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**The United Pastorate of
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The United Pastorate of Leatherhead, Cobham & Effingham

The next Pastorate Service will be held at Leatherhead Methodist Church at 5.00pm on Sunday 31st May, followed by tea.

All very welcome

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The Ministers Write...

From Rev. Lynda Russell

Dear Friends,

As I write the weather is beautiful – it seems that spring is here at last. Near where I used to live is a magnificent field of lavender. At this time of year the lavender is in full bloom and you can park and walk up and down in between the almost waist height rows of lavender, sit in the middle of the field at a wooden pergola and enjoy the scene, watching others take photos, and above all enjoy the beautiful fragrance of the lavender all around you.

Of course there is a stall next to the field where you can purchase all things 'lavender', including lavender flavoured ice cream, lavender scones, scented lavender bags, and of course actual lavender plants. I still have a bunch of dried lavender in the airing cupboard that I bought last year, and some plants in the garden.



Some of you know that a group of us from LMC and Christ Church went to the ECG (Equipping; Calling; Going) Christian Conference in Scarborough the week after Easter. We had a great time, and I'm hoping that the others who went will write a bit about their experiences as well.* The weather was fantastic, and Scarborough beach did not disappoint! The Spa Complex where the event is held is right on the sea front.

Of course there are many things I could tell you, but one of the things which sticks in my mind at the moment is from a talk one evening about the church going out into the community, taking the gospel to those who don't yet know God's love. 2 Corinthians 2:15 says:

“THROUGH US, HE BRINGS KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST. EVERYWHERE WE GO, PEOPLE BREATHE IN THE EXQUISITE FRAGRANCE. BECAUSE OF CHRIST, WE GIVE OFF A SWEET SCENT RISING TO GOD”

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* see page 27

God uses us to bring others to know Jesus. According to Paul, those around us can smell this fragrance of Jesus on us wherever we go. Did you know that you 'smell of Jesus'? How interesting and exciting is that? And the more time we spend with Jesus, the more we will give off this beautiful scent of someone who knows him and loves him.

Far better than lavender or Chanel No 5 perfume: I so want to smell of Jesus more and more – what about you?

With every blessing,

Lynda

From Rev. Kim Plumpton

Dear Friends,

Recently a group of us went to Sevenoaks for a session with Lucy Moore the founder of Messy Church, the session was called 'Making disciples in Messy Church.' *

"The first Messy Church began in 2004 when a group at St Wilfrid's in Cowplain near Portsmouth were frustrated because, as a church, they were hardly reaching any children with God's story. They felt they had lovely buildings and facilities but weren't using them enough. They had creative people in the church, and the area needed as much community-building as possible."

Over the last ten years, Lucy has fielded many questions on what discipleship might look like for those families that attend Messy Church. For those at Cobham, Leatherhead and Effingham, it is of course a question that many of us have asked, what next? Hence why we were eager to attend the afternoon session.

Lucy's response was an eye opener for me and one which brought with it a reality that I had not quite appreciated, not just for Messy Church, but for the church in general. We often talk of scattering seed in the hope that it might fall on fertile ground but Lucy believes that we are not even at the stage of having prepared the ground ready to receive the seed. We are at the stage of trying to get the heavy stones out of the field. We are so far back in the process it may be a long time before the ground is ready to receive the seed. Lucy paralleled this with Messy Church families, there is no longer the foundation that once existed, and many have little or no understanding of the biblical narrative. What they do recognise is hospitality, a place to develop relationships, a safe place where they might be supported and encouraged to explore key themes.

* see also Jane Smith's article on page 20

The temptation is to hurry the process on but Lucy clearly teaches us that this is about a long term investment in families. It entices us to think of walking with families rather than individuals. The process of discipleship with messy church families may not look like the traditional view. It is not likely to encourage them to suddenly start attending a Sunday morning service or join a bible study group, but it may give rise to a new way of being church. But we must be open to understand that God is indeed doing a new thing.

In Effingham as you go into the church to one side is a notice which reads "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." - John Wesley.

Whatever the future holds for Messy Church and the church, Wesley teaches us that we are called to do all that we can, by all the means that we can and importantly in all the ways we can.

Now that is exciting. Let's not hold too tightly to what we have known before but to what might be.

With every blessing,

Kim

First Aid:

Every Church needs qualified First Aiders - please seek advice from Angela Putland at Effingham (theputlands@aol.com) and attend this course:

Emergency First Aid at Work Course

(Certificated by First Aid Training Services)

16th May 2015

from 9.30 to 4.00pm

**London Road Methodist
Church, Horsham**

**Email: theputlands@aol.com
or dhcircuit@gmail.com**



News from Birmingham -

Rev. Ian Howarth



Dear Friends,

It comes as something of a shock to realise that it is now over eighteen months since we arrived here in Birmingham and I began my new role here as Chair of District. It was a wrench to leave a place where we had felt so settled both in the churches and the community, and the town where we had seen our children grow up. It was also strange to be moving just as a couple, ironically moving into an even bigger house than the Church Road manse, with a massive garden that keeps Barbara in particular very busy.

Mark does not seem particularly fazed by our move, other than having somehow grasped that my appointment is initially for six years, he keeps saying: '2018 mummy and daddy home from Birmingham!', although where he thinks home is we don't know as he is so happily settled in his supported living in Cranleigh.

