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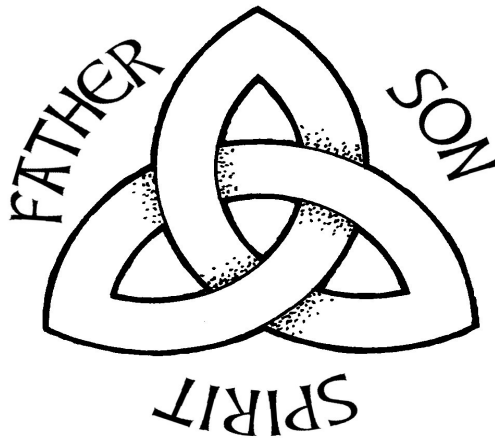
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The Minister Writes...

From Rev Kim Plumptre

Dear Friends,

We are all familiar with the recent headlines focusing on 'environmental issues'. The industrialised world is challenged by them and the political arena fraught with the reality that change is inevitable if we are to avert some kind of irreversible damage, both to the environment and to ourselves.

With champions like Sir David Attenborough and the many who chose to protest recently, with weeklong disruptions in the capital, we are aware of the hugely contentious issue affecting not just us here in this country but worldwide. We are challenged when we hear from the UN that 1 million species could be extinct within decades, and by a recent exploration in the Mariana Trench by the deepest ever submarine dive, when they found a plastic bag on the seabed. So what does the bible teach us about the intended relationship between humankind and God's created world?

Psalm 8:

*"what is humankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?
5 You have made them a little lower than the angels
and crowned them with glory and honour.
6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet:
7 all flocks and herds,
and the animals of the wild,
8 the birds in the sky,
and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.
9 LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!"*

The Psalm teaches us that we are made a little lower than the angels, made rulers over the works of God's hands, crowned with glory and honour. God has bestowed upon us something incredibly precious, the gift of his created world. It also says that everything is 'under our feet'. In light of the environmental challenges the world faces, I wonder if we may have done a little too much trampling and little less consideration given about where we lay our feet.

If as it suggests in Psalm 139, "*all things are fearfully and wonderfully made,*" then all God's created world is demanding of respect and honour, in doing so we respect the creator.

It is true that we live in an industrialized world and that is a reality we must contend with, a creative tension between the joy of praising God for his provision without relinquishing responsibility for the gift. Our attitude to such a gift must be questioned, the minute that we decide to 'possess' the gift, we decide to take ownership of it, we succumb to the view that it is a commodity to be shaped by human hands and human ways. We forget so easily that we have only been entrusted with the gift, it is not for us to own. It is however for us to delight in, to respect and honour, to give glory to God. Perhaps some of what I am expressing here is that our attitude to God's creation and the giver of the gift needs embodying in what we do on a daily basis. We sit on the cusp of Pentecost, an acknowledgment that like the disciples we journey onwards, with Gods presence within us, around us and before us. It is however a different world in so many ways. Yet God does not abandon his creation even though we may feel we have made some disastrous choices, he comes to empower his people to embrace the world, to engage with the concerns it presents, to embody his people with the mind of God and the ways of God. The Holy Spirit is calling us to draw near to the creator and his creation.

To love God is to love one another, to love every living breathing creature and to respect the land we call home. It is going to require an acute sense of listening and sacrificial living if we are to make any kind of headway on issues concerning the environment by individuals and the industrialized nations. But I believe it begins with an appreciation for what we have been given, thankfulness and praise manifests itself in good stewardship.

We must each ask ourselves in this time when we welcome the Holy Spirit, what is God calling us to do? If we are God's representatives on this earth, how might our voices and our actions on environmental issues give glory to God, for we are crowned with glory and honour?

Every blessing

Kim

From Rev Jan Hofmeyr

Dear Friends,

As we think about Pentecost this month, I am reminded of Jesus' words to His disciples, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you and you will be my witnesses'. One of the major things for which the Spirit empowers us is to be witnesses.

Only some people are called to be evangelists; but we are all called to be witnesses. All of us have things we can tell about our walk with Jesus. In telling other people about that we are being witnesses. Witnessing happens not only when we speak to non-Christians; witnessing happens when we are speaking to Christians too.

After His resurrection Jesus said to the disciples, 'As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.' Jesus came as a witness to the Good News. What is there in the example of Jesus that we can follow as witnesses to the Good News?

For one thing, Jesus witnessed through His actions. He witnessed by caring for people, by feeding people, by healing people, by listening to people. People experienced the love of God through His actions. And equally, people will experience God's love through our actions. The most prominent Christ-follower of recent decades, Mother Theresa, was known for her deeds, more than her words. Francis of Assisi said something to this effect, 'Go and be a witness for Jesus, and, if necessary, also use words'. As someone has put it, 'People won't care how much we know until they know how much we care.'

But our words remain important. I remember hearing of someone who decided He would witness to Jesus purely through his actions, without saying anything. After a while a work colleague said to him, 'You know, I have seen a big change in your life recently; what has happened? Have you become a vegetarian?'

