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The eternal God is your refuge



and underneath are the everlasting arms

Deuteronomy 33: 27 (NIV)



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The Minister Writes...

From Rev Jan Hofmeyr

Dear Friends,

In the church we put a lot of focus on building up the fellowship amongst the members, and so we should. The warmth, encouragement and support are vital for a healthy church family, just as they are for a human family. But in addition to building up the fellowship, we need also to be aware of, and counteract, anything that might break down that fellowship. One of the main ways in which this can happen is where conflict within the church is not dealt with in a constructive way.

Jesus says in Matthew 18:15, 'If your brother sins against you, go to him and show him his faults. But do it privately, just between yourselves. If he listens to you, you have won your brother back.' In life generally, and also in the church, we don't always follow this advice. If we have a problem with someone, we might talk to a third party, and a fourth and a fifth about it, but not to the person concerned. Maybe it's a way of getting back at this person who has offended us.

John Wesley had what he called 'The 12 rules of a Helper'. They were guidelines for his ministers and leaders. One of them says, 'Speak evil of no one, else your word would eat as does a cancer. Keep your thoughts within your own breast till you come to the person concerned.' Another one of the rules says, 'Tell everyone what you think wrong in them, lovingly and plainly, and as soon as may be, else it will fester in your heart.'

It also happens sometimes that where a person is unhappy with the church, instead of going to talk to the person concerned, they simply stay away from church. They too are not heeding the advice of Jesus, to 'Go and point out the fault...' I think it's significant that Jesus says, '**Go to** the person...'

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Rather don't write a text message or an email, as these can be misread or misunderstood. Even a telephone call is not ideal. Go and speak face to face, says Jesus.

It's no coincidence that on the one side of this passage in Matthew is the parable of the wayward sheep, and on the other side is the teaching of Jesus on forgiving 70X7 times – over and over again. The implication is quite clear: let everything be bracketed by grace and mercy; let it be preceded, and let it be followed, by a desire for reconciliation and restoration.

I read a story about two brothers who farmed on two adjoining farms. One day they had a huge argument and stopped talking to each other or seeing each other. The one felt so strongly that he dug a canal between the two farms and filled it with water as a sign of cutting himself off from his brother. The other brother decided to build a split pole fence between the farms so that he wouldn't have to even see his brother and his farm. He employed a carpenter to come and erect the fence. He also told him the reason for the fence. He then went off for the day and left the carpenter to do his work. But when he got home that evening, he saw, not a fence, but a bridge over the canal. The other brother was so touched by what he thought was a gesture of reconciliation, that he went across to his brother, spoke to him, and the relationship was restored!

We have a choice. Either we can build fences, or we can build bridges. We all know which Jesus would prefer.

Yours in the fellowship of Jesus,

Jan



From Rev Kim Plumpton

Dear Friends,

I hope you've had a good summer and you feel you were able to enjoy some quieter moments amongst the busyness that can often surround us.

We move onwards towards the autumn in a matter of weeks. How quickly the seasons seem to change, although a little confused. I gather we may even enjoy an extended 'summer' into the autumn months. For many of us September will herald our harvest festivals: a time of thanksgiving, a time to consider a God of creation and be reminded that re-creation is very much part of God's ongoing plan for Humankind.

We recently held a funeral in the church after losing a dear friend and not unusually we had various readings and poetry, one such piece was:

The bird that was trapped has flown
The sky that was grey is blue
The bone that was dead has grown
The dream that was dreamed is true
The locked door has been swung wide
The prisoner has been set free
The lips that were sealed have cried
The eye that was blind can see
The tree that was bare is green
The room that was dull is bright
The sheet that was soiled is clean
The dawn that was dark is light
The road that was blocked has no end
The unknown journey is known
The heart that is hurt will mend
The bird that was trapped has flown

By James Robertson

It is not a piece I have encountered before but I was deeply touched by the Poem. I discovered exploring the internet that this poem was included in the anthology '*Tools of the Trade: Poems for New Doctors.*'

The poem constantly reminds us that creation is not standing still, it is a moveable feast. God seeks to re-create, to restore, to

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remake, to release, to re-establish and to reform. The vista that God invites us to cast our eyes upon is not a world that remains the same as it always was but a world that is forever changing. With one eye on this world and another on the next we have the hope that the world can be recreated into one more Kingdom like.

With 842 million people worldwide undernourished, 66 million displaced, there are endless figures to back up the fact that re-establishing resources in places where it is most needed would offer many real hope. A world more Kingdom-like and which honours the blessed gift we were first given is I suspect the challenge every generation must grapple with. So whether we are using resources from Commitment for Life or All We Can or WaterAid amongst the many others, we can be reminded that recreation is also something that God actively invites us to participate in.

Every blessing

Kim

“Cherry Trees” Barn Dance



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We have had contacts with the children’s charity “Cherry Trees” since the autistic son of our former minister Ian Howarth used to spend time there in respite care.

“Cherry Trees” are holding a fund-raising barn dance at the Old Barn Hall in Bookham at 7.30pm on Saturday, September 21st. For full details, tickets and early booking discounts see www.cherrytrees.org.uk.





