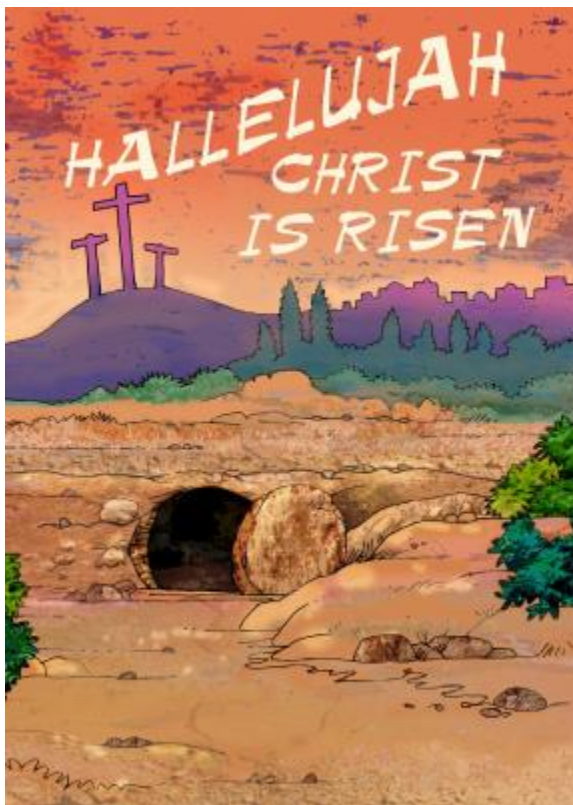


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### **The United Pastorate of Leatherhead, Cobham & Effingham**

The next Pastorate Service will be held at Leatherhead Methodist Church at 5.00pm on Sunday 31st May, followed by tea.

All very welcome.

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## *The Ministers Write...*

**From Rev. Kim Plumpton**

Dear friends,

It's not always easy discerning what material to use for Lent study; it's not that there is a lack of resources, on the contrary the problem is the choice is endless. However last year as part of our Advent study we began to look at Philip Yancey's book "What's so amazing about grace?" As the study material covered 10 weeks we endeavoured to study four weeks for Advent and the remaining six weeks as our Lent study.

"Grace" is a word that readily falls from our lips without hesitation. It is a word we encounter so much in the church, in the language we use in our prayers, our liturgy and often in our reflections. We talk of grace as though we are familiar friends, knowing its depths and unchallenged by its utterance, but to my surprise I find I am in unfamiliar territory when I think upon the grace of God.

Philip Yancey explains "We are called to demonstrate sacrificial love to the world, to dispense God's grace. *But the world doesn't deserve it!!* That's the point of grace. No one deserves it. It's free of charge, a gift of God, counterforce against revenge, violence and evil."

What might it look like in this world? I was so touched by an interview (part of the material we watched for Lent), given by Gordon Wilson who survived an IRA bomb after it went off only feet away from him and his daughter Marie in Enniskillen, Ireland. Here is his story:

The bomb went off only a few feet away from us, rubble four to six feet of it on top of us and then somebody took my hand and it was Marie. "Is that you dad?" she said, I said "Yes". I remember thinking thank God Marie was alright, and then there was a deathly silence and then screaming. And I said to Marie "Are you alright?" and she said "Yes". And then she screamed and I couldn't understand why, why she was screaming when she told me she was alright and three or four times I continued to ask her was she alright and each time she told me she was, all the while holding my hand. Then on the fifth or sixth time of asking I said "Marie are you alright?" she said "Daddy I love you very much".

These were the very last words she said to me before she died and they were the words that changed my life. It was her words of love to me that prompted me when asked later that evening a question by a BBC reporter "How do you feel about the people who planted the bomb?" I said "I bear them no ill will or grudge, I should pray for those guys tonight and every night that God will forgive them and I did and I do."

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The depth of God's love for us cries out from the cross and in the wonder of the resurrection we find grace beyond our imagining. Mirroring such love and grace may well be our biggest challenge.

May you experience the depth of God's grace for you this Easter.

