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Leatherhead
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'Behold the lilies
of the field...'



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The Ministers Write...

From Rev. Lynda Russell

Dear Friends,

Are you a letter writer? Sadly not many people seem to write letters these days; the habit has been overtaken by emails and texts and other technologies. So I was interested to read a series in *The Times* newspaper a while ago called "The letter I wish I'd written".

Some of the letters were written by people saying sorry, apologising perhaps for wrongs committed, or harsh words, or for things they didn't realise or understand at the time due to age or inexperience: moving letters to long gone relatives, or friends, teachers, or colleagues lost touch with many years ago, or even strangers their lives intersected with briefly.

Then there were the thank-you letters, written by people thanking others for changing their lives by their actions, words or lives. What struck me was that the majority of these letters were to people who never knew how much they had influenced the life of that person. Here is the beginning of one of them: "Dear Workmate. I don't remember your name. ... Your act of kindness changed my life. ... I've never forgotten you." He goes on to describe how years ago the older worker, despite not knowing the young man, gave him a book; this reignited his passion for literature, and he eventually became an author.

The letters as I read them week by week were moving and thought provoking. How little we know about the eternal consequences of our words, actions and lives, either for good or not. The things we say, the words we speak, as well as our actions, can have a significance or effect in the lives of others well beyond what we intend or ever know. Our words and lives are 'living letters'. It's a lesson to us in living and speaking well to those around us, but also an encouragement to us that those small acts or words of kindness of ours may have far-reaching consequences that we will never know about.

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In addition to this, as members of the church here on earth we represent not only the Church, but most importantly - Jesus. Everything we do and say is part of that responsibility - and what an awesome responsibility it is to be an ambassador for the living God! And there's no get out clause!

Of course God's letter to us is also a living letter, written bold in the life, death and resurrection love of Jesus, and which we have just celebrated at Easter. It's God's love letter to each one of us.

Every Blessing,

Lynda

From Rev. Kim Plumpton

Something profoundly important happens in the next few weeks that will propel Christianity beyond simply a handful of believers. That must be the conclusion that we come to when we see the way in which there are now over two billion followers around the world. Encounters with a risen Christ must begin to have such an impact upon the faith community that it allows them to rally beyond any sense of disillusionment encountered on Good Friday.

What is it that they see when they look at the risen Christ? Recently I have been reading a book called *Looking through the Cross* which is the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2014 and it offers us some insight:

"Looking is different from seeing. Seeing is a more passive activity. We see a passing car, a dog on the pavement, film at the cinema, a flock of birds in the sky. When we see things we don't really consider them, or perhaps even think about them. We 'notice' them, observe them, perhaps register in our minds that we have 'seen' them, but little more. Looking is a more purposeful activity... we gaze a little more intently; we pause, focus and try to take in what we see... to look at something is to make it the focus of attention... In the very act of looking I change the way I see the world."

By this definition, there can of course be a tendency for us all in the business of life to spend far more time 'seeing' things than actually looking.

In their encounters with a risen Christ, there may well have been those who couldn't quite believe what they were seeing. But for those who chose to stand a while and 'look', to see a risen Christ has implications, the world cannot remain the same as before. Looking is a 'purposeful activity'; in Peter we note that sense of failure which had the potential to destroy him turned into boldness and courage.

We live at a time when many are 'looking' for changes to the economy, the political landscape, the social injustices. We need to be encouraged that the church is still the place that offers a space to 'Look' at life from a different perspective. It is in the heart of our encounter with Christ that we show others that life will never be the same again.

With every blessing,

Kim

Next United Pastorate Service

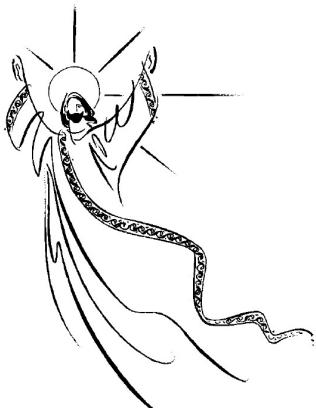
5.00pm on Sunday 29th June at Cobham URC,
followed by tea.