Cobham United Church Worship Diary

September

- Sun 1st 9.00am Early Bird Service**
10.30am Rev Sue Conroy
- Sun 8th 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion**
- Sun 15th 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton with baptism**
- Sun 22nd 10.30am Harvest Festival: Rev Kim Plumpton, followed by come-and-share lunch and talk on Canine Partners**
- Sun 29th 10.30am Rev Stephen Thornton**

October

- Sun 7th 9.00am Early Bird Service**
10.30am Methodist preacher tba

Prayers at the Manse
Wednesdays at 9.30am
September: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th



Cobham Events

September

Tues 3rd	9.45am	Church Walk
	8.00pm	Trustees Meeting
Thur 5th	6.30pm	Men's Fellowship: The Fairmile, Portsmouth Rd
Fri 13th	2.30pm	Bereavement Café at CUC (to 4.00pm) (see p 11)
Sat 14th	All Day	Cobham Heritage Day
Thur 19th	7.30pm	Circuit Meeting at Partridge Green
Sat 21st	7.30pm	"Cherry Trees" Barn Dance at Bookham (for details see www.cherrytrees.org.uk)
Thur 26th	3.45pm	Messy Church (to 5.45pm)

Mustard Seed:

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



Your invitation to:



26th September 3.45 - 5.45pm
Cobham United Church

Cobham, Oxshott and Stoke D'Abernon Churches Together

When opportunity knocks, you still have to get up to open the door.



C U C

**HARVEST SERVICE
22nd SEPTEMBER 10:30am**

**Followed by
'PotLuck Lunch'
With Speaker from
Canine Partners**

Please bring tinned or dry goods for
the Foodbank and for Lunchbox

MUD-RUN for CHARITY

On a thankfully cooler day than anticipated, four of us set off in tutus (on public transport, to my horror!) to Guildford to attend the Race for Life 5K Mud Run in aid of Cancer Research. Having lost my mum, grandma, grandad and auntie to cancer, I wanted to do something in response and what better way than an assault course over 5K. It was by no means an easy task, with numerous obstacles to climb, scramble through or just get muddy, but it was wholesome hearty fun. I spent so much time laughing my way through the course that my two daughters and my niece soon followed suit. Although it was challenging, we were driven by a desire, like so many of you, to see an end to cancer which has deprived so many of us of loved ones.

I am delighted to say that your donations enabled me to raise a total of £1193.50, for which I cannot say **Thank You** enough. I am so grateful to everyone who made a donation and that together we were able to make a difference.

Thank you again for your generosity and kindness.

Kim



Bereavement *Café*

A place to talk

with people who understand

Cobham United Church
38 Stoke Road
Cobham KT11 3BD

Second Friday of each month
From 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm
Starting 13th September 2019

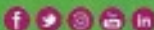
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Hospice

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A Prayer of Thanks and Dedication

Father, we thank you for your faithful love for us which never ceases. It is new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lord, you are God who created the heavens and earth and put everything in place. You made the world to be lived in not a place of empty chaos. You publicly proclaim bold promises; you do not whisper obscurities in dark corners.

We thank you for giving us the vision to renovate the church and for providing the resources to build, and believe you will make our thoughts and plans agreeable to your will so that the plans for this project may succeed. Your word, Father, declares that for lack of advice, plans go wrong, but with many advisors there is success. Therefore, we confess that we will seek the counsel of the godly as we proceed with this project. The vision of this project has been shown to members of the congregation so that those involved can carry the correct message to others. Father, we expect you to call forth competent and skilled workers and they will be filled with the Spirit of wisdom, understanding and knowledge in all manner of workmanship. We proclaim that all involved in this project will focus their attention and efforts so that they can successfully complete their assignments and bring glory and honour to your name. Father we are confident that the new facilities will be completed because you have begun this good work.

Father, please bless this new project to provide activities for our Church family and the families in the community that will provide relaxation and enjoyment. Please provide all of the wisdom, finance and resources we will need to complete our vision.

We pray that all things done will be done with your grace and glory.

Amen.

Courtesy of Liz McGibbon



Effingham

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Birthday Dates for September:

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:
Dougie Reed on the 17th and Pat Crawford on the
26th September.

Please let us know about birthdays and BIG anniversaries!!



Dates for your diaries ~ Our Church Council will meet on Tuesday 8th October from 10.00 -12noon in the Chapel. Please join us and send any items for the agenda to our Church Secretary **Gill Walker** as soon as possible please.



Churches Together Litter Pick

Saturday 21st September
from 9.30 to 11.30am
There will be gloves, litter pickers and High Vis jackets supplied. Meet outside All Saints Church.

Effingham Methodist Diary



September

Sun 1st 10.00am Rev Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion

Sun 8th 10.00am John Bees

Tues 10th 2.30pm Tuesday Tea in Our Lady of Sorrows Hall

Wed 11th 3.30pm Messy Church in St Lawrence Hall (to 5.30)

Thur 12th 10.00am Connect dementia group in St Lawrence's
Hall (to 12 noon)

2.15pm Christian Meditation in the church

**Fri 13th 10.00am Heritage Weekend with refreshments
(to 5pm)**

Sat 14th 10.00am Heritage Weekend with refreshments

Sun 15th 10.00am David Cappitt

**12noon Heritage weekend with refreshments
(to 4pm)**

Thur 19th 12,30pm Oasis Bible Lunch Group in the hall

Fri 20th 2.00pm Precious Moments (see p18)

Sun 22nd 10.00am Harvest Festival with Jay Dunning

Tues 24th 2.30pm Tuesday Tea in Our Lady of Sorrows Hall

Thur 26th 10.00am Connect dementia group in St Lawrence
Hall (to 12 noon)

2.15pm Christian Meditation in the church

**Sun 29th 10.00am United at St Lawrence's with Rev Gavin
Hancocks**

October

**Sat 5th 10.00am Flower Festival with refreshments
(to 4pm)**

**Sun 6th 10.00am Chapel Anniversary with the new
District Chair**

Tues 8th 10.00am Church Council meeting (to 12 noon)

