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**The United Pastorate of
Leatherhead
Cobham
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July/August 2012



The
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Christ Church (United Reformed) Leatherhead
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UNITED PASTORATE EVENING SERVICE

The next United Pastorate Service will be held at
5.00pm on Sunday 8th July at Leatherhead
Methodist Church, followed by tea.

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The Ministers Write...



From Rev. Kim Plumpton

Dear Friends,

The Olympics will be upon us in the next few weeks and personally I am very excited at the prospect of watching it on the television (timetables permitting of course). Sadly I will miss the tail end of the Olympics as our holiday this year will be in northern Scotland away from televisions which of course will be delightful for other reasons. However, as someone who used to enjoy running 100/200m as well as the 100m hurdles (amazingly I did quite well in it), I particularly adore watching the track and field events. No surprise then that when I came across this prayer in the Methodist Prayer Book it took my eye:

Running...enthusiastic...energised...eager...

The kingdom constraints, invites, offers so much.

Give me grace, Lord; make me fit for the race.

Running...encumbered...discouraged...exhausted...

Young children, elderly parents, busy job.

Give me grace, Lord; make me fit for the race.

Running...supported...held...cheered on...

Good friends, loving family, the company of saints.

Give me grace, Lord; make me fit for the race.

Running...betrayed...suffering...alone...

Broken heart, broken body, bereaved.

Give me grace, Lord; make me fit for the race.

Creator God, you designed me for this race;

Running...I learn to move to your pace.

Redeeming Jesus, you pioneered the course;

Running...I listen for your footsteps beside me.

Dynamic Spirit, you are the energy I need;

Running...I breathe in your rhythm.

Give me grace, Lord; make me fit for the race.

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Kim's letter continued on the next page

We are all called to run the journey of life and this beautiful prayer carries with it a reminder that we will encounter much but we run the race with one another and accompanied by the giver of grace.

Our aim, to finish the course as best as we can. Paul makes the comment in Acts 20:24 - "However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me - the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace."

Have a wonderful summer break and may God's grace be your constant companion.

With every blessing,

Kim

From Rev. Ian Howarth

Dear Friends,

At the beginning of July, the Methodist Conference and the United Reformed Church General Assembly will both be meeting. The Conference in Plymouth and the General Assembly at Scarborough. I hope the distance between the two meetings is not a sign of the two denominations going in different directions. One thing I notice from the Methodist Conference agenda is that there is a report that in the past year there have been twelve new sharing agreements between URC and Methodist churches coming together.

Both bodies induct their denomination's figurehead leader, the Methodists will be inducting Mark Wakelin, (who happens to be an old school friend of mine), as their President for the next year, while the URC will induct Michael Jagessar, as their moderator for the next two years.

Both bodies also have contentious reports to consider. The Methodist Conference have a 120 page report on training, called 'Fruitful Field' which will have significant consequences if it is agreed on everything from closing two of our theological colleges, to completely changing the way Local Preachers and Worship Leaders are trained. It is an attempt both to save money and to get some consistency in the way lay and ordained are trained throughout Methodism. Although it may seem a distant thing, its effects will be felt in every church in some way or another.

The URC are grasping a nettle the Methodist Church has avoided for the last 19 years, and are debating same sex relationships, particularly the blessing of civil partnerships and whether same sex weddings could happen in church. As we know it is an issue on which Christians hold deeply held views on both sides.

Alongside these big issues, there will be debates on social and political themes, such as education and the use of drones in warfare, as well as on the mission of the church, and how we resource new ways of mission and evangelism. (The Methodist Conference also has to formally approve my appointment as Chair of the Birmingham district from 2013!)

While many of us do not have much sense of belonging to a wider church, the decisions of these councils are significant for the future of our local churches, and I hope over the first week of July you will remember both the Methodist Conference and the URC General Assembly in your prayers. Kim is going to General Assembly, and we pray for her as she engages in the debates, and look forward to hearing her reports when she returns.

Yours in Christ,

Ian





Cobham

Methodist Church



"Time 4 You"
Saturday 14th July and
Saturday 11th August
10.00am - 12noon

Cobham Methodist Diary - July/August



<u>July</u>			
Sun	1st	11.00am	Freddie Jenkins
Sun	8th	11.00am 5.00pm	John Oborn Pastorate Service at LMC followed by tea
Wed	11th	10am - 4pm	Church Leaders' Away Day
Fri	13th	4.30pm	CYC at URC (ends 6.30pm)
Sat	14th	10.00am 2.30pm	Time 4 You Platinum Service
Sun	15th	11.00am 3pm - 6pm	Rev. Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion Church Gate House: Feedback for all CUP friends from a visit to Uganda
Sun	22nd	11.00am	Alex Cloke
Wed	25th	7.30pm	House fellowship at the Manse
Sun	29th	11.00am	Joint Service at Cobham URC

August

Sun 5th 11.00am Simon Lucas

Sat 11th 10.00am Time 4 You
2.30pm Platinum Service

Sun 12th 11.00am Rev. Robert Davey

Sat 18th 12 noon Christening of Jasmine Bell

Sun 19th 11.00am Rev. Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion

Sat 25th Church Outing

Sun 26th 11.00am Rhys Frost

Wed 29th 7.30pm House Fellowship

September

Sun 2nd 11.00am James Cameron

Sat 8th Heritage Day - Support is needed for the Churches Together stand

We're all going on a Summer Holiday!

