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**The United Pastorate of
Leatherhead
Cobham
Effingham**

July-August 2018



The
**United
Reformed
Church**

Linking:
**Christ Church (United Reformed) Leatherhead
Cobham United Church
(Methodist and United Reformed)
Effingham Methodist Church
Leatherhead Methodist Church**

The Methodist Church



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Pastorate Service

**The annual united Pastorate Service will
take place at 10.30am on August 26th
at Leatherhead Methodist Church**



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The Minister Writes...

From Rev Gavin Hancocks

Dear Friends,

These past few months have presented us all with some significant challenges and probably more than a few questions about what the future might be holding for us. As usual, it's not so much about what the future holds as it is about who holds the future! I am really pleased to be able to confirm that our conversations over the past month and a bit have yielded the positive result of an appointment to the Circuit for the Leatherhead Churches and the Pastorate of the Rev Jan Hofmeyr as from the 1st September 2018 on an interim basis to be reviewed annually.

Jan comes to us from the Methodist Church of Southern Africa together with his wife Angela and they arrive in the UK in mid-August. Jan is a retired minister and he and Angela are relocating from South Africa to be nearer their UK based family who live in Wimbledon and Kingston-upon-Thames. Despite being retired, Jan had no hesitation in responding in the affirmative to my plea for help and we are grateful to the Connexion for enabling a somewhat unusual opportunity to become a reality.

Jan and I were ordained together at the Methodist Conference in 1988 in Queenstown, South Africa. Except for one period in which we served in the same District, our paths have not crossed much except that we were part of a group of ministers who were exploring contemplative spirituality together. Jan brings with him a great deal of experience of a diverse ministry covering a period of huge instability and great change in both country and church. He has also served as a Superintendent Minister in two different appointments and latterly has been working as a retired minister in a United Church in South Africa. These partnerships include Anglican, Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian congregations coming together to share in ministry and mission.

As I said above, Jan's appointment is an interim one that we trust will enable us to engage in an effective review of the Pastorate and the partnership between the Leatherhead Methodist Church and Christ Church United Reformed Church. As all of that unfolds,

decisions will be made about the future shape of ministry about which we will say more as they become apparent. For the moment we give thanks to God for the provision made and look forward to welcoming Jan and Angela in September. Jan's Welcome Service will take place at LMC at 3pm on Sunday 2nd September and the Rev Conrad Hicks will be the preacher. Please note that date in your diaries.

We can't look forward without also looking back. David and Carol have written a note of farewell to Lynda and John, expressing our gratitude for the gifts Lynda has brought to this appointment and to that I would also like to add the gratitude and thanks of the Circuit Leadership Team to Lynda for her ministry amongst us. Lynda has helped give shape and direction, especially to the initiatives with intergenerational worship at LMC, amongst others, and her pastoral ministry is greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, circumstances changed, and we were not able to sustain what Lynda required and so we bid both Lynda and John farewell. We wish them well and pray God's continued blessing on them both as the next stage of their journey unfolds.

Of course, we are not only saying goodbye to Lynda and John but also to Hannah and Jack. Jane Smith has very kindly written elsewhere in The Link expressing our gratitude for Hannah's ministry amongst us, so I commend that to your attention.
Yours in the Gospel,
Gavin



From Rev Kim Plumpton

Dear Friends,

Dreams are funny things aren't they, they have the ability to comfort us, confuse us and sometimes scare the living daylights out of us. I have always been given to dreams and as a child suffered night terrors as well, which were difficult to grapple with, a place where I was neither awake or asleep. I remember one particular night screaming hysterically, my father wrapping his arms around me trying to comfort me, yet all I could see were spiders crawling everywhere. As I have grown older I am less given to night terrors, sleep walking or sleep talking, thank goodness.

Of course in the bible dreams are often channels for God communicating with individuals, in the Old Testament we see Joseph as one who not only experiences dreams but is also one of the most famous dream interpreters. In the New Testament we are witnesses to Joseph where God sent an angel to him in a dream, convincing him that Mary's pregnancy was of God. After the birth of Jesus God sent two more dreams, one to tell Joseph to take his family to Egypt and another to tell him Herod was dead and that he could return home. Dreams are not unfamiliar channels for God to make his purposes known.

The very familiar piece 'Footprints' begins with the words 'one night a man had a dream, he dreamt he was walking with the Lord....' dreams speak to us.

So make of it what you will but I offer you a dream I had one Sunday morning because I believe it is for us all.