Every blessing,

Kim & Colin and family

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

Dear friends,

As I sit in my study pondering what to write, the weather is beautiful and sunny, and the spring flowers are at last beginning to appear. Some of the trees are in blossom and new shoots are appearing. Isn't it amazing how we all feel better when the weather perks up a bit. Is this a peculiarly British phenomenon I wondered, due to our obsession with the weather? I have friends in a number of different countries, most of whom I met many years ago when I was a student at a bi-lingual and multi-cultural Bible College just outside Paris for four years. Looking just the other day at some of their Facebook news, I realised that many of them were also writing about looking forward to spring, or already celebrating its arrival! So maybe its not only here in Britain that weather is discussed!

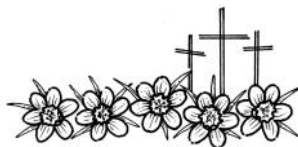
It always seems so appropriate to me that Easter is in the spring. There is something so exciting about the new life and resurrection of Easter Day being mirrored in the new life we see around us in nature and in the change in the season from winter to spring. It is such a vivid reminder that our God is about transformation and renewal, about forgiveness and a new start. Here in Leatherhead for the first time instead of a Good Friday walk of witness, we have celebrated our wonderfully generous, amazing God with a Parade, children's treasure hunt, and lots of balloons and hot-cross buns to give away in the town centre on the Saturday before Palm Sunday.

As we then symbolically pass from the winter of Good Friday to the spring of Easter Day, God invites us all to make this transition as well. If we offer ourselves to God, God will take this offering and make us new, transforming us and renewing us, giving us a new start enabled by the love of Jesus shown on the cross for us.

My prayer is that we will all know God's transforming and renewing love this Easter.

Every blessing,

Lynda





# Cobham

## Methodist Church

### Cobham Methodist Diary



#### April

Thurs	2nd	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Fri	3rd	10.00am	Good Friday service at Cobham URC
		10.00am to 12 noon -	Vigil round the Cross in the centre of Cobham
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>United Easter Communion at Cobham URC - Rev. Kim Plumptre</b>
Sat	11th	Note:	No 'Time 4 You' this month
<b>Sun</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>John Oborn</b>
Sat	18th		Foodbank collection at Sainsbury's
<b>Sun</b>	<b>19th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rev. Kim Plumptre - Holy Communion</b>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Easter Offering at London Road, Horsham</b>
Wed	22nd	7.30pm	House Fellowship at the Manse
Thurs	23rd	3.45pm	Messy Church at the URC ( <i>to 5.45pm</i> )
Sat	25th	4.00pm	Admission Service for Jay Dunning at London Road, Horsham
<b>Sun</b>	<b>26th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rhys Frost</b>

#### May

Sun	3rd	10.30am	David Cappitt/James Wild
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### Next "Time 4 You"

Saturday 9th May,  
10.00am - 12 noon

**Cobham Methodist Church**  
(No "Time 4 You" in April)



# Cobham

## United Reformed Church

### Cobham URC Worship Diary



#### April

Thurs 2nd 7.00pm Maundy Thursday at Cobham Methodist  
 Fri 3rd 10.00am Good Friday service  
 10.00am - Vigil round the Cross in the centre of  
 Cobham (*to 12 noon*)

#### Easter Sunday:

Sun 5th 9.00am Early Bird Service  
 10.30am United Easter Communion at  
 Cobham URC - Rev. Kim Plumpton  
 Sun 12th 10.30am Rev. Norman Edsall  
 Sun 19th 10.30am Sydney Shore  
 Sun 26th 10.30am Rev. Kim Plumpton  
 (Church meeting [AGM] takes place after  
 the service)

#### May

Sun 3rd 9.00am Early Bird Service  
 10.30am Rev. Roy Bones

### Prayers at the Cobham URC Manse

at 9.30am on Wednesdays:  
 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th April



**Tea at Three:  
Friday 24th April**

# Cobham URC Events

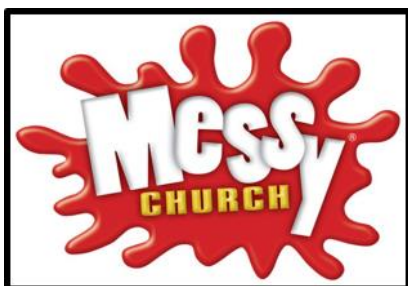
## April

Tues	7th	9.45am	Church Walk
		8.00pm	Elders' Meeting
Thurs	9th	12.30pm	Men's Fellowship
Thurs	16th	7.00pm	Art in Worship
Thurs	23rd	3.45pm	Messy Church <i>(to 5.45pm)</i>
Fri	24th	3.00pm	T @ 3
Tues	28th	11.00am	Coffee for Carers
Thurs	30th	7.00pm	Art in Worship