[well a day trip to Bournemouth]

Kim's Churches are going to Bournemouth on Saturday 25th August. The cost for the day is £12 [£6 for children]. If you would like to go please call me 01932 423100 or email me rhondajane@frost@yahoo.co.uk with a deposit of £6 [£3] to secure your place.

Thanks, Rhonda





Cobham

United Reformed Church

Cobham URC Worship Diary - July/August



<u>July</u>			
Sun	1st	9.00am 10.30am	Early Bird Service John Stewart
Sun	8th	10.30am 5.00pm	Alex Henman Pastorate Service at Leatherhead MC
Sun	15th	10.30am	Iain Stewart
Sun	22nd	10.30am	Rev. Kim Plumpton
Sun	29th	10.30am	Roy Bones (jointly with Cobham Methodist Church at Cobham URC)
<u>August</u>			
Sun	5th	10.30am	Norman Edsall
Sun	12th	10.30am	Vivien Gerhold
Sun	19th	10.30am	Roy Bones
Sun	26th	10.30am	Rev. Kim Plumpton
<u>September</u>			
Sun	2nd	10.30am	Sydney Shore

Prayers at the Manse
at 9.30am on Wednesdays:
4th, 11th, 18th, 26th July
1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th August

Cobham URC Events - July/August

JULY

Sun	1st	3.00pm	Special Needs Group (to 6.00pm)
Tues	3rd	9.45am 8.00pm	Church Walk Elders' Meeting
Thurs	5th	12.30pm	Men's Fellowship at the Fairmile, Portsmouth Road, Cobham, KT11 1BW
Wed	11th	10.00am	Elders' Away Day (to 4.00pm)
Fri	13th	4.30pm	CYC meets at the URC (to 6.30pm)
Thurs	19th	7.30pm	Evening House Group
Sun	22nd	12.30pm	Barbecue & pot luck lunch to raise money for Westminster College, Cambridge
Thurs	26th	10.30am	Morning House Group at Church
Fri	27th	3.00pm	T @ 3 at church

AUGUST

Sun	5th	3.00pm	Special Needs Group (to 6.00pm)
Tues	7th	9.45am 8.00pm	Church Walk Elders' Meeting
Thurs	9th	12.30pm	Men's Fellowship at the Fairmile, Portsmouth Road, Cobham, KT11 1BW
Thurs	16th	7.30pm	Evening House Group
Thurs	23rd	10.30am	Morning House Group
Fri	24th	3.00pm	T @ 3 at church



Cobham URC continued...



morning, cakes on a trolley and tea brought to the table. Between the cakes, coffee, plants and the bric-a-brac on sale, the healthy sum of £352 was raised. CYC were delighted to be able to split the money between The MakeAWish Foundation and WaterAid, only made possible by everyone's generosity.

We feel it is so important that CYC takes the time every year to think about how they might help other children so we cannot thank you enough for your support and encouragement, we certainly could not have done it without your help.

With great appreciation. All at CYC.



Effingham Methodist Church



Dates to celebrate this month

Happy Birthday to Gill Walker on 3rd August

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



Bournemouth here we come!

Please sign list at the Chapel if interested in joining Kim and pastorate friends for a fantastic day in Bournemouth on 25th August.

Only £12 per adult & £6 child [under 16]

Effingham Methodist Diary-

July/August

Prayer Meetings are held in the Chapel every Friday at 9.15am



July

Sun 1st 10.00am Jay Dunning

Sat 7th 10.00am Café Church at KGV Hall (until 11.00am)

Sun 8th 10.00am Rev. Frank Smith - Holy Communion
5.00pm Pastorate Service at LMC followed by tea

Tues 10th 2.30pm Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall

Wed 11th 8.00pm Christian Meditation in the church

Thurs 12th 2.00pm Bible Study Group meet with Kim in the hall

Sun 15th 10.00am Alex Cloke

Sun 22nd 10.00am Rhys Frost

Tues 24th 2.30pm Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall

Wed 25th 8.00pm Christian Meditation in the church

Thurs 26th 2.00pm Bible Study Group meet with Kim in the hall

Sun 29th 10.00am Ecumenical Service at St. Lawrence

August

Sat 4th 10.00am Café Church at KGV Hall (until 11.00am)

Sun 5th 10.00am Clive Haines

Tues 7th 2.30pm Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall

Wed 8th 8.00pm Christian Meditation in the church

Sun 12th 10.00am David Cappitt

Sun 19th 10.00am Rev. Val Ogden - Holy Communion

Tues 21st 2.30pm Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall

Wed 22nd 8.00pm Christian Meditation in the church

Sun 26th 10.00am Simon Lucas

September

Sun 2nd 10.00am Rev. Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion



Heritage Weekend: Effingham Chapel

The Chapel will be taking part in **Heritage Open Days** again this year, and will be open on **Friday 7th and Saturday 8th from 10.00am to 5.00pm** with refreshments all day, and an exhibition about our village, some famous local heroes, and our

