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The Ministers Write...

From Rev. Kim Plumpton

Dear friends,

This time of the year gives rise to spring school, when the ministers from Southern Synod gather for a time of teaching and fellowship. An opportunity to be refreshed by the teaching we receive, to have time to share with ministerial colleagues the joys and sorrows of ministry.

We were blessed to receive teaching from Revd Dr Stephen Barton lecturer at Durham University and author of many books such as 'The Spirituality of the Gospels,' 'Reading Genesis after Darwin,' amongst others.

Our key theme for the week was centred around this, if we believe that the bible is the key source of moral guidance, then what kind of guidance does the bible offer? Especially in light of the fact that the bible was written in a world so different from our own. How is it to be interpreted, given that some of the issues we face today were unthinkable in biblical times? Drawing on recent scholarship, we would consider various approaches to the use of the bible in Christian ethics.

Now it has to be said that by the time we got to the end of the week we had been intellectually challenged by the intensity of the lectures, and by the depth of teaching we had received. The lectures were full of meat, worthy of digesting at a slower pace than we had during our time at Spring School, so I resolved to process them when I returned.

Only on my return I found that my notes and his, 50 pages in total, were so complex, my hope of sharing some of them in this letter was misguided, (Sorry if you thought for a moment you were about to receive some amazing insights, you may well have to purchase one of his books).

Why? Because to some extent it was in a language I struggled to understand. This is no reflection upon Revd Dr Stephen Barton whose intellect and theological reflections are applauded in the academic world, but more of a reflection of where I find myself today. There was a time in the recent past where I would have fitted into that world more readily but today the practical application of theological understanding is foremost in my mind. In what way will the teaching I receive impact upon my ministry and therefore my ministry to others.

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It seems to me as we journey through this world revelation whether academic or practical is of little use to us if we are not in the right place to receive it.

I was struck recently by the interaction of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. Many are gathered, an extraordinary sound fills the air, so loud people come running. The scene is dramatic and confusing: "They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!"¹² Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?"¹³ Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine." Acts 2:11-13 (The Message).

Yet amongst all the confusion about 3,000 are added to their number.

Being in that right place to receive the Holy Spirit's direction, to recognise the way the Holy Spirit moves through us and through others, the way it weaves around us, dances between the earthly and the heavenly, may often leave us feeling confused. For it goes where it will and more often than not conforms to a spirituality that makes us a little nervous. For at times it nudges us in directions we'd rather not go and we don't always understand what it asks of us.

Where does that leave me? I suppose in the knowledge that I will never understand everything, there are times, for whatever reason, that I am unable to receive what God intends to give, but that's ok. It's okay because somehow God works through our weakness, our humanness and even through the confusion he can add to the kingdom those who are just like me!!

Every blessing Kim

Bible Month



"Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom" (James 3:13).

In June 2017 the Methodist Church is encouraging churches and circuits across the Connexion to run a 'Bible Month'; 30 days focused on the letter of James. The aim is to help all in the church to engage more deeply with Scripture.

For more details see
www.methodist.org.uk/prayer-and-worship/bible-month

Needing Your Prayer and Support



Mustard Seed

Vicky is starting a Christian Union at Danes Hill School. It is very much in the early stages, but the CU will be called "Mustard Seed", and will meet once a week during a lunchtime. The group will be aimed at children in the school who already attend a church, and also children interested to learn more about the Christian faith. The aim will be to provide Bible-based teaching as well as support and encouragement for Christian pupils within the school.

Please pray for Mustard Seed - in particular that it gets up and running for September and attracts a good group of children.

Vicky is also asking for any Danes Hill or Bevendean (pre-prep) parents who attend our churches to get in touch, as she would like to meet with Christian parents to pray for the school and for the formation of Mustard Seed.

Vicky can be contacted at victorialucycooper@gmail.com .

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The Cobham Centre for the Community on Oakdene Road is currently experiencing a high demand for Meals on Wheels volunteers. This service delivers more than a meal to its recipients, as it is also a wellbeing check and a friendly face. Because of this service, people can live at home more independently. Cobham delivered more than 11000 meals last year, and this could not be done without volunteers. Supporting your local community is very rewarding, so if you can help, please contact Community Support Services on 01372 474552.



Cobham Methodist Worship Diary



June

- Sun 4th Pentecost**
10.30am David Cappitt & James Clephane-Cameron
Followed by Annual Church Meeting and Church Council (1 hour max)
- Tues 6th 7.45pm** Circuit Preachers and Worship Leaders Meeting with Holy Communion at London Road, Horsham.
- Sat 10th 2.30pm** Platinum Service
- Sun 11th 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion (Joint Service at URC)**
- Sun 18th 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton (Joint Service)**
- Sun 25th 10.30am Rhys Frost**

July

- Sun 2nd 10.30am TBA**





Cobham

United Reformed Church

Worship Diary

June

- Sun 4th 9.00am Early Bird Service
10.30am Stephen Thornton**
- Sun 11th 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion
(Joint Service)**
- Sun 18th 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton (Joint Service at CMC)**
- Sun 25th 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton**

July

- Sun 2nd 9.30am Early Bird Service
10.30am Thelma Roberts
(followed by barbecue)**

**Prayers at the Manse
Wednesdays at 9.30am
June: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th**

House Groups

The next House Group will be on Thursday 15th June at 7.30pm, venue to be arranged. The study book is "Mark" by Tom Wright. For further details contact Brian Manners.