## May

Sun	3rd	3.00pm	Play and Chat <i>(to 6.00pm)</i>
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## Next Messy Church for Cobham, Oxshott and Stoke D'Abernon



**Thursday 23rd April  
3:45pm - 5:45pm**

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

**All are welcome**

## Art in Worship

A series at Cobham URC by Heather Ward:

Thursdays 16th, 30th April and 14th May at 7.00pm



# Effingham

## Methodist Church

### Birthday Dates to celebrate this month:



Two of our ladies celebrate birthdays this month:  
Rachel Reed on 5th and Rosemary Roberts on 19th.

*Remember, we need your help to update our records  
of birthdays and important anniversaries.*

## Well Done!

**Churches Together in Effingham & Little Bookham**  
have raised £450 for **Mercy Ships** with Lent Lunches. (See  
page 12 for details).

### Prayer Meetings...

...are held at Janet's  
every Friday at 9.30am.



## Saturday Morning Live

Next meeting is **Saturday 2nd May** from  
10.00am to 11.00am at **St. Lawrence Church  
Hall** when our speakers are Ian and Jean Wells  
who are **Chaplains at Gatwick Airport**.

# 2015 General Election



The General Election 2015 is fast approaching and here in Mole Valley at the time of writing five political parties are fielding candidates. Churches Together in Bookham are organising a hustings event on **April 14th from 7.30pm at Bookham Baptist Church**. The format will be along the lines of "Question Time"

which many will be familiar with. All five Parliamentary candidates have agreed to participate:

Leonard Amos (Labour),  
Sir Paul Beresford (Conservative), our incumbent MP,  
Jacquetta Fewster (Green),  
Paul Kennedy (Lib Dems) and  
Paul Oakley (UKIP).

Rev. Alan Jenkins, Rector of St. Nicolas will chair the panel.

This is an ideal opportunity to listen to candidates addressing questions about local, national and international issues in particular those impacting on social responsibility, justice and cohesion. We will be seeking questions from the floor to encourage debate. If you have a passion for social justice, if you want to feel more involved in the democratic process please come and join us for what we know will be a stimulating and challenging evening.

Any enquiries or suggestions for questions please contact:  
**elainecrutchley1@yahoo.co.uk** or **kenpicknell@gmail.com**



## District Chair - Rev. John Hellyer to preach at Effingham



Back in December **Rev. John Hellyer**, the **Chair of the South East District** of the Methodist Church accepted an invitation to Saturday Morning Live, Effingham's Café Church. Now we are delighted that he's coming to the Chapel to preach on Sunday 12th April. Although he's been District Chair since 2006, few of us have had a chance to meet him, as he's a very busy man.

The South East District is a huge area which covers the counties of Kent, East and West Sussex and parts of Surrey, Berkshire and Hampshire as well as Malta and Gibraltar.

So here are a few interesting facts from the District website:

Following three years training at Wesley College, Bristol he served as a minister in the Bradford (Great Horton) Circuit from 1984 to 1989 and then moved to Birmingham where he was minister in an inner city area of the Eldon Circuit from 1989 to 1997. He was then the Superintendent of the Mosley Road and Sparkhill Circuit from 1997 to 2006.

John has always been an advocate of the need for the Methodist Church to work ecumenically. His experience in urban areas has also led him to the conviction that we need to be willing to work with people of all faith and no faith for the sake of God's kingdom. Developing ways of working in teams of both lay and ordained people to share ministry, leadership and responsibility is important. He's also keen to encourage life long learning so that Christians are more confident about relating discipleship to daily life. He is married to Mary, a FE teacher, and they have three children.