Prayers in the Chapel at 9.30am every Friday

Messy Church for primary school children and their parent/carer



St. Lawrence Church Hall in Brown's Lane

**Wednesdays 11th September and 9th October
~ 3.30 -5.30pm**

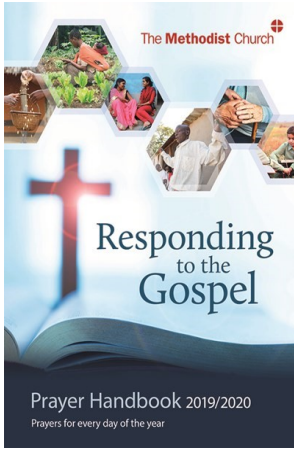
For more information contact Gill on 01372 457987



**This year Effingham's
Harvest Festival will be on
Sunday 22nd September @
10am
led by Jay Dunning**

**then
Our Lady of Sorrows will be
hosting an Ecumenical
Service at 4.00pm**





Responding to the Gospel – our new Prayer Handbook for 2019/20 is now available. A 31 day prayer-cycle links Methodists around the World with beautiful poetic reflections and aids to devotion and a daily lectionary to guide you through the year. The Friday prayer group uses it every week.

The theme is from **Our Calling**, and explores how we are called to respond to the gospel by demonstrating God’s love, grace and generosity. Our response should involve action as well as prayer and may be challenging, but we’ll be strengthened by working in partnership with followers of Christ locally, nationally and internationally. **Copies are available in the Hall or**

from Dave at £3.50 each.



Our Church's Anniversary



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



'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.

September meetings are on the 12th and 26th, and on the 26th Steve Carter will be visiting and will show us how to make some pottery.

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: September 10th and 24th, and fortnightly thereafter.

On Sept 24th we shall be entertained by Greensand Ridge, a local folk duo

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
20th Sept, 18th Oct,
29th Nov, 20th Dec**

For more information Contact:01372 457987

Heritage Open Days Weekend



Effingham Chapel will be taking part in **Heritage Open Days for the 11th year running** and will be open on **Friday 13th & Saturday 14th from 10am to 5pm and Sunday 15th 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 ?

We need volunteers to talk to visitors, or help with refreshments, or bake some cakes or scones, or play with kids in the fossil dig ? ?? **There's a ROTA in the hall**

**Please talk to Pat or Janet about cakes or quiches.
Or ring Ange & Dave .**

It's the **25th Anniversary of Heritage Open Days** this year and the theme is *PEOPLE POWER* ~ a recognition of the myriad ways that people have changed the world, from marches and sit-ins to peaceful protests and rebel songs. The power of local communities to evoke change ! So we'll be highlighting some local organisations, and people who have changed and shaped our world around Effingham. Including local heroes **Admiral Lord Howard** of Effingham, of Armada fame and WWII hero **Sir Barnes Wallis**. Plus the Chapel's history as we'll celebrate our 165th anniversary next month, and hope to have a newly erected cross on the roof and a re-cut memorial plaque.



RIDE + STRIDES for Churches

Cyclists will be dropping by for signatures on sponsor forms and we'll be providing refreshments and a "comfort break" as usual.

*The sponsorship money collected is divided into two, with half going to the church of the cyclist's choice; the other half is retained by the **Surrey Churches Preservation Trust** for distribution to churches in need who apply for a grant.*

In the dozen or so years that the Bike Ride has been running, Surrey has raised over £250,000.

**This year's event is on Saturday 14th September
so now coinciding with
Heritage weekend again this year ! Hooray !**

See ROTA in Hall if you'd like to help





Prayers in September

As Methodists, we're encouraged to join with the Catholic and Orthodox Churches in observing the **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1st September every year**. Prayer and worship resources are produced annually by *Churches Together in Britain and Ireland* and are commended for wider use. Churches, Circuits and Districts are also challenged to think again about taking practical steps to express their care for God's creation. Resources for **Creation Time** can

be found on :

<https://ctbi.org.uk/category/spirituality-and-reflection/creation-time/>

The World Council of Churches also has a collection of 34 short videos on **Creation Time** on [YouTube](#) and more resources on <https://www.oikoumene.org/en/what-we-do/climate-change/time-for-creation>

Do YOU have any ideas about a few things we can do to help to make the world more just and sustainable?

"When our relationship with creation is broken, it has a devastating impact for all of our relationships. We're living at a time when the strain on creation is greater than ever before. This is a result of unsustainable development, unbridled consumption and environmental degradation. This is a violation of God's intention for creation, but it's also taking a toll on people, particularly the most vulnerable among us. It's a special challenge for our generation. In the last 25 years, more people have escaped poverty than at any other time in history, because the world economy has grown - but the way we've done it is unsustainable ! We've changed the climate and damaged the environment, and if nothing changes, this will push millions of people back into poverty" .

Tearfund 's Live Just.ly

(Group studies in 6 key areas of life: advocacy, prayer, consumption, generosity, relationships and creation). **Buy or download**

EDUCATION SUNDAY



2019: Form and Flourish - to re-form

This year Education Sunday is on **Sunday September 8th 2019.**

The theme is “Form and Flourish to re-form” and resources are available on Churches Together in England website.

www.cte.org.uk/educationsunday2019

A Christian view of education sees it as a life-long process, for the whole person, so that, formed in the image of God, we may take up Jesus’ offer to us to flourish and live life in all its fullness. As we are educated, we discover who we are, our unique gifts and skills, and our role within our community, our country, and our world. Education does, however, present challenges for all of us, in different ways.

