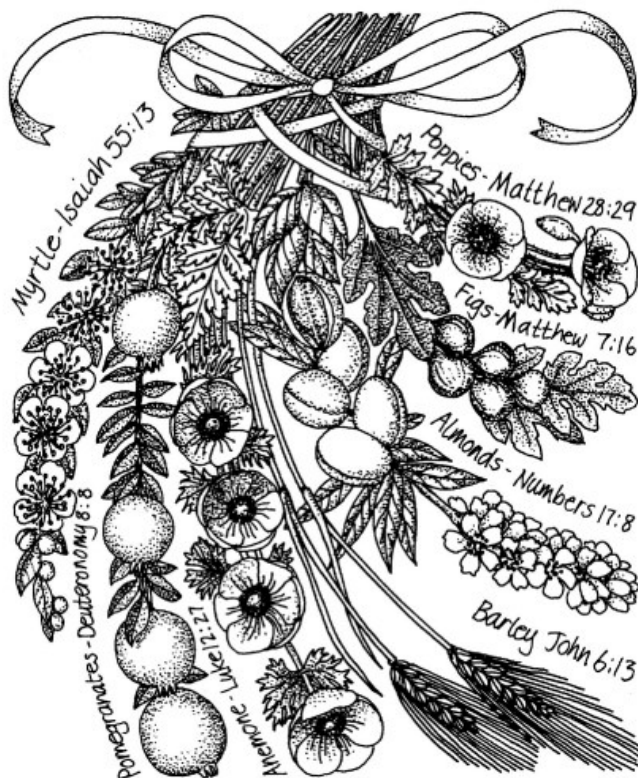


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### **The URC's New & Improved Online Store**

The URC's new and improved online store (<http://urcshop.co.uk>) is now up and ready for business. It's faster, better looking and easier to navigate... and, as well as established favourites, including the *prayer handbook*, the *URC Yearbook* and the extremely popular *Surprised by Grace* by Susan Durber, we have some new items from John Proctor, the URC's general secretary. These include a set of five booklets on all four Gospels and the Book of Acts that are informed by John's many years of New Testament study and teaching.

These booklets can be purchased either separately for £3.95 each or as a collection for £16.00. Also from John we have *The People's Bible Commentary: Matthew*, a more in depth devotional commentary for study and preaching available for £8.99. And, John Proctor's most recent book *First and Second Corinthians* will shortly be hitting the store.

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## *The Ministers Write...*

**From Rev. Lynda Russell**

Dear Friends,

Are you going on holiday over the summer? Perhaps most of us hope to be taking some time out of our normal patterns of work and home life. If you are travelling on some kind of public transport, you may want to take extra care of your belongings, given some of the statistics I found out when I was doing some research for a service about 'Lost and Found' stories that Jesus told.

Did you know that Transport for London alone finds over 156,000 items of lost property each year on buses, Tubes, trains, & stations? Some of the stranger items found on the Underground have been - false teeth; false eyes; replacement limbs; two-and-a-half hundred-weight of sultanias(!); lawn mowers; 14ft boat; Divan bed; park bench; 3 dead bats in container!! I'm amazed that people would even take most of these things on the Underground in the first place, let alone forget them! Airlines are known to auction off unclaimed luggage after a certain period of time (now you know what to do if you want a bargain...). My mother once hid her jewellery when she went on holiday - it took her months to find it again when she came home!

Sometimes we too can feel that we have lost our way in life a bit. The stresses and strains of daily living, and the pace of life, the rising cost of living, coupled with the need to achieve more and more can make us feel that we have no time to ourselves. Or we can feel that we are no longer the person we once were. But we all need time to be ourselves, to find or rediscover our true identity; to encounter again that inner part of us which can connect us not only with who we really are, but with God as well. Sometimes that is easier when we have time to step out of the usual routines over the summer.

The stories that Jesus told show us that God is searching for us, wanting us to come to know him. Like the woman who lost a coin and wouldn't give up until she found it, so God will continue to search us out until we belong to him, or until we come back to him.

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There is no such thing as 'lost property' or 'left luggage' in God's kingdom! Jesus said he came to seek and save what was lost.

I hope that you will find time over the summer for some rest and relaxation, but also to find that inner space to connect with God.