**The Methodist Church**  
South-East District



# Effingham Methodist Diary



## April

Thurs 2nd	9.00am 2.30pm 7.00pm	Hot cross buns at Effingham shops Christian Meditation in the church Maundy Service at Cobham Methodist
Fri 3rd	5.00pm 6.00pm	Walk of Witness starts at All Saints Church Good Friday Service - Rev. Kim Plumpton
<b>Sun 5th</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Easter Sunday with Rev. Kim Plumpton</b>
Fri 10th	12 noon	Kim's "Here to Listen" Surgery ( <i>to 1.30pm</i> )
<b>Sun 12th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Rev. John Hellyer (S.E. District Chair)</b>
Tues 14th	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall
Thurs 16th	12.30pm  2.30pm	Oasis Study Group lunch with Kim in the hall ( <i>to 3.00pm</i> ) Christian Meditation in the Church
<b>Sun 19th</b>	<b>10.00am 6.30pm</b>	<b>Waseem Haq Easter Offering Service at London Road, Horsham</b>
Thurs 23rd	12.30pm	St. George's Day lunch in the hall
<b>Sun 26th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>David Cappitt</b>
Tues 28th	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall
Thurs 30th	2.30pm	Christian Meditation in the Church

## May

Sat 2nd	10.00am	Café Church at St. Lawrence's Hall
<b>Sun 3rd</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Rev. Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion</b>





## Effingham's Lent Lunches raised £450 for Mercy Ships

The Lent lunches were well supported, as usual, despite the parking difficulties and building work going on around the Catholic hall. Our chosen charity

"Mercy Ships" provided speakers for each meeting, and £450 raised will help pay for essential medical supplies and ship repairs as it costs millions of pounds each year to run the vessel "Africa Mercy" the largest non-government hospital ship in the world. We were amazed at the dedication of the volunteer team of nurses, doctors, surgeons, and other crew members from around the globe who pay to spend time on the ship! This floating hospital has brought life-changing medical aid and healthcare training to some of the world's poorest people using state-of-the-art facilities for treatment and training. Mercy Ships (and there have been three of them) have brought hope and transformed the lives of more than 2.42 million people since 1978, when the organisation was founded.

But we hadn't realised the connection to another charity, where the daughter of friends of ours, has worked for 16 years.

**YWAM - Youth with a Mission.** A global movement of Christians from many cultures, age groups, and Christian traditions, dedicated to serving Jesus

throughout the world. YWAM (pronounced "WHY-wham"), has a common purpose: **to know God and to make Him known.**

It was founded in the USA in 1960, and the Mercy Ships ministry was launched with the commissioning of the ship "Anastasis" (the Greek word for Resurrection) in 1978. It was released as a separate organisation in 2003. However YWAM's ship equipped ministries are part of a growing network around the world, with river boats, coastal ships, yachts, research vessels, small cruise ships and catamarans. Each vessel is independently owned and run, but part of the YWAM Ships network, with more being added regularly. **Truly Hope on the Horizon.**



*David & Angela Putland*



## EASTER in Effingham

On **Maundy Thursday**, the Easter message will once again be given to Effingham's shoppers when **Kim** and a few helpers will be handing out locally cooked **hot-cross buns** wrapped in serviettes with a special Easter message and details about how to find out more about Jesus.

On **Good Friday** there is an ecumenical **Walk of Witness** starting from **All Saints Church** at 5.00pm and ending at the Methodist Chapel at 6.00pm with an **At the Foot of the Cross Service** with **Rev. Kim Plumpton**. Our **Easter Sunday** service is at 9.00am

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### St. Andrew's, Roffey (Horsham) Re-dedication Service...

...on 15th March was a joyous occasion. The Church building has been transformed into a modern flexible space incorporating a café for the local community and light airy halls and toilets at the rear. Access around the building is greatly improved with a lift for those who need it. There was lots of history on display, as they are especially proud of their Primitive Methodist roots. The original foundation stone is part of the new front of the building. The church really makes the statement that it is there to be part of the community.

How delighted both Freddie and Wallis would have been to see the transformation, and know about the plans for the future here in Roffey. Visit the website for photos of the new Chapel and Community Centre.

*Angela Putland*



### St. George's Day Lunch at Effingham Methodist Church

**Thursday 23rd April**  
**12.30 to 2pm**  
**Tickets @ £5.00**

**Ring Pat McElhill on 01372 457979**

In aid of **World Mission & MAF**

# Leatherhead Pages

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

Sisters get Together in  
Leatherhead



Come along and join us at  
Leatherhead Parish Hall for  
Coffee, Croissants & Conversation  
Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> April

at 8.30 am

with Speaker Jane Haslam  
"Why we do the daft things we do?"