God formed us in the first place and we are reminded of this elemental truth in the reading from Psalm 139. In being formed, we must also be open to being re-formed, like the spoiled vessel in the reading from Jeremiah. Just as broken pottery can be re-formed, by God’s grace, we too have opportunities for second chances and new starts. God doesn’t give up on us. Our churches have a critical role in presenting and living the Gospel in ways that demonstrate the reality of that as found in Jesus Christ. Education Sunday offers us an opportunity to celebrate all that is good in education, to give thanks for teachers and learners, educational leaders and support staff; to rejoice with those who succeed and provide reassurance for those who struggle. This Education Sunday we pray that, through God’s power, all those who study or work in schools, colleges or universities, may flourish and be open to knowing God’s love as they are formed and re-formed.



The Parish of Effingham with Little Bookham
invite
**All residents of Effingham and Little Bookham
(and their friends and family) to:**



A Great Village Harvest Weekend

28th – 29th September 2019

Eat – Drink – Be Merry
Share our thankfulness for the good gifts around us

Join us at:

6.30pm Saturday 28th September

@ Tithe Barn, Manor House Farm,
Manor House Lane, Little Bookham
Bring a dish and a bottle to share

Enjoy local musical talent
Ping pong, table football and kids harvest activities
Meet Effingham and Little Bookham's schools,
clubs and societies

10.00am Sunday 29th September

@ St. Lawrence's Church, Effingham
Join in Harvest festive songs
Help us collect items for a local charity

Harvest 2019: Church and Community Together

#Effinghamlittlebookhamcelebrate

Churches together in Effingham & Little Bookham will have a stand at the Saturday evening event and then, as this is a 5th Sunday,
Circuit Superintendent Rev. Gavin Hancocks will be joining Effingham's **Rector Rev Mandy Macvean** to lead worship in the
Ecumenical Service at St. Lawrence Church at 10am.

Dorking and Horsham Circuit
NEWSLETTER

**September
October and
November 2019**

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

As we journey into this coming Connexional Year we do so in the throes of a significant change being contemplated by Conference. Many will be aware that Conference this year considered the report *God in Love Unites Us* by the Marriage and Relationships Task Group. The main thrust of this group's work was to explore the Methodist Church of Great Britain's position in relationship to the whole gamut of human relationships and as you may imagine it is quite comprehensive – 69 pages the amended version is!

The most significant, and also most contentious, outcome of the report is a suggested review of the definition of marriage to include same sex partnerships. To that end the Conference has recommended the report to the Connexion for study and prayerful discussion. We will be seeking to facilitate that conversation across the Circuit in the coming months and are awaiting the provision of materials to assist us in that process.

Conference has also directed that Synods deliberate on the provisional resolutions contained in the report and I imagine our Autumn Synod will inform us of how our conversations might be reflected in its deliberations.

As we come to this conversation can I invite us all to do so with open hearts and open ears. I am only too well aware of the deep well of pain reflected in this issue and when we simply dismiss that pain, we end up dismissing one another. It is an incredibly costly thing to hold onto each other in the midst of being deeply divided over specific issues and the report recognises that fact. It seeks to find ways to help us hold on to one another even if we have contradictory points of view on this subject and my prayer is that we will indeed be able to do so.

The writer of 1 John says in chapter 4 v 16b: 'God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.' Let us take this injunction from the writer of 1 John and allow it to enable us to connect with the mystery that is God in each and every one of us so that we might be able to bear the tension and hold one another even if we find it impossible to hold the other's position.

Should you wish to avail yourself of the Conference Report and other materials they can be found here: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-church/marriage-and-relationships-2019/>

Yours in the Gospel.

Gavin

The Methodist Church 

EFFINGHAM

Gill Walker is a Local Hero! She was nominated for an *Essential Surrey Local Heroes Award* for her work with 'Connect', Effingham's social group for dementia sufferers and their carers, started with Kim several years ago. Gill was nominated by a group member, who explained what a difference these fortnightly group meetings had made to his and his wife's lives.

Churches together are organising more bibles for our local primary school, a sing-along evening to raise money for **Christian Aid**, some more litter pick sessions around the village and Advent meetings. Meanwhile **Connect** has a programme of regular activities including exercise to music and Kim provides a monthly Dementia-friendly church service 'Precious Moments' at the Chapel. **Messy Church** and **Tuesday teas** are going strong.

This year is the 25th anniversary of Heritage Open Days, England's largest festival of history and culture. Effingham Chapel will be open on 13th, 14th & 15th September. This year the theme is **People Power** – the ability of local communities, groups and individuals to evoke change. So we're highlighting **climate change** and some of the problems facing our world today with an exhibition "**There is NO Planet B**". We hope to raise awareness and generate ideas on how we can be involved in doing our bit to protect our earth for generations to come. There's also our normal display about local and Methodist history, and the Surrey Dinosaur, **Baryonyx**, will be starring along with meteorites, local fossils and a fossil dig for kids! There are all day refreshments: ploughman's lunches, cream teas, lots of cakes, so please pop in for a chat. See our entry on the website:

<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting> and for lots more events throughout whole of England ! Our **Harvest Festival** will be on 22nd September, with an ecumenical service at **Our Lady of Sorrows** in the afternoon, then we'll be celebrating our **165th Chapel Anniversary** on **5th & 6th October** with a flower festival, cream teas and a display about the Chapel's history. **Revd David Hinchliffe**, the new **District Chair** will lead our Sunday service which will be followed by a Faith lunch.