Free!

A large quantity of good sized flint stones suitable for edging flower beds or vegetable patches. Please contact Douglas or Rachel Reed on 01372 452160 if you're interested.

Ascension Day Service

Thursday 29th May



The traditional Circuit and Ecumenical Ascension Day Service will take place at the Viewpoint on Box Hill. It will start at **6.30am** on Thursday 29th May and last for about half-an-hour. The service will be conducted by the Vicar of Headley & Box Hill and Methodist local preacher David Cappitt.

All are welcome!

Christian Resources Exhibition

Sandown Park

13th - 16th May 2014

This is the 30th annual CRE event, and the last to be held at Sandown Park. Next year the event moves to London.

Opening times are 10.00am to 5.00pm Tuesday to Thursday, and 10.00am to 4.30pm on Friday.

To book tickets and to seek further information, visit:
www.CREonline.co.uk



Cobham

Methodist Church

Cobham Methodist Diary - May



Sun	4th	10.30am	Clair Fisher
Sat	10th	10.00am 2.30pm tba	Time 4 You (to 12 noon) Platinum Service Churches Together Church Walk
Sun	11th	10.30am 6.00pm	Rhys Frost United Service for the Ecumenical Lent Groups at St Mary's Stoke D'Abernon
Sun	18th	11.00am	Church Anniversary Service with Martin Ellis
Tues	20th	7.30pm	House Fellowship at the Manse
Thurs	22nd	3.45pm	Messy Church at the URC (to 5.45pm)
Sun	25th	10.30am	Rev. Frank Smith with Holy Communion
Thurs	29th	6.30am	Act of Worship for Ascension Day at Box Hill (<i>see opposite</i>)
June			
Sun	1st	10.30am 11.45am 6.30pm	Bob Boyce Annual Church Meeting Circuit Easter Offering Service at Leatherhead



COBHAM EVENTS



Next "Time 4 You"

Saturday 10th May

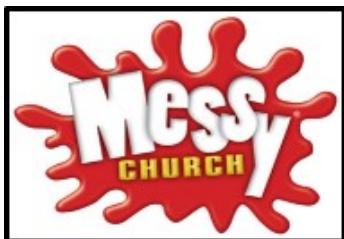
10.00am - 12 noon

Cobham Methodist Church

"Why not stop and rest awhile, recharge your batteries, find the space for you to enjoy a chat and a free cup of coffee".



Next Messy Church for Cobham, Oxshott and Stoke d'Abernon



Date: Thurs 22nd May

Time: 3:45pm - 5:45pm

Venue: Cobham URC,
38 Stoke Road,
KT11 3BD

All are welcome

Cobham URC Prayers at the Manse

at 9.30am on

Wednesdays: 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th May



Cobham

United Reformed Church

Cobham URC Worship Diary: May



Sun	4th	9.00am 10.30am	Early Bird Service Rev. Roy Bones
Sun	11th	10.30am 6.00pm	Rev. Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion Reconciliation Service (celebration of Lent Bible Study) at St Mary's Stoke D'Abernon
Sun	18th	10.30am	Rev. Derek Wensley
Sun	25th	10.30am	Rev. Kim Plumpton
June			
Sun	1st	10.30am	John Stewart

Cobham URC Events - May

Sun	4th	3.00pm	Special Needs Group (to 6.00pm)
Tues	6th	9.45am 8.00pm	Church Walk Elders' Meeting
Thurs	8th	12.30pm	Men's Fellowship at the Fairmile, Portsmouth Road, Cobham, KT11 1BW
Tues	13th	11.00am	Coffee for Carers
Thurs	22nd	3.45pm -	Messy Church (to 5.45pm)
Fri	23rd	3.00pm	T@3 at Church
Tues	27th	11.00am 7.30pm	Coffee for Carers Evening House Group at Brian's



Effingham

Methodist Church

Dates to celebrate this month



Wow! What a lot of birthdays this month!
Jayne and Norma on 3rd, Trevor on 11th,
David on 21st and Pauline on 29th.