Chapel's history. We'll also reveal some of John Wesley's "**Rotten Remedies**", from his medical handbook, *Primitive Physic or an Easy and Natural Method of CURING most DISEASES* published in 1747. He wanted the less well-off to be able to treat themselves, rather than paying for physicians and apothecaries:

"A plain and easy way of curing most diseases, to set down cheap, safe, and easy medicines, easy to be known, easy to be procured, and easy to be applied by plain and unlettered men". The book is infused with Wesley's belief in holistic salvation, although the remedies and cures are not Wesley's own, but he does indicate those that he believes to be the most effective, and the way the book is laid out was his idea.

He re-wrote the work of reputable physicians of his time, listing the ailments alphabetically, giving a brief description of symptoms, and suggesting a range of treatments, providing remedies for a range of ailments and diseases, from headaches to the plague, and gout to obesity. Some of his remedies should stay firmly in the 18thC, such as drying and powdering a toad to make pills to help ease asthma! But he was also way ahead of his time in re-establishing the value of prevention rather than 'cures'; recommending fresh water, a light diet low in spices and salt, and exercising around two to three hours a day in order to "soften the evils of life".

So can you help ? We'd greatly appreciate more volunteers to talk to visitors or help to serve teas or make scones this year.

Also, cyclists taking part in the sponsored annual *Bike & Stride for Surrey Churches Preservation Trust* will be dropping in for signatures on sponsor forms, refreshments and a "comfort break" as usual on Saturday 8th. **Please talk to Pat, Janet or Ange**

PS: Remember last date to register an event is 1st August. See www.heritageopendays.org.uk for details.

An American Dream Holiday!



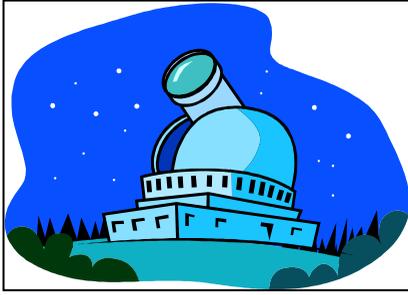
We've just come back from a fabulous astronomy holiday in America. Nearly three weeks touring south-western USA with specially arranged visits to observatories and even a chance to view an eclipse of the sun without the threat of rain. There's been a drought in the states of Nevada, Utah, Arizona and California for years, but no hose-pipe ban! It was amazing to see how the desert bloomed where there was water. Miles and miles of arid mountainous land with no sign of human habitation, except for a petrol station cum general store in the middle of nowhere. We travelled nearly four thousand miles but only saw a tiny part of this vast country, and only had rain when we got back to Heathrow.

Strange but we began to miss the rain, and found the dry heat and altitude left us both with a dry cough. Although the tour wasn't strenuous, it was demanding. Early breakfasts to ensure we got to the observatories for the scheduled visits and with enough time to raid the gift-shops. There were photo-opportunities but not the freedom to stop the coach and leap off to visit that church or watch a bird circling overhead, or just chat to people about life.

We moved hotels frequently. We flew to Las Vegas but had no time to be led astray as we drove to Zion National Park the following day, then onto Bryce Canyon where we stayed for a couple of nights so we could view an "annular" eclipse of the sun - a ring of fire, which we watched with some local people including a deputy sheriff and a Mormon preacher and his family. At last a chance to meet some real Americans!! Then onto Lake Powell to view the dam and hydro-electric power station, and just so hot you could fry eggs on the pavement! Fortunately the coach was air-conditioned or we'd never have survived.

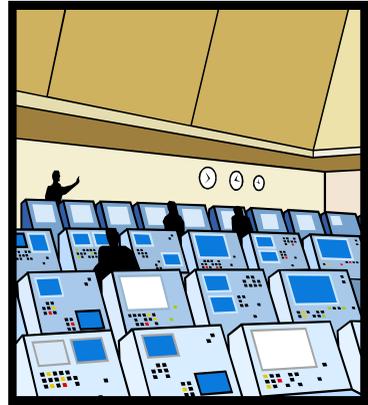
A night in another hotel then onto the Grand Canyon. WOW !!!! Fantastic views. Ange visited in February 20 years ago and saw little but snow and a canyon stuffed with cloud. What a contrast now...it's a mile deep and we took an early morning helicopter ride out over the forest and this "Great Hole" created by the mighty Colorado river.....that tiny trickle of water visible between towering walls of rock. Truly awesome, with real Red Indian gifts and evocative music and giant Condors soaring below.

Then onto Flagstaff for a visit to Meteor Crater where winds of 60mph made photography interesting - hair on end and trousers flapping and a guided tour done "on screen" due to health and safety fears.



Then back on the bus and off south to Tucson, where we visited Kitt Peak Observatory, and had a short morning trip to the Arizona Desert Museum for a chance to see the flora and fauna close to at last. Beautiful hummingbirds, but we missed the road-runner. Apparently not as common as wily coyotes these days.