"It was a hot day and I had chosen to go to the local park. The park itself was not familiar to me. It was a large open space with little shade from trees so I decided to erect a tent. The tent was only big enough to accommodate three of us, I was unsure who the other two people were but we were equipped with bottles of cool water for us to drink. I sat at the opening of the tent and smiled at people walking past, inviting conversation where I could. Whilst spending time talking to others I turned around to discover that the tent that originally could only accommodate three of us, was now extended. In fact what looked like a huge navy sheet now covered the back of the tent. The tent itself was now five times bigger with more bottles of water piled up in one corner. Suddenly people came into the tent, some from the front and others from the back seeking shade from the hot sun, thirsty and in need of water which they were given. They sat in the cool of the tent and talked about life and in the gentleness of the moment we touched upon our faith, it was not forced but organic and spontaneously beautiful. There was an attentiveness to the conversation with questions being freely asked about God. In time more and more people came in and left when they felt the time was appropriate. It was during those moments I felt a voice say 'people are in need, offer what you have and what they need, it is not difficult.'"

I woke very excited and with a great sense of joy, there wasn't anything complicated happening in my dream yet it was exciting and invigorating. In the tent we were reaching people in such a simple way, people's thirst was being quenched, not doing anything extraordinary simply being a presence, offering hospitality.

Is it about being fully present in the moment, about recognising that our presence regardless of where we are is an opportunity for God to work? I think it is. Is it about identifying that what we have to offer: no matter how small or simple or insignificant it may seem to us, it is still a place where abundant fruit can grow? Perhaps so! Is it about identifying what that need might be that entices people to sit with us and speak with us? I get the feeling that in the simplicity of this dream the indications are that we need not strive as hard as we do, that somehow the less obvious options are staring us in the face and will not stretch us beyond what we are already able to do.

As I continue to ponder on the many possibilities concerning this dream I wonder if there are those among us who have other interpretations, so I offer this dream to you and ask you to see if it speaks to you and if so drop me a line on kimp_822@hotmail.com What do you think God is saying to us?

Every blessing
Kim

The Retreats Fellowship

of the United Reformed Church, Southern Synod

This Fellowship is open to **all** who want to deepen their relationship with God through prayer, reflection and silence and who would value the encouragement of others.

Quiet Day :

Tuesday 21st August 2018 10am – 4pm

at Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre
The Old Rectory, Forewood Lane, Crowhurst, Battle,
East Sussex TN33 9AD

Facilitator : Rev John Gordon

Cost £20 Members, £22 non-members inclusive of lunch
Arrivals at 10am for coffee – day starts at 10.30am

Further details from :

John Gordon 01737 351188 revjohngordon@btinternet.com

Kathy Shaw 01322 557 656 kathy.shaw316@btinternet.com

Ken Lynch 01243 862801 kenneth@lynches.org.uk

Farewell to Lynda and John

Lynda and John joined us in 2013 along with their friendly collie 'Daisy'. Lynda had been the Minister at East Peckham Methodist Church in Kent and was also on the clergy team at St. Andrew's Anglican/Methodist Church at Paddock Wood.

Lynda was very mission orientated with firm views on some of the changes we needed to make in our Church. For example, we were led through "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations" from a book by Robert Schnase which Lynda and a group of us learned about at a "Navigating Change" conference at Swan Bank Methodist Church, Stoke-on-Trent. These included becoming a welcoming church, offering "radical hospitality". More recently, we have been looking at the "Holy Habits" outlined in the book by Andrew Roberts.

During Lynda's time with us our music group have grown and continues to enhance our worship. Lynda herself enjoys singing and joined in with the music group on many occasions. Also, under Lynda's guidance, we employed Hannah as our children and family worker and our children's work has gone from strength to strength.

Lynda was valued very much for her bereavement counselling and several families have said how she helped them through this difficult period in their lives. John too has been an active part of our church family, leading both Lent and Housegroups and he has become a good friend to many.

We were introduced by Lynda and John to the uplifting experience of attending the ECG conference every Easter. Several of us have attended and had the opportunity to enjoy the worship, teaching, fellowship and fun. We hope we will continue to meet up with Lynda and John in Scarborough at the conference in years to come.

We know that Lynda has a strong vocation and we hope that she is led into the right situation in the future. We trust and pray that she and John will be greatly blessed in the next stage in their lives.

Carol & David Stoves

And thanks to Lynda for her always thought-provoking contributions to The Link.