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



Dates for your diaries:

There is a **Church Council meeting** in the Chapel on **Tuesday 27th May from 10am to 12 noon**. Items for inclusion on the agenda should be sent to our Church Secretary, Gill Walker.



Our **World Mission Coffee Morning** on 29th March raised the very tidy sum of £280 for Mission Aviation Fellowship. So many thanks to everyone who bought cakes and bric-a-brac from the Bring & Buy stall.



Effingham Methodist Diary - May



Sat	3rd	10.00am	Café Church - KGV (to 11.00am)
Sun	4th	10.00am	Rev. Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion
Tues	6th	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall
Thurs	8th	2.15pm	Bible Study Group in the Hall
Sun	11th	10.00am	David Cappitt
Mon to Sat 10.30am to 4.30pm Christian Aid Week			
Tues	13th	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall
Wed	14th	3.30pm	Messy Church at St Lawrence Church Hall (to 5.30pm)
		8.00pm	Christian Meditation in the Church
Sun	18th	10.00am	John Oborn
Sun	25th	10.00am	Rhys Frost
Tues	27th	10.00am	Church Council Meeting (to 12 noon)
Wed	28th	8.00pm	Christian Meditation in the Church
Thurs	29th	6.30am	Act of Worship for Ascension Day at Box Hill (see page 6)
June			
Sun	1st	10.00am	Rev. Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion
		6.30pm	Circuit Easter Offering Service at LMC
Sat	7th	10.00am	Café Church at St Lawrence Church Hall (to 11.00am)

Prayer Meetings...

...are held at the home of Freddie Jenkins every Friday at 9.15am.

Effingham and Little Bookham Messy Church



The Easter story was the theme for our April Messy Church. This took place during the Easter holidays, but we still had 11 children and a few baby early starters too! We made Easter cards, stained glass windows (well not actually stained glass) and even palm trees. We sang a good news song and gave each child a small Easter egg with a lovely colourful little story leaflet telling the story of Easter - all contained in the Real Easter Egg Sharing Box (20 eggs with stories) from the Meaningful Easter Egg Company. A bit of advertising I know – but such a good story with an egg.....!

Thanks to all who helped prepare crafts, cook the food, make the delicious cakes or help the children with their crafts, or sing songs during the afternoon. All volunteers are very welcome.

Special thanks to our lovely sponsors, in particular the local I.C.E. Improving Communities in Effingham (with profits from recent Village Days set aside for work with young people) and Churches Together in Effingham and Little Bookham.

Messy Church will take place throughout the year (except August) on the second Wednesday of every month from 3.30pm – 5.30pm in St Lawrence Church Hall, for young children mainly of primary school age. A donation of £3 per session would be welcome.
14th May is our next one.

We can welcome some more children – do come and join us!

Gill Walker

For more information:- Phone Gill on 01372 457987

Valued Possessions

Some of us in Effingham have been spending Lent "Counting our Blessings", using a Christian Aid card every day to follow their instructions to put aside money for all the good things in our lives which people in many countries do not have. On Maundy Thursday we were told to give 20p for every object we would take with us if we had to flee our homes, things we couldn't bear to leave behind. This led me to look through my writing case where I put things I can't bear to throw away, and came across the following:

- The last letter my dad wrote to me a few days before he died in 1955.
- A copy of a 17th century nun's prayer in my mother's handwriting.
- The last letter my closest college friend wrote to me before she died.
- Some early letters from grandchildren, and later ones when they were doing exciting things abroad.
- A lovely letter from the leader of the Senior Dept. in the Junior Church at St. John's Amersham when I had been asked to "move up" and take over the Y.P.F. and leave what had been a very happy collegeship.

All these and much, much more including a picture postcard written to me by an aunt in 1929, which I hope might raise some money for M.A.F! What possessions do you really treasure, and couldn't bear to leave behind? Now I have to add up what I owe to Christian Aid. It will need a very large cheque I fear!

Freddie Jenkins





Volunteer Helpers needed please

Churches Together in Effingham and Little Bookham will again be holding a street collection outside the village shops in Effingham during the week of Christian Aid. The appropriate licence has been obtained for this.