Then back on the coach for the seven-hour trip to Palm Springs, where we escaped the desert heat by visiting the aerial tramway, even though Dave's not that keen on heights these days, and then finding a beautiful mountain observatory on Great Bear Lake, which monitors solar flares - part of a warning system to protect our fragile planet. Then off to Pasadena for a trip to NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, where they're building space buggies to explore our Universe. Awesome technology by awesome scientists, with incredible vision into the future. A real privilege to meet these experts.



Then finally to LA, where the smog upset Ange's asthma but we still managed a stroll from our hotel to the beach so we could see the Pacific Ocean, and have lunch with the waves foaming on the sand. We talked to the lifeguard about bird-watching and saw skeins of brown pelicans fly by, and the usual sandwich-stealing sea-gulls raiding a picnic basket while the oblivious owners went for a swim. Then back to the hotel to squeeze in those rocks and mementoes before catching the shuttle to the airport.

Our flight home was delayed by two hours so after a 10-hour flight we were exhausted, jet-lagged, and glad to be back home. Phew!!

HOME SWEET HOME!!!! Perhaps there is nothing like a holiday to make us really appreciate our own country. Truly a green and pleasant land, with all the benefits of the NHS.

Dave & Ange Putland

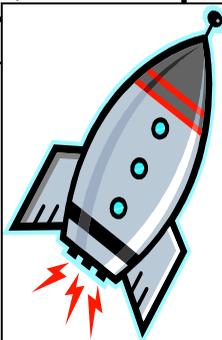
Leatherhead Pages

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

Starship Discovery Holiday Club August 20th to 24th

**BOOKING DEADLINE:
6th JULY 2012**

For children aged 5-11 years. For more information and booking forms, go to the Churches Together in Leatherhead website - www.churchesleatherhead.org **OR** pick up a paper copy in church **OR** contact Jane on 07834 051046 or janeffcw@googlemail.com



Messy Fiesta

Did you know that there are now over 1300 Messy Churches - not only in the UK but all around the world! Here in Leatherhead, we welcome up to 100 people every month, of all ages, to enjoy making, playing, eating and worshipping together.

To help us look to the future, we hosted a "Messy Fiesta" at the end of May. This was a chance for local Messy Church teams to get together, swap ideas and learn together. About 30 people attended, representing Leatherhead, Dorking, Pixham, Cheam, Morden and Woking. We explored the values which underpin Messy Church - Hospitality, Creativity, Celebration and being All-Age. We were inspired by our Regional Co-ordinators, Charis and Andrew, and we had a lot of fun!

People sometimes ask where Messy Church is going. How will it help people grow as disciples? Will it draw people into Sunday Church? Or will it grow into a new kind of church all of its own? The honest answer is "we don't know... yet!" We are enjoying the process of building a new sort of Christian community and looking forward to finding out where the Spirit of God is leading.

Jane Smith

Leatherhead Choral Society

Songs of the Land; Songs of the Sea

7.30pm

Saturday 14th July 2012
Leatherhead Parish Church Hall,
KT22 8BD

Tickets £12, Under 13s £6

Tickets available from

Barton's Bookshop, Leatherhead

or phone

Heather on 020 8337 3809

or email

tickets@leatherhead-choral.net

registered charity 116555

www.leatherhead-choral.net

News from Leatherhead Trinity

At the time of writing, it's still half term and we are all recovering from a busy few weeks. The climax of the first half of term was "Creativity Week", when the usual curriculum was set aside for one week. The whole school got artistic, and the state of many of the children's "white" shirts was testimony to the way they got stuck in!

The week began with a visit from an illustrator, who spent the day teaching the children how to draw a range of animals from elephants to caterpillars with crossed legs and wonky eyes. This was followed by a mesmerising multicultural workshop from Earthsong, who taught the children about Chinese culture through music and dance. Several children had the opportunity to perform in the dragon dance which was absolutely amazing.

Parents were invited into school on Friday afternoon, to view the children's work and I can honestly say that I was blown away by the quality and variety of art on display.

Looking ahead, **forthcoming highlights** include:

*Week beginning 2nd July: **Class Swap Day**.* Children will spend a day in their new classes, and in the case of Year 6 will have the chance to visit their new schools. Pray for them as they prepare to move on at the end of this year.

*Wed 11th July: **Sports Day*** at Woodvill Road. Details from Jane Smith if you are interested in attending.

End of term Church Services (Church members very welcome):

Monday 16th July:

Reception and Infants, 1:45pm at Christ Church.

Wednesday 18th July:

Juniors, 1:45pm at Leatherhead Parish Church.