Cobham Events in June

Thur 1st	6.30pm	Men's Fellowship (at The Barley Mow, 181 The Street, West Horsley, KT24 6HR)
Sat 3rd	10.00am	(to 1.00pm) Vision and Mission Day, held at CURC. See p10 for more details.
Sun 4th	12 noon	Annual Church Meeting and Church Council Meeting (to 1.00pm) (CMC)
	3.00pm	Play and Chat (to 6.00pm)
Tues 6th	9.45am	Church Walk
	8.00pm	Elders' Meeting (URC)
Tues 13th	7.30pm	Synod Area Meeting at Crawley (URC)
Wed 21st		All day retreat for leaders of Kim's churches at St Cuthman's
Thur 22nd	3.30pm	Messy Church at CURC (to 5.30pm)
Fri 23rd	7.30pm	Joint Leadership Meeting at CURC



THY KINGDOM COME

The Orthodox Church has traditionally used the period between Ascension and Pentecost to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit in their own communities. In 2016 this was taken up by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, asking all Anglican churches to have this period of prayer, ecumenically where possible. In 2017 Churches Together in England have encouraged all churches to be involved, praying for "Thy Kingdom Come".

For local events, see p 13.



Fundraising



2nd July 2017

Cobham United Reformed Church
Join us for our family barbecue on
Sunday afternoon directly after the
service.

Bring what you want us to cook
and we'll provide the rest.

Entertainment too so come along and
join us!!

All are welcome.



3rd June
Cobham
United
Reformed
Church
Time:
10-1pm

Led by Revd Kath Jones
We explore the vision & mission of a
united Church
Refreshments will follow at 1pm.



June is the month of Pentecost, and of remembering that world-changing morning long ago, when the disciples were gathered in prayer and "suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind ... " (Acts 2:2).

Inspired by God, Peter did not keep the Good News to just the believers. The Good News was for the crowds in the streets too. From the beginning, the Church and Mission have been inseparable.



Effingham

Methodist Church

Birthday Dates to celebrate this month:



Happy Birthday to **Mary Verrinder** on 27th

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

Dates for your diary :

25th May to 4th June ~ Thy Kingdom Come

Between Ascension and Pentecost

at **St. Lawrence Parish Church** at 9.15am daily
for prayer and reflection. Do come if you can !

Morag Butler and her husband Chris are moving to Margate soon, to be nearer to their family. We'll really miss them and their enthusiasm and inspired ideas, such as **Café Church** which ran monthly for four years, and more recently **Living Nativity**, which was so successful and spawned a spin-off in **Living Easter**, another great success, and excuse to dress up ! There've also been a couple of memorable folk evenings for good causes.



God bless you both and give you happiness in your new home.

Effingham Methodist Diary



June

Sun 4th 10.00am Rev Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion

Tues 6th 2.30pm Tuesday Teas in RC Hall
Thur 8th 2.00pm Christian Meditation in the church

Sun 11th 10.00am Waseem Haq

Thur 15th 12.30pm Oasis Bible Lunch Group in the hall

Sun 18th 10.00am Robert Pitt

Tues 20th 12.30pm Churches together Prayer Lunch at EMC
2.30pm Tuesday Teas in the RC Hall
Thur 22nd 2.00pm Christian Meditation in the church

Sun 25th 10.00am Rev Robert Davey

July

Sun 2nd 10.00am Rev Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion

Prayer meetings are held at the Chapel every Friday at 9.30 am





THY KINGDOM COME

the global wave of prayer
25th May - 4th June

Thy Kingdom Come: Prayer and Reflection by Churches Together in Surrey

28th May 15:00 – 17:00

St Joseph's Catholic Church, Epsom, KT18 7JQ

Meet from 3pm for fellowship and afternoon tea followed at 4pm by a service of prayer and reflection for confidence in building God's kingdom (Parking for disabled, level access and facilities. Other parking available on site).

Guildford Cathedral ~ Sunday 4 June

~ 16:30 – 20:00

Hosting several events for **Thy Kingdom Come** on the day of Pentecost for people of all ages and stages of life and faith.

