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Leatherhead  
Cobham  
Effingham**

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**Christ Church (United Reformed) Leatherhead  
Cobham Methodist Church  
Cobham United Reformed Church  
Effingham Methodist Church  
Leatherhead Methodist Church**

**The Methodist Church**



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### Women's World Day of Prayer - Friday 6th March



#### *Local Services:*

- Fetcham - 7.30pm at the Church of the Holy Spirit
- Cobham - 11.00am at St. Andrews
- Effingham - 10.30am at Our Lady of Sorrows
- Leatherhead - 2.30pm at Christ Church

#### **PLEASE NOTE - EARLY DEADLINE FOR COPY FOR THE MARCH ISSUE**

As February is a short month and because the Link needs to be in churches on Sunday 22nd February, the deadline for copy for the March edition will be **Thursday 12th February**.

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## *The Ministers Write...*

**From Rev. Kim Plumpton**

Dear all,

It's a couple of months since we last had the opportunity to share with one another in the Link and of course much has happened in those two months. We have said goodbye to the tinsel, Christmas pudding, and mince pies (not a bad thing!), and welcomed the optimism that a New Year brings.

We have also said goodbye to some very dear friends and most of you will know that Freddie Jenkins passed away on 15th December aged 93. Freddie's thanksgiving service was well attended and a testament to a woman who had touched many lives with her indomitable spirit and steadfast faith. Freddie's steadfast love of the Lord was evident in her preaching and in her life. But her faith was not one well-worn with certainty, but a questioning faith which sought to understand the reality of God in real people's lives and in a real world, not one trapped solely in the pages of the Bible. Her years as a minister's wife and her own experience in the work place, meant Freddie was not naïve to the real issues many people faced. Her connections to a number of organisations were important to her because Freddie was interested in people. She never shied away from the contemporary world and she was extraordinary in her ability to accept the world was forever changing and engaging with it. In the prayer group too, Freddie was always an advocate for missionary contexts and for the wider church both connexional and circuit.

Freddie had no hesitation in asking hard questions, and the wisdom that only years can bring was a constant source of delight for us in the "Oasis" group, where we studied topical issues and Freddie was rarely left with nothing to say on any issue you care to discuss.

In the leadership team Freddie was always forward thinking and although the latter part of her life was challenging for her, she remained a person who still had so much to offer. Freddie was fiercely independent and that determination to live life to the fullest will inevitably leave a space at the table that few can fill. I know that she once said that she "tried every day to be a better person" and most times she said she "failed miserably", but if the stories that circulated during Freddie's service a few weeks ago are anything

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to go by we might learn that a passionate faith, a faith full of curiosity and questioning, a faith that wants to make a difference in people lives is not one which we should lose sight of.

So perhaps we should all walk into 2015 with a reminder that every day no matter how weak we feel we are, or in light of what the world might throw at us along the way, we will strive to be a better person in Christ.

With every blessing, Kim

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

Dear friends,

I am writing this letter not long after the attacks which happened in Paris on the offices of 'Charlie Hebdo', and with the hostages taken in the Kosher Supermarket. We saw on our television screens violence which was rightly condemned by all religions. Massive numbers of people not only in Paris but in towns all over France came together to defend their freedom and right to free speech, to be able to speak out for what they believe in. Liberté. Égalité. Fraternité.

At the end of January I am always reminded of speaking up and speaking out, again sometimes in difficult, even life-threatening circumstances. Many of you may know that the 27th January is/ was Holocaust Memorial Day, and one of their themes is "Speak Up, Speak Out". We are asked to think about the rights, responsibility and duty we all have to speak up when we see or hear something which we believe to be wrong. It looks at how we make a choice about when to speak up, and considers the dangers in both choosing to speak out and not speaking up, and asks us all to speak up against injustice and hatred or even indifference today. Whatever we think of the political views of 'Charlie Hebdo', very sadly they paid the price for their decision, which they knew to be dangerous, to speak out.

I was challenged to reflect on how I make those choices and decisions, and what the results often are. If we as Christians don't find our voice to challenge wrong thinking, language or prejudice of all kinds when we hear it, perhaps we could be accused of implicit agreement! Speaking out in some circumstances can be very difficult, and isn't always advisable, however we must always be prepared to do the right thing and speak out.

As Christians we also should be prepared at any time to tell

others about the love and joy that Jesus gives us. Perhaps we don't find that easy either, but it is part of what we are called to do, and God will help us with all these opportunities, promising that the Holy Spirit will give us the words we need when we need them. In Isaiah 55, God gives us a 'good news promise' that:

*"As the rain and the snow  
come down from heaven,  
and do not return to it  
without watering the earth...  
so is my word that goes out from my mouth:  
it will not return to me empty,  
but will accomplish what I desire  
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."*

With every blessing, Lynda



## Soap Appeal

As a volunteer at the Princess Alice Hospice Shop in Cobham, I am constantly amused and fascinated by the things people buy. Recently, however, I was appalled when one of the young nurses at the Hospice came in looking for soap – appalled to hear that these dear young girls regularly use their own hard-earned money to buy soap and other toiletries for patients who come in without any, either because they've been transferred directly from hospital, or because they're simply too confused and anxious to think about packing a washbag.