Ange and David Putland

PARTRIDGE GREEN

At the end of June, many of our congregation took part in an ecumenical church service in the village playing fields, with breakfast supplied for all, by our Village Café friends. It was an inspiring opportunity to worship with many parishoners who worship at other churches in the village.

At the end of August we will be hosting yet another "Messy Church" morning for the younger members of our community. This morning is entitled "Dazzling Disciples" which should prove to be a fun morning for all!

At last, the refurbishment to the front porch has now commenced and we look forward to a more welcoming entrance to our church, and this will also improve our access for the disabled.

We also anticipate the delivery of a new notice board which is to be erected in our small front church garden. So many things are changing here in Partridge Green! Exciting times for all! *Alison James*

CHRISTIAN RESOURCES EXHIBITION

At Sandown Park, Esher, again
October 15 to 17
www.creonline.co.uk

LEATHERHEAD

Some of the men from our church attended the New Wine Conference for Men in Ealing. Rev. Mark Melliush, who welcomed us, is leader of the New Wine movement in the UK. We enjoyed worshipping with around 120 men and we heard from inspiring speakers who gave us both teaching and testimony.

In June we held a United Pentecost Service at which the congregation from LMC was joined by the congregations from the Parish Church and Christ Church. It was a delight to have a full church worshipping together and singing a mixture of contemporary and traditional hymns and songs.

In July we had another terrific and successful Messy Church, our "Messy Summer", and in August Nic Joyce ("Joycey"), our Youth & Children's Worker, along with Holly from the Parish, plus loads of volunteers from LMC, Christ Church and the Parish ran a holiday club "The Big Build". We had an amazing 50 children attend. The team worked really well together and we're so grateful for all the time and energy given up to make the week happen.

We now look forward to our Ecumenical Harvest Supper and Festival in the autumn and our Church Anniversary on 5th October when Revd Ian Howarth will be travelling down from Birmingham to lead our worship.

Les Prescott

LONDON ROAD, HORSHAM

After 49 years in Horsham and as faithful and active members of LRMC, we bade farewell to John and Margaret Moon as they move on 2 August to a Methodist Homes retirement flat in Waterlooville. Both John and Margaret have suffered ill health of late and they have decided it is time to enjoy greater care and be closer to family. Over the years John undertook a number of Circuit roles and when known we will publish their address so that members may write if they wish. We were pleased to join in 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer activities in June with a number of prayer stations around the Church and are also seeking to take part in One Good Friday in April 2020 when the Passion of Jesus will be performed in Horsham on Good Friday. We have a quiz evening for Christian Aid on September 28th, further details to follow, but if you are interested please call Carolyn King or Trefor Little. We have Family Holiday Fun sessions running across August based around 'Open the Book' sessions that we are also using in a number of school assembly visits. We are already starting to think about how we again support the Night Shelter initiative in Horsham using our premises one night a week between December and March to provide support, a bed and meal to the local homeless.

Philip Reeves

ST ANDREWS

Our Waterfall journey has now finished and has inspired us to be more mindful of God and His blessings through our days. We plan to go deeper on this journey in our small/SALT groups with more discussion material from the course. Since we will be occupied with this, our next Alpha course will not be until the New Year. Our Garden Party will be on 31st August, with cream teas and craft stalls, from 2 o'clock. Later in the year we will have another Quiz evening (23rd November). Look out for details.

Sue Randell

DORKING

Our work between Church and Community continues actively through the energy of Chaplain, Managers, Cook and other volunteers. Shortly before this publication, there will have been another *Holiday at Home* run alongside the URC, providing for those for whom a standard holiday can't be arranged. A chip-fryer adds to the lunch menu, and we have had to attend to repair of both boilers on our premises. We are in the process of appointing a new paid Saturday cook again after a spell of using volunteers. Our usual annual Quiz to support the Centre and Christian Aid takes place on Saturday October 19 from 6.15 pm — contact Elizabeth for bookings on emddh7@hotmail.com.

SOUTHWATER

As Autumn approaches, we are thankful to God for a full summer of activities for children and young people in the village, a last ever trip to Soul Survivor, and time for rest and restoration with our friends and families. Juliet and Angie are resuming their busy programmes within the local schools and clubs in Beeson House. Little Stars continues to make meaningful connections with parents of pre-schoolers and babies, whilst Young at Heart continues to serve the older members of our village. It is encouraging that the Open the Book team have been invited to deliver assemblies in two more local schools. This is a great opportunity to spread the message to children who may have no contact with church. Our Church Away Day in September sees us review our mission, identity and calling to serve our village as God leads.

Tina Andrews

COBHAM

An evening with John Blanchard, international speaker and author, offered a gathering of 60 people from the local churches an insight into one of his books "Why Are You Here?". As an apologist, John invited us to consider this question through the lens of science and the intricacies of the cosmos, It became clear that science is only able to answer some of the questions we ask ourselves. There are many unanswerable questions concerning the capacity of humankind to make decisions, and the emotional, social and political complexities we work through each day. John was clear that creation was no accidental occurrence – the outcome of a mixture of chemical reactions, but an intentional design by a creative God. After a time of discussion it was clear that we had been given plenty to think about. Grateful thanks must go to John, and also to Andrew Richardson or new Social Convenor who organised the event

We are settling in to the new organisational structure, with the five convenors all reporting to the recent Church Meeting.

A new venture due to start in September is a bereavement café, in association with the Princess Alice Hospice. Two members went with Kim for training in preparation for this.