Jane Smith

	<p><u>Next Messy Church:</u></p> <p>Thursday 19th July 3.30pm to 5.30pm at</p> 
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Help Needed for B@titude's Thanksgiving Dinner - 27th October

Churches Together is hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner for the patrons of B@titude on Saturday night, 27th October, 7.00pm to 9.00pm, at the North Leatherhead Community Centre. If you are able to help, please contact Dave Banko, 07909 448880 or dave@bankofamily.net

We need the following:

Volunteers

Setup 4.00pm to 7.00pm
Hosts/Servers 7.00pm to 8.30pm
Clean-up 8.30pm to 9.30pm

Items Needed

Christmas Lights & Garland
Candles/holders/Matches or Lighter
Paper Tablecloths
CD Player
Christmas CDs
Serviettes
Kitchen Rolls
Cling Film
Kitchen Foil
Serving Utensils
Large Plastic Bags for Rubbish
Plastic Cups for Hot & Cold Drinks
Strong Plastic Plates
Strong Plastic Utensils

Drinks

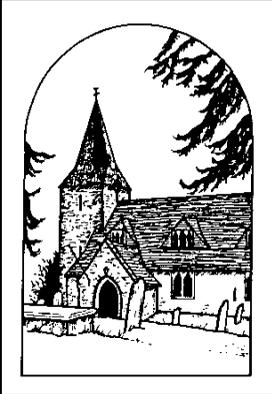
Tea, Coffee, Pump Pots
Fizzy Drinks
Juice

Food *(Be sure to bring it in a container to keep warm or cold, a serving utensil, and label your items)*

Assorted Starters
Roasted Root Vegetables
Squash
Mashed Potatoes
Stuffing
Cold Salads
Green Beans
Puddings – Fruit Pies or Cakes

The Ride & Stride

8th September, 2012



Most counties in England hold an annual Ride & Stride, on the second Saturday in September, to raise money for the restoration and repair of buildings for Christian worship.

The idea is that cyclists and walkers are given a list of churches and chapels in the area of their choice. They map out their own route to pedal or walk having asked their friends to reward their efforts.

The money collected is divided into two. Half the monies go to the church or chapel of the cyclist's or walker's choice - probably your own - the other half is retained by the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust for distribution to churches in need. In the dozen years that the Bike Ride (now Ride & Stride) has been running in Surrey over £250,000 has been raised.

The umbrella organisation for our county is the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust whose trustees are from most Christian denominations. Grants are given out twice a year for deserving applications.

Encouragement to take part in Ride & Stride is provided by the SCPT County Organiser and distributed by Area Organisers to individual churches and chapels across Surrey. The Area Organisers support the Church Organisers by providing them with all the necessary paperwork and any guidance they need.

Ride & Stride is a fun way to spend time on a pleasant September Saturday while at the same time supporting a worthy cause. Why not make up a group and join in this year!

Supporters who prefer not to 'ride or stride', please consider sponsoring volunteers involved in this important event.

For more information visit www.surreychurchespreservationtrust.org

Note: I have received word that LMC, Christ Church and Effingham Methodist Church will be welcoming the Ride & Stride cyclists and walkers as part of the Heritage Weekend in September. More details in the September Link.

Editor



Leatherhead

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CHURCH FLOWERS

For many years Winifred Ashbrook has quietly co-ordinated the organising of flowers in the church each week, and frequently arranged them. She now feels it is time to hand this task over, and the church are very grateful to her for having enhanced our Sunday worship in this way.

Housegroups - All Welcome

Monday House Fellowship meets fortnightly - contact Carol Stoves 377125

Wednesday House Fellowship meets monthly - contact Dreda Kitchen 200129

Friday Daytime Fellowship meets fortnightly - contact Jane Smith 372919

LMC

Diary - July/August



July

Sun	1st	10.30am	Rev. Ian Howarth - Holy Communion (joint service with Christ Church at LMC)
		6.30pm	Rev. Ian Howarth
Fri	6th	2.30pm	Time for Tea (until 4.30pm)
Sun	8th	10.30am	James Cameron
		5.00pm	Pastorate Service followed by tea
Sun	15th	10.30am	Rev. Ian Howarth
		6.30pm	Rev. Ian Howarth with Holy Communion (joint service with Christ Church at LMC)

Tues 17th 2.00pm Pastoral Care Course "Encircled in Care"
(ends 3.30pm)

Thurs 19th 3.30pm Messy Church

Sat 21st 8.00am Men's Breakfast at Christ Church

Sun 22nd 10.30am Tina Andrews
6.30pm New Fire

Sun 29th 10.30am Uniting Churches service at St Mary's
(No services at LMC today owing to Olympic Cycle Race)

August

Sun 5th 10.30am Rev. Ian Howarth - Holy Communion
6.30pm Rev. Ian Howarth
(No Time for Tea in August)

Sun 12th 10.30am Joint Service at Christ Church - Rob Pitt
6.30pm Rev. Paul Cockburn

Sun 19th 10.30am Rev. Ian Howarth
6.30pm Rev Ian Howarth - jointly with Christ Church at LMC

Mon 20th - Fri 24th Holiday Club: Starship Discovery

Sun 26th 10.30am Alex Cloke
6.30pm New Fire

September

Sun 2nd 10.30am Rev. Ian Howarth - Holy Communion
6.30pm Rev. Val Ogden

Fri 7th 2.30pm Time for Tea (until 4.30pm)

LMC Family News



Congratulations and best wishes to...