You can guess what's coming! Effingham has already responded kindly and generously to my recent appeal, so now I'm asking the other four churches in the Pastorate if you too could have a rootle in your bathroom cupboards and donate any of the following:-

|              |                |                  |
|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| Soap,        | Shampoo,       | Deodorant,       |
| Talc,        | Shaving stuff, | Handcream,       |
| Moisturiser, | Toothpaste,    | Denture tablets, |
| Bubble-bath, | Toothbrushes,  | Liquid soap.     |

You name it, the nurses will be grateful for it!

Logistics:- I suggest that one kind person in each church might like to appoint themselves Soap Monitor and co-ordinate the collection, then let me know when there's enough for me to come and pick it up.

Many thanks in advance to all of you, from the nurses and patients of Princess Alice Hospice.

*Rachel Reed  
01372 452160*



# Cobham

## Methodist Church

### Cobham Methodist Diary



#### February

**Sun 1st 10.30am Tina Andrews**

Thurs 5th 10.00am Church Council Meeting

**Sun 8th 10.30am John Oborn**

Sat 14th 10.00am Time 4 You (*until 12 noon*)  
2.30pm Platinum Service

**Sun 15th 10.30am Rev. Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion**  
**6.30pm Local Preacher Recognition Service at London Road Horsham**

Tues 17th 12.30pm Lent Lunch & Bible Study at Cobham URC

Wed 18th 7.30pm House Fellowship at the Manse

**Sun 22nd 10.30am Waseem Haq**

Tues 24th 12.30pm Lent Lunch & Bible Study at Cobham URC

Thurs 26th 3.45pm Messy Church at Cobham URC (*to 5.45pm*)

#### March:

**Sun 1st 10.30am Rob Pitt**

Fri 6th 11.00am Women's World Day of Prayer at St. Andrews



### Next "Time 4 You"

Saturday 14th February,

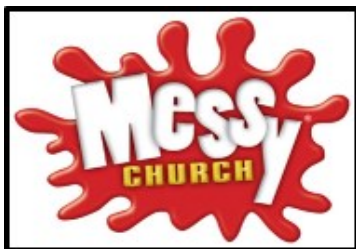
10.00am - 12 noon

**Cobham Methodist Church**

# Cobham Page

Information, news, events and happenings in and around Cobham  
including joint URC/Methodist events

## Next Messy Church for Cobham, Oxshott and Stoke D'Abernon



**Thursday 26th February  
3:45pm - 5:45pm**

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

**All are welcome**



**Women's World Day of Prayer  
Friday 6th March at 11.00am  
at St. Andrew's Church, Cobham,  
followed by a light lunch.**

"Do You know what I have done for You?"  
is the theme of the service this year,  
which has been prepared by the Christian  
women of the Bahamas.

## Prayers at the Cobham URC Manse

at 9.30am on

Wednesdays:

4th, 11th, 18th, 25th February



# Cobham

## United Reformed Church

### Cobham URC Worship Diary



#### February

|     |      |         |   |
|-----|------|---------|---|
| Sun | 1st  | 9.00am  | Early Bird Service  |
|     |      | 10.30am | Rev. Bruce Stuart   |
| Sun | 8th  | 10.30am | Rev. Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion   |
| Sun | 15th | 10.30am | Rev. Roy Bones  |
| Sun | 22nd | 10.30am | Rev. Kim Plumpton   |
|     |      | 12.15pm | Pot Luck Lunch with Edwin Pelly from<br>Christians Against Poverty (CAP) -<br>after morning worship |

#### March

|     |     |         |  |
|-----|-----|---------|--|
| Sun | 1st | 9.00am  | Early Bird Service                         |
|     |     | 10.30am | Vivien Gerhold                             |
| Fri | 6th | 11.00am | Women's World Day of Prayer at St. Andrews |





# Cobham URC Events

## February

|       |      |         |  |
|-------|------|---------|--|
| Sun   | 1st  | 3.00pm  | Play and Chat <i>(to 6.00pm)</i>                                       |
| Tues  | 3rd  | 9.45am  | Church Walk  |
|       |      | 7.30pm  | Elders' Meeting  |
| Thurs | 5th  | 12.30pm | Men's Fellowship at the Fairmile,<br>Portsmouth Road, Cobham, KT11 1BW |
| Fri   | 6th  | 7.00pm  | Marriage Course  |
| Fri   | 13th | 7.00pm  | Marriage Course  |
| Tues  | 17th | 12.30pm | Lent Course with Lunch   |
| Fri   | 20th | 7.00pm  | Marriage Course  |
| Tues  | 24th | 11.00am | Coffee for Carers  |
|       |      | 12.30pm | Lent Course with Lunch   |
| Thurs | 26th | 3.45pm  | Messy Church <i>(to 5.45pm)</i>  |
| Fri   | 27th | 3.00pm  | T @ 3  |
|       |      | 7.00pm  | Marriage Course  |