Come along and bring a friend

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Lesley Gladigau, soprano  
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**Christ Church United Reformed**  
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*Brahms'*  
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(English Version)



**Saturday, 9th May 2015**

**Musical Director: Ian Assersohn**

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**Singing fee: £15 (to include score and refreshments)**  
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## Next Messy Church for Leatherhead:

Thursday 16th April  
3.30pm to 5.30pm at:



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## Men's Breakfasts

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

- 25th April Catholic Church hall: Speaker - Heather Ward  
"A trip to Hawaii"
- 30th May Methodist Church hall: Speaker - John Russell  
on his experiences in Banking.

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.

**MUSIC**  
**on**  
**THURSDAYS**  
**at LMC**



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

**WEDNESDAYS**  
**at**  
**CHRIST CHURCH**

Music on Thursdays, Leatherhead's lunchtime concerts, start again after Easter. At 12.30pm each Thursday (except Messy Church weeks) we welcome a wide range of musicians to LMC. Artistes are mostly international students of the Royal Academy of Music or former students of the RAM and London's other renowned music colleges.

This year we feature LMC's new baby grand piano. An amazingly generous local benefactor has given the Church a 1970s Schiedmayer. The offer came in late Autumn, just as players and audience members were noticing more and more the deficiencies of the previous piano.

This new instrument is half the age of the English-built 1930s Challen. In the intervening decades piano-makers learned to allow for the rigours of central heating. After all, who in the 1930s would have thought that for half the year we would heat our living rooms all day and let them go cold overnight, with all that that means for changing humidity levels!

The new piano is slightly longer than its predecessor. That, and a better placement of the strings, allows for longer bass strings which have a more pleasing tone.

Two principal tasks faced us: bringing in the new piano, and re-homing the existing one.

To find a good home for the Challen we put announcements on "streetlife" and "freecycle". These brought in half a dozen offers and one really stood out. A worker in a home for people with autism and dementia asked us to consider letting them have the piano for the new sensory room they were creating. That is where the Challen now resides.

Then there was a range of tasks to bring a piano from a private home and put it into a public space. There were removal costs, it would need a protective cover, and an A-frame beneath its legs to make it easier and safer to move. Finally the piano needed a whole day's work cleaning and overhauling the action.

This all added up to nearly £1400 and at the time LMC had faced a substantial bill for renewing the gas line. There was no way we could ask the Church to help with the costs. We looked to the concert audience.

More than thirty people made donations totalling almost £1,000 with Gift Aid. The piano's donor added another large sum. In the end, we covered the costs and gave LMC some money to help fund future piano-tuning.

Fetcham pianist and former RAM prize-winner, Lynda Chang, gave the piano its first public airing for the thirty people who attended our February AGM.

Now the piano is ready to play its full part in this year's lunchtime concerts, and in lots more music-making at LMC. Lynda plays again at the opening concert on 23rd April when she accompanies soprano Lesley Gladigau in "A Thoroughly English Concert for St George's Day".

If you haven't tried these concerts before, have a look at the programme and see if there is an instrument that takes your fancy, then come along and try us out. In Messy Church weeks there is a Wednesday organ concert at Christ Church, with the same 12.30 start-time. You'll be made most welcome at either Church. The cost? There is a basket to receive your appreciation afterwards, and Gift Aid envelopes to help make the most of your contribution.

*Peter Steadman,  
Leatherhead Concert & Arts Society  
Music on Thursdays & Wednesdays at Christ Church*

## **Heart for Romania Bridge Drive**



Our grateful thanks to Norma and Margaret for organising the Bridge Drive. Thanks also to all who helped in any way towards raising a fantastic £800 for Heart for Romania.



# Leatherhead

**Methodist Church**

***Please see the Leatherhead Pages  
(pages 14 to 19) for more news***

## **West Hill School Community Café...**

...is held at LMC every Tuesday morning at 10.30am, except during school holidays. *[No café on 31st March or 7th April (Easter holiday)]*.

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.

## **Annual Church Meeting**

LMC's Annual Church Meeting will be held after the Morning Service on Sunday 19th April.

## **LMC Housegroups**

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

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

The **Friday Afternoon House Group** is led by John Russell and meets from

1.30pm to 3.15pm on the second and fourth Friday in the month. Contact Sue Friend - 01372 813464 - for details.



# LMC Family News



*We send our best wishes to ...*

...**Jean Jones** who has now moved to live at Rose Hill Nursing Home, 9 Rose Hill, Dorking, RH4 2EG. Visiting is unrestricted but please ring first, 01306 882622

*Our thoughts and prayers are with...*

...**Gill Harris**, still unwell but improving very slightly. As we go to press the results of tests are still awaited. Please hold Gill in your prayers.