4.30-6.00pm Pilgrimage, Prayer and Food Festival

6:30-8:00pm Pentecost Celebration Service

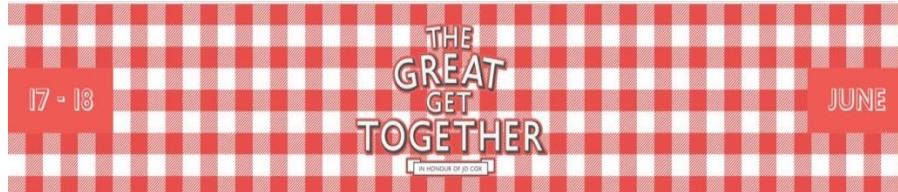
BOTH events are free of charge and all are welcome.

Tickets via [eventbrite](#)

<https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/events/thy-kingdom-come>

Locally **St Lawrence** will be hosting prayers at 9:15am each day





A year ago, the Nation was shocked by the appalling murder of **Jo Cox, MP for Batley and Spen in West Yorkshire**, who was killed at a constituency surgery. She was a champion of refugee rights and believed that we have more in common than divides us. So this year her husband, Brendan, has invited communities throughout the UK to join The **Great Get Together**, a national celebration inspired by **Jo** on the weekend of 16 – 18 June, which aims to be the biggest display of national unity since the Jubilee parties. It's an invitation to celebrate in every local community – perhaps a street party, a game of football, a barbecue or an afternoon tea. See website to sign up for a free pack of ideas and resources:

<https://www.greatgettogether.org/how-to/>



Here in Effingham we're having a **Folk Evening and Barn Dance** with Morag Butler and her ukulele band, and a host of friends. Topping the bill is **Sue Graves**, the Surrey nightingale, accompanied by guitarist **John Tanner**, but there's also a chance for you to dance or bring an instrument and join in the fun. So join us on **Saturday 17th June** from 7-11pm at St. Lawrence Hall. Tickets for **FOLK, FUN, FOOD, FROLICS** are £10 and proceeds will go to *Plan International*, which works with girls to stop forced marriage, exploitation abroad and bullying here in the UK.



"Connect" a group for carers and partners with dementia

**Come for refreshment, friendship, activities and fun.
You don't have to live in Effingham!**

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.

During May our meetings have included a quiz of well-known voices from the past, as well as our regular activities such as new age kurling, snooker, puzzles and other games and of course delicious cakes, tea or coffee prepared by our team of volunteers. Monthly outings are also arranged.

Next dates fortnightly, June 8th and 22nd.
For more info. contact Gill on 01372 457987
email GillianMWalker@gmail.com
or Kim on 01932 586988

Tuesday Teas

Fortnightly from 2.30pm to 4pm, for fellowship, chat, tea and cakes in St Alphege Hall, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Lower Road, Effingham.

Next dates: June 6th and 20th, July 4th.
Some car transport can be arranged.
Contact Gill on 01372 457987 for more information.



**St. Lawrence Church Hall in Brown's Lane
Wednesday 14th June ~ 3.30 -5.30pm**

Refugee Week ~ 20 - 26 June 2016

Refugee Week events, resources and campaigns can be found at
www.refugeeweek.org.uk



O Lord, whose birth was heralded with songs of peace
Hear us now as we pray for peace
And for those whose lives are destroyed by conflict and terrorism.

We pray for the Middle East: for Syria, and Egypt
Countries like Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Palestine and Israel
Where people are killed and injured daily.

We remember there is genocide in places like Sudan - Darfur and Chad,
- The political persecution of whole peoples in Zimbabwe
That in many places neighbour is eliminating neighbour.
Often because of religious intolerance.

So often war is accompanied by shortages and people starve, and are deprived of medication and education.

We pray for the peace-keepers
So often doing a thankless job.
We pray for politicians
Criticised by all sides
but doggedly working for justice.

We pray for aid workers
risking so much to help the needy.
Strengthen them in their work,
Do not let them become disheartened,
Work through them to bring peace that lasts. **Amen**

<http://www.methodist.org.uk/prayer-and-worship/methodist-special-sundays/refugee-week>

Dorking and Horsham Circuit

NEWSLETTER

**June
July & August
2017**

Dear Friends,

As we move into the second half of 2017 we enter 'Ordinary Time' on the Christian calendar. That is the time between Pentecost and Advent, when it all starts all over again! However, as I mull that thought over, it seems to me that this is going to be anything but 'Ordinary' time!

As I write this column we are caught up in campaigning again that, by the time you read this, is going to have shaped our reality once again. I wonder what that shape will be? The political turmoil we have been living through these past years seems to be growing and all around the globe. Henry Thoreau's observation of '...leading lives of quiet desperation...' (Walden Chp1) seems to be taking on new significance. Somehow, the frustration has built/is building and all over people are questioning the values that have shaped our lives previously.

What I find disturbing is the extent to which that questioning appears to be a regression. As I think back over the struggle against Apartheid in South Africa, one of the challenges was dealing with the 'Laager mentality' – circling the wagons. Somehow, as we find ourselves stretched by the challenges of diversity and inclusivity, we seem to reach a point where we just give up and narrow down the focus and form the 'Laager' once again. It's hard not to when we feel threatened and overwhelmed by the anticipated tsunami supposedly looming large on the horizon.