Ed



Cobham United Church Worship Diary

July

**Sun 1st 9.00am Early Bird Service
10.30am Sydney Shore**

Sun 8th 10.30am Rev Roy Bones with Holy Communion

Sun 15th 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton

Sun 22nd 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton

Sun 29th 10.30am David Cappitt

August

**Sun 5th 9.00am Early Bird Service
10.30am Andrew Gibb**

Sun 12th 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion

Sun 19th 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton

**Sun 26th 10.30am * Pastorate Service at Leatherhead
Methodist Church * Rev Kim Plumpton**

September

**Sun 2nd 9.00am Early Bird Service
10.30am Vivien Gerhold**

Prayers at the Manse Wednesdays at 9.30am

July: 4th, 11th, 18th, *25th

Aug: *1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

Note: in the church on starred dates

Cobham Events

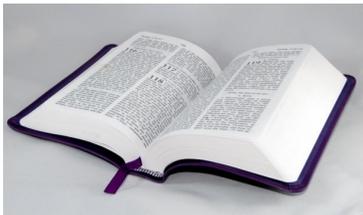
July

Tues 3rd	9.45am	Church Walk
	8.00pm	Trustees Meeting
Thur 5th	12.30pm	Men's fellowship: The Edmund Tylney, High Street, Leatherhead KT22 8AW
	1.30pm	Mustard Seed (<i>see below</i>)
Thur 19th	1.30pm	Mustard Seed (<i>see below</i>)
	7.30pm	House Fellowship (<i>see below</i>)

August

Thur 2nd	12.30pm	Men's Fellowship: Ye Olde Windsor Castle, Little Bookham Street, KT23 3AA
	1.30pm	Mustard Seed (<i>see below</i>)
Tues 7th	9.45am	Church Walk
Thur 16th	1.30pm	Mustard Seed (<i>see below</i>)
Thur 23rd	7.30pm	House Fellowship (<i>see below</i>)

House Groups for Bible Study



There are two house groups which meet for Bible study

Mustard Seed meets fortnightly in the daytime, currently looking at the book of Acts. It is intended to be a gentle way to learn about the Bible and how the early church began. For

further information contact Helen Pattison
(helenrpattison@btinternet.com).

The evening **House Fellowship** meets on the third Thursday of each month, and is currently studying Mark's Gospel. For further information contact Brian Manners (bmanners@btinternet.com).

See above for dates and times.
All are welcome.



Effingham

Methodist Church

Birthday Dates to celebrate:

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

Please let us know about birthdays and BIG anniversaries!!



Tuesday Teas

This is a sociable group for local folk who enjoy plenty of chat while having a cup of tea and a pice of cake. Occasional outings are also arranged.

We meet fortnightly from 2.30pm to 4pm, in St Alphege Hall, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Lower Road, Effingham.

Next meeting dates: July 3rd, 17th and 31st; August 14th and 28th.

It may be possible to arrange car transport.

Contact Keith or Gill on
01372 457987

for more information.



Effingham Methodist Diary



July

- Sun 1st 10.00am Rev Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion**
Tues 3rd 2.30pm Tuesday Teas in the R.C. Hall
Thur 5th 10.00am Connect group @ St Lawrence Hall (to 12 noon)
2.15pm Christian Meditation in the church
- Sun 8th 10.00am Rhys Frost**
Wed 11th 3.30pm Messy Church @ St Lawrence Hall (to 5.30pm)
- Sun 15th 10.00am Jay Dunning**
Tues 17th 2.30 Tuesday Teas in the R.C. Hall
Thur 19th 10.00am Connect group @ St Lawrence Hall (to 12 noon)
12.30pm Oasis Bible Study Lunch in the hall
2.15pm Christian Meditation in the church
- Sun 22nd 10.00am Peter Bramhill**
- Sun 29th 10.00am United Service at St Lawrence's with Rev Kim Plumpton**
Tues 31st 2.30pm Tuesday Teas in the R.C. Hall

August

- Thur 2nd 10.00am Connect group @ St Lawrence Hall (to 12 noon)
- Sun 5th 10.00am Robert Pitt**
- Sun 12th 10.00am Beth Little**
Tues 14th 2.30pm Tuesday Teas in the R.C. Hall
Thur 16th 10.00am Connect group @ St Lawrence Hall (to 12 noon)
- Sun 19th 10.00am John Bees**
- Sun 26th 10.30am Annual United Pastorate Service at Leatherhead Methodist Church**
Tues 28th 2.30pm Tuesday Teas in the R.C. Hall

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Diary continued

September

Sun 2nd 10.00am Rev Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion

Prayer group meets in the Chapel every Friday at 9.30am.

Messy Church for children of primary age with a carer

Our theme for June was the story of the rich man who found it difficult to share his wealth; so we all thought about what we could



We next meet in St Lawrence Church Hall, Brown's Lane, on Wednesday, July 11th, from 3.30 to 5.30, then not again until September 12th.