...the Bristow family on the baptism of Spencer James on Sunday 17th June.

Seeds of the Kingdom

(Free Daily Devotionals from Ellel Ministries International)

This is a sample "Seed of the Kingdom" written by Cath Taylor of Ellel USA. If you would like to receive this free online devotional daily, please sign up at: www.seedsofthekingdom.com/devotionals

Jesus said; *"Come to me all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke fits perfectly and the burden I give you is light".* Matthew 11:28-30, NLT

I have come to believe that the one thing many of us thirst and hunger for, sometimes beyond anything else, is REST. Not rest like a weekend at the beach or a midday nap, but a deeper rest that speaks peace and calm to the turmoil that can occupy our minds and our hearts. Rest that refreshes us deep on the inside, where we are tired to the very core.

So if it is the one thing that we all long for, why do we find it so hard to simply lay down our burdens and run to the Lord? Surely it sounds so easy, and yet the reality is that to surrender goes against our very human nature. If we are not in control, how will we know we are safe?!

Maybe there are many different reasons we struggle to truly surrender, and the weariness is permeating our hearts. Perhaps we don't recognise what the burdens we are carrying actually are. Unforgiveness, worry, guilt, shame, hopelessness, despair, sin, wrong responsibility - these are all things that can weigh down our hearts and rob us of the peace and rest that our Father has for us today.

A peace and rest that affirms our Father God has us safe in the palm of His hands, as we allow Him to be in control. True rest from the Lord is never conditional on our circumstances. As we run to the Lord, it may not automatically erase the struggles that we are going through, or the difficulties we face. It is purely a gift from the Lord as we come to that place of surrender - a deep assurance that no matter what is around us - our Father God is way big enough to carry what is too much for us to bear. What a wonderful relief!

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for your humble, gentle character that beckons me to come to you and lay down the burdens of my heart. Thank you that when I do, you hold them safe and know exactly why I have carried them for so long. Lord, I am sorry for trying so hard to be strong in my own strength. Please teach me to run only to you that I may experience the relief of your rest, knowing you hold it all in your control. Help me Lord to remember that for every situation and burden in my life, your Cross and who you are stands eternally the same. I love you Lord Jesus. Amen.

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Bob Greenfield

Monday Evening Fellowship - Psalm Writing

On 11th June our fellowship group looked at the Psalms and Proverbs section of 'Essential 100' and had a go at writing some Psalms together in the manner of 'Consequences', adding a sentence each in turn, around the room. We were quite surprised by the results:

Lord, how wonderful are your blessings,
Because you are forgiving and you know me through and through.
I would be lost without the knowledge that you care for all.
I am so overwhelmed when I see the beauty and detail of your wonderful creation.
You help and comfort me in times of trouble.
Jesus I love you because I know you will always be beside me.
Therefore I will always praise you and honour you.

Friday Evening Fellowship Psalm Writing - continued

Father in heaven we praise you and glorify your name,
Because you are available to all
And you are always with me.

We thank you for the wonders of creation. The beautiful sky and
the earth and seas and for all your people in all the lands.
You make me strong.

Jesus I love you because you took away our sins on the cross.
Therefore I will seek to bring your word to others.

Lord I bless your holy name

Because you are so forgiving. I know I can put my trust in you
Without question.

Your world is beautiful and diverse, from the tiniest mite to the
vastness of space.

You are my guiding light and without that support I would be
nothing.

Jesus I love you because you are always here with me.

Therefore I will worship and serve you all my days.

*Note: Lack of space has meant three more Psalms have been held over
until the September edition.*

Editor

Methodist Women in Britain - Part 2

Last month I wrote about the Friday and Saturday of their first conference in April. Both Saturday and Sunday began with prayers before breakfast. There were plenty of choices to suit all needs and temperaments, from the 'wake up' kind with drums, to the quieter prayer stations. Sunday morning is always stripping the bed and packing (rooms have to be vacated by 10.00am). For me, it meant lugging my case down four flights of stairs because the lift was out of order!

The first session in the morning was news of how working in partnership as MWiB was progressing. Very well, would be my opinion. There were updates on the Launch Road Shows that have taken place at venues around the country, with a reminder that there is only one more to come in York. I reported on the London one in last November's magazine. The rest of that session was brief items about Magnet (the Methodist magazine for all Christians), Clem (a self-help partnership in Bolivia), More than Gold, MRDF and Children Unite (a new international organisation devoted exclusively on child domestic workers, protecting children from abuse and to promote their rights).

After the coffee break we met together in the main hall to hear from those who attended the World Seminar of WFMUCW in S. Africa last summer. The focus was mainly on the Millennium Development Goals (MDG's) an initiative established by UN and adopted by WFMUCW as a need for action. For many years now the movement has had a voting place on a UN Committee that is centred on children's needs. Methodist women's work has a far broader reach than just weekly meetings, although that are still an important part! President Jill Baker said we should be proud to be a Methodist, with an understanding of all that happens throughout the world. We are part of a global sisterhood of women. (I have listed the MDG's separately).