Although we are called to be witnesses it's important to realise that we are not the ones who can change people's hearts and minds. That is the work of the Spirit. All we can do is present Jesus to people through our words and deeds and leave the rest to the Lord. I think it was Mother Theresa who first said, 'God has not called us to be successful but to be faithful'. Our part is to be faithful – the results we leave to God. God is the only one who can make our efforts 'successful'. We simply make ourselves available and trust God to do whatever He wants to do. So whatever form our witnessing may take, our part is to be faithful. We sow the seeds through our witness; God is the only one who can make those seeds germinate and grow.

It's good to remember that when we witness to someone and seek to lead them closer to Jesus, we are not asking them to do something that is strange and foreign; we are in fact asking them to do something which is most natural – to return to the God who loves them and made them. When we invite someone to come to Jesus, we are not inviting them to some strange and foreign place; we are inviting them home.

'You will receive the Holy Spirit and you will be my witnesses'. Those words of Jesus to His disciples are for us too.

May the Lord bless us and make us a blessing as His witnesses to Christ's work in our lives.

Jan.

Peter

(Mt 26:71-75, John 21:15-18)

I don't know the man.

I don't know Him.

I don't know Him.

But I did.

From the moment I turned
to Him,

That day by the Sea,

I knew Him,

Knew He was the Lord.

I so wanted to serve Him,

Speak for Him,

Follow Him,

Fish for Him

Live and give my life for Him

No matter what.

He is the Lord

And I let him down

Again and again and again.

I go on letting Him down.

But Jesus,

Who knows the best and

worst of me,

Who knows how I rush in
and blurt out,

Mix and mess things,

Fail and fall asleep,

Who feels the agony of the
denied one,

Understands the agony of
the one who denies.

He is the Lord

And He forgives

Again, and again and again.

He goes on forgiving.

Feed my lambs,

Take care of my sheep

Feed my sheep.

By Daphne Kitching

(Parish Pump)



Cobham

United Church

Worship Diary

June

Sun 2nd 9.00am Early Bird Service
10.30am Thelma Roberts

Sun 9th 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton with Baptism

Sun 16th 10.30am Vivien Gerhold

Sun 23rd 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion

Sun 30th 10.30am James Wild

July

Sun 7th 9.00am Early Bird Service
10.30am Vivien Gerhold

Prayers at the Manse
Wednesdays at 9.30am

June: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th



Cobham Events

June

Tues 4th	9.45am	Church Walk
	8.00pm	Trustees Meeting
Thur 6th	6.30pm	Men's Fellowship: The King William, West Horsley
Thur 27th	3.45pm	Messy Church (to 5.45pm)

No House Fellowship in June. Next Meeting Thursday 18th July

Mustard Seed:

Bible study meeting every Thursday,
1.30 - 3.00pm, at the home of
Yoke Lan Palmer.
All are welcome.



Your invitation to:



Activities

Songs

Food

Crafts

Games

Stories

27th June 3.45 - 5.45pm

Cobham United Church

Cobham, Oxshott and Stoke D'Abernon Churches Together



Cobham United Church

Love God, love others, serve the world in Christ's name

Premises Redevelopment – Where are we now?

It's the Anniversary of our Union on 20th May 2018. You may recall our Vision included that we would become a Visual, Vibrant Church with the congregation increased from 50 to 150 in five years. It is not impossible. We will do it.

One element of achieving this Vision is to improve our premises. Our 38 Stoke Road premises are very practical but we need to improve our visibility from the road and in the community, we need to capture the intimacy that was at Cedar Road and we need to provide a welcoming environment to those using our premises and to the public at large.

We are delighted to announce that one of our members, Terry Lazenby who has much project management experience, has agreed to be CUC Premises Redevelopment Project Manager. At the time of writing Terry has already organised a beauty parade of four Architects and we selected EMJ who have much experience of redeveloping churches.

With the help of EMJ we have looked at various options and are currently narrowing them down in formal and informal discussions with the CUC Congregation. Methodist Circuit and URC Southern Synod have also been updated on the status of our project. Whatever project we finally agree, it is likely to take two years. However, there will be a phasing so we can build it in manageable bites.

It is very exciting. We have set up a Fund Raising committee as we will probably need to raise circa £1 million. We are blessed as we may be able to get a grant from The Methodist Church being part of the proceeds of the sale of Cedar Road. We will also be looking to other organisations from whom we may be able to obtain grants, but they will not help us unless they see we are making a big effort to help ourselves. With the help of our Social and Outreach Committees we are going to have fun in raising this money. We are also convinced that by involving anyone and everyone whose skills are necessary to redevelop our premises, it will help us reach a congregation of 150 with families and a thriving Junior Church.

Richard Langtry

An Evening with John Blanchard

John Blanchard is an internationally known
Christian preacher, teacher, apologist
and author



Speaking on:
Why are you here?

22nd June 2019

Refreshments will
be served from
7pm to begin at
7:30pm

**Cobham United Church
38 Stoke Road,
Cobham
KT11 3BD**

**Further Information Contact
Andy Richardson on
01372-602187 or 07967732792**



Effingham

Methodist Church



Birthday Dates for May:

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to: Mary Verrinder

Please let us know about birthdays and BIG anniversaries!!