For more information contact Gill on 01372 457987





Connect

“Connect” a group for carers and partners with dementia

Come for refreshment, friendship, activities and fun.

We meet in St Lawrence Church Hall, Browns Lane, KT24 5LX in Effingham from 10am to 12noon on alternate Thursdays and also arrange monthly outings. Refreshments, friendship, chat and a good range of activities are on offer for all.

Next meeting dates (fortnightly) are July 5th and 19th; August 2nd and 16th.

Some members and volunteers recently enjoyed tea at Clandon Park Garden Centre, where they also viewed the reptiles which are kept there. Tea at the Medicine Garden is next on the agenda.

For more info. contact Gill on 01372 457987
email GillianMWalker@gmail.com
or Kim on 01932 586988

You don't have to live in Effingham to come and join us





Heritage Weekend ~ Effingham Chapel

The Chapel will be open for *Heritage Open Days weekend* again this year, on **Friday 14th** and **Saturday 15th** from 10am to 5pm and on **Sunday 16th** from 12noon till 4pm with an Exhibition and refreshments including ploughman's lunch and cream teas with home-made cakes and scones.

Heritage Open Days theme for 2018 is Extraordinary Women, in recognition of the centenary of the **Universal Suffrage Act**, when (some) women finally gained the right to vote. But as well as celebrating the unique achievements of the suffragists, and suffragettes, we'll look at women who have changed our lives, in both large and small ways. Women like **Ada Lovelace**, the first computer programmer, who was married to the **Earl of Lovelace, Lord of the manor of Effingham** in 19th Century; **Bess Raleigh**, who fought for her right to inherit; **Mary Anning**, fossil hunter and palaeontologist; and farmer's wife **Ann Lamplugh**, a founder member of our Chapel.

The exhibition also includes Village history, including local heroes :

Lord Howard of Effingham, of Armada fame, and WWII hero **Sir Barnes Wallis**.

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.



Please can you help ? We'd greatly appreciate volunteers to talk to visitors or help to serve teas or make scones.

Please talk to Pat, Janet or Ange

RIDE + STRIDES for Churches

Most counties in England have an annual 'Ride & Stride', on the second Saturday in September, to raise money for church restoration and repair. Cyclists (and walkers) are given a list of participating churches in their area, but map out their own route by bike or on foot, and then get friends to sponsor them for a fixed amount per church visited. The money collected is divided into two, with half going to the church of the cyclist's choice; the other half is retained by the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust for distribution to churches in need who apply for a grant. In the dozen or so years that the Bike Ride has been running, Surrey has raised over £250,000.



This year's event is on **Saturday 8th September** so it's **NOT Heritage weekend this year !** See ROTA in Hall if you'd like to help !

2018-19 Methodist Prayer Handbook *A World Transformed*

The theme of the forthcoming handbook will be *A World Transformed by God's Love*, inspired by the One Mission statement of the Methodist Church in Britain (www.methodist.org.uk/onemission)

Some copies will be available in the hall at Effingham from mid-August at approximately £3.50 each. **ALSO AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT .**

If you would like us to order a copy for you (as a single copy costs more if you order it yourself) , then please let us know.



Action for Children Sunday on 8 July 2018

Action for Children is the children's charity of the Methodist Church. It was founded in 1869 by Methodist minister Revd Thomas Bowman Stephenson in response to the poverty and

danger faced by vulnerable and destitute children and young people living rough on the streets of London.

Today, Action for Children, (formerly, NCH - National Children's Homes) has grown to become a leading children's charity running over 500 projects and working with more children and young people affected by poverty, disability and abuse than any other UK charity.

The second Sunday in July is the anniversary of the opening of the first children's home and a chance to celebrate the work of Action for Children and our partnership with the Church at services and activities throughout the country. **Action for Children Sunday** is on 8th July and materials are available to view and download

www.actionforchildren.org.uk

or call Helpline on 08457 626579

The Action for Children Covenant

Every child has the right to live, to be safe and to be loved. Every young person has the right to be housed, to have enough money to live in dignity and to have enough support for the future. Every young person has the right to justice, to realise their potential and to be given the space to become independent. In an often cruel and imperfect world, we uphold the work of Action for Children with children and young people in danger, in need and at risk. We support the growth of this work and the pursuit of all these rights for the young, the discounted and the vulnerable. We make this covenant with Action for Children for the sake of all God's children.

