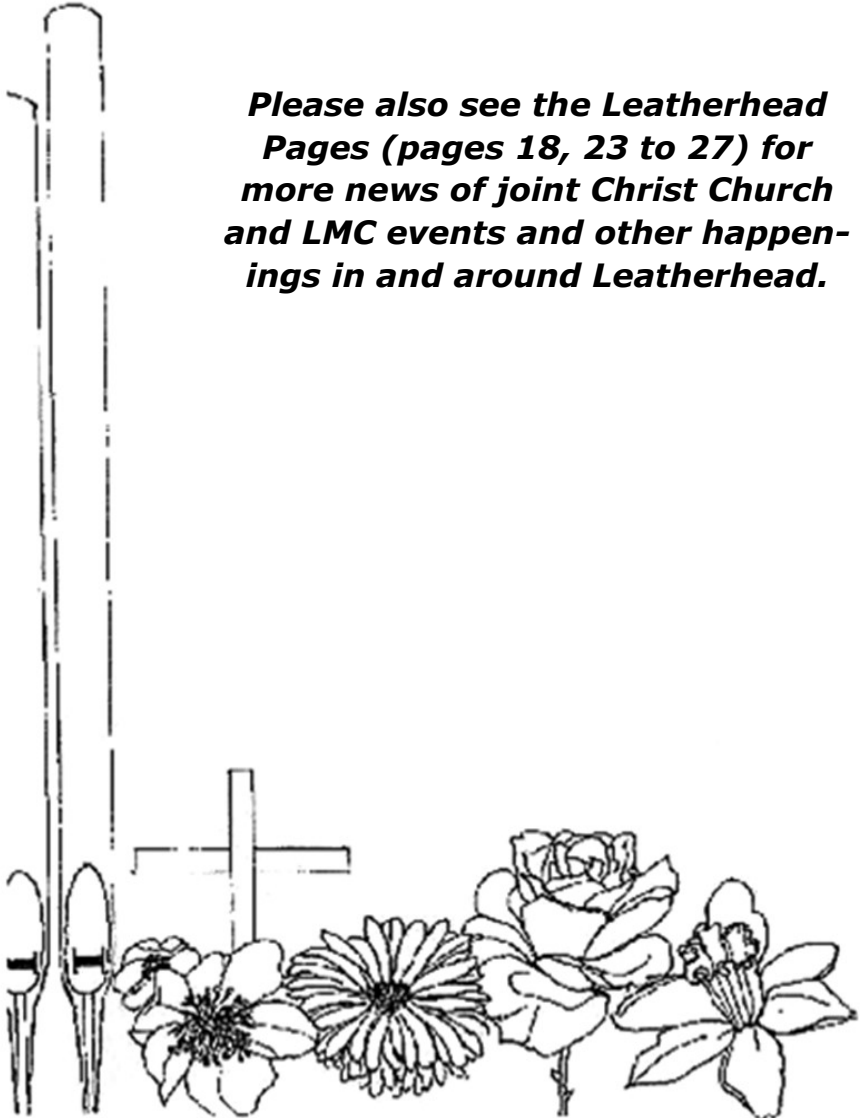
Lunch was served by a very busy kitchen staff - meat, vegetables, etc. and a dessert. A magician, Jonjo, arrived. He was great fun. There was a play and we sang songs we hadn't heard for years. We closed at 4pm. A great day had by all. Thankyou to everyone.

Mary Thorp

Christ Church

(United Reformed) Leatherhead

Please also see the Leatherhead Pages (pages 18, 23 to 27) for more news of joint Christ Church and LMC events and other happenings in and around Leatherhead.



Christ Church Diary



September

Thur	1st	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays at LMC (<i>see p 23</i>)
Fri	2nd	2.30pm	Time for Tea at LMC (<i>to 4.30pm</i>)
Sat	3rd	7.00pm	Social evening at LMC with Rev Jeyapaul
Sun	4th	10.30am	Linda Richards—Holy Communion
Thur	8th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays at LMC (<i>see page 23</i>)
Sat	10th	9.00am	Heritage Weekend (<i>see p30</i>)
Sun	11th	10.30am	Jay Dunning
Wed	14th	12.30pm	Organ Recital— tba
Sun	18th	10.30am	Service led by the Elders
Thurs	22nd	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays at LMC (<i>see page 23</i>)
		3.30pm	Messy Church at LMC (<i>to 5.30pm</i>)
Sat	24th	8.00am	Men's Breakfast at LMC (<i>see page 31</i>)
Sun	25th	10.30am	Rev. Lynda Russell -
		6.30pm	Joint Harvest Festival at LMC
			New Fire at LMC
Tues	27th	2.30pm	Pastoral Prayer Meeting at LMC
Thurs	29th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays at LMC (<i>see page 23</i>)
		7.30 pm	BFree: CTiL Meeting

October

Sat	1st	6.30pm	United Harvest Supper at the Parish Church
Sun	2nd	10.30am	Heather Ward
		6.30 pm	Welcome to Rev Gavin Hancocks, new
			Circuit Superintendent, at London Road
			Methodist Church, Horsham

The Retreats Fellowship

of the United Reformed Church, Southern Synod

This Fellowship is open to **all** who want to deepen their relationship with God through prayer, reflection and silence and who would value the encouragement of others.