## March

|     |     |        |                                  |
|-----|-----|--------|----------------------------------|
| Sun | 1st | 3.00pm | Play and Chat <i>(to 6.00pm)</i> |
|-----|-----|--------|----------------------------------|

## Marriage Course

will be held at 7.00pm on  
Fridays 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th February  
at Cobham URC



**Tea at Three:  
Friday 27th February**



# Effingham

## Methodist Church

### Birthday Dates to celebrate this month:



No birthdays, but we'll celebrate with some cake or choccies, especially on 14th which is **St. Valentines Day!**

*Please let us know about birthdays or BIG anniversaries!!*

## Dates for your Diaries

If you're Spring cleaning we'd love to have any bric-a-brac for the Bring & Buy stall at our **World Mission Coffee Morning** from 10.00am to 12 noon on **28th March** in aid of World Missions and MAF.

### Prayer Meetings...

...are held at Janet's  
every Friday at 9.15am.

## Saturday Morning Live

Come and sample some alternative worship and enjoy coffee and croissants, and some food for thought on **Saturday 7th February** from 10.00am to 11.00am at St. Lawrence Church Hall in Brown's Lane. Our speaker is Rev. Mark Ewbank who is a Territorial Army chaplain.



Next month's meeting is on **Saturday 7th March.**

## **The Meeting Place - Community Hub in Bookham**

The Meeting Place Community Hub has now opened in Bookham. The Hub offers a place for people to access local services such as the Citizens Advice Bureau, as well as offering access to other information and services. Second hand children's' clothing, toys, books and CDs are available to buy with space to sit and relax with a play area for the children. It is at 42 Church Road in Bookham and will initially be open three days a week - Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.00am-4.00pm. The Meeting Place Café will continue to be held at Bookham Baptist Church on Monday and Saturday mornings. Please continue to spread the word about the Café sessions on Saturdays and Mondays and our Language Hub.

A scheme to enable supporters to become Friends of The Meeting Place, is available, but most importantly, please continue to pray for the future of The Meeting Place in Bookham.

If this is something you would be interested in getting involved with as a volunteer please contact Julie Partridge (459906) or Mike Whiting (451251).

### ***Effingham Methodist Church***

**The Chapel will be open from  
12 - 1:30pm**

**‘I’m Here to Listen’**

***on Friday 13th February  
and Friday 13th March***

**Rev. Kim Plumpton**

# Important Meeting



Caring for those who suffer with  
Dementia and those who support them

**Venue: Effingham Methodist Church**

**Time: 10:30 am**

**Date: 19th February**

We would like to explore the possibility of holding a group in Effingham for those who suffer from Dementia and those who care for them.

If you are interested in such a group please come along and show your support, refreshments will be provided.

The meeting will be led by:  
Mrs Gill Walker and Revd Kim Plumptre.

# Effingham Methodist Diary



## February

|                 |                |   |
|-----------------|----------------|---|
| <b>Sun 1st</b>  | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>Covenant Service - Rev. Kim Plumpton</b>                       |
| Tues 3rd        | 9.00am         | "Messy Mums" (to 11.30am - see page 16)                           |
|                 | 2.30pm         | Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall                           |
| Thurs 5th       | 2.30pm         | Christian Meditation in the Church                                |
| Sat 7th         | 10.00am        | Café Church at St Lawrence Church Hall                            |
| <b>Sun 8th</b>  | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>Rev. Frank Smith</b>   |
| Wed 11th        | 3.30pm         | Messy Church at St. Lawrence Hall (to 5.30pm)                     |
| Fri 13th        | 12 noon        | Chapel open for Kim's "I'm Here to Listen" (to 1.30pm)            |
| <b>Sun 15th</b> | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>John Lamont</b>  |
|                 | <b>6.30pm</b>  | <b>Local Preacher Recognition Service at London Road, Horsham</b> |
| Tues 17th       | 2.30pm         | Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall                           |
| Wed 18th        | 12.30pm        | Lent Lunch at the Catholic Church Hall                            |
| Thurs 19th      | 10.30am        | Caring for Dementia meeting (see opposite)                        |
|                 | 12.30pm        | Oasis Study Group lunch with Kim in the hall                      |
|                 | 2.30pm         | Christian Meditation in the Church                                |
| <b>Sun 22nd</b> | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>Beth Little</b>  |