Amen



Suffragettes in Surrey

Surrey History Centre in Woking has been awarded £100K grant by Heritage Lottery Fund to explain the contribution local people made to the cause of women's suffrage. The story of Surrey's role will be told on the **Exploring Surrey's Past website**, with letters, photos, books and newspaper cuttings.

Surrey was home to many notable activists and organisations on both sides of the debate which raged for decades, including Mary Seton Watts, a women's rights campaigner and wife of the famous artist GF Watts, and Dame Ethel Smyth, the Woking composer who was imprisoned for her suffragette activities. The county witnessed key moments in the long-running campaign, including Emily Davison stepping out in front of the King's horse at the 1913 Epsom Derby, dying of her injuries four days later, and Emmeline Pankhurst being implicated in the bombing of a house in Walton-on-the-Hill being built for David Lloyd George, then Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Methodists were for & against the Vote which split society. Suffragists were peaceful but ineffective! Suffragettes used violence and arson to get publicity! Anti's claimed to speak for the silent majority!

We're researching this thorny subject for our **Heritage Exhibition in September** and what it meant locally here in Effingham! Our only true Methodist link so far is that some of the early Suffragette meetings took place at **Methodist Central Hall, in Westminster** and it has continued to host many meetings seeking women's rights and equality ever since.
AJP



Leatherhead Pages

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

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Thursday 19th July
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Christ Church

Children and Youth Worker

Location : Leatherhead, Surrey.

Job Type: Full-time (37 hours, flexible) to include Sunday mornings.

Salary: Annually £20,000-£25,000 depending on experience.
Initial Contract for 2 years (extension subject to funding).

Start date: Flexible.

An exciting opportunity has arisen for an enthusiastic, dedicated Christian to apply their experience and passion for working



with children and young people in Leatherhead. The successful candidate will be based at Leatherhead Methodist Church and will focus on children's and youth work at Leatherhead Methodist, Christ Church (United Reformed) and in the Leatherhead community. You will take part in ecumenical projects, 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 children and young people in Leatherhead.

More info on www.leatherheadmethodist.org

Email: leatherheadmc@gmail.com for Job pack.

Phone: **01372 362145** (Church Office) for further information .

Applications close on 8th July 2018

Leatherhead Community Association seeks a replacement for the current Administrator, who is moving away. Hours: 9-1, Monday-Friday. Business background with good oral and written communication plus basic IT skills essential. Further details: contact June Robinson: lcachairman@btconnect.com



**Starts
12th
January
2018**

Every Friday in term time

9:30am-11:00am

**Christ Church UR
Epsom Road, KT22 8ST**

**Toddler, babies and their carers are invited for play, craft,
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Group with a Christian theme

**For more info please email:
Hannahleatherheadfcw@gmail.com**



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Leatherhead's Lunchtime Concerts

musiconthursdays.org Leatherhead Concert & Arts Society
Regd Charity 1166764

Music on Thursdays at LMC

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

- **Thursday 5th July • 12.30 lunchtime**

Emily Capulet, piano

Head of Classical Performance
London College of Music

Music on Thursdays at LMC

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

- **Thursday 12th July • 12.30 lunchtime**

Camilla Marchant, flute

Thomas Ang, piano

courtesy of the Royal Academy of Music

Wednesdays at Christ Church

Epsom Rd, Leatherhead, KT22 8ST
plenty of on-site parking available

- **Wednesday 18 July • 12.30 lunchtime**

Guest organist:

David Oldfield

Director of Music, St Luke's Whyteleafe

Music on Thursdays at LMC

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

- **Thursday 26th July • 12.30 lunchtime**

Philip Haworth Oboe Duo

with piano accompanist

Early & Baroque Music at LMC

Leatherhead Methodist Church, Church Road,

- **Thursday 2nd Aug • 12.30 lunchtime**

Emma Williams, recorders

Wezi Elliott, lute/theorbo

Early & Baroque Music in St John's Old Chapel

Epsom Road, car park in Garlands Road

- **Thursday 9th Aug • 12.30 lunchtime**

Daniel Collins, counter-tenor

with piano accompanist

Wednesday Organ Music in St John's Chapel

Epsom Road, car park in Garlands Road

- **Weds 15th Aug • 12.30 lunchtime**

Guest organist: t b a

Early & Baroque Music at St John's Old Chapel

Epsom Road, car park in Garlands Road

- **Thursday 16th Aug • 12.30 lunchtime**

Chelys Consort of Viols

in Couperin's 350th year

Early & Baroque Music at LMC

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

- **Thursday 23rd Aug • 12.30 lunchtime**

Scottish Baroque:

Ensemble Hesperii

Mary-Jannet Leith, recorders

Thomas Allery, harpsichord

Early & Baroque Music at LMC

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

- **Thursday 30th Aug • 12.30 lunchtime**

London Bach Quartet

Baroque flute • violin • viola • cello

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

Programme may change.