Every Blessing,

Lynda

### ***From Rev. Kim Plumpton***

Dear Friends,

One of our members at the URC, Margaret Lodge, died quite suddenly in early June. As Margaret only had one surviving brother John, and no other immediate family, I found myself clearing Margaret's flat with John (I must also give thanks to the elders and others in the second week who helped to clear the flat too, thank you!). It is an extraordinary responsibility to give anyone. How do you decide what to do with 82 years' worth of living? Often we are left with a handful of items that are significant to us. But this is not the most precious gift we are left with, it is those memories that leave us with a smile upon our faces that are often our biggest treasures.

I am reminded of a gift she gave me only the week before she died, a small heart shaped soap smelling of lavender and her cheeky comments as she gave it to me; I am reminded of her love for others including my family; I am reminded of her courage as she passed away holding my hand; I am reminded like so many who knew her better than I, of the incredible person she was.

John and I soon discovered as we were sorting through the paperwork that Margaret was a prolific writer, leaving no leaflet or piece of paper untouched by a vast quantity of her musings. I was touched by this piece:

*"You go through a day of varying experiences, and everything that touches your life, the words you hear, the pictures you see, the books you read, the companions you meet and with whom you associate, the friendship that warms your heart, everything that touches you, leaves its mark on your character."*

*And it is not a mere passing transient impression that these things and these lives and experiences leave on your life, it is permanent work that they do. Our lives are like temples and everyone who touches us is a builder. They make their record there and it is ineffaceable."*

Margaret's encounter with Christ left its ineffaceable mark, always challenged by her relationship as a follower of Christ, we had endless discussions about how difficult it can be to follow the pathway set before us. But the most visible mark it left on Margaret was one of service, an unyielding desire to serve others.

It raises for me a question, what kind of ineffaceable mark has my relationship with Christ left upon me? If it has left no visible mark upon me then in what way can I declare I follow Christ?

We are coming into 'ordinary' time according to the lectionary, which is simply when there are no festivals to celebrate i.e. Christmas, Easter etc. Yet we live in extraordinary times when we look at the example Jesus sets before us. Jesus' encounter with so many not least the Samaritan Woman and the adulterous woman, such profound encounters must have left an ineffaceable mark upon them, challenged and changed them to turn around and face God.

I wonder how we might describe the ineffaceable mark that Christ has left upon us.

With every blessing,

Kim



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## **The Ride & Stride**

### **12th September, 2015**



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](http://www.surreychurchespreservationtrust.org)

*Editor's Note: Cobham & Effingham Methodist Churches, Christ Church and LMC are welcoming walkers and cyclists on 12th September, although some may only have the registers posted on the door.*



# Cobham

## Methodist Church

### Cobham Methodist Diary



#### July

Sat	4th	7.30pm	Sam Plumpton's Fundraising Concert at Cobham URC
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Beth Little</b>
Sat	11th	10.00am 2.30pm	Time 4 You ( <i>until 12 noon</i> ) Platinum Service
<b>Sun</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>John Oborn</b>
Wed	15th	8.00pm	House Fellowship at The Manse
<b>Sun</b>	<b>19th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rev. Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>26th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Waseem Haq</b>

#### August

<b>Sun</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>David Cappitt</b>
Sat	8th	10.00am	Time 4 You ( <i>until 12 noon</i> )
<b>Sun</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>John Oborn</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>16th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rev. Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>23rd</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rhys Frost</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>30th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rev. Lynda Russell</b>

#### September

<b>Sun</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>tba</b>
Sat	12th	from 10am	Cobham Heritage Day



**Next "Time 4 You"**  
Saturdays 11th July, 8th August  
10.00am - 12 noon

# Rambling in Cappadocia

If you look in Acts ch 2 v 9, you will find that among the crowds in Jerusalem at Pentecost were people from Cappadocia. Coincidentally, on Whit Sunday 2015, I found myself in Cappadocia. Clearly the Cappadocians were moved by the experience of that day of Pentecost, because in 1 Peter 1.1 we find that he was writing to (among others) Christians in Cappadocia. Not only that but they are referred to in some translations as refugees, so that was a place where persecuted Christians could find refuge.