Our Final Quiet Day for 2016
will be on
Saturday 1st October, 10am – 4pm

at Swanley URC, High Street, Swanley BR8 8AT
Enabler : Reverend Bernard Fidler

Cost £8 (bring packed lunch, drinks provided)

Further details from :

John Gordon 01323 845380 (revjohngordon@btinternet.com)

Kathy Shaw 01322 557 656 (kathy.shaw316@btinternet.com)

Ken Lynch 01243 862801 (kenneth@lynches.org.uk)

Bookings to Revd Ken Lynch, 15, Hambledon Place, Bognor Regis, PO21 2NE
With name, address and cheque for £8 made out to : Retreats Fellowship SPURC



1st Leatherhead (Christ Church) Scouts



SCRAM 2016

On Saturday, 18th June, approximately 150 Cubs, plus various other adults and Leaders, from the Leatherhead District, travelled in 3 coaches from the Leisure Centre, to the Hook Road Arena, for a 'Fun – filled Day of Activities and Adventure'!

We set off at 8.45am, with the promise of returning for 5.00pm, thus giving their parents a day of 'rest'.

On arrival at the venue, we soon realised that the previous week of rain had made the site rather boggy, with several puddles to be negotiated, before arriving in the activity centre. Still, there were no worries from the cubs, whose attitude was to see all and to enjoy it all, before it all disappeared!

We Leaders were left to set up our various activity bases, whilst the cubs set off around the various other bases and activities.

After lunch, there was a presentation ceremony for the New County Commissioner, after which all the cubs did a rousing version of the Grand Howl. Then it was back to the fun and games.

There were some rather muddy and dishevelled cubs at the end of the day, but fortunately, none of them were from the Leatherhead District! For which the bus drivers would have been extremely grateful, had they seen the others!

Still, we all piled on to our coaches, a tired, but happy bunch of cubs and leaders, ready to set off for home. Well, 2 of our coaches managed to drive off, but unfortunately, the coach carrying the cubs from 1st Leatherhead and Bookham Oaks, did not manage to make it off the field, where it had been parked! Along with another coach, from Woking, it was well and truly 'stuck in the mud'!. After several valiant attempts to push the coaches free, it was decided to wait for more coaches to be sent out, along with equipment to help to free the stranded ones.



That entailed a wait of 2 hours, by which time, the cubs were beginning to wish that they hadn't eaten all of their lunches, as they were now feeling rather hungry. Still, Akela could help some of them by feeding them what was left in her lunch bag (being a properly prepared Akela, she had taken along some extras, in case of emergencies, but not quite like this!)

At long last, the replacement coach arrived and we finally made it back to Leatherhead for 6.45pm, and Cubs and Adults were all able to return home at long last! Still, the cubs will remember being 'stuck in the mud' for real, the next time they play it at a meeting!

Jacqui Ball Akela 1st Leatherhead



Christ Church Family News

Joyce Cuss has moved to Beaumont Care Home, Colley Lane, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 9JB, after some recent health problems. We hope she settles in very quickly, and we send her our warmest good wishes for the future.

Mike and Dinah Essex have moved to Flat 5, Mulberry Court, Barnett Wood Lane, Ashted KT21 2LN. The phone number remains the same. We wish them much happiness in their new home.

After some weeks in hospital, José Henderson has moved to the Beaumont Care Home, 20-22 Church Street, Epsom KT17 4QB, where she is receiving good care. We think of her and John at this time and pray that José's health improves.

Congratulations and very best wishes to Marguerite Kerr, who celebrated her 90th birthday on 10th August with a party of relatives and friends at her care home in Dorking.

Dean and Linda Tapley have moved from the Manse to 74 Hornbeam Road, Reigate, RH2 7LN. We wish them well in their new home and surroundings.

We continue to pray for Hazel Yu, who is now very poorly, and for Ernest and the family.

We remember all these friends in our prayers, and all who need our support.

Anne Cairns

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: Administrator -
Carol Stoves 01372 377125; Office 362145

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
www.effinghammethodistchurch.co.uk
Contact: Senior Steward -
Dave Putland 01372 454850

Cobham United Reformed Church:
38 Stoke Road, Cobham, KT11 3BD
www.cobhamurc.org.uk
Contact: Church Secretary -
Mary Langtry 01483 282421

Cobham Methodist Church:
Cedar Road, Cobham, KT11 2AA
www.cobhammethodistchurch.com
Contact: Senior Steward -
Rhonda Frost 01932 423100



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