Each church helpfully provides volunteers to collect through the week from Monday to Saturday. Sign up rotas will be available in all churches in due course.

Gift aid envelopes will also be available on the table outside the shops during the collecting times. Please do encourage the signing of these if they apply as it helps to raise so much more for the charity. Just an hour of your time is required – more if you can.

If you cannot help on the allotted days for your church but could help on another day please do contact me and I will endeavour to find a time for you on a more convenient time and date for you.

Here's to raising much more than last year (£400) with your help, thank you.

Gill Walker
01372 457987
email:-- GillianMWalker@gmail.com

A Generous Life



HERE IS A GUINEA GET YOUR
HUSBAND RELEASED FROM PRISON.
JOHN WESLEY.

People are being encouraged to spin an online *Wheel of Generosity* and commit to small acts of kindness as part of a new campaign from the Methodist Church:
<http://www.methodist.org.uk/prayer-and-worship/methodist-special-sundays/aldersgate-Sunday>

A Generous Life is designed to help Christians rethink together what it means to be generous in their local contexts.

"Every act of generosity, however small, bears witness to our generous and loving God," said the **Rev. Dr. Martyn Atkins**,

General Secretary of the Methodist Church. "Generosity can be expressed in many ways, whether through financial giving, dedicating your time to help someone else, or sharing freely your skills and creativity. *A Generous Life* is a great opportunity to rethink what it might mean for each of us to act generously as disciples of Jesus in our everyday lives."

A range of resources is available to help congregations explore their vision, commitment and generosity within the local church and its community. The resources are suitable for use at any time of year, but are ideal for Aldersgate Sunday on 18th May, when churches remember the day in 1738 on which John Wesley 'experienced confirmation of his salvation by the grace of God.'





The Dilemma of Commemorating WW1

The centenary of the First World War must not be **Remembrance Sunday** writ large. Although most people think that the country should commemorate the war, apparently they are less sure about what it was about, and still confused about who "won". There is also a danger of becoming bogged down in the mud of Flanders, when the conflict spread far wider and involved allies from all over the Commonwealth.

Of course some government ministers, worried by the concept of a "just" war, and with the benefit of hindsight seem to feel that it was a Europe-wide civil war, much to the fury of many historians. Especially as this seems to imply that the millions who died somehow brought it on themselves! My Grandmother lost her husband, a brother and two brothers-in-law, but were they just cannon-fodder?

Perhaps any commemoration should attempt to disentangle this war from the "Blackadder" version, and show the real people involved. So that's what **Effingham Local History Group** is planning to do in an **exhibition at the Tithe Barn in Manor House Lane on 6th August**. The stories of the 19 who died are already on the *Effingham Parish Council* website, but now members are researching men listed in our village in the 1911 census. We've volunteered too, but researching Methodists is difficult as we know so little about who attended the Chapel when war broke out in 1914, but Nancy Murrell's dad, James Pollard, and Herbert Payne our Chapel keeper, took part in the Peace Parade in 1919.

So we're researching **Conscientious Objectors**, to show the dilemma that faced Christians, as only Quakers, Plymouth Brethren and Christadelphians opposed the war. How could you serve your country but not kill anyone? What happened to those who refused to fight?

Angela Putland



Conscientious objectors in World War One were "cranks" for refusing to kill and be killed in a war that left 20 million dead. says BBC programme on WW1

"To be honest, the extreme conscientious objectors have always struck me as cranks," the presenter said. "The war was dreadful and it was bloody. But unless Britain was prepared to see the rest of Europe turned into some enormous German colony it had to be fought, and most British people saw that."

One Quaker group branded comments "glib" and said conscientious objectors in WW1 "broke important ground in creating the now widely (though, sadly, not universally) recognised right to refuse to kill." He added: "That they did so at such cost to themselves and their families is an inspiration to many and so it was particularly disappointing to hear the apparently glib dismissal of them as cranks."

Conchies, as they were mockingly called, weren't exactly popular but many were persuaded to serve as ambulance drivers and medics on the front line. Some refused on principle to have anything to do with the war. Their crime was punishable by death, but usually commuted to a long jail term.