Cappadocia is in the centre of Turkey, and still there are churches and refugee dwellings dating back 1500 years and more. The rock is soft and has been eroded into the strangest shapes – including many cone-shaped pillars referred to as fairy chimneys. Also for thousands of years, people have tunnelled into caves in the rock, to make safe places for them to live and keep their animals. In extreme cases they made what are called underground cities. The one we went into had six stories, underground, one below another, of which four have so far been excavated.

They also made their churches in the rock, in caves, and there are 1500 year old churches with 1000 year old wall-paintings. Until the 1920s this was part of the Ottoman Empire and Christians were in a small minority, as is still the case. One branch of Islam which is more open to other faiths is Sufism, and while in Cappadocia I attended a Sufi ceremony. Sufis (also known as whirling dervishes) are mystics, known particularly for the ceremonies in which they spin round for several minutes at a

time (without, apparently, getting at all dizzy). While they spin, one hand point up to God, the other out to the world. It was very impressive.



In one of the rock churches is a special Nativity scene painted on the wall, in which the wise men from the East are clearly Sufis. So in your next Nativity Play why not replace the three kings by three whirling dervishes. It would be a talking point.

*David Cappitt*





# Cobham

## United Reformed Church

### Cobham URC Worship Diary



#### July

Sun	5th	9.00am	Early Bird Service
		10.30am	Thelma Roberts
Sun	12th	10.30am	Rev. Kim Plumpton
Sun	19th	10.30am	Sydney Shore
Sun	26th	10.30am	Rev. Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion <i>Church Meeting after Morning Service</i>

#### August

Sun	2nd	10.30am	Alison Sage
Sun	9th	10.30am	Rev. Norman Edsall
Sun	16th	10.30am	Gail Partridge
Sun	23rd	10.30am	Rev. Kim Plumpton
Sun	30th	10.30am	Joint Service at Cobham Methodist Church - Rev. Kim Plumpton

#### September

Sun	6th	10.30am	Rev. Roy Bones
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#### Prayers at the Cobham URC Manse:

at 9.30am on Wednesdays:

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th July, 19th & 26th August

#### Prayers in the Church:

At 9.30am on Wednesdays 5th & 12th August

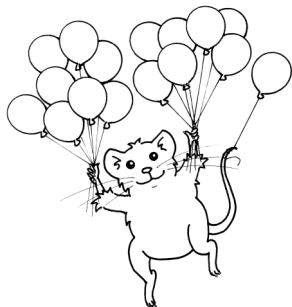
## Cobham URC Events

### July

Thurs	2nd	12.30pm	Men's Fellowship
Sat	4th	7.30pm	Sam Plumptre's Fundraising Concert
Tues	7th	9.45am	Church Walk
		7.30pm	Elders' Meeting
Fri	24th	3.00pm	T @ 3

### August

Tues	4th	9.45am	Church Walk
Thurs	6th	12.30pm	Men's Fellowship
Fri	26th	3.00pm	T @ 3



## An Evening of Fun...

... including singing, dancing,  
refreshments, a raffle.

**7.30pm on Saturday 4th July  
at Cobham URC**

*This is a fundraising event to support  
Sam Plumptre's work placement at the  
UN offices in Geneva.*

**All Welcome**



**Tea at Three:  
Friday 24th July,  
Friday 26th August**



# Effingham

## Methodist Church

### **"Connect" new group for those in Bookham, Effingham, Fetcham and Horsley**



#### **Caring for carers and partners living with dementia**

"Connect" our new group under the auspices of Churches Together in Effingham and Little Bookham got off the ground with its first meeting on 11th June. Designed for carers to meet and share and for their partners with dementia to engage with activities. The group has taken the best part of six months to set up with funding, insurance, publicity, games and activities and of course recruiting suitable and special volunteers.

We have a really splendid team of 12 volunteers, not all from our churches, but nearly all have taken themselves off for sessions on Dementia Awareness and some on a full day on the subject too. A refreshment rota has been arranged and so our first morning arrived somewhat with awe and wonder as to who would come through the door at St Lawrence Church Hall. Some couples were known to us, and in the event seven couples arrived keen to see what precisely was on offer. Encouraged by some splendid cakes, tea or coffee we explained who we are and what we have to offer.

Kim and I had spent time pouring over dementia friendly activities and games' websites and had purchased a great variety including "Connect" large dominoes, bingo with playing cards, adult puzzles (with not too many pieces) large books with pictures of the 50s and 60s as well as hoopla and bar skittles. One kind family has also given us a snooker table.