The weekend finished with a grand worship session in the afternoon. There was much singing, praying, peaching and three heart-wrenching testimonies from women, who despite unbelievable difficulties, have never given up.

It was a lonely journey home in a packed train, full of students returning to college. It would have been lovely to have someone to chew things over with - I'm always hopeful that might happen! Next year's dates: MWiB at Swanwick, 12th to 14th April 2013.

Millennium Development Goals

1. Eradicate extreme hunger and poverty.
 2. Achieve universal primary education.
 3. Promote gender equality and empower women.
 4. Reduce child mortality.
 5. Improve maternal health.
 6. Combat AIDS/HIV, malaria and other diseases.
 7. Ensure environmental sustainability.
 8. Establish global partnerships for development.
- * The UK is part of the global need!
 - * A thought - should richer countries send 'goods' to help (which often go astray!) or would it be better to encourage and teach self-help?
 - * For those who can get there, there is a whole day (free!) exploring Goal 7 in Mansfield, Saturday 13th October. I have more details and a booking form.

Jean Plant

Christ Church

(United Reformed) Leatherhead

The Church Garden

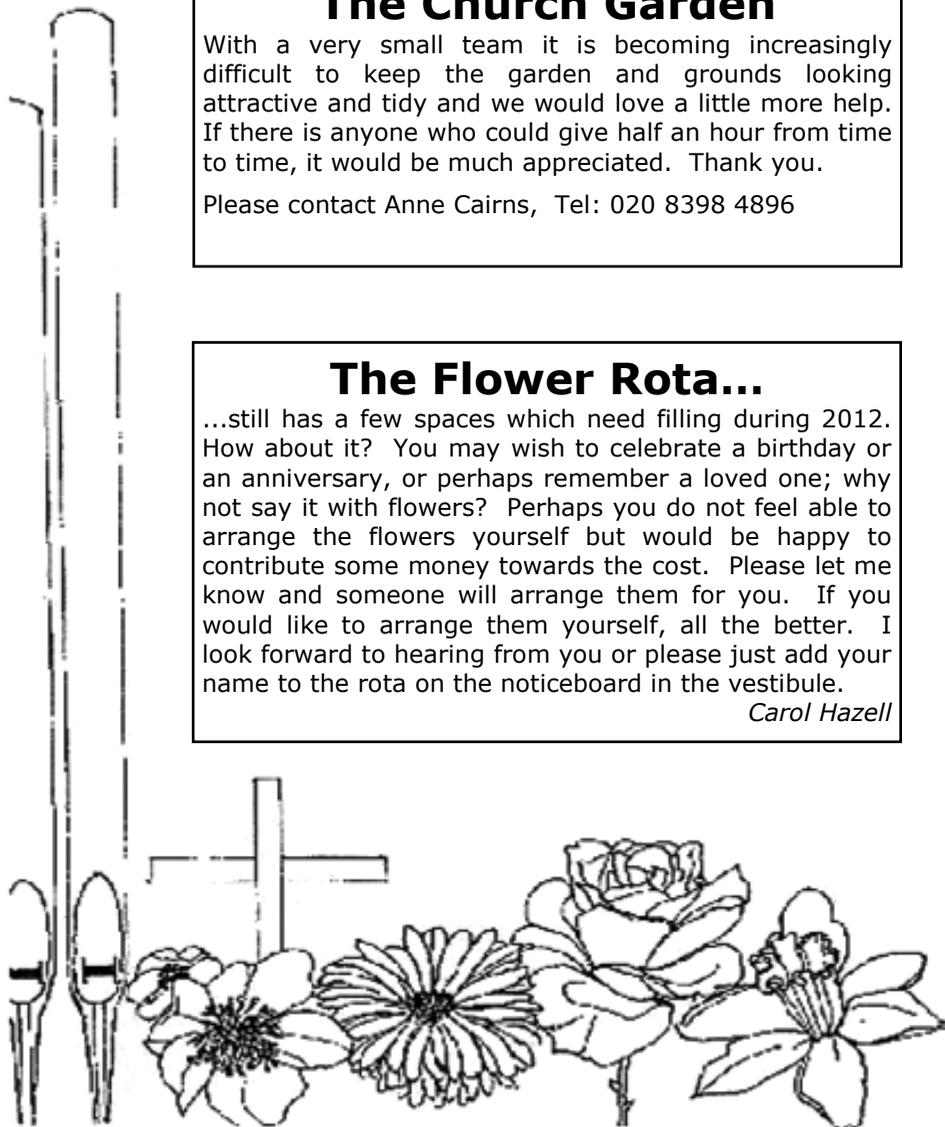
With a very small team it is becoming increasingly difficult to keep the garden and grounds looking attractive and tidy and we would love a little more help. If there is anyone who could give half an hour from time to time, it would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Please contact Anne Cairns, Tel: 020 8398 4896

The Flower Rota...

...still has a few spaces which need filling during 2012. How about it? You may wish to celebrate a birthday or an anniversary, or perhaps remember a loved one; why not say it with flowers? Perhaps you do not feel able to arrange the flowers yourself but would be happy to contribute some money towards the cost. Please let me know and someone will arrange them for you. If you would like to arrange them yourself, all the better. I look forward to hearing from you or please just add your name to the rota on the noticeboard in the vestibule.