However, we have just lived through the period of an altogether different tsunami in the Christian calendar – the tidal wave of God's love! Despite the narrow focus of his detractors Jesus refused to allow that mindset to shape his own. Rather, he reminded us that no matter how overwhelming the problem, God's love is always bigger. What we fear most is that the supply will be quenched, the well will dry up, we will be left with nothing. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Cross, the Grave and the Flames of Fire all speak to us of the superabundance of God's provision. Just when everything seemed lost the love of God exploded again into the world and still it does today.

My prayer for us is that as God's church in the world today we will allow ourselves to get lost in that tidal wave and in so doing dispel the wave of fear and despair looming on the horizon. (John 12:24)

Gavin

The Methodist Church



EFFINGHAM

Our 'Living Easter' pageant was a great success, with lots of families following the real story of Easter around the village and local churches; it even included the history of the hot-cross bun! Children were given an Easter egg and story sheet to take home.

Fresh Expressions events continue to reach out to the local community with a couple of fortnightly groups. **Tuesday Teas** has been running for over 10 years with entertainment and time for tea and a chat, and **Connect**, our dementia care group, is flourishing and planning regular monthly outings. Meanwhile Dave and Kim's husband Colin, are running **Lunchbox**, a weekly lunch club for disadvantaged people at **Leatherhead Methodist Church**.

Messy Church is tackling the Lord's Prayer, and our Churches will be open between Ascension and Pentecost and with prayer resources from **Thy Kingdom Come**. **Churches Together** have one of their popular prayer lunches on 20th June.

A Folk, Fun, Food and Frolics Evening is being held on 17th June at St. Lawrence Church hall in aid of PLAN International, an organisation founded in 1937, to advance children's rights and equality for girls.

Ange and David Putland

LONDON ROAD

We have been pleased to welcome a number of new people to our congregation in recent months. As I write, a five-week course for those interested in Church Membership is just beginning on Sunday evenings and we hope that will bear fruit. The Church Leadership Team is currently undergoing a number of changes. The new Stewards will be the core of the Leadership Team going forward, supported by a number of others with special skills and talents. It is proposed that eight Mission Teams will then be set up, covering all aspects of the life and ministry of the Church. This is an exciting time for us and we ask for the prayers of everyone in the Circuit, so that we can truly live out our Vision Statement to 'be a Church that is known for its Spirit-led discipleship and its practical care in the community'.

Carolyn King

DORKING

Alongside the Church, activity in the Christian Centre abounds, under the leadership of our Managers and with the ministry of our lay Chaplain! The major work of the refurbishment of the toilet facilities has now been completed. The total cost was £31,624.69, and we are very grateful for the various grants we were able to source.

The completion of the polished floor in the main hall was achieved during the Easter holiday. Splinters should no longer be an issue! We had various repairs and maintenance completed in the flat as well as around the building. We appreciate the support of our visitors, users, volunteers and our overseeing committee. A recent Plant Sale raised about £700.

Churches Together is planning a General Election hustings, as well as a Fun Event in our Church buildings and grounds on Saturday June 17. Do join us if you are in Dorking that day.

ST ANDREWS

Darren Arnold moves on

At the end of July, the St Andrews' and Southwater's Children and family worker, Darren Arnold and his family, will be leaving our circuit, and moving to Preston Methodist Church, to run their Youth work. Darren will leave a very large gap in the church life of both St Andrews and Southwater, and his departure will leave a big gap to fill in our Youth work. For now though, we give thanks to God for Darren's work in so many groups for our churches, and pray that he, and his family, will blossom in their new surroundings.

St Andrews Community Garden day - Saturday 24th June

One of the last pieces of the St Andrews redevelopment vision has been the creation of a new Community Garden at the back of our church. After much work for us, and also by us, this garden offers a planted area with willow arbour for quiet reflection, an allotment area for growing produce to share with the local community and a shed/greenhouse area. All are welcome to come and visit this on the 24th to see how it has turned out. On the day, Cream Teas and Hot Dogs will be available. We pray that our Community Garden will be a blessing to all who use it.

Roffey Community lunch

In partnership with Horsham Matters and a local take away food outlet, St Andrews are launching a monthly Community lunch for those needing support in our community. This will take place on the first Tuesday of the month.

It is hoped that this community initiative might be supported by other food businesses offering free food once a month so that it can operate every week.

We ask for your prayers and thoughts for this initiative, and the people that it will serve.

Ian Johnston

PARTRIDGE GREEN

At the beginning of May, we commenced a Bible Study Group, which will be held on the alternate Tuesday afternoons to our Open door meetings, which have been a well established activity for many years.

We continue with our once monthly prayer meetings on the first Monday evening each month, and this is proven to be well supported ecumenically.