## March

|                |                |  |
|----------------|----------------|--|
| <b>Sun 1st</b> | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>Rev. Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion</b>      |
| Fri 6th        |                | <b>Women's World Day of Prayer at:</b>         |
|                | 10.30am        | Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham                 |
|                | 7.30pm         | Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham             |
| Sat 7th        | 10.00am        | Café Church at St Lawrence's Hall (to 11.00am) |

# Tuesday Teas

Our Tuesday Teas Christmas Luncheon was a great success and very well attended by guests and many of our helpers. Sherry or soft drinks and nibbles were offered on arrival. The tables were festive with decorations and crackers. We started the meal with smoked salmon on bread followed by chicken in a red wine sauce, cooked and delivered by Connisbee, the butcher in Horsley with seasonal vegetables cooked by us in the kitchen. The deserts were from "Cook" and fruit salads prepared by some of the helpers.



We were joined by Father John Inglis from the Catholic Church, the Rev. Andrew Mackenzie from St. Laurence and Rev. Kim Plumptre from the Methodist Church. It was a very happy and enjoyable luncheon. After the meal Dennis Wickham entertained us playing recorded music and singing a selection of songs, which included music for Christmas and carols, which he encouraged us to sing along with him. A lovely way to begin our Christmas festivities.

Tuesday Teas invite anyone in the Effingham or Bookham area who would like to join us for tea and cake, to pop along from 2.30pm – 4.00pm on alternate Tuesday afternoons at the Catholic Hall where you will be extended a very warm welcome. We shall meet on February 3rd & 17th, and March 3rd. If you would like to join us, please telephone Gill Walker (01372 457987).

I should like to give a big thank you to all the volunteers who make Tuesday Teas happen and who make tea and provide all the scrummy cakes. Also to the drivers who transport many of our members and of course, a big thank you to Gill and Keith Walker who organise these happy occasions.

*Mary Brooks*

# **“Bibles for Children” - with love...**

Eyes down and "keep quiet" was the message as five of us sat round a table in the Methodist Hall writing 150 book labels, one for each child by name, to be inserted in the 150 Bibles for Children purchased for St Lawrence Primary School in Effingham. The occasional conversation interrupting the silence gave rise to a mistake on a label and another one had to be written – bother!

An approach had been made to the new Headteacher Mrs Vanessa Wallden who received the idea very favourably.

This initiative by the charity “Bibles for Children” was taken up by Churches Together in Effingham and Little Bookham to give a Bible to each child of primary school age. Churches Together needed just to pay the postage for the Bibles. Sadly many homes today do not have Bibles of any sort, so this seems to be a step in a right direction. There is also a copy of the Bible for each class teacher and library.

The concept is a brilliant one whereby the Bibles are the property of each child, from year 2 to year 6, kept in the school for use in R.E. lessons and also for general reading. When each child leaves the school at the end of year 6 they can take the Bible home for ever. There is then an annual follow on scheme to replace the Bibles each year for the new year 2. This can be paid for by the school or Churches Together or even jointly.

So our next step is for presentations to be made to each child in the school during several assemblies in the coming weeks. We will arrange to do so, give them with our blessing and hope and pray for their good use in the school.

See the website:-- [www.biblesforchildren.org.uk](http://www.biblesforchildren.org.uk)

*Gill Walker  
for Churches Together in  
Effingham and Little Bookham*



## **"Messy Mums" Coffee Morning at Effingham Methodist Church**

Date: 3rd February

Time: 9-11:30am

"Messy Mums" is an opportunity to have coffee and cake with friends. Please join us; we would love to offer you a space for conversation in a warm and inviting environment.



## **Farewell Freddie**

This is the first opportunity that we have had to record, in the Link, the death of Freddie Jenkins on the 15th December, in Epsom Hospital. We shall miss her at Effingham because apart from her preaching, strong faith and cheerful and positive nature, she was involved in just about everything! Her Thanksgiving Service at Leatherhead Methodist Church recently, showed how much she was appreciated when about 170 people from far and wide gathered to celebrate her life.

Her family would like to thank all those who attended that service and made it such a memorable occasion, and for the kindness shown to Freddie, her husband Wallace, and the family over many years. A collection taken in memory of Freddie at the service raised approx. £800 for Leatherhead Start and the Alzheimer's Association.





## **Women's World Day of Prayer - Friday 6th March**

**"Do You know what I have done for You?"** is the theme of the service this year, which has been prepared by the **Christian women of the Bahamas**, and challenges us to demonstrate the same

radical unconditional love for others that Jesus showed when he washed the feet of his disciples.

Our local services will be held on **Friday 6th March:**

**10.30am @ Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham**

**7.30pm @ Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham**

### **Preparing for Easter in Effingham**

**Easter** is later this year. **Ash Wednesday** is on **18th February** when the first of Effingham's fortnightly **Lent Lunches** will be held from **12.30pm to 2.00pm in the Catholic Hall.**

This year's charity is 'Mercy Ships'.