## Happy Birthday Marion!

This picture was taken at Marion Mcaulay's 94th birthday party which Norma & Ron Shaw hosted for her on 6th March. We send greetings and best wishes to Marion who is a resident at Pantiles House Care Home in Ashtead.

## Tiddlywinks

Tiddlywinks is a toddler group and meets in the Lower Hall every Friday morning during term time. All under five's with a carer welcome. Friendly group, just come along.

# Goodbye Margaret, God Bless

Leatherhead Methodist Church has hosted many occasions when the building has been packed full, but never quite as much as for the Thanksgiving Service for Margaret - known as Dr. Birtwistle or Mrs. Meynen or simply, Margaret. Chairs were put out and a video link set up in the Guild Room for the overflow. There were seats for two hundred, but elastic walls were still needed for those standing.

It was a lovely service with a simplicity yet great depth. The scene was set by thoughtful opening words and sensitive prayers by our minister, Rev. Lynda Russell. The lovely words of a hymn 'Make me a channel of your peace' encompassed all who were there, and echoed Margaret's attitude to all aspects of her life. Margaret's cousin Philip spoke, letting us into secrets of life growing up as almost brother and sister in Derbyshire. He was followed by Tim, Sally and Lucy talking about 'Mum'.

You would have to be hard-hearted not to be moved. It was a brave act to stand up in front of so many and speak about the Mother who was so important to them, who 'glued' the family together as a unit.

Mike Flanagan, originally a nurse at Epsom Hospital, gave us an insight into the setting up (in her own time) of a specialist clinic at the North Leatherhead Surgery dealing with those with drug and alcohol problems. It became an example of excellence and was very successful, work for which Margaret was awarded the MBE. Mike spoke also of her work as a police coroner, and her interest in teaching at St. George's. He made us smile recounting a hair-raising journey by car to a meeting at Croydon. Margaret was not the best driver, her mind was full of other things!

Mike was followed by Doug Waters, speaking about things closer to home and dear to Margaret's heart - the work of the Leatherhead Youth Project. Margaret had a way of being able to squeeze money from many sources, for grants, and asking, and often getting, that little bit more!

Hedley Kay changed the mood, and sang to his guitar, songs, 'Annie's Song', a favourite of Margaret's, and one of his own compositions called 'February'. A tribute by Rev. Ian Howarth focussed on the great faith Margaret had, something that coloured all she did, followed by prayers and a silence to reflect on all we had heard.

The last hymn 'Lord of the Dance', sung with great feeling, might have had us dancing in the aisles if there had been room! Refreshments were provided and served by All Saints' Café.

Margaret was one of those rare people with so much to give, and 'give' is what she did. It was a privilege to know her and many memories of her, and her influence will live on.

*Jean Plant*



# LMC Diary



## April

### Easter:

<b>Sun</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rev Lynda Russell - Holy Communion Joint Service with Christ Church at LMC</b>
Sat	11th	8.30am	Sisters' Get-Together at the Parish Hall
<b>Sun</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>10.30am 6.30pm</b>	<b>Jointly at Christ Church: Robert Pitt Rev. Kath Jones - Holy Communion</b>
Tues	14th	10.30am	West Hill School Café at LMC all welcome
Wed	15th	12.30pm	Organ Recital at Christ Church ( <i>see page 15</i> )
Thurs	16th	3.30pm	Messy Church ( <i>to 5.30pm</i> )
<b>Sun</b>	<b>19th</b>	<b>9.00am 10.30am 6.30pm</b>	<b>Bring and Share Prayer Breakfast Rev. Lynda Russell <i>followed by</i> Annual Church Meeting Easter Offering Service at London Road, Horsham</b>
Tues	21st	10.30am 2.30pm	West Hill School Café at LMC all welcome Service at The Beeches
Thurs	23rd	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays ( <i>see page 15</i> )
Sat	25th	8.00am	Men's Breakfast at the Catholic Church Hall ( <i>see page 17</i> )
<b>Sun</b>	<b>26th</b>	<b>10.30am 6.30pm</b>	<b>John Lamont New Fire</b>
Tues	28th	10.30am 2.30pm 7.30pm	West Hill School Café at LMC all welcome Pastoral Visitors' & Elders' Prayer Meeting Joint Elders/Leaders Meeting at LMC
Thurs	30th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays ( <i>see page 15</i> )