We plan this year to introduce monthly coffee mornings for all to enjoy, giving everyone further opportunities for sharing company, as well as promoting some fund raising for the church. The first one was held on May 20th, and will be followed by Saturday 17th June, and Saturday 15th July, all at 10. 00 am. Everyone welcome to join us!

Messy church mornings continue to be very successful and, at our Easter session, 21 children attended with parents or carers, and enthusiastically enjoyed the activities, worship and lunch together. Our next morning will be at the end of May, followed by a session when the school summer holidays commence. We greatly appreciate the wonderful support given to us by our friends from London Road, without whom we would struggle to cope!!!

Our Church Anniversary this year is to be celebrated on Sunday June 18th, when Revd Gavin Hancocks will lead our service.

We look forward to our summer activities with continued enthusiasm here in Partridge Green.

Alison James

SOUTHWATER

For the first time this year, Horsham Churches Together were invited to take part in Piazza Italia, which takes place over the Easter weekend.

Horsham Piazza Italia is the biggest and best free-to-attend Easter event in the South East.

The whole weekend is given over to showcase Horsham's town centre in a celebration of all things Italian, with things to see and do for all the family organised by Horsham District Council and many partners, which this year included the churches.

There are displays of 100s of cars including Ferraris, Lamborghinis and other supercars and motor-bikes. There's also an amazing Italian market and the usual Saturday local market stalls. It was such a blessing to be amongst this celebration and to be offering Messy Church alongside other stall holders and exhibitors along with other churches.

Many people visited us and took part in the Easter crafts and heard the message of Easter.

We very much hope to be part of it again next year.

Juliet Fuller

COBHAM

The Joint Leadership Group had a very useful meeting in March with John Hellyer (Methodist District Chair), Nicola Furley-Smith (Moderator, URC Southern Synod) and our Superintendent, Gavin Hancocks. We had a list of questions on ministry, worship, finance, property and other matters, and by the end of the meeting we had taken several steps forward. The next event will be a half-day discussion of our vision and mission, which we need to clarify before we can take any further steps.

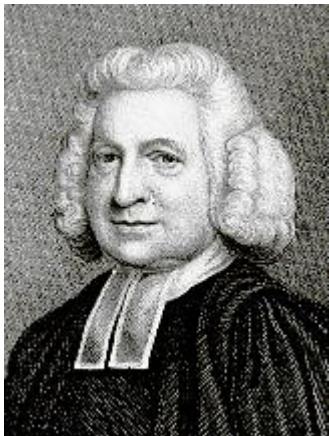
The Lent discussion groups on "Finding a Voice", based on the film "The King's Speech", were well attended and led to animated discussions. Kim led us in an inspiring act of worship on Maundy Thursday, with a simple meal, communion and a presentation of the Passion Story entitled "One Woman's Story". We finished in darkness and silence, and two of us drove home afterwards in silence, not wanting to spoil the moment. On Good Friday there were meditation/prayer stations round the URC Church based on the words of Jesus from the cross, and some of us went on to the silent vigil round the cross in the centre of Cobham. It's always disappointing that there aren't more people in Cobham willing to witness publicly to their faith on this occasion, but there were just enough for it to be clearly a religious act, not just random passers-by. It was good to rejoice with a full church on Easter Day.

We now look forward to our Church Anniversary on May 21st, celebrating 160 years of Methodist worship in Cobham, 155 years in Cedar Road. As well as being united with Cobham URC (as on every third Sunday), we shall be joined by the two other churches that worship in our premises on Sundays, Cobham Community Church and The Great Commission Ministry. Our preacher will be Revd Kath Jones, and the service will be followed by a bring-and-share lunch.

David Cappitt

Writing to Wesley ?

Can you help transcribe the earliest Methodist letters?



Among the thousands of documents held in the **Methodist Archives and Research Centre** at Manchester University's *John Rylands Library* are 153 letters written by ordinary people who joined the Methodist movement in its earliest years. They date from 1730s -1780s and are particularly significant as they are mainly written by women. Rarely heard voices!

The letters were written in response to a request from **Charles Wesley** for testimonies from members of the new Methodist societies that could be used to encourage and exhort others to faith. They are full of rapture and visions, anguish and yearning.

Although steeped in the language of the period, the Bible and preaching of the day, they reveal real people, with recognisable doubts and problems, as well as lives transformed by their experience of God. A glimpse of the first people called Methodists.

Academics have studied them for years, but most people in the Methodist Church will not know that they exist. They are now digitised and available online, but difficult to read, like all hand-written documents ! This is where YOU can help !

Methodist Heritage needs volunteers to become transcribers. Each letter will be checked by 3 people, who may interpret words differently ! If you would like to get involved go to www.methodistheritage.org.uk/earlymethodistvolume.htm or contact Owen Roberts, Methodist Heritage Officer on 020 7467 5164 or robertso@methodistchurch.org.uk

Ange Putland
Archivist for D&H Circuit



Trinity Sunday on 11th
June is also Methodist
Homes Sunday.

learn new ways to respond. Fundraising can make a difference to the quality of life for older people.