So with all this set out for our couples to view we watched as we all explored some of the games together. To sum it up we all had a great morning the volunteers and couples alike and all were keen to return in a fortnight's time. We have also discovered some of people's likes, including a piano player who is keen to play some of the old songs for everyone next time.

If you know of a couple with one partner the carer and the other with dementia who you think might be interested in "Connect", please tell them about our group and ask them to call - contact as below. We expect to grow in number quite quickly and will have a limit on the numbers.

We meet on alternate Thursday mornings 10.30am to 12noon - July 9th unusually will be in the Effingham Scout Hut, but thereafter will be in St Lawrence Church Hall Effingham - 23rd July, 6th & 20th August, 3rd September.

For more information please call Gill Walker on 01372 457987 or Email: [GillianMWalker@gmail.com](mailto:GillianMWalker@gmail.com)

*Gill Walker*



## **Birthday Dates to celebrate this month:**

Happy Birthday to Gracie Wickham on 21st July  
and Gill Walker on 3rd August.

## **Prayer Group...**

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



## **Saturday Morning Live**

Effingham's Ecumenical Café Church, Saturday Morning Live will be held at St Lawrence Church hall on Saturday 4th July from 10.00am to 11.00am with a speaker from B@titude, a shop in North Leatherhead, selling good quality second hand babies and children's clothes, toys, games etc. The following meeting will be on 5th September with a speaker from Surrey Care Trust.

# Effingham Methodist Diary



## July

Thurs 2nd	2.30pm	Christian Meditation in the Church
Sat 4th	10.00am	Café Church at St. Lawrence's Hall (to 11.00am - see page 12)
<b>Sun 5th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Rev. Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion</b>
Tues 7th	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall
Wed 8th	3.30pm	Messy Church - St. Lawrence Church Hall
<b>Sun 12th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Bob Boyce</b>
Thurs 16th	12.30pm 2.30pm	Oasis Bible Study lunch in the Hall Christian Meditation in the Church
<b>Sun 19th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>David Cappitt</b>
Tues 21st	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall
<b>Sun 26th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Robert Pitt</b>
Thurs 30th	2.30pm	Christian Meditation in the Church

## August

<b>Sun 2nd</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Rev. Darlene McCarley - Holy Communion</b>
Tues 4th	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall
<b>Sun 9th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Rhys Frost</b>
<b>Sun 16th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>John Oborn</b>
Tues 18th	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall
<b>Sun 23rd</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Clive Haines</b>
<b>Sun 30th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Ecumenical Service at St. Lawrence</b>

## September

Tues 1st	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall
Sat 5th	10.00am	Café Church
<b>Sun 6th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Rev. Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion</b>



## Heritage Weekend - Effingham Chapel

The Chapel will be open for ***Heritage Open Days weekend*** again this year, on **Friday 11th and Saturday 12th September from 10am to 5pm and on Sunday 13th from 12 noon till 4pm** with an Exhibition and refreshments including ploughman's lunch and cream teas with home-made cakes and scones.

The exhibition is Village history, with information about local heroes **Lord Howard of Effingham**, of Armada fame, and WWII hero **Sir Barnes Wallis**.

But we've also been researching more of **Effingham Methodists' early history** and how our Society first worshipped before the Chapel was built.

There's a Quiz and a village history trail too, and talks about meteorites and fossils, starring **Baryonyx**, the Surrey dinosaur.



It's not too late to plan an event for **Heritage Open Days** at your Church! **Last date for registration is 1st August** - See website for details: <http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk>



As usual cyclists taking part in the annual sponsored *Ride & Stride for Surrey Churches Preservation Trust's* will be dropping in for signatures on sponsor forms, refreshments and a "comfort break" on **Saturday 12th September**.

**So please can you help ?** We'd greatly appreciate more volunteers to talk to visitors or help to serve teas or make scones this year. **Please talk to Pat, Janet or Ange.**

## More than just a shop



10 years ago B@titude emerged from a number of conversations between a group of friends, over several cups of coffee. They were trying to find practical ways to support and serve their local community, and fill a gap for families in Leatherhead.

Although there were three or four very good charity shops, none of them specialised in children's clothes or equipment.