The sale of the Cedar Road property is only waiting for the two sets of solicitors to sort out one final point. We hope to exchange contracts at the beginning of September.

David Cappitt

Leatherhead Pages

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



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3.30pm to 5.30pm at:

Next Messy Church for Leatherhead:

Thursday 19th September,



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.



WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteer help is always needed and is vital for the continued running and development of our shop. Maybe you can't commit to every week but could pop in every now and then?



Role Title: Clothes Organiser

What you would be doing: sorting and steaming clothes

Perfect for you if: you enjoy making something look its absolute best



Role Title: Baby Gro Marshal

What you would be doing: Keeping our huge drawers of baby-gros tidy and in order

Perfect for you if: you enjoy arranging cute things



Role Title: Café Assistant

What you would be doing: Making teas and coffees

Perfect for you if: you can make the perfect brew and chat at the same time



Role Title: Toy Keeper

What you would be doing: Keeping our toys, books and puzzles tidy and in order

Perfect for you if: you have an eye for detail and can sense a missing piece a mile off



Role Title: Gardener

What you would be doing: Helping to keep our garden looking presentable

Perfect for you if: you have green fingers

Please email Becci at B@titude if you would like more information or can help. Her email address is becci@batitude.org. Thank you so much.

Could you be a B@titude Trustee?

B@titude formed in 2005 and we are very thankful for our past and present trustees who have ensured the smooth running of our charity to date. We are now in need of some new trustees as we continue to grow and serve the community of North Leatherhead.

These roles are fully flexible so please don't be put off!

Prayer is important to B@titude and we value prayer in our trustee meetings too.

We'd love to chat to you about these roles so if you are interested please contact Jenny or Ruth.

jenny@batitude.org or ruth@batitude.org

01372 374666

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 22nd September

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 6th September - "Singers in Harmony"

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

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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coffee
whilst your
child plays



For More Information
Contact Joycey on
Joycey.lmcyouth@gmail.com





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Leatherhead's Lunchtime Concerts

Leatherhead Concert & Arts Society
Regd Charity 1166764

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

Programme may change.

• **Thursday 5th Sep • 12.30 lunchtime**
Music on Thursdays at LMC

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

Aileen Henry, baroque harp

Toby Carr, lute / theorbo

17th century Italian music

• **Thursday 12th Sep • 12.30 lunchtime**
Music on Thursdays at LMC

Poulsen Piano Trio

violin • cello • piano

• **Weds 18th Sep • 12.30 lunchtime**
Wednesdays at Christ Church

Guest Organist

Paul Ayres

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• **Thursday 26th Sep • 12.30 lunchtime**

JAZZ on Thursday at LMC

Eddie Lee

Jazz pianist

courtesy of the Royal Academy of Music

• **Thursday 3rd Oct • 12.30 lunchtime**

Music on Thursdays at LMC

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

The Two Classical Guitars of

Francisco Correa &

David Massey

• **Thursday 10th Oct • 12.30 lunchtime**

Music on Thursdays at LMC

Spanish accordion player

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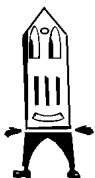
• **Weds 16th Oct • 12.30 lunchtime**

Wednesdays at Christ Church

Guest organist: Polina Sosnina

St Martin-in-the-Fields &

Temple Church



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 1st September, we'll have the first Sunday lunch in the Lower Hall. It's a bring and share lunch, and all are welcome to join us.

On Sunday 6th October, Rev. Ian Howarth will be with us 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

LMC Family News



Our thoughts and prayers...

... are with all teachers and students, particularly those from our own church family, who may be facing different challenges and experiences at the start of a new academic year,

... and are also with all our members, relatives and friends. We especially remember any who are recently bereaved, anyone who might feel lonely, those who are unwell - whether at home or in hospital, those in residential or nursing care and all who look after them day by day. In particular, we think of Harry & Peggy Robinson and James & Jean Ross.

TALKING JESUS

The "Talking Jesus" course has been developed to equip Christians to talk about Jesus, sensitively, appropriately and with respect, in everyday life. There are six sessions which will all include a Bible reading and prayer, a short video, discussion and reflection.

All three LMC House Groups will be following the course, starting in September. Another group is being formed just for the purpose of this course, for those not in an existing group. This group will meet on Tuesday evenings, but if you are not in an existing house group, and can't make Tuesday evenings but would like to join in the course, please speak to Jan or one of the stewards and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Want to know more? Speak to Jan, or one of the house group leaders, or Les. Or you can go to www.talkingjesus.org



Diary



September

Sun 1st 10.30am Rev. Kath Jones - Holy Communion

Tues 3rd 9.00am Prayers in the Vestry

Thurs 5th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 34*)

Fri 6th 2.30pm Time for Tea

**Sun 8th 10.30am James Wild
6.30pm Rev. Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion**

Tues 10th 9.00am Prayers in the Vestry

Thurs 12th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 34*)

Sun 15th 10.30am Rev. Jan Hofmeyr

Tues 17th 9.00am Prayers in the Vestry

2.30pm Pastoral Visitors' Quarterly Meeting

Wed 18th 12.30pm Organ Recital at Christ Church (*see p 34*)

Thurs 19th 3.30pm Messy Church (*to 5.30pm*)

Sat 21st 9.30am Church open for Heritage Weekend (*to 4pm*)

**Sun 22nd 10.30am Rev. Robert Davey
1.00pm Church open for Heritage Weekend (*to 4pm*)
6.30pm New Fire at AllSaints café**

Tues 24th 9.00am Prayers in the Vestry

7.45pm Leadership Team Meeting at LMC

Thurs 26th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 34*)

Sat 28th 6.30pm Joint Harvest Supper at LMC (*see page 29*)

**Sun 29th 10.30am Rev. Jan Hofmeyr -
Joint Harvest Festival/Parade Service
with Christ Church at LMC**

5.00pm Concert - "The Pretty Ring Time" (*see p 40*)

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Diary continued

October

Tues 1st 9.00am Prayers in the Vestry

Thurs 3rd 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 34*)

Fri 4th 2.30pm Time for Tea

**Sun 6th 10.30am Church Anniversary -
Rev. Ian Howarth - Holy Communion**

“Eternal Father, strong to save” (modern version!)