Many Christians truly believed it was "absolutely wrong" to kill another human being. A spokeswoman for Quakers in Britain said: "When the whole world is heading for war, it takes courage to say 'we will not kill.'" Many chose to go to the front line, unarmed, to collect the dead and tend to the dying. Courage, not cowardice, and certainly not cranks."

International Conscientious Objector Day is marked around the world each year on **15th May**. Further details on the Peace Pledge Union website, with links to CO Project, an online archive and educational resources about Conscientious Objectors. Does your country have the right to force you to enlist, and do you have the right to refuse?

Angela Putland

Leatherhead Pages

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



Next Messy Church:

Thursday 15th May
3.30pm to 5.30pm at



'Time for Tea' at LMC



The next Time for Tea will be on **Friday 2nd May, 2.30pm to 4.30pm at Leatherhead Methodist Church.** Please contact Margaret Meynen (372930) or Gill Harris (458518) if you'd like a lift to the Methodist Church on that day.

Leatherhead's Third Year of
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Thursday 8th May - LMC

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David Massey, guitar

Wednesday 14 May - Christ Church

John Sharples, organist of
Chariwood Parish Church

Thursday 22nd May - LMC

Jacqueline Phillips, cello
with piano accompanist

Thu 29th May - LMC

Edita Zurauskaite-Durrant, mezzo
Peter Bailey, piano

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NEW FIRE

**An ecumenical service of contemporary
and fresh expressions of worship.**

**'New Fire' is at 6.30pm
at Leatherhead Methodist Church
on the 4th Sunday of each month.**

**Next service is on Sunday 25th May.
All are welcome.**



Men's Breakfasts

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

- 31st May - Anglican Church Hall - Bill Peetz, "A journey"
- 28th June - Methodist Church Hall (to be notified)
- 26th July - Catholic Church Meeting Room (to be notified)
- August - No meeting
- 27th Sept - URC Church Hall (to be notified)
- 25th Oct - Anglican Church Hall (to be notified)
- 29th Nov - Catholic Church Meeting Room (to be notified)

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.





Happy Child's 2014 Fundraising Events:

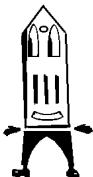
- Happy Child Summer Ball @ Woodlands Park Hotel, Stoke D'Abernon - Friday, 27th June 2014; Tickets Available now at £85 per person, inclusive of reception drink, a 3 course meal, half a bottle of wine per person, and entertainment.
- Happy Child Golf Tournament - Thursday, 9th October 2014 @ Effingham Golf Club, Surrey
- Happy Child House of Commons Dinner & Tour - 21st November 2014

For more information about any of these events:
caroline.taylor@happychild.org

Leatherhead District Local History Society

On Wednesday 4th June between 10.00am and 12.30pm there will be a coffee morning in the Leatherhead Institute Library for people interested in viewing the Leatherhead District Local History Society (LDLHS) library. It is free, but 50p for refreshments. Feel free to pop in and find out about the library and the society.

Anne Fraser



Leatherhead Methodist Church



LMC - Christian Aid Week 11th-17th May 2014

This is a very important week in the church's calendar and this is the time when I put out a plea for you to help in any way you can.

House-to-house collection is not anyone's favourite activity but, with this particular charity which has nationwide publicity, it can be a very heartening experience. Most people are pleasant, many are generous, and often people thank you for what you are doing.

Am I being persuasive enough? If you feel that you can spare the time to collect for this worthwhile cause, either house-to-house or during Thursday 15th May in the town centre, I would love to hear from you. The area allocated for house-to-house collections is always easily manageable.

I look forward to your calls and/or emails!

Margaret Dodds-Ely
Tel: 01372 277415
Email: mdoddsely@live.co.uk

Note: This year at LMC you will find in your May "Link" a Christian Aid envelope and we invite you to put your own contribution in this and place it in the collection bag on a Sunday.