For more details see p31.

You can find worship resources, a suggested order of service, a flyer and poster for your church on the Methodist Homes website www.mha.org.uk

Mission Aviation Fellowship

Please save & give us your postcards for MAF

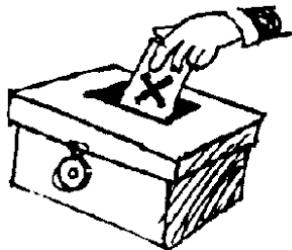
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We work in close partnership with over 1,000 missions, providing flights and logistical support for their outreach to communities in developing nations.

These missions include aid agencies, missions, relief and development organisations, government departments, local churches and other national groups. Their work covers healthcare, emergency relief, development and the bringing of God's word.

**Please help MAF achieve the extraordinary?
Thank you.**

Contact Gill Walker 01372 457987 if you do have some postcards.



Faith in Politics ?

The **Joint Public Issues Team** have produced some interesting resources for this snap election. They explore four key issues around the election, laying out the key facts, and summarising with some questions to help us reflect on each issue. There is also a resource pack for Bible study groups, to help us all think about how Christians could respond to the 2017 General Election.

This election is not just about Brexit ! JPI's briefing highlights four issues which are poised to have a real impact on the future of the UK after 2017:

- The UK's relationship with the European Union
- Migration, forced displacement and the UK asylum system
- Poverty and economic inequality in the UK
- The UK's role in the world.

Whilst these are certainly not the only important issues in this General Election, they highlight some key domestic issues - welfare, poverty, and our asylum system. They also explore global concerns, including how to ensure that our responsibilities to support those in dire need are not overshadowed by more immediate concerns about the future of our own country.

<http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/faithinpolitics/>

What does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.
MICAH 6:8

THINK PRAY
VOTE
Make your voice heard on 8 June

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Next Sisters' Get-Together

**Saturday 8th July
8.30am – 10.00am**

Parish Church Hall

Speaker session, breakfast provided. Donations welcome to cover costs.
We welcome all women/girls across the Churches in Leatherhead,
together with any friends, family and neighbours.



Music on Thursdays at LMC

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

- Thursday 1st June • 12.30 lunchtime

Viola Duo

Timothy Ridout & Ting Ru Lai

- Thursday 8th June • 12.30 lunchtime

Cavendish Winds

flute, oboe, clarinet, horn, bassoon

Cavendish Winds will spend the morning playing their instruments in two short concerts for the pupils of Leatherhead Trinity School, funded by lunchtime concert audiences and with the support of Julie West Solicitor

12.30 lunchtime concerts continue weekly to the end of November. These concerts are free to enter with a retiring collection to cover costs. Programme may change.

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Wednesdays at Christ Church

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

- Weds 14th June • 12.30 lunchtime

Gwyn Owen, trumpet

Rebecca Taylor, organ

Music on Thursdays at LMC

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

- Thursday 22nd June • 12.30 lunchtime

Frederic Bager, piano

courtesy of the Royal Academy of Music

- Thursday 29th June • 12.30 lunchtime

Bishop Ensemble: Carl Bradford, violin

Cameron Smith, cello, Madelaine Jones, piano

Next Messy Church for Leatherhead:



Thursday 15th June
3.30pm to 5.30pm at:



NEW FIRE

NEW FIRE is moving to Allsaints from this month. Everything you love about New Fire plus great coffee! The coffee shop will be open from 6.00pm. Please park at Trinity School.

Next New Fire - 25th June at Allsaints



Men's Breakfast



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

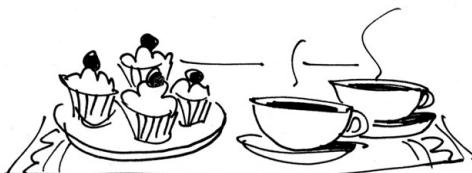
24th June - LMC

22nd July - Parish Church Hall

...then on the fourth Saturday each month.

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.

Time for Tea



COME for TEA and COMPANY

from 2.30pm to 4.30pm
on the first Friday every month at

LEATHERHEAD METHODIST CHURCH

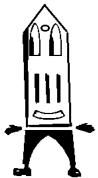
Next "Time for Tea" - Friday 2nd June

(Speaker: Bunny Warren - "How I Became a Christian")

EVERYONE WELCOME

(Suggested donation £1)





Leatherhead

Methodist Church

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. Next Prayer Breakfast is on 18th June.

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



Congratulations to...

...Tim Hall on his re-election to Surrey County Council representing Leatherhead & Fetcham East Division.

Our thoughts and prayers are with ...

...Harry Robinson recovering from a fall and, as we write, in Buckley Ward at Epsom Hospital. We also think of Peggy at this time.

We remember ...

...members, relatives and friends who are being looked after, in hospital, in a residential or nursing home, or at home, and those who care for them day by day. We think especially of James & Jean Ross, and Lynda & John Russell.