Avery Rogers

Avery would like to thank all friends for the very many kind Get Well messages and Easter cards she received after her fall at home when she broke her hip. After a period in St Helier Hospital and then Dorking Hospital for rehabilitation, she is now happily home and hoping to get out and about again before too long. She sends warm regards to all friends.

Tuesday Teas - a social group with tea, chat and fellowship

We meet fortnightly from 2.30pm to 4pm, in

St Alphege Hall, Our Lady of Sorrows Church,
Lower Road, Effingham (and occasional outings).



Next dates are: June 4th and 18th, and fortnightly thereafter.

Come and join us.

Some car transport can be arranged.

Contact Keith or Gill on 01372 457987 for more information.

Effingham Methodist Diary



Sat	1st	9.30am	Litter Pick with Churches Together
Sun	2nd	10.00am	Rev Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion
Tues	4th	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea in Our Lady of Sorrows Hall
Thur	6th	10.00am	Connect dementia group in St Lawrence's Hall (to 12 noon)
		2.15pm	Christian Meditation in the church
Sun	9th	10.00am	Rhys Frost
Sat	15th	9.00am	Women's Breakfast (see p14)
Sun	16th	10.00am	Rev Jan Hofmeyr
Tues	18th	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea in Our Lady of Sorrows Hall
Thur	20th	10.00am	Connect dementia group in St Lawrence's Hall (to 12 noon)
		12.30pm	Oasis Bible Lunch Group in the hall
		2.15pm	Christian Meditation in the church
Sun	23rd	10.00am	Waseem Haq
Fri	28th	2.00pm	Precious Moments service with Kim
Sun	30th	10.00am	John Oborn

July

Sun 7th 10.00am Rev Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion

Prayers in the Chapel at 9.30am every Friday



Come and collect your hi-viz jackets, gloves, bin-bags and rubbish picking tools at 9.30am on Saturday 1st June at **Effingham Methodist Church** and join other members of **Churches Together in Effingham & Little Bookham** as we tidy up the village !

Refreshments afterwards !

Messy Church for primary school children and their parent/carer



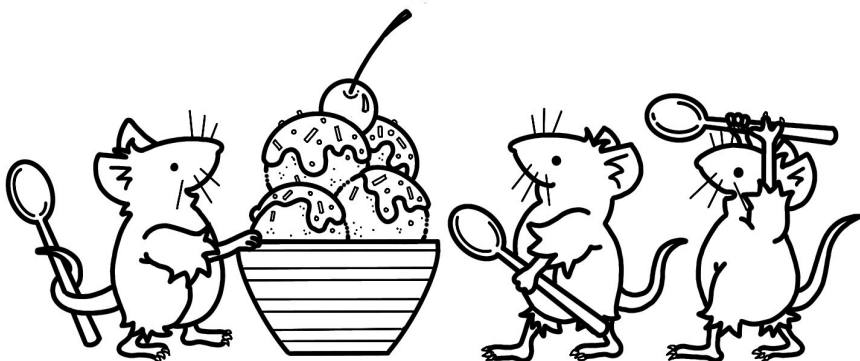
St. Lawrence Church Hall in Brown's Lane

In May we were thinking about fairness and justice.
Next meeting:

Wednesday 12th June ~ 3.30 -5.30pm

All Messy Church families are invited to a special service on Sunday June 30th in St Lawrence Church. There will be a baptism for all to see as well as showing and telling some of the stories of Messy Church. Do join us.

For more information contact Gill on 01372 457987





Join us for a Women's Breakfast
With Guest Speaker: Carmel Plumpton

Life as a Transgender Woman

Date: 15th June

Place: St Lawrence Church Hall

Time: 9am

Tickets: £6

**For tickets contact Revd Mandy MacVean
& Parish Office
or Revd Kim Plumpton (01932 586988)**



'Connect'

A fortnightly group for carers

and partners living with dementia

At St Lawrence Church Hall, Browns Lane, Effingham

Thursdays 10.30 till 12 O'clock

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, often for tea at local garden centres. Refreshments, friendship, chat and a good range of activities are on offer for all.

We have just started a borrowing service for some of the games, puzzles and equipment we now have.

In May, Paul from Wiltshire Farm Foods came to talk to us about healthy nutrition for older people. He also brought some lovely cakes with him.



Also in May the Rah Rah theatre group

entertained us, joined by the Tuesday Teas

group, with "Top Hat Tales", a comedy love story based around Broadway shows. Members enjoyed singing along and even dancing!



June Dates: 6th and 20th.

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

Thy Kingdom Come 30 May – 9 June 2019

From the very first gatherings of Methodists in Oxford, Methodism has always been suffused with prayer. Prayer is the foundation on which the Methodist Church is built and from which it seeks to fulfil its calling to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

Revd Canon Gareth J Powell, Secretary of the Methodist Conference

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement in which Christians pray that people would come to know Jesus. Taking place between Ascension and Pentecost, Thy Kingdom Come this year falls between **30 May - 9 June 2019**.