Time for Tea



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Leatherhead

Methodist Church

Pastoral Prayers...

Pastoral Visitors' Prayer meetings are held at 2.30pm on the 4th Tuesday every month at LMC. All pastoral visitors, Stewards and Christ Church Elders are welcome to attend.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 24th July at 2.30pm.**

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 contact the church office if you are interested.



LMC Family News



We remember ...

... the family of Mary Thorp who died in May. A much loved mother and grandmother whose presence will be missed at LMC.

We give prayerful thanks ...

... For the continuing recovery of David Stoves. David is currently in Epsom and Ewell community hospital at West Park for convalescence and rehabilitation. We continue to pray for David, Carol and the family.

We remember too ...

... all our members, friends and relatives, especially those who we don't see so often now. In particular we think of Harry and Peggy Robinson, Jean and James Ross, Edward Warren and Lynda and John Russell.

Ahead of the summer break, our thoughts and prayers are with our families with young people at schools and colleges and those involved in education. We pray they will all be looking forward to meeting the choices, challenges and excitement of a new academic year.



Diary



July

Sun 1st 10.30am Rev. Darlene McCarley with Holy Communion

First Sunday Family Lunch after the service

Thur 5th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 21*)

Fri 6th 2.30pm Time for Tea

Sun 8th 10.30am Beth Little
6.30pm Rev. Gavin Hancocks with Holy Communion

Thur 12th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 21*)

6.00pm Revive Youth Club

Sat 14th 10.00am Leadership Team/CC Elders meeting at Kim's

Sun 15th 9.30am Prayer Breakfast at LMC
10.30am John Oborn

Wed 18th 12.30pm Organ Recital at Christ Church (*see page 21*)

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

7.45pm Leadership Team meeting at Ron & Norma's

Sun 22nd 10.30am John Bees
6.30pm New Fire - Party in the Park

Tues 24th 2.30pm Pastoral Visitors' Prayer Meeting

Thur 26th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 21*)

Sat 27th 8.00am Men's Breakfast

Sun 29th Church closed owing to Cycle Race

August

Thurs 2nd 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 21*)

Fri 3rd 2.30pm Time for Tea

Sun 5th 10.30am Rev. Darlene McCarley with Holy Communion

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August *continued*

Thur 9th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays at St John's School
Old Chapel (*see page 21*)

Sun 12th 10.30am United Service at LMC - James Wild

Mon 13th to Fri 17th Holiday Club at Christ Church

Wed 15th 12.30pm Organ Recital at St John's New Chapel
(*see page 21*)

Thur 16th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays at St John's School
Old Chapel (*see page 21*)

Sun 19th 10.30am United Service at Christ Church
(*end of Holiday Club*)

Thur 23rd 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 21*)

**Sun 26th 10.30am United Pastorate Service at LMC -
Rev. Kim Plumpton**

No New Fire in August

Thur 30th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 21*)

September

**Sun 2nd 10.30am Rev. Gavin Hancocks
with Holy Communion
3.00pm Welcome Service (*for Rev. Jan Hofmeyr*)**

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Rev. Conrad Hicks (Asst. District Chair)

Thur 6th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays

Fri 7th 2.30pm Time for Tea

**Sun 9th 10.30am Rev. Jan Hofmeyr
6.30pm Rev. Jan Hofmeyr
with Holy Communion**

THANK YOU HANNAH!

Sadly, before the next Link is printed we will be saying goodbye to Hannah Newton, who has been our Family and Children's Worker at LMC and Christ Church for the last few years. To help me write this piece, I asked a few people to describe Hannah and these are some of the things they said:

"Energetic, unflappable and cheerful"

"Enthusiastic, fun and full of energy"

"Fun, pretty and awesome, I love doing 'making' with her and I will miss her lots"

"She just seems to radiate joy, and her lovely bubbly enthusiasm for whatever she's involved in is captivating. She has truly been a gift to all of us, and we're really going to miss her."

"She is always calm and helpful and nothing is ever a problem. She is truly alight with the Holy Spirit!"

There has been a lot of fun. She has introduced myriad unexpected items into worship at LMC (dare we mention squirty cream on the carpet?!) and her willingness to be covered in gunge was mentioned by more than one of the young people.