Diary - May



Thurs 1st	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays (<i>see page 19</i>)
Fri 2nd	2.30pm	Time for Tea (<i>ends 4.30pm</i>) (<i>see page 18</i>)
Sun 4th	10.30am	John Oborn
Thurs 8th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays (<i>see page 19</i>)
Sun 11th	10.30am 6.30pm	Robert Pitt Rev. Lynda Russell with Holy Communion
Wed 14th	12.30pm	Organ Recital at Christ Church (<i>see page 19</i>)
Thurs 15th	3.30pm	Messy Church (to 5.30pm)
Sun 18th	10.30am	United Service at LMC - Rev. Lynda Russell with Holy Communion
Thurs 22nd	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays (<i>see page 19</i>)
Sun 25th	10.30am 6.30pm	John Oborn New Fire
Thurs 29th	6.30am	Act of Worship for Ascension Day on Box Hill (<i>see page 6</i>)
	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays (<i>see page 19</i>)
Sat 31st	8.00am	Men's Breakfast at the Parish Church Hall (<i>see page 21</i>)
June		
Sun 1st	10.30am 6.30pm	Rev. Lynda Russell Circuit Easter Offering Service at LMC
Tues 3rd	2.00pm	Working with Dementia (to 4.00pm)
	7.30pm	Church Council
Thurs 5th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays (<i>see page 19</i>)
Fri 6th	2.30pm	Time for Tea (<i>ends 4.30pm</i>) (<i>see page 18</i>)



LMC Family News

Our thoughts and prayers are with...

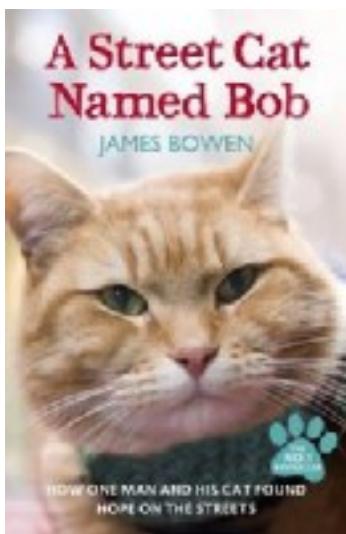
...the families and friends of Alan Thorp and Jeanne Warren following their deaths in April.

We welcome...

...Finn Gibbon, who was baptised at LMC on 6th April, son of Adele & Graham and brother of Dain.

Big Issue! Big Issue!

Are you guilty of lowering your eyes or crossing to exit the Swan Centre on the other side when you see the lady sitting on her stool or standing trying to sell The Big Issue on the corner near Argos?



I read *A Street Cat Named Bob* a year or two ago and it is about a guy who sells the Big Issue in London and how a cat befriends him and helps to get him back on his feet. However it is also an insight into the buying and selling of The Big Issue. The people selling The Big Issue have to buy the copies they hope to sell up front and any they don't sell they lose money on as there is no sale or return. They are genuine people trying to make some money by selling The Big Issue; it is often their only income. They are each given a spot to stand and sell and must only sell in this area so they do not encroach on one another's customers. It is not a job I would like to do and must be rather demoralising.

The lady in Leatherhead has been doing her selling for years. I often stop and chat to her. She travels some distance to stand outside Argos in Leatherhead. I have not seen her for a while and was surprised to see her expecting another child very shortly. Today she had only sold six copies. She had had very little to eat as she wanted the little she had raised to be spent on nappies and milk for her young children, particularly the latest addition which is due in three weeks or so. (Her last she tells me, a little girl to complete her family of three boys.) After nipping to Sainsbury's and buying her a sandwich and a drink of water, for which she was very grateful, her parting words to me were God Bless! I would like God to bless her! I have come home to a lovely house and more things than I need and washed the kitchen floor thinking about this lovely lady and how I could help her further. This article is to make you think and to make you stop when you next see my friend outside Argos, or maybe someone else selling the Big Issue. Please don't be rude, don't walk past with your eyes down, but stop, show them you care by buying a copy of the Big Issue and maybe even chatting and learning more about them as a person.