With the help of friends and a local business sponsoring the rent, they opened a shop in Kingston Road. It was perfect in every way. The location was ideal, it was really well equipped, and the size was great. So the dream was born. The shop opened on 24th January 2005, ready to serve the families in the immediate area but also further afield. Children's clothes can be very expensive and so the average cost of clothing in B@titude is between 50p – £1. It has exceeded expectations, made many friends in the community, and achieved most of its success because of the generosity of local people continuing to donate great quality clothes, toys, equipment and small items of furniture. Having a small tea and coffee area has been a very important aspect of the shop. It has given mums, dads and grandparents a chance to relax while children can play in the play area. Many older people come in for tea and a chat and feel the benefit from mixing with young families. It has become a bit of a gathering place, with occasional community meetings.

Come and hear about their hopes and dreams for the future at **Saturday Morning Live** on Saturday 4th July from 10.00am to 11.00am at St. Lawrence Church Hall, Browns Lane, Effingham when the guest speaker will be from B@titude.





**St. Lawrence Church Hall in Brown's Lane  
Wednesday 8th July - 3.30pm - 5.30pm**

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## **Share your memories!**



**Methodist Women  
in Britain**

Just in case you missed the short bit in the Circuit newsletter, here's a reminder about a vital part of Methodist Heritage.

Are you involved in MWiB? Or were you or your mother or grandmother in Women's Network? Would you share your story? How has being in a Methodist Women's group affected you?

The trustees at Epworth Old Rectory have teamed up with Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB) to establish The **Methodist Women Collection**, and have engaged a researcher, Sarah Braisdell, to explore the history of the Methodist Women's movement.

You'll find a story submission form on **Methodist Heritage** website. **Your stories and agreement form can be posted or emailed to Sarah Braisdell at PO Box 9298, Loughborough LE11 9FY or: [sgbraisdell1@gmail.com](mailto:sgbraisdell1@gmail.com).**



# Leatherhead Pages

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

## Joint Children & Families Worker - District Grant Approved

Fantastic news as our grant application to the South-East Methodist District towards our **Joint Children and Families Worker** was successful. We'll be advertising soon, and below is what is likely to be published. Anyone interested should contact the LMC office at the email address given.

## Children and Families Worker - Leatherhead

An exciting opportunity has arisen for an enthusiastic, dedicated Christian to apply their experience and passion for working with children and families in Leatherhead. The successful candidate will be based at Leatherhead Methodist Church and will focus on children and families work at Leatherhead Methodist, Christ Church (UR) and in the Leatherhead community. You will take part in ecumenical projects such as Messy Church, and work alongside Trinity School and the Leatherhead Youth Project. You will be given the chance to start new projects and use your gifting for children's work to grow our outreach to the children and families in Leatherhead.

### Key Features:

Job Type: Full-time (40 hours, flexible) to include Sunday mornings.  
Salary: Annually £18,500 - £21,000 depending on experience (Initially for 3 years –(extension subject to funding).  
Start date: Flexible.  
Email: **leatherheadmc@gmail.com** for Job pack or further information.

Applications close on 17th July - Interviews week commencing 27th July.

## Next Messy Church for Leatherhead:



Thursday 16th July  
3.30pm to 5.30pm at:



## NEW FIRE

Don't forget to plan to come along to the contemporary New Fire service at 6.30pm on the fourth Sunday evening each month at LMC with an inspirational testimony and also worship led by Jay and the band. Stay afterwards for coffee and a chat. **Next New Fire service: Sunday 26th July.**



## Men's Breakfasts

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

25th July at the Anglican Church hall:  
Speaker - Tim Poole on Heart for Romania.

No meeting in August,

26th September at the Catholic Church hall.

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.

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**Thursday 9 July at LMC**

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**Wednesday 15 July**

**Wednesdays at Christ Church**

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**Thursday 23 July at LMC**

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**Thursday 30 July at LMC**

David Massey, guitar

**Thursday 6 August at LMC**

Emily Andrews, flute  
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# Time for Tea



## **COME for TEA and COMPANY**

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**Friday 3rd July**

*(Joy Foreman will be speaking on :  
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There's no Time for Tea in August. The next one will be on 4th September, and then every first Friday in the month at

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# Leatherhead

**Methodist Church**

***Please see the Leatherhead Pages  
(pages 17 to 20) for more news***

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

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

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



## **LMC House Groups**

LMC has three House Groups where church members or friends can meet together on a regular basis. These groups usually meet in someone's home, and are informal ways to get to know each other better, to share joys, concerns, and prayer requests if desired, and to discuss various subjects, either from the Bible or from other relevant Christian books. Everyone is very welcome to join a group. Please see Lynda if you are interested.