During Thy Kingdom Come people commit to pray with God's world-wide family - as a church, individually or as a family.

Churches will hold prayer events, such as 24-7 prayer, prayer stations and prayer walks, across the UK and in other parts of the world.

People will be transformed through prayer by the Holy Spirit, finding new confidence to be witnesses for Jesus Christ.

The invitation is simply for people to pray in whatever way they want, with whoever they want and wherever they can, that others might know Jesus Christ.

To take part, 'pledge to pray' on the Thy Kingdom Come website www.thykingdomcome.global

Methodist Service Resource (2019) Written by the Revd Hilary Cooke.

Download a pdf on the Methodist UK website

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/prayer/thy-kingdom-come/thy-kingdom-come-resources/>

How are you taking part?





Methodist Homes Sunday **on 9th June**

MHA was founded in 1943 by a group of Methodists who wanted to improve the quality of life for older people before the creation of Welfare State.

MHA Sunday is a special service on which people are encouraged to reflect on the lives touched by MHA and support the valuable work being done now and into the future.

This year's theme is '**One Sunday, One Service, One Church**'. The day coincides with Pentecost, and will take inspiration from the biblical account of Pentecost recorded in the book of Acts when all the believers are recorded as being in 'One place'.

MHA are inviting churches and groups to dedicate one Sunday to think about the question '**how is the Good News heard by those living with dementia?**', asking people to reflect on how their services can be adapted to be more inclusive and accessible for those living with dementia and those who support them.

By holding an MHA Sunday service, your charitable income will help them provide services that make a real difference to the people they support. Donations provide:

Chaplaincy services in all MHA care homes and retirement living schemes across England, Scotland and Wales;

Music Therapy sessions for those living with advanced dementia;
Live at Home schemes based in the community, enabling older people to live later life well.

See website for downloadable resources including a suggested order of service, prayers and something called Biblical Yoga !

<https://www.mha.org.uk/get-involved/appeals/mha-sunday/>

To order Gift Aid envelopes please contact Fundraising Team on Tel: [01332 221641](tel:01332221641) or Email: fundraisingenquiries@mha.org.uk



The theme of **Refugee Week 2019** is '**You, me and those who came before**', An invitation to explore the lives of refugees – and those who have welcomed them – throughout the generations.

People escaping war and persecution have been welcomed by communities in the UK for hundreds of years, and their stories and contributions are all around us. From the Jewish refugees of the 1930s to people fleeing Vietnam in the 1970s, Kosovans in the 1990s to those arriving today; they are part of who we all are.

Refugee Week 2019 runs from 17th to 23rd June and the charity invites you to do one of 7 new (or revitalised!) Simple Acts, inspired by the theme '**You, me or those who came before**'. Simple Acts are everyday actions we can all do to stand with refugees and make new connections in our communities.

Whether you plan an event around a Simple Act or simply do one during the week itself, you'll be joining a big national movement celebrating the ways refugees have enriched our culture and communities, for generations: the old and the young, those who have been here for decades and those who have just arrived – and finding out what we can learn from those who sought safety in Britain generations ago. Refugee Week events & resources at **www.refugeeweek.org.uk**



There are **worship resources** including hymn suggestions at **www.singingthefaitplus.org.uk**



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Dorking and Horsham Circuit **NEWSLETTER**

**June
July &
August 2019**

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

Thy Kingdom Come... how often don't we pray those words? Maybe too often or perhaps not often enough! Whatever the case in your circumstances I trust you have all, in some measure, been made aware of the initiative undertaken by the Anglican Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2016 to bring a fresh impetus to this prayer in the life of the Church.

Initially they sounded their call within the Church of England, but it is a call that has resonated across the denominations and now, three years on, the net has spread far and wide, clean across the globe in fact! What an amazing opportunity for us as a Church to engage with the prayer that is at the heart of the prayer that Jesus gave us.

Thy Kingdom Come calls the Church to catch afresh the vision of the first followers of Jesus and to discover afresh the call to prayer. It focuses on the period between the Ascension of Jesus and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Luke very intentionally records for us in Acts 1 & 2 that the first followers of Jesus were gathered together in prayer in that period between the Ascension and Pentecost. As a result, they were ready when God intervened to respond and become the radical agents for change in their world the Kingdom called them to be.

The call to prayer through the TKC initiative is twofold. In the first instance we are challenged to pray daily for five people we know who haven't yet entered into a living and vital relationship with God in Christ. I know, we should be praying for them every day, but you've got to start somewhere, so why not here! Secondly, there is the opportunity to join in various prayer activities over the course of those 9-11 days (depends how you count them!). There are materials available here: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> and if you look at the website you will see numerous events listed that you might perhaps participate in or even set up yourselves. Here at London Road we are having a Prayer Day on Saturday 8th June from 10am – 4pm in conjunction with St Andrew's, Southwater and Partridge Green. If you're not otherwise engaged, come and join in the activities on offer through the course of the day. There will be a service at 12:30pm as a focal point for the event. What better way for us to prepare to receive again the incredible gift of grace that is the total infusion of the life and love of God in the Holy Spirit? Thy Kingdom come! Who's bold enough to pray that prayer with me?! *Gavin*

DORKING

We celebrated our Church Anniversary in March, with Revd Peter Hills as the preacher. He is the Methodist Ecumenical Officer for Surrey. We appreciate a legacy of £1000 from a friend at Effingham. Our Chaplain maintains her caring ministry in the Centre, and the Resources and Finance Committee meets monthly for oversight of the Centre's work.