A member of LMC

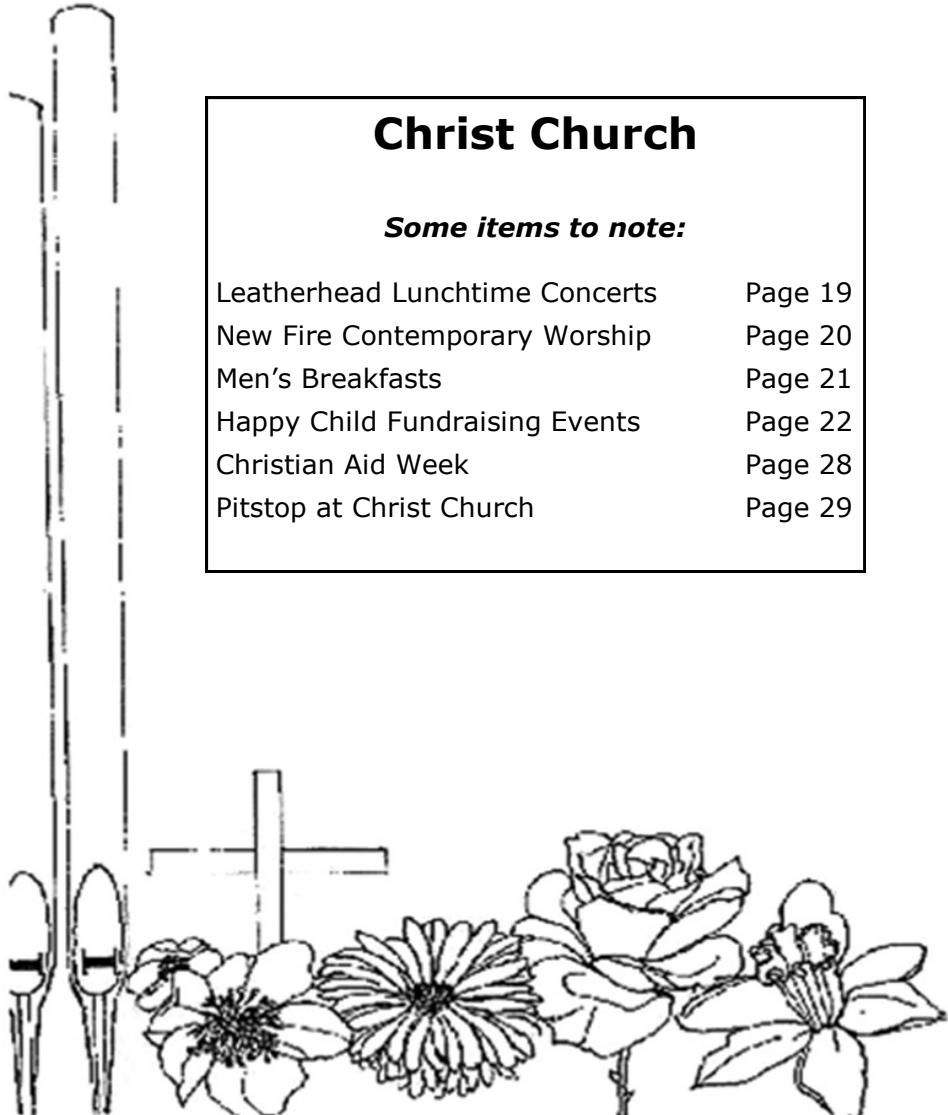
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(United Reformed) Leatherhead

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Christ Church



Christian Aid Week 11th-17th May 2014

This is a very important week in the church's calendar and this is the time when I put out a plea for you to help in any way you can.

House-to-house collection is not anyone's favourite activity but, with this particular charity which has nationwide publicity, it can be a very heartening experience. Most people are pleasant, many are generous, and often people thank you for what you are doing.

Am I being persuasive enough? If you feel that you can spare the time to collect for this worthwhile cause, either house-to-house or during Thursday 15th May in the town centre, I would love to hear from you. The area allocated for house-to-house collections is always easily manageable.

I look forward to your calls and/or emails!

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New home for Pitstop at Christ Church

Following the devastating floods which forced Pitstop to move from their day centre at Leatherhead Football Club, they have been operating temporarily from Fetcham Village Hall. However from mid April they will move into the Christ Church Hall until August when they hope to find a more permanent home.