## **News from Messy Church - Meet Morgan!**

Morgan is 5. From a very early age he has suffered from severe food allergies, Eczema and Asthma. He has also been diagnosed with FSGS Nephrotic Syndrome - a life threatening kidney condition. The food allergies can cause anything from Anaphylactic shock to his skin becoming so sore it can look as if he has been burnt.

Morgan is a lovely little boy, who has come along to Messy Church many times with his mum, dad and little brother. We know that he loves little sausages and he is an ace bike rider. When he's well, he is so full of life that it's hard to hear about how ill he gets and our heart goes out to him and his family.

"Morgan's Mission" is to raise money for the charities that have supported him and his family. At the moment they are having a fundraising campaign to help Morgan go to a special hydrotherapy centre. It would be brilliant if church members could support the campaign. Get news via the Morgans Mission Facebook page or donate via:

**<http://www.gofundme.com/paulbishop>**

## **Heritage Open Days in September**

Leatherhead Methodist Church will be open on Saturday 12th September from 9.30am to 4.00pm as part of the National Heritage Weekend when public buildings, schools and places of historic interest are open to the general public. We will have on display the history of our Church and Methodism together with archives relating to John Wesley who preached his last sermon in Leatherhead in 1791.

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

*Fred Meynen  
tel: 01372 372930*

# LMC Family News



## *Congratulations and best wishes to...*

...Sam and Joanna Crome on the birth of their second son James David on 20th May, a brother for Reuben.

## *Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with...*

...Gill Harris, seriously ill at home, and Meurig.

## *also with...*

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

## Prayer Breakfasts

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





# Diary



## July

Thurs	2nd	12.30pm 7.30pm	Music on Thursdays ( <i>see page 19</i> ) Leadership Team
Fri	3rd	2.30pm	Time for Tea ( <i>to 4.30pm</i> )
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rev Lynda Russell - Holy Communion</b> <b>Baptism of Tia Allen (Fred's Granddaughter)</b>
Tues	7th	10.30am	West Hill Café at LMC - all welcome
Thurs	9th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays ( <i>see page 19</i> )
<b>Sun</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>  <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Joint Service at Christ Church -</b> <b>Rev. Lynda Russell - Holy Communion</b> <b>Rev. Lynda Russell - Holy Communion</b>
Tues	14th	10.30am	West Hill Café at LMC - all welcome
Wed	15th	12.30pm	Organ Recital at Christ Church ( <i>see page 19</i> )
Thurs	16th	3.30pm	Messy Church ( <i>to 5.30pm</i> )
<b>Sun</b>	<b>19th</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>10.30am</b>	<b>Bring and Share Prayer Breakfast</b> <b>Rev. Lynda Russell</b>
Tues	21st	10.30am 2.30pm	West Hill School Café at LMC all welcome Service at The Beeches Nursing Home
Thurs	23rd	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays ( <i>see page 19</i> )
Sat	25th	8.00am	Men's Breakfast at the Parish Hall ( <i>see page 18</i> )
<b>Sun</b>	<b>26th</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Worship Leaders - Jane &amp; David</b> <b>New Fire</b>
Tues	28th	10.30am 2.30pm	West Hill Café at LMC - all welcome Pastoral Visitors' & Elders' prayer meeting
Thurs	30th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays ( <i>see page 19</i> )



## August

**Sun 2nd No services at LMC or Christ Church - Cycle Race**

*(Alternatives, if you can get there: Effingham 10am or Cobham 10.30am)*

Thurs 6th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays at LMC *(see page 19)*

**Sun 9th 10.30am Joint Service at LMC -  
Rev. Lynda Russell**

Thurs 13th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays at LMC *((see page 19)*

**Sun 16th 10.30am Rev. Lynda Russell - Holy Communion**

Tues 18th 2.30pm Service at The Beeches Nursing Home

Thurs 20th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays at LMC *(see page 19)*