**Lent meetings** are being organised.

**Look out for full details on posters later this month.**



**Next Messy Church is on 11th February from 3.30pm - 5.30pm at St. Lawrence Church Hall, Browns Lane, Effingham.**

# Leatherhead Pages

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

## Leatherhead Youth Project Update

As we have completed another busy year at Leatherhead Youth Project, I thought you might appreciate an update.

2014 saw the opening of the new AllSaints Café at the end of October by High Sherrieff of Surrey, Peter Lee, with a sword to cut the ribbon. This is a new Social Enterprise Café and Sandwich Business at BFree, employing four young people including three apprentices. Great coffee (even better hot chocolate), pastries and light Lunches. Open six days a week (Monday to Saturday 8.00am - 3.15pm). AllSaints served over 1000 coffees and 500 sandwiches in its first month of opening.

BFree itself was open for over 600 hours in 2014, with over 250 different young people accessing this project. Total Football had an average weekly attendance of 61 young people, keeping local boys aged 11-16 engaged in a positive, healthy activity on Friday nights. 44 young people enjoyed four days of games, fun, sports and workshops at Freestyle Youth Camp, now in its 9th year.

Girls Group (BLISS) ran for 19 weeks, supporting 23 young women with issue-based topics and self-esteem boosting sessions. Aspire, our 'route to work' project for young people aged 16-21, provided 74 one-to-one sessions, producing 53 CV's, securing 17 jobs or apprenticeships, and awarding 42 AQA awards for local young people. Five A Day, our weekly cooking and healthy eating project, ran 36 sessions which taught over 60 young people how to cook and helped them learn about nutrition.

Our schools team, through Alex Ball and Jude Crome at Liquid Connection, provided one-to-one youth work support at Therfield School for 84 young people across a total of 461 appointments. Our Early Intervention project provided 240 hours of mentoring to eight students at Leatherhead Trinity Primary School.

Jay Bristow ran 80 Forest School lessons with various year groups at Trinity, and led 11 assemblies. Jay and Jude ran a successful four weeks' transition scheme for Year 6 students who were

progressing from Leatherhead Trinity to Therfield School. We continue to support the majority of this group at BFree each week.

A team of 17 from LYP took part in a life-changing trip to Romania, leading a youth camp for Roma teenagers from a number of poverty-affected villages.

Lads Night offered 40 hours of youth work provision to at-risk young males on Friday evenings throughout the year. Our team travelled 1373 miles in the LYP minibus on a life-changing trip to Austria, which provided a mountaineering residential week for our Duke of Edinburgh Gold group. Activities including rock climbing and abseiling.

The Team has also seen changes with Lucy Greenland leaving us at Christmas after five years of great successes, particularly with Aspire and Duke of Edinburgh Awards, to go to a managerial position in a similar Christian project in Luton. Joe Crome went down with meningitis in the summer and has discovered that even he needs to pace his recovery. A particular thanks to Andy Gill who has master-minded the AllSaints Launch and carried extra burdens of leadership as Joe recovers.

*Tim Hall*

## **Christ Church - LMC Inter-Church Group Working Party**

The Inter-church Group which is looking at closer cooperation between Christ Church and LMC met on Wednesday 8th January.

The points made were:

1. Make known where car parking spaces are, for people attending LMC on Sundays.
2. Invite Christ Church people to Nativity Play.
3. BFree is looking for trustees.
4. Keep up contributions to the Link.
5. Joint effort to appoint Family and Children's Worker. Funding needed from both churches.
6. Time for Tea needs volunteers.
7. Members from both churches needed to support services at The Beeches, third Tuesday of the month at 2,30pm.
8. Ideas - Treasure hunt round churches  
- £10 challenge (NB parable of talents)

*Mike Essex*

## **Bridge Drive - Christ Church Hall** **11th March, 1.30pm for 2.00pm**

Do forgive me if you have already heard of this event, and if you have previously volunteered help. Norma Shaw and I are putting together this event, and we are trying to get a lot of the planning done now. We are seeking help in many ways: light furniture movers; raffle ticket sellers; cake makers; sandwich makers; tea servers; and washers-up.

If you find you have some unwanted Christmas presents that might be suitable for our raffle, we would be happy to receive them. The proceeds of the bridge drive will go to Heart for Romania, our joint charity for 2014/15. If you can spare any time on that day, do please let one of us know. Also, if you have any friends who are keen bridge players, perhaps you could advertise this event on our behalf?