Pastoral Visitors...

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 27th June** in the Vestry.

LMC Diary



June

- Thurs 1st 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (see page 25)
7.30pm Church Council
- Fri 2nd 2.30pm Time for Tea
- Sun 4th 10.30am United Service at Christ Church -
Rev. Darlene McCarley - Holy Communion**
- Thurs 8th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (see page 25)
6.00pm Revive Youth Club
- Sun 11th 10.30am David Cappitt - MHA Sunday
6.30pm Rev. Darlene McCarley - Holy Communion**
- Tues 13th 8.00pm Leadership Team at Ron & Norma's
- Wed 14th 12.30pm Organ Concert at Christ Church (see p. 25)
- Thurs 15th 3.30pm Messy Church (to 5.30pm)
- Sun 18th 9.30am Prayer Breakfast
10.30am Rhys Frost**
- Thurs 22nd 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (see page 25)
6.00pm Revive Youth Club
- Sat 24th 8.00am Men's Breakfast - LMC
- Sun 25th 10.30am Waseem Haq
6.30pm New Fire at Allsaints**
- Tues 27th 2.30pm Pastoral Visitors' prayer meeting
- Thurs 29th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (see page 25)

July

- Sun 2nd 10.30am preacher to be confirmed**
- Thurs 6th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (see page 25)
- Fri 7th 2.30pm Time for Tea

Best Sunday for Ages – MHA Sunday – 11th June 2017



At LMC we recognise MHA Sunday each year with an envelope collection, and by opening the boxes held throughout the year by members of the church family.

The donated money is then forwarded to MHA, together with Gift Aid declarations, to assist their work in bringing quality to later life. In particular, these funds assist the chaplaincy service in care homes; promote music therapy for those with dementia; and support live-at-home schemes that help counter loneliness or isolation.

This year the theme is “Befriending Age” – i.e. how we can help one another support older members of our church and community, and indeed learn from them how best to plan our own ageing journey.

MHA is very grateful for the continuing financial and prayerful support from members and friends at LMC.

Freda Walker



REVIVE YOUTH CLUB



Come join us for fun and games, craft and activities,
singing and dancing, Bible stories and teaching,
tuck shop and new friends!

THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

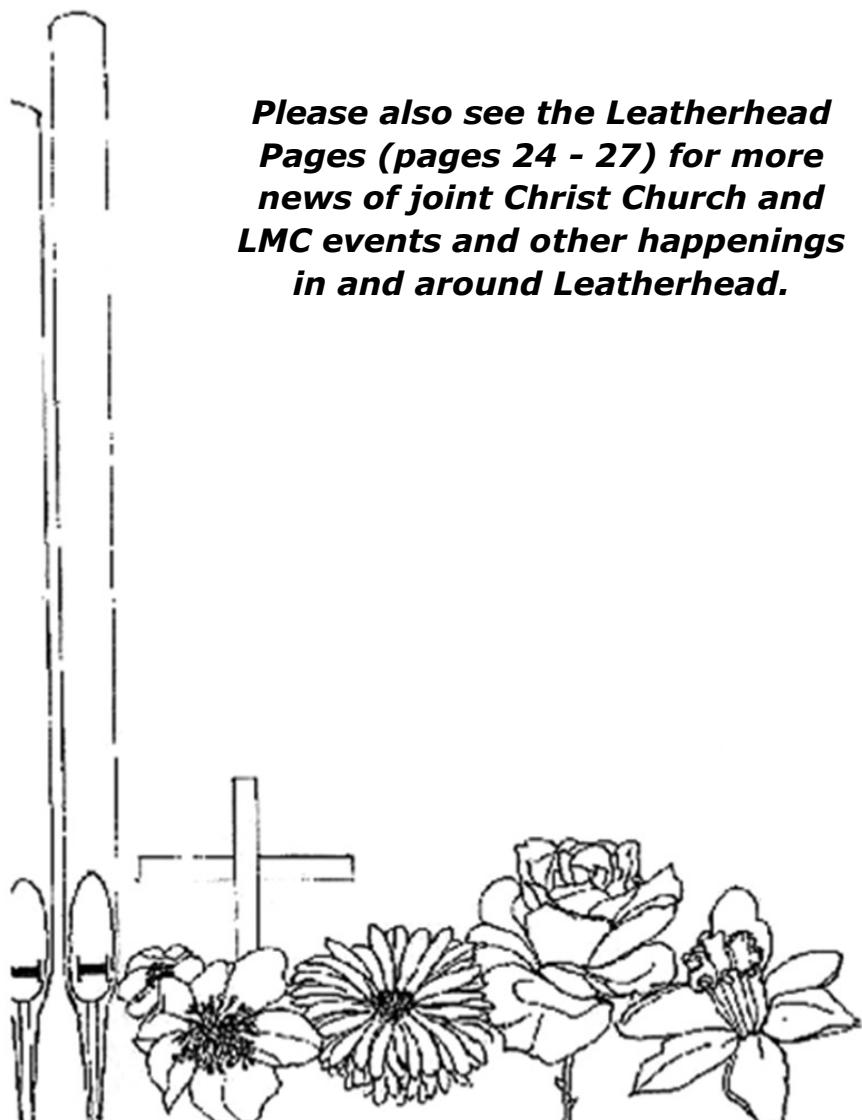
Leatherhead Methodist Church
2nd and 4th Thursday
6pm-7:30pm
Ages 7-11
Cost £1