Eternal Father throned afar
who gave us skill to invent the car,
And helped us make a highway code
to give us safety on the road,
O help us all drive carefully
and from car crashes keep us free.

O Saviour who has purged our stains
in modern times we now have planes,
We quickly go from place to place
but for our safety need Your grace,
O help us to depend on You
for all the travelling which we do.

O Holy Spirit we repent
of having harmed the environment,
Acknowledging our urgent need
to live more simply, curb our greed,
O make us more pollution-free
and to live more sustainably.

Our thanks to Bob Greenfield for submitting this



Saturday/Sunday 21st/22nd September

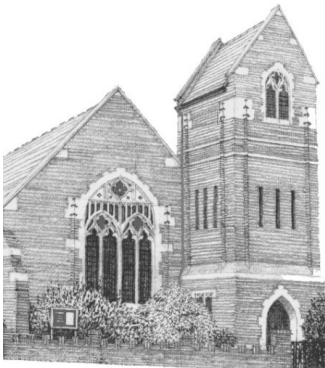
Our Church will be open to the public on Saturday 21st September from 9.30am to 4.00pm and on Sunday 22nd September from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. This is part of a national event when public buildings, places of historic interest and churches are open to the public.

In 1791 John Wesley, founder of Methodism, preached what was to be his last sermon in Kingston House, now Wesley House in Leret Way. In 1860 a small group of Methodists met in Bridge Street before moving in 1887 to the current church which was erected as a memorial to John Wesley.

We will have on display artefacts and archives relating to the Wesleys including volumes of John's journal and letters. Details of his visit to Kingston House and his little book 'Primitive Physic: a book of old fashioned cures and remedies' will be on display together with a scrap book of our Church activities.

Stewards will be on hand to dispense refreshments and engage with the public. If you would like to help please get in touch.

*Fred Meynen
01372 372930*



'The Pretty Ring Time' - Sunday 29th September at 5pm at LMC

Alice Bishop (soprano) and Simon Marlow (piano) return to LMC for another Arts Alive Concert. This programme explores songs of youth and love - in the subject matter and also in the choice of some early works by child-prodigy composers. Fanny Mendelssohn's delightfully tuneful songs will start us off, followed by beautiful love-songs by Korngold and some Brahms favourites. A selection from Lili Boulanger's extraordinarily expressive 'Clairières dans le ciel' and a set of charming songs by Chausson complete the programme.

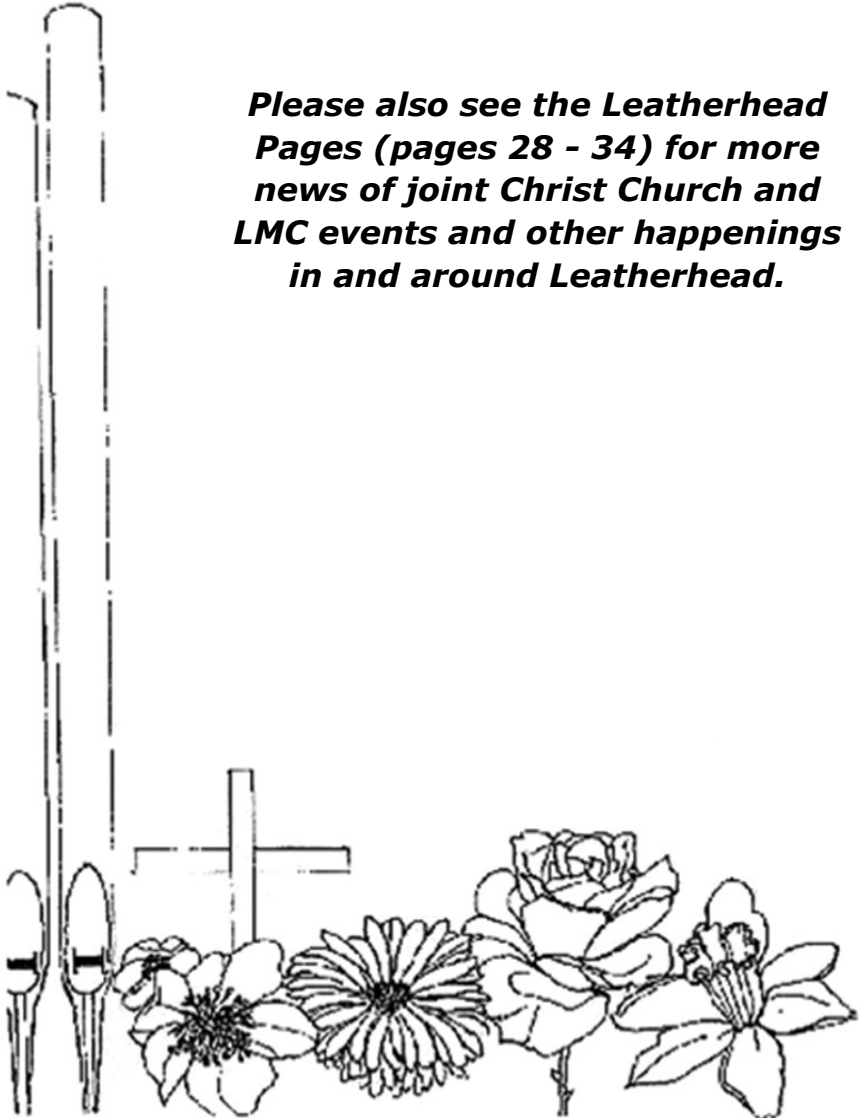
Entry is free with a retiring collection. Tea and cakes will be served in the interval.