Having Pitstop with us was a difficult decision for the Christ Church Elders but although the charity has had a chequered past it will be taking the opportunity to implement a new structure and a more clearly-defined approach to its work once it is able to reopen.

Quoting the Leatherhead Advertiser:

"Pitstop's vision is to secure a building that will provide a safe, warm, clean and comfortable environment for members of our community who are lonely, socially isolated, homeless or simply struggling with life problems.

Once we're re-established we will be offering a fully-staffed day centre facility with an extended range of practical and counselling services, hot food and refreshments.

Through their attendance at Pitstop, we hope our clients will be able to make friends, feel supported, get good advice, recharge their batteries, get involved and generally feel more confident and better equipped – both practically and emotionally – to improve their lives, at whatever pace they feel comfortable.

The changes have seen founder Graham Peddie take on a new role at the charity as patron, rather than his former co-ordinator position.

Trustees and staff members Wallace Whybrow, Alan Connell and Gayle Scrivens will be leading the team into a new phase of development as Pitstop calls for more volunteers to step forward."

Mike Chamberlain

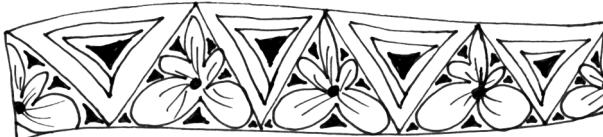
Christ Church Diary - May



Thurs 1st	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays at LMC (see page 19)
Fri 2nd	2.30pm	Time for Tea at LMC (see page 18)
Sun 4th	10.30am	Mrs Eileen Lawlor
Wed 7th	2.00pm	Elders Meeting
Thurs 8th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays at LMC (see page 19)
Sun 11th	10.30am	Rev. Lynda Russell with Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Rev. Lynda Russell with Communion at LMC
Wed 14th	12.30pm	Organ Recital (see page 19)
Thurs 15th	3.30pm	Messy Church at LMC (to 5.30pm)
Sun 18th	10.30am	United Service at LMC - Rev. Lynda Russell
	11.00am	Hospital Service
Thurs 22nd	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays at LMC (see page 19)
Sun 25th	10.30am	Rev. Lynda Russell
	6.30pm	New Fire Ecumenical Service at LMC
Thurs 29th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays at LMC (see page 19)
Sat 31st	8.00am	Men's Breakfast at the Parish Church Hall (see page 21)

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Sun 1st	10.30am	Rev. Brian Treharne
	6.30pm	Easter Offering Service at LMC
Thurs 5th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays at LMC (see page 19)
Fri 6th	2.30pm	Time for Tea at LMC (see page 18)



Christ Church Family News



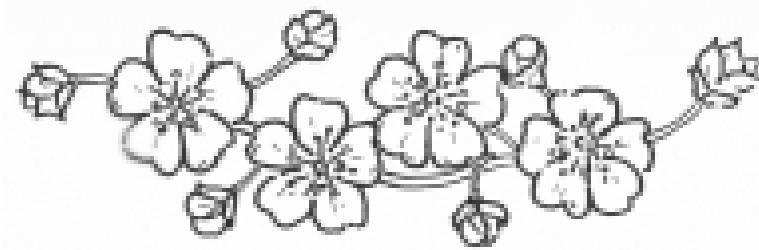
It was good to see Margaret Ball back at church recently, after being away after a fall some time ago.

We are sorry that Bert Gower had a fall a few weeks ago and unfortunately broke his collar bone. He is progressing well and we send our very best wishes for his full recovery.

We are sorry to report that John Rayner fell in the road recently and suffered a badly broken elbow. John is being treated at St George's Hospital, Tooting, and we hope that he will be back at home soon. We send him our sympathy and very best wishes for the future.

We remember in our prayers all those who are not well, those who are unable to come to church and the bereaved, thinking especially of Bert Gower and John Rayner, whose Olive died a year ago.

Anne Cairns



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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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Contact: Local Church Leader -

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