Email hannahleatherheadfcw@gmail.com

Christ Church

(United Reformed) Leatherhead

Please also see the Leatherhead Pages (pages 24 - 27) for more news of joint Christ Church and LMC events and other happenings in and around Leatherhead.



Christ Church Diary



June

Thur 1st 12.30pm Recital at LMC (see p 25)
Fri 2nd 2.30pm Time for Tea (LMC)
7.30pm Choir Practice

Sun 4th 10.30am Pentecost: United Communion at Christ Church: Rev Darlene McCarley
8.00pm *Still reforming: French Protestant Church, Soho Square: The French Protestants from Dark Times ... To Soho!*

Thur 8th 12.30pm Recital at LMC (see p 25)

Sun 11th 10.30am Trinity Sunday: TBA

Wed 14th 12.30pm Organ and Trumpet Recital (see p 25)
7.00pm House Group at 38 West Farm Avenue
Thur 15th 3.30pm Messy Church (at LMC)(to 5.30pm)

Sun 18th 10.30am Rev Bruce Stuart

Thur 22nd 12.30pm Recital at LMC (see p 25)
Sat 24th 8.00am Men's Breakfast (LMC)

Sun 25th 10.30am TBA

12 noon Church Meeting
Mon 26th 7.00pm House Group at 38 West Farm Road

July

Sun 2nd 10.30am Joint Service at LMC

4.00pm *Still Reforming: St Katharine's the Danish Church, NW1: Listen to the Clouds.*

Thur 6th 12.30pm Recital at LMC (see p 25)

Christ Church Family News



We send sincere condolences to Jean Plant's family and to her many friends at LMC. She will be greatly missed by us all.

We are very sorry that Lynda is still unwell, and we pray that she will soon be feeling better.

We remember these friends in our prayers, and all those who are unwell, waiting for surgery, or recovering from surgery, the bereaved and the lonely.

Anne Cairns

Editor: In this month of Trinity Sunday, here is an old Celtic prayer

The Path of Right

My walk this day with God,
My walk this day with Christ,
My walk this day with Spirit,
 The Threefold all-kindly:
Ho! ho! ho! The Threefold all-kindly.

My shielding this day from ill,
My shielding this night from harm,
Ho! ho! Both my soul and my body,
Be by Father, by Son, by Holy Spirit:
By Father, by Son, by Holy Spirit.

Be the Father shielding me,
Be the Son shielding me,
Be the Spirit shielding me,
 As Three and as One:
Ho! ho! ho! As Three and as One.

From Carmina Gadelica (Parish Pump)

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:

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www.leatherheadmethodist.org

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Christ Church (United Reformed):

Epsom Road, Leatherhead, KT22 8ST

www.chch.org.uk

Contact: Local Church Leader -

Mike Essex 01372 273472

Effingham Methodist Church:

Chapel Hill, Effingham, KT24 5NB

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

Contact: Church Secretary -

Mary Langtry 01483 282421

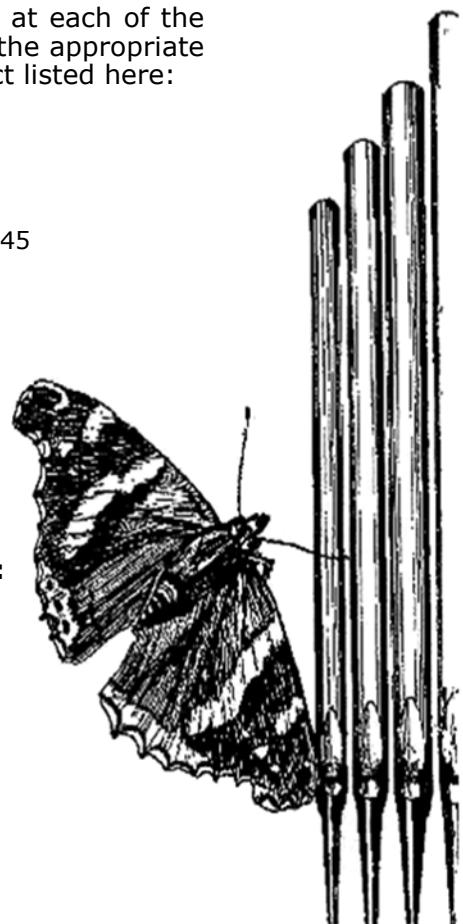
Cobham Methodist Church:

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