Many people remarked that she clearly loves the children and young people, and they clearly love her back. She has been referred to as "The Pied Piper of LMC"! But she knows that it's not all about her and always demonstrates her genuine desire to lead children and young people into a deeper faith in God.

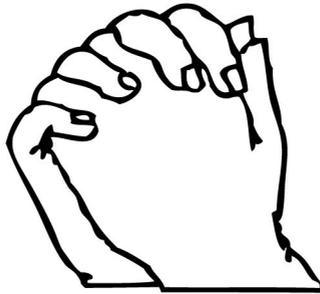
There have been challenging times while Hannah has been here in Leatherhead. She has certainly learned a lot about moving house! The fact that so many people mention her cheerfulness and energy is testament to the way she has leaned on her Lord Jesus and allowed him to give her strength through the tougher times.

Of course she has also met and married Jack and we are delighted that God has arranged such an amazing opportunity for them to serve him together.

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A memory which will stick with me was that moment during their wedding when Hannah was dancing about at the front of the church, in wedding dress and trainers, joyfully praising God with the people she loves most. We pray that she never loses that passion and we will miss her hugely.

Jane Smith



Prayer Breakfasts

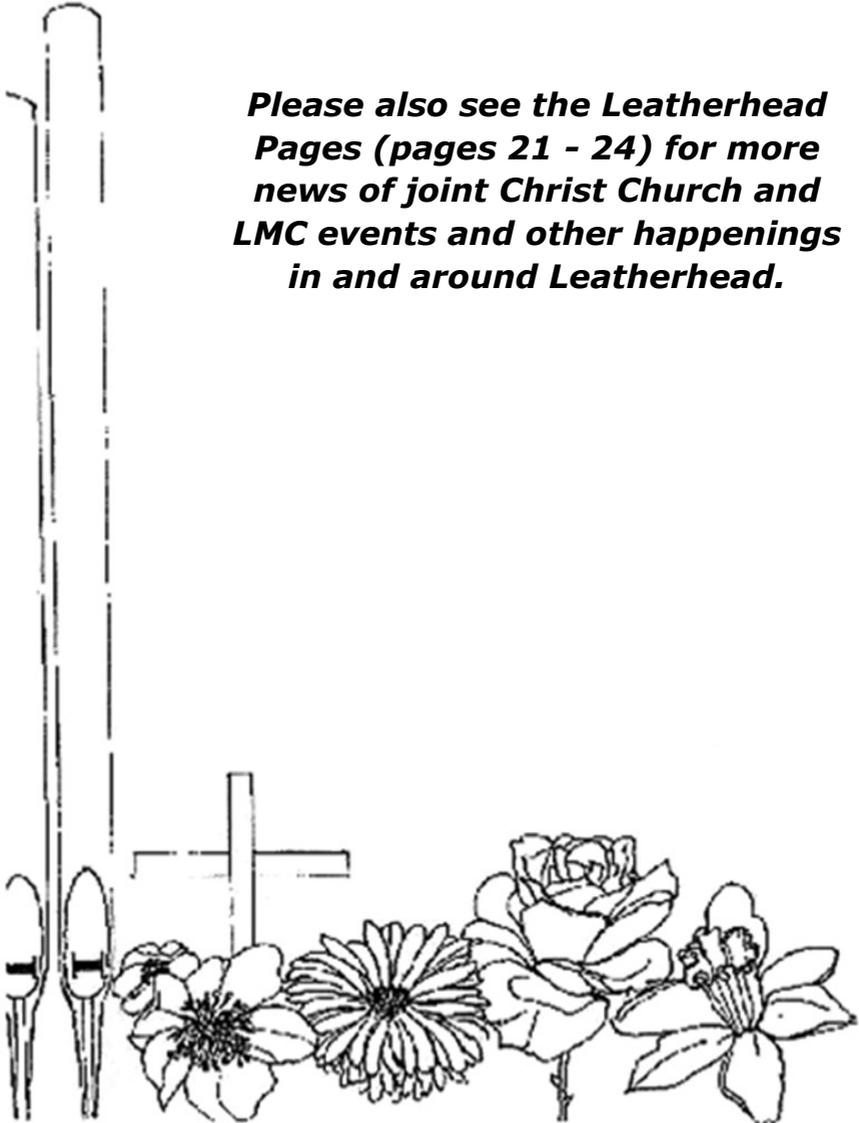
Prayer breakfasts are held on the third Sunday each month at 9.30am. It's a bring and share (non-cooked) breakfast with a short time of prayer fellowship before the morning service. All very welcome.