## May

Fri	1st	2.30pm	Time for Tea ( <i>to 4.30pm</i> )
<b>Sun</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rev. Lynda Russell - Holy Communion</b>

# **Christ Church**

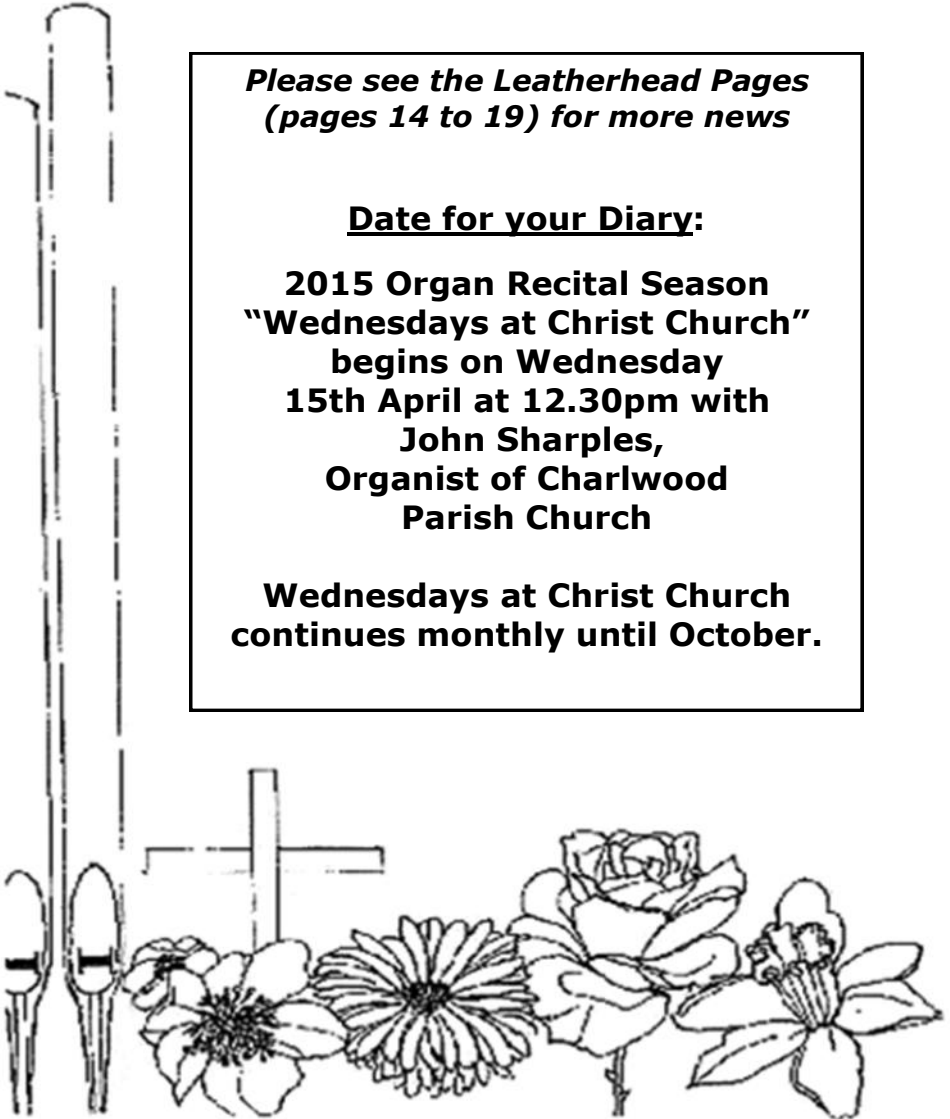
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## **Date for your Diary:**

**2015 Organ Recital Season  
"Wednesdays at Christ Church"  
begins on Wednesday  
15th April at 12.30pm with  
John Sharples,  
Organist of Charlwood  
Parish Church**