A recent exercise has been to revisit the mission of the Centre. Two new activities which the Centre is pleased to facilitate are: the Repair Café on the first Saturday of every month, when a team of volunteers mends clothes, small electrical items and the like for a small fee; and an afternoon tea for dementia sufferers. We are even wondering about the possibility of a defibrillator just outside the Centre. Our annual Plant and Cake Sale took place early in May, raising a record of over £870.

ST ANDREWS, HORSHAM

Our Alpha course has now finished and led to many committing or recommitting their lives to Christ at the Holy Spirit weekend. We now look forward to hosting a 'Waterfall course'.

Easter services included a Maundy Thursday reflection and a Messy Church which was well supported. We are noticing an increase in families connecting with St Andrews, which is encouraging.

Our latest venture is to become an Eco Church and we have registered with 'A Rocha'. This organisation will help us to be more environmentally friendly by giving us advice and providing resources. We hope to become part of the change that needs to happen globally to save our world physically and spiritually!

Sue Randell

EFFINGHAM

Spring has sprung in the Chapel garden, with snowdrops and a few primroses against the church wall. Still no new neighbours yet, in the new property next door. So we've done some landscaping in our garden and rooted out old shrubs. This has opened up the front of the chapel so much that we may decide to take down more fence panels and be more open plan! We certainly smartened up the Chapel's appearance just in time for the wedding on Easter Saturday! Then, after Easter Sunday's service, we used the wedding flowers to decorate the Cross in the garden!!

On 1st June we'll be donning our safety gloves, grabbing a black bin-bag and wielding a "picker" for an ecumenical **Litter Pick** around the village. The Parish Council has all the health and safety gear we need so we can do our bit to keep Effingham tidy!

There will be an interesting talk at the **Ladies Breakfast** on Saturday 15th June at St. Lawrence Church hall, when Rev. Kim Plumpton's daughter, Carmel, has been invited to talk about "**Life as a Transgender Woman**". This is her life story, about growing up but feeling different, making difficult choices, and facing up to and challenging prejudice. Carmel hosts a local radio programme.

This year's theme for **Heritage Open Days is People Power**— more about this in the September issue.

Ange and David Putland

PARTRIDGE GREEN

We would like to offer a huge "Thank you" to all our friends from the other churches in the Circuit who supported us for our fund raising Quiz Evening , at the beginning of April, in aid of our refurbishment fund. We are now looking forward to the commencement of the transformation of our church porch, and for an improved disabled access for all. Hopefully the windows and front door will be renewed this summer, which will make our premises more welcome for all, and a new notice board will soon be arriving to complement the front of our church premises.

We continue with our very successful "Messy Church" mornings in the children's school holidays, and it is most encouraging to welcome regularly many young families who come to share in worship through activities, singing and lunch together. Young children and helpers from the local Toddler group continue to enjoy our Toddler services also, as we look to encouraging a greater presence of young people into our church community.

On Sunday 23rd June, we will not be holding our usual morning service at the church, as we will be joining our many friends from the other village churches in the King George V playing fields in Partridge Green for an ecumenical church service. Yet another opportunity to share in worship together. Everyone most welcome to join us!

Alison James

SOUTHWATER

Did you know that 35% of Southwater residents are 18 or under - one of the highest, if not the highest, in the South East - and according to a recent Scripture Union survey, 95% of children don't go to church, so often haven't ever heard the gospel.

This makes us so aware of our shared work with children, young people and families. Our Open the Book team are presenting bible stories in 2 of the 3 local schools and hoping to add the 3rd next term. Our Soul Space and Messy Church teams look forward to offering creative ways to share the gospel and facilitate Godly encounters at the Schools fete and Sunday Funday in Horsham in the Summer. And we continue to support Angie and Juliet in their community and schools work.

In line with *Thy Kingdom Come* our focus from Easter to Pentecost will be to continue and increase the corporate prayer life of our church. We want to pray for the 95% in Southwater and seek God's guidance as to how to best share the good news in a dynamic and meaningful way, in the hope that more children, young people and families will see His loving kindness.

Tina Andrews

*Lord, we set our human limits on the work we do.
Send us your directing Spirit, pour your power through,
that we may be free in living and in giving all for you.*

Marjorie Dobson

COBHAM UNITED

Holy week and Easter services were, as usual, inspiring. On Maundy Thursday we shared a simple meal before moving on to a Communion service, ending in the quiet darkness of the Tenebrae. On Good Friday we remembered the crucifixion together before going on to share in the Silent Witness round the Cross in the centre of Cobham. The Easter Communion Service was a time of rejoicing together, including dressing the cross on the outer wall of the church with flowers.