We look forward to hearing from you. (Margaret 01372 277415; Norma 01372 274533)

*Margaret Dodds-Ely*



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the very best sandwiches =  
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# Time for Tea



## **COME for TEA and COMPANY**

from 2.30pm to 4.30pm on **Friday 6th February**  
**with Hedley Kay**

...and every first Friday in the month at

## **LEATHERHEAD METHODIST CHURCH**

*(No Time for Tea in March, but you'll be welcome at the Women's World Day of Prayer at Christ Church [United Reformed] at 2.30pm on Friday 6th March)*

## **EVERYONE WELCOME**

If you need transport please contact Gill Harris on 458518

Attendance Free - Donations Gratefully Received



## **Next Messy Church for Leatherhead:**

Thursday 19th February  
3.30pm to 5.30pm at:



# Leatherhead Community Association



The LCA has started 2015 with a new programme of events covering a wide-ranging number of topics. 'Tea and Talks' have an afternoon about the fabulous Fabergé Eggs on 13th February, on 13th March there is a talk on Lavender Fields, not a subject often covered, and on 10th April there is to be a guided tour of one of Surrey's prettiest villages - Shere. There is no charge for any of these visits.

Table Tennis and Snooker are available every Monday afternoon and Scrabble can be played on each second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

All these events are open to non-members, but the Members programme is even more interesting. Visits take place monthly throughout the year and to mention just a few - there is a visit to the Bank of England, a tour of the Houses of Parliament, a visit to Bletchley Park, and even a day at the races. Members can also take advantage of the many plays and operas that are shown at the Leatherhead Theatre, and they can also join one of the many and varied walks, both long and short, that are arranged every month.

Why not consider becoming a member of the LCA, it is only £5 a year and it will offer you a very wide range of events covering numerous different interests. If you join now your membership will be valid until 31st March 2016. For full information please phone Sarah on 01372 360508, visit our website:

[www.leatherheadca.org.uk](http://www.leatherheadca.org.uk),

or call into the Letherhead Institute, on the left at the top of the High Street and pick up a newsletter which has all this information and more. On Tuesdays to Fridays you could also have a cup of coffee in the newly decorated library.

*Frances Presley*

# LENT 2015

Lent is the period before Easter when we prepare to remember the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Lent has always been a time to put special emphasis on our personal and spiritual development. Christians often choose this time to take special actions such as fasting, reading, additional giving or following a course of study.

During Lent we shall again have Ecumenical groups throughout the Parish following a York Course called "Praise Him – Songs of Praise in the New Testament".

We are used to singing hymns of praise when we go to church but often we miss the hymns and poems that are there in the New Testament. This course will explore five different Songs of Praise from the New Testament, looking at what they tell us about God and Jesus but also reflecting on what they tell us about us and our faith.

The course has five sessions:

1. Gratitude (Ephesians 1.3-14)
2. Image of God (Colossians 1.15-20)
3. Humility (Philippians 2.5-11)
4. New birth (1 Peter 1.3-12)
5. Word made flesh (John 1.1-14)

Lent groups will be held throughout the Parish hosted and led by members of the various churches. There will be both daytime and evening groups starting during week commencing 23rd February and ending during week commencing 23rd March. I would encourage everyone to participate in these small groups – a time to learn more about the Christian faith, to look at the biggest questions facing humanity and to consider your own beliefs in fellowship with others.

You will be able to sign up for a group on the list in your church between 18th January and 8th February or contact Linda Hauxwell 370308 or email [lindahauxwell@gmail.com](mailto:lindahauxwell@gmail.com) Over 100 people normally participate in Lent groups, why not give it a try this year? There are always new things to learn, wherever you are on your journey of faith.

*Linda Hauxwell*

# Leatherhead Hospital

Residents concerned by the closure of Leach Ward at Leatherhead Hospital are invited to the open meeting of the Leatherhead Residents Association on Monday 2nd February, in the Abraham Dixon Hall at the Letherhead Institute. The meeting starts at 7.30pm and at 8.00pm there will be members of Staff from the Surrey Downs Clinical Commissioning Group (SDCCG) to advise us on how the CCG works and intends to communicate with members of the public.

The meeting will be chaired by our SCC councillor Tim Hall and those attending will be invited to submit their concerns to appropriate members from Central Surrey Health, the SDCCG and the League of Friends of Leatherhead Hospital who will also be present. For further information tel: 01372 376247 or write to LRA, c/o Letherhead Institute, High Street, Leatherhead KT22 8AH.

*Hilary Porter -  
Secretary, Leatherhead Residents Association.*



## Pastoral Visitors' & Elders' Prayer Meetings

Pastoral Visitors' & Elders' Prayer Meetings will continue on the **fourth Tuesday** in the month, from 2.30pm at LMC. The next meeting will be on 24th February.



## Men's Breakfasts

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

28th Feb Christ Church - "Bringing good news" Jack & Chris  
28th Mar Parish Church - "Bell Ringing", Peter Ford

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.