**Sun 23rd 10.30am Rev. Paul Cockburn**

Tues 25th 2.30pm Pastoral Visitors' & Elders' prayer meeting

Thurs 27th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays at LMC *(see page 19)*

**Sun 30th 10.30am Waseem Haq**

## September

Thurs 3rd 12.30pm Music on Thursdays at LMC *(see page 19)*

Fri 4th 2.30pm Time for Tea *(to 4.30pm)*

**Sun 6th 10.30am Rhys Frost**

Sat 12th 9.30am Church Open for Heritage Weekend  
*(until 4.00pm - help needed see page 22)*

## Book Review

### **The Thomas the Tank Engine Man – the life of Reverend W Awdry**

By Brian Sibley, Lion, £18.99

The stories of Thomas the Tank Engine and his friends have delighted generations of children and adults, but what do we know of the man who created them? A devoted pastor and family man, the Reverend W Awdry first started telling the stories in order to amuse his own children, with no idea that the characters would lead to a global phenomenon that now, 70 years after their first appearance, shows no signs of waning. This warm biography tells how Awdry became one of the most eminent children's writers of the 20th century.

*from Parish Pump*

# Christ Church

(United Reformed) Leatherhead

***Please also see the Leatherhead  
Pages (pages 17 to 20) for more  
news of joint Christ Church and LMC  
events and other happenings in and  
around Leatherhead.***



# Christ Church Family News



Congratulations and all good wishes to **David and Alice Gillott** on the birth of their first child Harry Richmond, born on 30th May, a third grandson for Alison and Nigel.

We were very sorry to learn that **Norma Hannant** suffered a stroke on Sunday 7th June and is being cared for in the Stroke Unit at Epsom Hospital. We send her our prayers and very best wishes for a full recovery. We remember David and all the family at this difficult time. The family have asked not to receive telephone calls and visits at the moment.

We were sad to receive the news at the end of May of the death of **Tim Paul**, son of Eunice and brother of Lydia and Martin. We send our sincere condolences to Eunice and all the family and will keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

**Beryl Turner** has moved from the Beeches to 28 Lime Tree Court, The Street, Ashted, KT21 2BN. We wish her every happiness in her new home.

We remember these friends, those undergoing operations and the carers among our church family. For those going away, we wish them all happy and relaxing holidays.

*Anne Cairns*



# Wedding Bells...

Saturday 6th June was a special day for our family. Not only was it the commemoration of D-day and the Epsom Derby, it was the day our daughter Catherine married Jonathan Raven. We were blessed with a beautiful day with plenty of sunshine. The service was sensitively conducted by Lynda Russell and in true Christ Church tradition the singing was splendid. It was lovely to see so many friends at the service to support them. Afterwards we were served tea and cakes in the church hall by a willing band of volunteers.

As a family we would like to say a big thank you to all our friends at Christ Church who helped in any way to make this such a memorable day.

*Sue and Alan Huxtable*



# **Pitstop**

For the past year, we have been host to Pitstop as an interim stage between leaving the Football Club because of flooding, and finding new premises which has proved to be very difficult.

Pitstop is run by a small group of dedicated people aided by a number of volunteers. It acts as a drop-in centre from 10.00am to 3.00pm, Monday to Thursday for 10 to 15 people, and offers help to those who are seeking shelter, food, help with forms, etc. They have a close association with Leatherhead Start and the Food Bank.

We have enjoyed good relations with the management, particularly Richard Langtry and Wallace Whybrow.

Having been disappointed with their first property search, they now hope to have found another and we wish them every success. They will continue to need our help in the future, and perhaps they may find a new home in the new town development.

They leave us at the end of August, and on 1st September we welcome the Fortyfoot Playgroup in what promises to be an exciting development.

*Mike Essex*

## **Ride & Stride - Saturday 12th September**

This is the annual Surrey Churches Preservation Trust fundraising event where we welcome cyclists and walkers to the church for refreshments and for them to sign a register to confirm their visit.

Christ Church is one of the churches on the route, but we are looking for a volunteer to arrange refreshments and welcome. Please speak to one of the Elders if you can help.