We now have approval from TMCP in Manchester for the sale of the Cedar Road property (still subject to the buyer's surveyor's report). It does at last feel as if that process is coming to a conclusion.

We are working on developments of the United Church in two ways. Conveners of 5 working groups have been appointed (Worship, Outreach, Finance and Fabric, Pastoral and Social) to move the life of the church forward, and the congregation are being asked for their views on two possible schemes of development of the buildings to better serve the future needs of the church and community.

David Cappitt

LONDON ROAD, HORSHAM

During Lent many church members took part in a five week discussion group using "Talking of God Together" which was devised by the Methodist Church to encourage us to share our experiences of God.

On the Wednesday evening of Holy Week there was a dramatic presentation entitled "Stages on the Way" consisting of passages of spoken word accompanied by appropriate music and images. Thank you to Barbara Lunn for choosing these reflective pieces and directing the participants. Thanks also to Philip Dale for his inspiring choice of music and images. Lent lunches were held every Friday consisting of a ploughman's lunch and delicious home-made soup. These lunches were very well supported and people enjoyed a relaxed lunch with friends. Thanks to people's generous donations £760 was raised for Christian Aid.

We are looking forward to a new house group starting soon to be known as the "Travellers" house group. Revd Elizabeth Knifton from the Acorn Healing Foundation will join us for a study day and a service on "Christian Healing Explored" on June 22/23.

Helen Currington

LEATHERHEAD

We had a good number of children and parents who joined us for our Messy Easter 2019 Celebration. We had games, crafts, and sang some wonderful songs. We are all looking forward to our next Messy Church in the summer.

We were prepared to be delighted, overwhelmed, saddened and thrilled by the music and lyrics of the story of Easter, told through music and song, and we were not disappointed. "This Man: A Modern Oratorio" was created by Anne de Waal. As suggested by our Superintendent, they performed it at LMC on 6th April and brought with them a wonderful choir. We were delighted that Angela Hancocks from London Road was a leading soloist, singing the part of Mary.

On Good Friday, members of all of the churches in Leatherhead came together to join in a walk of reflection. We started from Christ Church, and finished our walk at LMC, where we had hot cross buns with coffee or tea. It was a moving experience as we followed the cross and reminded ourselves of the events at Calvary, so many years ago.

David Stoves

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**WEDNESDAYS
at
CHRIST
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Music on Thursdays at LMC

6th June

12.30 lunchtime

Kenny Fu, piano

Ana-Lavinia Vlad, violin

Annabelle Oomens, cello

play Brahms & Mozart

courtesy of the Royal Academy of Music

Music on Thursdays at LMC

13th June

12.30 lunchtime

Rachel Watson, cello

Thomas Ang, piano

Henriëtte Bosman • Britten

Wednesdays at Christ Church

19th June • Epsom Road

12.30 lunchtime

Marion Bettsworth

Organ Scholar, Alexandra Palace

Asst DoM, St Michael's Highgate

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**MAKE
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21st June • 7.30pm

Friday Night at Christ Church

NewSPAL Benefit Concert

Tailleferre Ensemble

flute • 2 oboes • bassoon

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interval drinks available

Music on Thursdays at LMC

27th June

12.30 lunchtime

Ina Montesclaros, piano

music by Albéniz • Brahms

courtesy of the Royal Academy of Music

Free concerts,
with a retiring collection

Concerts continue weekly
through the summer and autumn

HOLIDAY CLUB 2019



The dates for this year's holiday club "The Big Build" are:

Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th August - Set Up

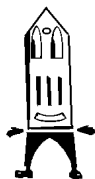
**Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd August -
The Holiday Club**

Saturday 24th August - Family Time
(couple of hours in the rec.)

Sunday 25th August - All-Age Service at Christ Church

If you feel you can help in any way, please keep these
dates free and speak to Joycey, or email:

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Leatherhead

Methodist Church

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 16th June.**

Weekly Prayer Meeting

Prayer meetings are now held every Tuesday morning in the Vestry at LMC. Meetings start at 9.00am and last about 40 minutes. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

LMC House Groups

LMC has three House Groups where Church members and friends can meet together on a regular basis, usually 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.



Monday evenings fortnightly: contact **Carol Stoves**

Friday mornings monthly: contact **Norma Shaw**

Friday afternoons (2nd and 4th Fridays): contact **Sue Friend**

Everyone is encouraged to join a house group



Methodist Homes Sunday - 2nd June 2019 at LMC

LMC has supported the work of MHA for several years. Some of our members have been collecting boxes throughout the year and we have an envelope collection on the designated Sunday. The envelopes are on the Church chairs beforehand and can be returned in the offertory during the morning service.

All donated money and Gift Aid declarations are forwarded to MHA to help provide life-enhancing additional services such as chaplaincy, music therapy for those with dementia, and support for live-at-home schemes to counter loneliness and isolation.

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



LMC Family News



Congratulations to:...

...Sheila and Ken Davies who celebrated 60 years of marriage on their Diamond Anniversary in May.