Carol Hazell





**FETCHAM SINGERS
SUMMER CONCERT**

to include:

**Britten's "MISSA BREVIS in D"
Madrigals, Traditional Songs and
Songs from the Shows**

Special Guest
Victoria Barnes
Violin

**Saturday 7th July
at 7.30pm**

**United Reformed Church, Epsom Road,
Leatherhead**

*Entry £8 (children free) includes contribution to Church funds and
Interval refreshments*

Christ Church Diary

July/August



July

Sun	1st	10.30am	Rev. Ian Howarth - Joint service at LMC
Tues	3rd	6.30pm for 7.00pm	Fetcham Ladies Choir rehearsal
Wed	4th	10.30am	Coffee and Chat
Fri	6th	2.30pm to 4.30pm	Time for Tea at LMC. All welcome
Sat	7th	7.30pm	Concert by Fetcham Singers in the Church
Sun	8th	10.30am 5.00pm	Rev. Ian Howarth - Holy Communion Pastorate (5 churches) service at LMC, followed by tea
Sun	15th	10.30am 6.30pm	Rev. Gail Partridge Rev. Ian Howarth - Joint Holy Communion (LMC/URC) at LMC
Tues	17th	2.00pm to 3.30pm	Pastoral Care Course "Encircled in Care" at LMC - Rev Ian Howarth
Wed	18th	7.30pm 8.00pm	Induction of Rev. Derek Tighe as Vicar of St Martin's Dorking Illustrated talk: "The Young Romantics" - Mike Essex (for church projects)
Thurs	19th	3.30pm	Messy Church at LMC
Sat	21st	8.00am	Men's Breakfast Fellowship at Christ Church
Sun	22nd	10.30am 6.30pm	Rev. Ian Howarth New Fire - Rev. Ian Howarth - Ecumenical at LMC
Sun	29th	Olympic Cycle Race - No Service	

August

Wed 1st 10.30am Coffee & Chat at 34 Leatherhead Road

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Sun	5th	10.30am	Rev. Robert Blows Organist: Gina Eason
Sun	12th	10.30am	Joint Morning Service with LMC at Christ Church: Methodist Local Preacher - Mr Robert Pitt
Sun	19th	10.30am 6.30pm	Mrs Eileen Lawlor, URC Lay Preacher Rev. Ian Howarth - Joint Holy Communion - URC/LMC at LMC
Mon 20th - Fri 24th			Holiday Club: Starship Discovery
Sun	26th	10.30am	Mr David Cappitt (Methodist Local Preacher)
<u>September</u>			
Sun	2nd	10.30am	Rev. Barbara Pearson Organist: Gina Eason

Calling All Readers

In recent months our readers' rota has become sadly depleted due in the main to age and infirmity. We are very grateful to all those who have taken on this task and I take this opportunity to say thank you very much for the service you have given over the years.

We do need extra readers to join the list of those willing to do the readings on Sunday mornings. You would only be expected to do this perhaps three times a year at the most. If you feel you would like to join the volunteers already giving this service please let me know.

Finally, thank you to those readers who have been on the rota for a long time but who now feel unable to continue. Your effort has been much appreciated.

Jill Osmond

Christ Church Family News



It is with great sadness we report the sudden death of Sheena Treharne on Monday 4th June. We send our deepest sympathy to Brian and daughters Joanne and Heather and their families in their loss.

Congratulations and all good wishes to **James Aslet**, son of Graham and Jean, who qualifies as a doctor, working in Belfast, on 3rd July and who has recently announced his engagement.

Congratulations and best wishes to the **Bristow Family** on the baptism of Spencer James on Sunday 17th June.

We are very sorry to report that **Richard Trim** was taken ill with an infection while staying with his daughter in Salisbury and is in hospital. He and Lindsay are staying there with the family until Richard is fully recovered. We send them both our very best wishes. They can be contacted c/o Mrs Hilary Clapperton, Hillside House, Bowers Hill, Redlynch, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP5 2HD.

Greetings to members who celebrated birthdays in June, including **Nan Kemp** and **Bert Gower**, and those with birthdays in July and August.

We remember in our prayers all friends who have been bereaved, thinking especially of **Brian Treharne**, Jo and Heather and their families, those who are ill or undergoing hospital treatment, and those unable to attend church."

Anne Cairns

THE YOUNG ROMANTICS

An illustrated talk on Schubert, Mendelssohn,
Schumann and Chopin

by Mike Essex

8.00pm on Wednesday 18th July at
Christ Church Hall, Epsom Road, Leatherhead

Refreshments

Donations to Church Projects:
Age Concern Mole Valley North
and
Happy Child International



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:

www.leatherheadmethodist.org

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Christ Church (United Reformed)

Leatherhead:

www.chch.org.uk

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Effingham Methodist Church:

www.effinghammethodistchurch.co.uk

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Cobham United Reformed Church:

www.cobhamurc.org.uk

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