**Wednesdays at Christ Church  
continues monthly until October.**



# Christ Church Diary



## April

### Easter:

<b>Sun</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Joint Service at LMC - Rev. Lynda Russell with Holy Communion</b>
Sat	11th	8.30am	Sisters Get-Together at the Parish Church Hall
<b>Sun</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Joint Service at Christ Church: Robert Pitt, Methodist Local Preacher</b>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>At LMC - Rev. Kath Jones with Holy Communion</b>
Wed	15th	12.30pm	Organ Recital ( <i>see page 15</i> )
Thurs	16th	3.30pm	Messy Church at LMC ( <i>to 5.30pm</i> )
<b>Sun</b>	<b>19th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rev. Barbara Pearson with Holy Communion</b>
Tues	21st	2.30pm	Service at The Beeches
Thurs	23rd	12.30pm 7.30pm	Music on Thursdays at LMC ( <i>see page 15</i> ) Church Meeting AGM
Sat	25th	8.00am	Men's Breakfast at the Catholic Church Hall ( <i>see page 17</i> )
<b>Sun</b>	<b>26th</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Rev. Lynda Russell New Fire at LMC</b>
Tues	28th	2.30pm 7.30pm	Pastoral Visitors' & Elders' Prayer Meeting at LMC Joint Elders/Leaders Meeting at LMC
Thurs	30th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays at LMC ( <i>see page 15</i> )

## May

Fri	1st	2.30pm	Time for Tea at LMC ( <i>to 4.30pm</i> )
<b>Sun</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rev. Bruce Stuart</b>



# Christ Church Family News



## **Birthdays!**

Happy Birthday and all good wishes to **Joyce Cuss** who will be 93 on 21st April.

Congratulations and Birthday Greetings to **Margaret Dodds Ely** and **Dinah Essex** who celebrate their 80th birthdays this month, Margaret on the 2nd and Dinah sharing the date 21st with Joyce and the Queen.

**Hilary Porter** has been very unwell and is undergoing treatment in St Helier Hospital. We send her our very best wishes.

**John Rayner** is now settled permanently in St George's Nursing Home, 5 Byfleet Road, Cobham KT11 1DS.

We remember these friends, **Bert Gower, Anne and Derek Ray**, the carers in our community, the bereaved and all those who need our prayers at this time.

*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](http://www.leatherheadmethodist.org)  
Contact: Senior Steward -  
Carol Stoves 01372 377125

## **Christ Church (United Reformed):**

Epsom Road, Leatherhead, KT22 8ST  
[www.chch.org.uk](http://www.chch.org.uk)  
Contact: Local Church Leader -  
Mike Essex 01372 273472

## **Effingham Methodist Church:**

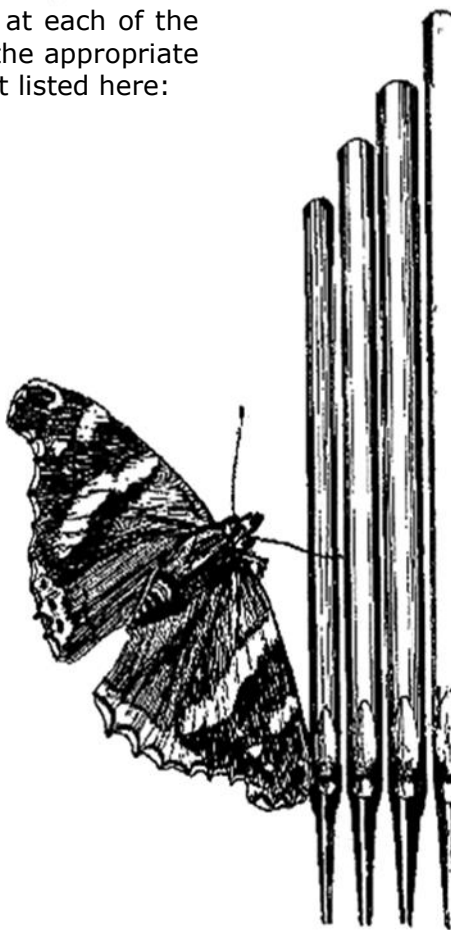
Chapel Hill, Effingham, KT24 5NB  
[www.effinghammethodistchurch.co.uk](http://www.effinghammethodistchurch.co.uk)  
Contact: Senior Steward -  
Dave Putland 01372 454850

## **Cobham United Reformed Church:**

38 Stoke Road, Cobham, KT11 3BD  
[www.cobhamurc.org.uk](http://www.cobhamurc.org.uk)  
Contact: Church Secretary -  
Mary Langtry 01483 282421

## **Cobham Methodist Church:**

Cedar Road, Cobham, KT11 2AA  
[www.cobhammethodistchurch.com](http://www.cobhammethodistchurch.com)  
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