...and to Freda and David Walker, who recently marked their Golden Wedding,

...and Maureen and Les Prescott on celebrating their Pearl (30th) Anniversary.

We continue to hold John Bees and the family in our prayers following their loss of Barbara in April.

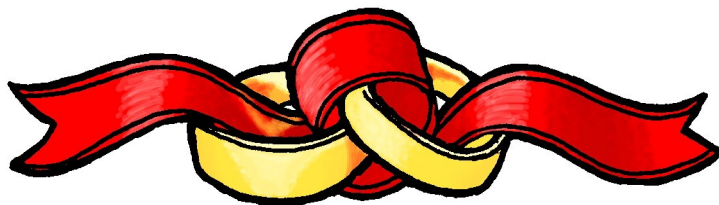
With the approach of the exam season, we remember all teachers, tutors, and students at this important point in the academic year.

Our thoughts and prayers...

...remain with all our members, relatives and friends, especially any who may be unwell at home, in hospital, in nursing or residential care or learning to cope with changed circumstances. We think particularly of Peggy and Harry Robinson, Jean and James Ross, and Edward Warren.



Our hearty congratulations to Sheila and Ken Davies on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary





Diary



June

Sat	1st	4.00pm	Barbecue at the Manse
Sun	2nd	10.30am	Rev. Jan Hofmeyr with Holy Communion
Tues	4th	9.00am 2.00pm	Prayers in the Vestry Knit 'n' Natter
Thurs	6th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays (<i>see page 27</i>)
Fri	7th	2.30pm	Time for Tea (<i>see page 25</i>)
Sun	9th	10.30am	Pentecost Communion Service jointly with the Parish Church and Christ Church at LMC - Rev. Jan Hofmeyr
		6.30pm	Rev. Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion
Tues	11th	9.00am 2.00pm 8.00pm	Prayers in the Vestry Knit 'n' Natter Church Council
Thurs	13th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays (<i>see page 27</i>)
Sun	16th	9.30am 10.30am	Prayer Breakfast James Wild
Tues	18th	9.00am 2.00pm	Prayers in the Vestry Knit 'n' Natter
Wed	19th	12.30pm	Organ Recital at Christ Church (<i>see p 27</i>)
Fri	21st	7.30pm	International Make Music Day Concert - in aid of NewSPAL at Christ Church (<i>see next page</i>)
Sun	23rd	10.30am 6.30pm	John Oborn New Fire at AllSaints café
Tues	25th	9.00am 2.00pm	Prayers in the Vestry Knit 'n' Natter



Diary continued

June

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

Sun 30th 10.30am Rev. Gavin Hancocks

July

Tues 2nd 9.00am Prayers in the Vestry
2.00pm Knit 'n' Natter

Thurs 4th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 27*)

Fri 5th 2.30pm Time for Tea

Sun 2nd 10.30am Rev. Jan Hofmeyr with Holy Communion

NewSPAL - the new Surrey Performing Arts Library

The award-winning Surrey Performing Arts Library (SPAL) collection is one of the three largest collections of Performing Arts loan material in the UK. Surrey County Council has recently decided to transfer the SPAL collection to NewSPAL, a charitable trust. NewSPAL will be setting up a new library (in Woking) and a rejuvenated performing arts service in the charity sector, independent from Surrey County Council.

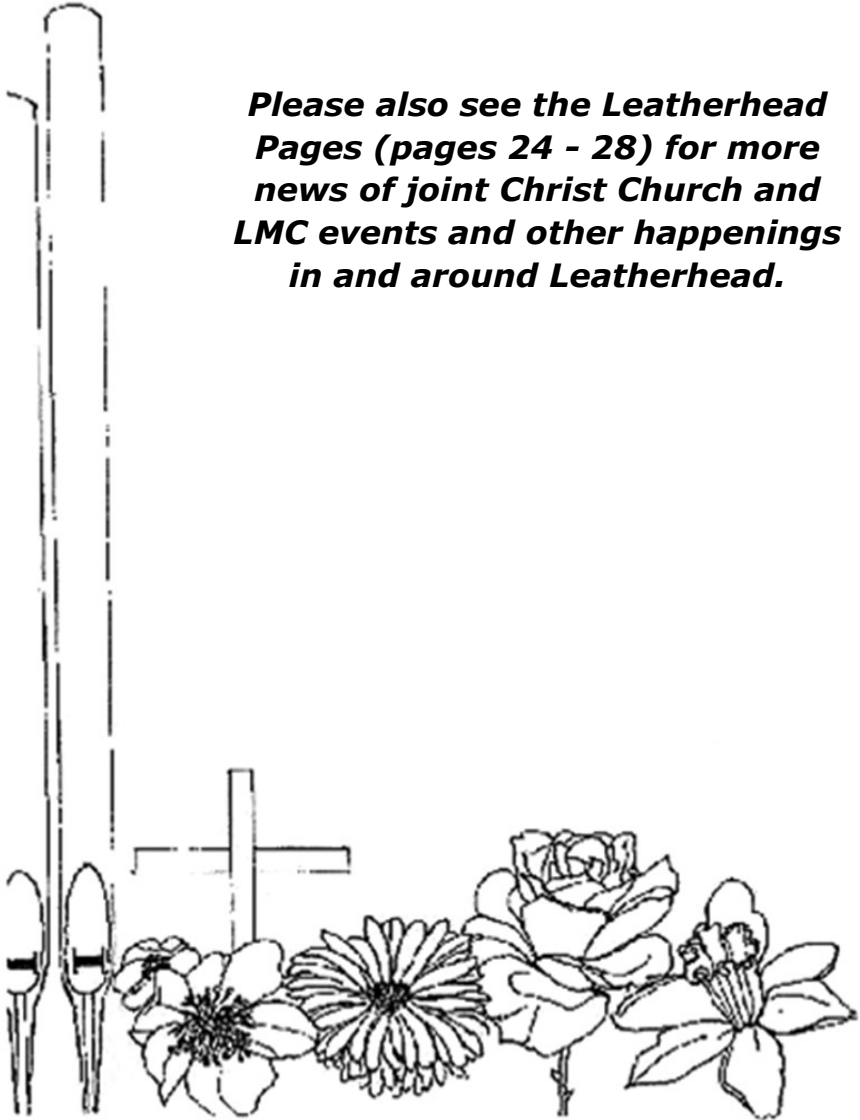
Leatherhead Concert & Arts Society, who organise the Music on Thursdays concerts at LMC and Wednesdays at Christ Church, are arranging for a fundraising concert for NewSPAL at Christ Church as part of International Make Music Day on Friday 21st June at 7.30pm.