## **Women's World Day of Prayer Friday 8th March**

WWDP began in the 19th Century in the USA and Canada. Despite much opposition from all-male mission boards, small groups of women met

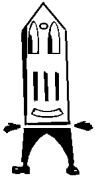
and founded numerous women's boards for home and foreign mission, working directly with, and for, women and children. Persistence paid off and by 1926, WWDP came into being. After WWII the movement grew rapidly and first reached Scottish shores in 1930 and spread to England two years later. It has come a long way since then. Today around 170 countries take part, and the service is translated into 60 languages and more than 1000 dialects. The day each year is the first Friday in March, a date suited to the majority of churches that participate. The global wave of prayer begins at daybreak in Samoa and continues round the world until sunset in American Samoa.

This year's service has been prepared by the Christian women of The Bahamas. The theme for the service is based on the reading from John 13: 1-17, "Jesus said to them: Do you know what I have done for you?"

The Bahamas are a group of over 700 islands covering 1000 square miles of water. They lie in the tropical area of the western Atlantic Ocean in the gateway to the Gulf of Mexico. The islands were first mentioned in the travels of Christopher Columbus in 1492. They have a colourful history involving slavery and piracy but are now one of the most prosperous countries in the West Indies, although there are areas of great deprivation.

The service in Leatherhead will be at 2.30pm at the United Reformed Church in Epsom Road, followed by tea in the Church Hall. It is for all people. Do join us and add your prayers to the 'Global Wave' of many thousands around the world.

*Jean Plant*



# Leatherhead

**Methodist Church**

***Please see the Leatherhead Pages  
(pages 18 to 25) 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 17th February (Half Term)].*

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 learning skills as well as social and communications skills.

Please come along on Tuesday mornings to support this very worthwhile enterprise.

## **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



## Margaret Meynen

All will be warmly welcomed at a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Margaret to take place at LMC on Saturday 28th February at 2.00pm.

Donations in memory of Margaret to Leatherhead Youth Project or LeatherHEAD START (Night Hostel) c/o L. Hawkins & Sons (01372 372435).

*Our thoughts and prayers are with...*

...the family of Arnold Ashbrook who died on 15th January. A memorial service will be held at LMC - date to be announced.

*Best wishes for a good recovery...*

...to Lorna Alexander following recent knee surgery.



# LMC Diary



## February

**Sun 1st 10.30am Rev Lynda Russell - Holy Communion**

Tues 3rd 10.00am West Hill School Café at LMC all welcome

Fri 6th 2.30pm Time for Tea with Hedley Kay

**Sun 8th 10.30am Rhys Frost**  
**6.30pm Rev. Lynda Russell - Holy Communion**

Mon 9th 7.30pm Monday Evening House Group

Tues 10th 10.00am West Hill School Café at LMC all welcome

Fri 13th 1.30pm Friday Afternoon House Group

**Sun 15th 9.00am Bring and Share Prayer breakfast**  
**10.30am Rev. Lynda Russell**  
**6.30pm Circuit Service at London Road, Horsham**

Tues 17th 2.30pm Service at The Beeches

Wed 18th 7.30pm Mission Group at the Manse

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

Fri 20th 10.30am Friday Morning House Group

**Sun 22nd 10.30am Joint Service at Christ Church -**  
**Rev. Lynda Russell**  
**6.30pm New Fire**

Tues 24th 10.00am West Hill School Café at LMC all welcome  
 2.30pm Pastoral Visitors' & Elders' Prayer Meeting

Thurs 26th 7.30pm Church Council

Sat 28th 8.00am Men's Breakfast at Christ Church (*see p.24*)  
 2.00pm Thanksgiving Service for Margaret Meynen