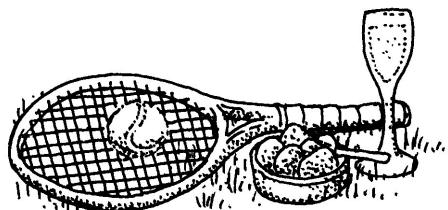
*(See also page 6 for more details).*

# Christ Church Diary



## July

Thurs	2nd	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays at LMC ( <i>see page 19</i> )
Fri	3rd	2.30pm	Time for Tea at LMC ( <i>to 4.30pm</i> )
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Linda Richards</b>
Thurs	9th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays at LMC ( <i>see page 19</i> )
<b>Sun</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rev. Lynda Russell - Joint Service at Christ Church with Holy Communion</b>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Rev. Lynda Russell - at LMC</b>
Wed	15th	12.30pm	Organ Recital ( <i>see page 19</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. Donald Finnan</b>
Tues	21st	2.30pm	Service at The Beeches Nursing Home
Thurs	23rd	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays at LMC ( <i>see page 19</i> )
Sat	25th	8.00am	Men's Breakfast at Parish Hall ( <i>see page 18</i> )
<b>Sun</b>	<b>26th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rev. Lynda Russell</b>
		<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Church Meeting</b>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>New Fire at LMC</b>
Tues	28th	2.30pm	Pastoral Visitors' & Elders' Prayer Meeting at LMC
Wed	29th	2.00pm	Elders' Meeting
Thurs	30th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays at LMC ( <i>see page 19</i> )





## August

**Sun 2nd No services at Christ Church or LMC - Cycle Race**

Thurs 6th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays at LMC (*see page 19*)

**Sun 9th 10.30am Rev. Lynda Russell - Joint Service at LMC with Holy Communion**

Thurs 13th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays at LMC (*see page 19*)

**Sun 16th 10.30am Rev. Robert Blows - Holy Communion**

Tues 18th 2.30pm Service at The Beeches Nursing Home

Thurs 20th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays at LMC (*see page 19*)

**Sun 23rd 10.30am Rev. Lynda Russell**

Tues 25th 2.30pm Pastoral Visitors' & Elders' Prayer Meeting at LMC

Thurs 27th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays at LMC (*see page 19*)

**Sun 30th 10.30am Rev. John Whitton**

## September

Thurs 3rd 12.30pm Music on Thursdays at LMC (*see page 19*)

Fri 4th 2.30pm Time for Tea at LMC (*to 4.30pm*)

**Sun 6th 10.30am Heather Ward**

# 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: Administrator -  
Carol Stoves 01372 377125; Office 362145

## **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:**

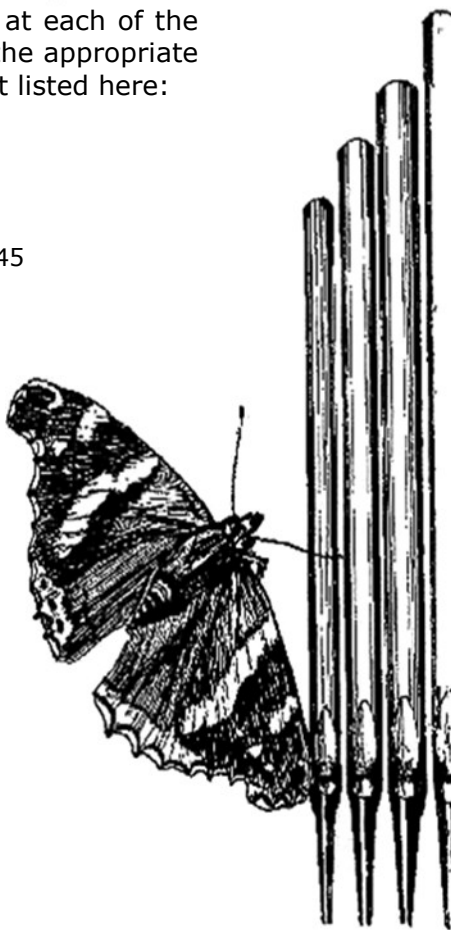
Chapel Hill, Effingham, KT24 5NB  
[www.effinghammethodistchurch.co.uk](http://www.effinghammethodistchurch.co.uk)  
Contact: Senior Steward -  
Dave Putland 01372 454850

## **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)  
Contact: Senior Steward -  
Rhonda Frost 01932 423100



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