We are looking for volunteers to help at the concert. If interested, please speak to Les Prescott at LMC.

Christ Church

(United Reformed) Leatherhead

***Please also see the Leatherhead
Pages (pages 24 - 28) for more
news of joint Christ Church and
LMC events and other happenings
in and around Leatherhead.***



Christ Church Diary



June

Sun 2nd 10.30pm Rev Robert Blows

Thur 6th 12.30pm LMC: Music on Thursdays (*see page 27*)

Fri 7th 2.30pm LMC: Time for Tea

Sun 9th 10.30am Pentecost: Rev Jan Hofmeyr: Holy Communion

Wed 12th 7.30pm House group: 3, Orchardleigh

Thur 13th 12.30pm LMC: Music on Thursdays (*see page 27*)

Sun 16th 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton

Wed 19th 12.30pm Organ Recital: Marion Bettsworth
(St Michael's, Highgate)

Sun 23rd 10.30am Rev Jan Hofmeyr

Wed 26th 7.30pm House group: 3, Orchardleigh

Thur 27th 12.30pm LMC: Music on Thursdays (*see page 27*)

Sat 29th 8.00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast: Parish Hall

Sun 30th 10.30am Rev Bruce Stuart

6.30pm All Saints Café: New Fire ecumenical service

July

Thur 4th 12.30pm LMC: Music on Thursdays (*see page 27*)

Fri 5th 2.30pm LMC: Time for Tea

Sun 7th 10.30am Heather Ward

Christ Church Family News



News of members:

We are sad to report the death of Ron Akerman on 4th April at the age of 92. He and Joan joined Christ Church in January 1973 and were faithful and valued members. Ron was dedicated to caring for Joan who suffered from rheumatoid arthritis for much of her life and was confined to a wheelchair. Joan passed away in 2002 and Ron continued to attend Christ Church until he decided to give up the long drive to Leatherhead and transferred to West Horsley Methodist Church in November 2009, where he made good friends. We are very grateful to Ron for his generous provision of the disabled toilet and for his regular assistance in caring for the church garden. We give thanks for his long life, and remember him and his family in our prayers. His well-attended funeral was beautifully conducted by Revd Asif Das of West Horsley

As usual we pray for all who are suffering in any way, the lonely and the bereaved.

Anne Cairns

The Three Rich and Generous

The eye of God with thee to dwell,
The foot of Christ to guide thee well,
The Spirit's pouring shower to swell
Thy rich and gen'rous fountain-well.

From Poems of the Western High-landers





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The Day of Pentecost

(Acts 2)

From prophecy to fulfilment,
from fear to courage,
from confusion to conviction,
from despair to certain hope,
from head to heart,
from longing to knowing,
from weakness to strength,
from paralysis to power.
What a difference a day makes -
The Day of Pentecost
when the Spirit came
and everything was different and possible...

by Daphne Kitching (Parish Pump)

Whitsunday

Listen, sweet Dove, unto my song
And spread Thy golden wings in me
Hatching my tender heart so long
Till it get wing and fly away with thee

Where is that fire which once descended
On Thy Apostles? Thou didst then
Keep open house, richly attended,
Feasting all comers by twelve chosen men.

Such glorious gifts Thou didst bestow,
That the earth did like a heaven appear:
The stars were coming down to know
If they might mend their wages and serve here

Lord, though we change, Thou art the same;
The same sweet God of love and light:
Restore this day, for Thy great Name,
Unto his ancient and miraculous right.

by George Herbert

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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Mike Essex 01372 273472

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