Next Prayer Breakfast is on 15th July.
There will be no Prayer Breakfast in August

Christ Church

(United Reformed) Leatherhead

***Please also see the Leatherhead
Pages (pages 21 - 24) for more
news of joint Christ Church and
LMC events and other happenings
in and around Leatherhead.***



Christ Church Diary



July

Sun 1st 10.30am Holy Communion: Heather Ward
Mon 2nd to Fri 8th 9.30am—5.00pm Music exams in church
Thur 5th 12.30pm LMC: recital (*see p 21*)
Fri 6th 2.30pm LMC: Time for Tea

Sun 8th 10.30am David Cappitt
3.00pm Holiday Club preparatory meeting
Wed 11th 7.30pm House Group at 38 West Farm Avenue
Thur 12th 12.30pm LMC: concert (*see p 21*)
5.30pm Revive Youth Club

Sun 15th 10.30am Rev Brian Treharne
Wed 18th 12.30pm Organ Recital: David Oldfield
Thur 19th 3.30pm LMC: Messy Church

Sun 22nd 10.30am Rev Gavin Hancocks
6.00pm New Fire - Party in the Park
Wed 25th 7.30pm House Group at 38 West Farm Avenue
Thur 26th 12.30pm LMC: Concert (*see p 21*)
Sat 28th 8.00am Men's Breakfast

Sun 29th Church closed owing to cycle race

August

Thur 2nd 12.30pm LMC: Recital (*see p 21*)
Fri 3rd 2.30pm LMC: Time for Tea
Sun 5th 10.30am Vivien Gerhold
Thur 9th 12.30pm St John's School Old Chapel: Daniel Collins,
counter tenor (of The Sixteen)

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August (continued)

**Sun 12th 10.30am LMC: United Holiday Club service:
James Wild**

Mon 13th—Fri 17th Holiday Club

Wed 15th 12.30pm St John's School Old Chapel: Chelys Consort
of Viols

Sun 19th 10.30am United Holiday Club Service (at Ch Ch)

Thur 23rd 12.30pm LMC: Concert (*see p 21*)

**Sun 26th 10.30am United Pastorate Service at LMC
Rev Kim Plumpton**

No New Fire in August

Thur 30th 12.30pm LMC: concert (*see p 21*)

September

Sun 2nd 10.30am Rev Stephen Thornton
5.00pm LC100: Drumhead Service, Leisure Centre

Christ Church Family News



Congratulations and all good wishes to Helen and Chris Turner on the birth of Edward William, a brother for James and a second grandson for Sue and Alan Huxtable

Jill Osmond is still recovering from her operation, and we send our very best wishes for continuing improvement.

Julia Rogers has recently undergone surgery, and is recovering well. We send her our very best wishes for a return to good health.

We remember these friends in our prayers, and also Robert Blows, Keith Poulton, John Rayner and others with health concerns. We remember too the bereaved 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:

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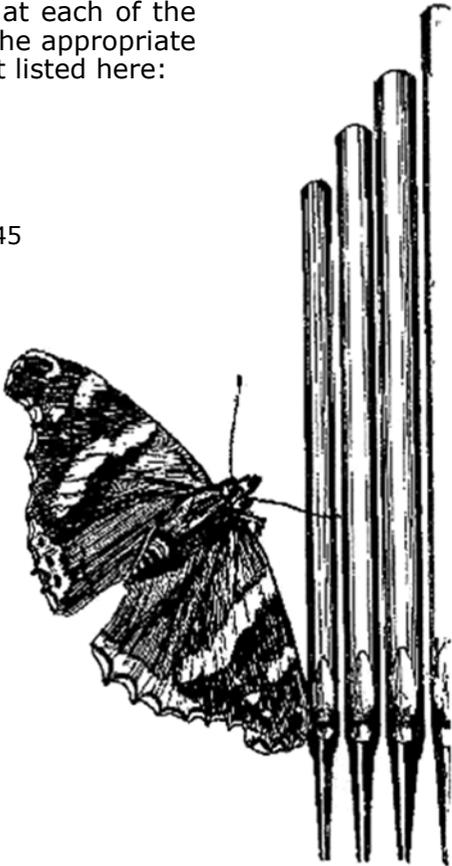
Epsom Road, Leatherhead, KT22 8ST
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Contact: Local Church Leader -
Mike Essex 01372 273472

Effingham Methodist Church:

Chapel Hill, Effingham, KT24 5NB
www.effinghammethodistchurch.co.uk
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38 Stoke Road, Cobham, KT11 3BD
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www.cobhammethodistchurch.com
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Mary Langtry 01483 282421
Or: Steward -
David Cappitt 01932 862661



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