## March

**Sun 1st 10.30am Rev Lynda Russell - Holy Communion**

Fri 6th 2.30pm Women's World Day of Prayer at Christ Church

# Christ Church

(United Reformed) Leatherhead

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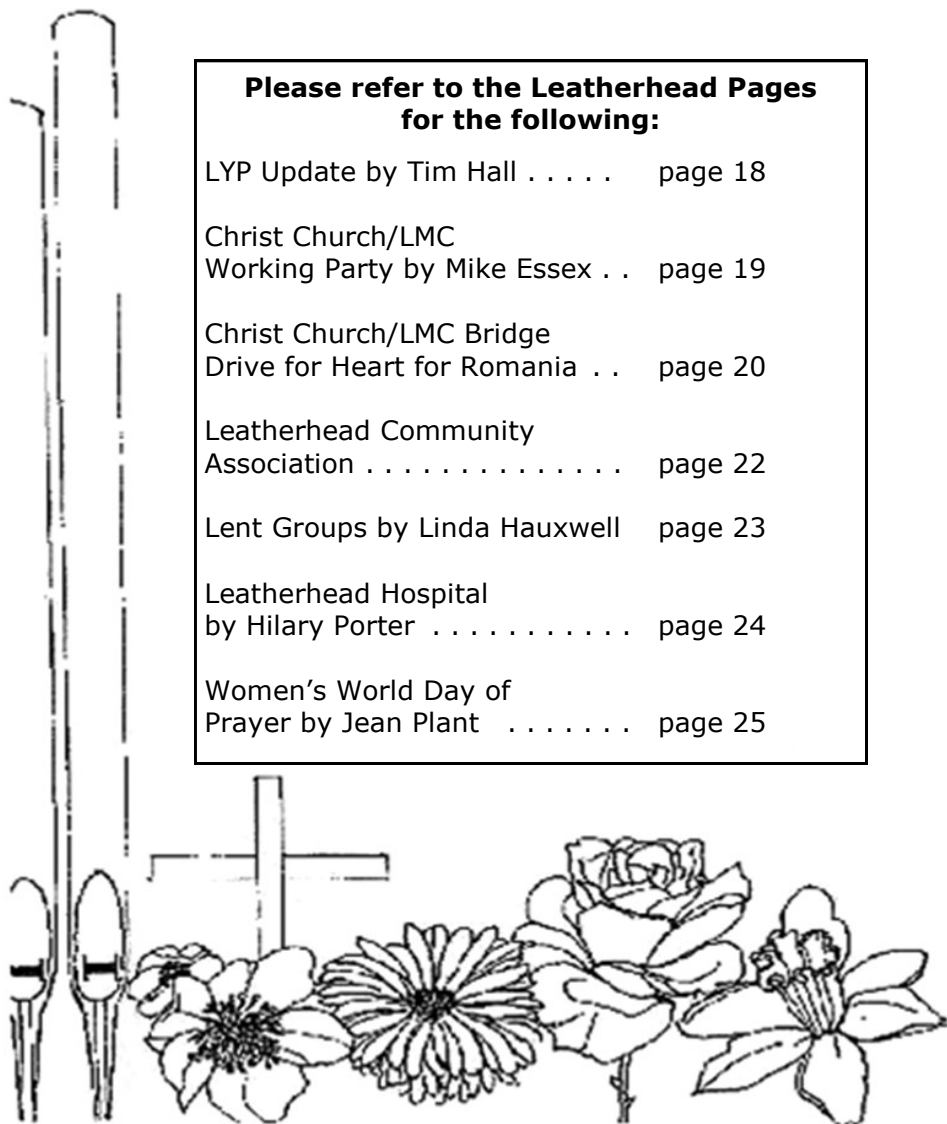
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# Christ Church Diary



## February

|            |             |                |   |
|------------|-------------|----------------|---|
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>1st</b>  | <b>10.30am</b> | <b>Rev. Robert Blows</b>  |
| Thurs      | 5th         | 2.00pm         | Uniting Churches Council at Christ Church                         |
| Fri        | 6th         | 2.30pm         | Time for Tea at LMC with Hedley Kay <i>(to 4.30)</i>              |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>8th</b>  | <b>10.30am</b> | <b>Rev. Lynda Russell - Holy Communion</b>                        |
|            |             | <b>6.30pm</b>  | <b>Rev. Lynda Russell - Communion at LMC</b>                      |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>15th</b> | <b>10.30am</b> | <b>Rev. Barbara Pearson</b>                                       |
| Tues       | 17th        | 2.30pm         | Service at The Beeches  |
| Wed        | 18th        | 7.30pm         | Mission Group Meeting at the Manse                                |
| Thurs      | 19th        | 3.30pm         | Messy Church at LMC <i>(to 5.30pm)</i>                            |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>22nd</b> | <b>10.30am</b> | <b>Rev. Lynda Russell Joint Service with LMC at Christ Church</b> |
|            |             | <b>6.30pm</b>  | <b>New Fire at LMC</b>  |
| Tues       | 24th        | 2.30pm         | Pastoral Visitors' & Elders' Prayer Meeting at LMC                |
| Sat        | 28th        | 8.00am         | Men's Breakfast at Christ Church <i>(see p.24)</i>                |
|            |             | 2.00pm         | Thanksgiving Service for Margaret Meynen at LMC                   |

## March

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| Sun | 1st | 10.30am | Rev. Brian Treharne                          |
| Fri | 6th | 2.30pm  | Women's World Day of Prayer at Christ Church |





## **Christ Church Family News**



Unfortunately Margaret Ball has had another fall and is now recovering in Dorking Cottage Hospital. We send her our very best wishes and hope that she will soon be home again.

We are sorry to hear from visitors that Marguerite Kerr is now very frail but is well cared for.

We send our deepest sympathy to Fred Meynen and his family on the sudden loss of Margaret before Christmas. Our prayers and thoughts are with them all.

We are sorry to report the death of Patrick Pelham just before Christmas, after a long illness. We send our sincere condolences to Janet and her family.

John Rayner is in respite care in St George's Nursing Home in Cobham while the family look for somewhere permanent. John is happy to be out of hospital and is being well looked after. We send John and the family our very best wishes for the future.

We remember in our prayers all those named and others of our church family who need our support, the bereaved, thinking particularly of Bert Gower, the full time carers and the lonely.

*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:**

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