Christ Church

(United Reformed) Leatherhead

*Please also see the Leatherhead
Pages (pages 28 - 34) for more
news of joint Christ Church and
LMC events and other happenings
in and around Leatherhead.*



Christ Church Diary



September

Sun 1st 10.30pm Thelma Roberts

Wed 4th 7.30pm House group: 3, Orchardleigh

Sun 8th 10.30am Rev Jan Hofmeyr: Holy Communion

Wed 11th 2.00pm Church Meeting with the Moderator,
Rev Nicola Furley-Smith

Sun 15th 10.30am Rev Robert Blows

Wed 18th 12.30pm Organ Recital: Paul Ayres

7.30pm House group: 3, Orchardleigh

Sat 21st 7.30pm Cherry Trees Barn Dance at Old Barn Hall,
Bookham*

Sun 22nd 10.30am Rev Jan Hofmeyr, Church Meeting

Tues 24th 7.45pm SPO rehearsals weekly until 5 Nov.

Sat 28th 6.30pm LMC: Joint Harvest Supper/Murder Mystery
Evening (*see p29*)

**Sun 29th 10.30am LMC: Rev Jan Hofmeyr: Joint Harvest
Festival and Parade Service.**

October

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**

*: For details of the Cherry Trees Barn Dance, see:

www.cherrytrees.org.uk

Christ Church Family News



Congratulations and all good wishes to Heather Ward and Anne Ray who celebrated their 80th birthdays on July 31st and August 21st respectively.

Phyllis and Bernard Fisher are grateful for the thoughts and support given by the church family following the recent death of Phyl's mother. Phyl's mother was alert and interested until her final days (aged 95) and was able to show concern over Bernard's scans, which were favourable.

We are very sorry to report the untimely death on 5th July of Sandy Kidd, husband of Barbara and father of Molly. Sandy was a highly respected and well-loved anaesthetist at Epsom Hospital. Although not a church member, he always gave his full support to Barbara and Molly when they were part of our church family. We extend our sincere condolences to Barbara and Molly in their loss.

We were very sad to receive the news of Lindsay Trim's death on 15th July. Lindsay joined Christ Church in 1983, serving as an elder for some years, until December 2012 when she suffered a devastating stroke leaving her without speech. She was matron at St John's School and was also involved with many community and caring activities, including the Girl Guides, Messy Church and Leatherhead History Society and the museum. She was loved by everyone and was an inspiration to us all. We give thanks for her life of dedication to others and her Christian witness. We send our deep sympathy to Richard and all the family in their loss.

We remember these friends in our prayers and those with ongoing health problems including Robert Blows, Mike Essex, Mary Keene, Jenny Lloyd, Jill Osmond, Hilary Porter and Julia Rogers, also the bereaved, and friends unable to attend church.

Anne Cairns would like to thank everyone very much for the kind messages, prayers and cards she has received after her recent wrist fracture. It was a serious break, so treatment will continue for some weeks, but she is hopeful of a good recovery.

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):

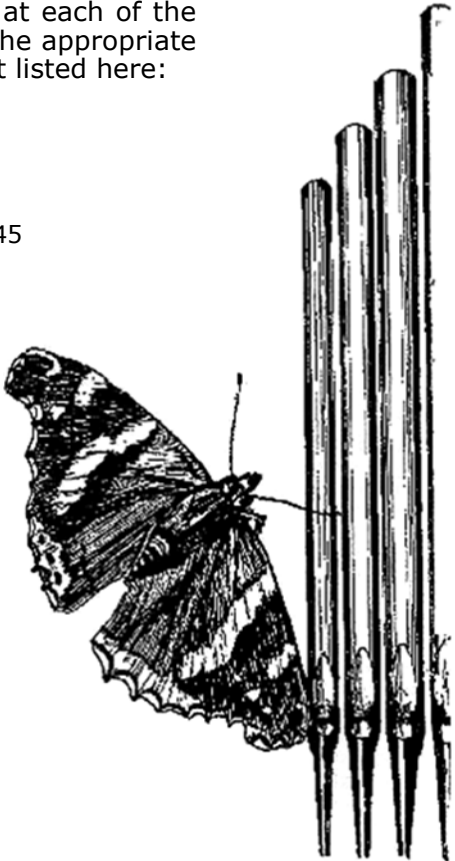
Epsom Road, Leatherhead, KT22 8ST
www.chch.org.uk
Contact: Church Secretary -
Mike Essex 01372 273472

Effingham Methodist Church:

Chapel Hill, Effingham, KT24 5NB
www.effinghammethodistchurch.co.uk
Contact: Senior Steward -
Dave Putland 01372 454850

Cobham United Church:

38 Stoke Road, Cobham, KT11 3BD
www.cobhamurc.org.uk
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Mary Langtry 01483 282421



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