David is now based in Whitehall in his Civil Service career, where at the moment he is enjoying the challenges of working for the Department of Health. Rosie is following her dream to be a choral conductor on the first year of two at the Welsh College of Music and Drama on the MA course there.

We have been surprised by how much we enjoy living in Birmingham. Moseley is a lovely place to be, not far from the city centre, (I usually cycle in to meetings there, as parking is so difficult!), but also easy to get out to the southern side, including to my mother in Evesham, only 45 minutes away. The cultural life is particularly rich, with high quality theatres, and the Symphony hall all on the doorstep.

Another difference is the cultural diversity of the city. Half the children in infants schools in Birmingham are from the Black Minority Ethnic communities, and there is a very significant Muslim population. Making links with Muslim groups is not easy, but what I have picked up at a couple of recent meetings with Muslims is the real fear of the established Muslim groups, with their middle-aged/elderly leadership, about the direction their young people are heading and their desperate desire to develop and teach a moderate

version of Islam. Some of our inner city churches are beacons of hope in bringing communities together across faith lines.

On the whole I am really enjoying the work of District Chair. It is challenging, particularly in recognising the steep decline in Methodist membership and trying to discern the way God is leading us and keeping the District mission focused rather than simply managing decline. It is both rewarding and frustrating preaching in a different church around the district, from Lichfield to Hereford, each Sunday. The variety and the warmth of the welcome is great to experience, but there are times when I miss the opportunity to work with a regular group of people to help develop a church's worshipping life. This is particularly true at festivals like Christmas and Easter, when I do miss the opportunity to celebrate as part of a church community.

A key part of the role is the oversight and pastoral care of the 60 ministers in the District, and particularly working with Circuit Superintendents to support them in their demanding roles, and this I find very rewarding and humbling. This comes to the fore particularly in stationing ministers to new appointments, where with my colleague Chairs we have to balance our pastoral care for ministers, the needs of local churches, and the overall shortage of ministers. This takes a significant amount of time between May and January.

I also have to oversee the business of the District. I have to chair three Synods each year, one just for ministers and two for all the ministers and lay representatives from circuits. Trying to make sure these are inspiring days, that conduct the business in a way that is focused on mission is a real challenge.

As the Methodist representative in the area, I find myself invited to some events to sit alongside Bishops and Moderators, and am building a good sense of collegiality with some of them. It will be particularly sad to say goodbye to Roy Lowes, my URC counterpart when he retires this summer.

However, at heart, I think I am still a circuit minister in my DNA, and try and make sure I look at things from a local minister's point of view, when I am sitting on national committees and Chairs' meetings. The experience of 16 years at Leatherhead, and the variety it offered, is constantly brought into play.

We still think of folk often, and enjoy hearing from people. If anyone needs a place to stay in Birmingham we have plenty of room!

With our love,

Ian and Barbara

Chatterbus is on the Road

Chatterbus, the new local community bus service, is now in operation. In its orange and turquoise livery it is becoming a familiar sight, on weekdays between Oxshott, Cobham and Weybridge, and on Saturdays on the road to Fetcham and Leatherhead as well.

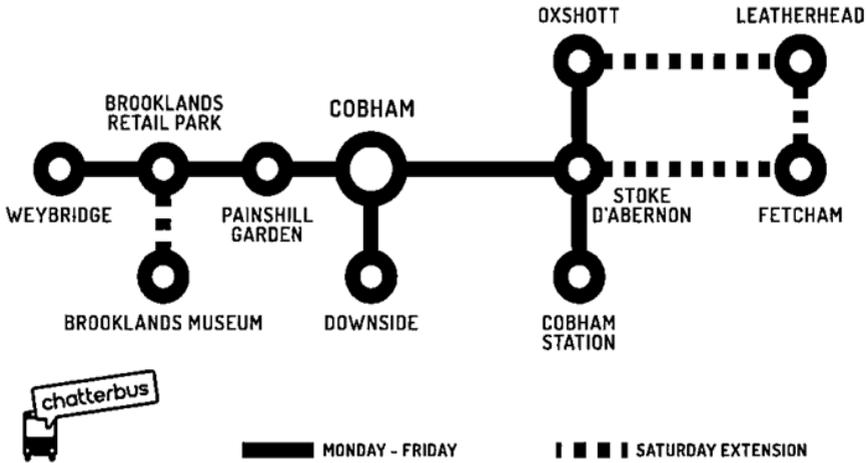
This is the first time on a Saturday that a public bus – C2 on Surrey County Council timetables - has been available to take Fetcham and Leatherhead residents on local journeys to Leatherhead station, town centre and Leisure Centre, and Woodbridge Tesco. Further afield, the Saturday service goes west to Oxshott, Cobham Station and town centre, Cobham Sainsbury's, and Brooklands Retail Park. For leisure time at some of the most interesting attractions in Surrey, C2 includes stops at Painshill Landscape Garden, Mercedes Benz World and Brooklands Motor and Aviation Museum.

Extracts from the timetable show that, for example, the first bus leaves Leatherhead North Street at 9.07am, and arrives at Brooklands Museum just before 10am. A family can enjoy over three and a half hours there before getting the bus back at 1.37pm. If shopping at Marks & Spencer or Tesco at Brooklands sounds like a good idea, leave Fetcham Orchard Close at 10.44am, spend just over two hours at the stores and be back by 2.22pm.

Chatterbus is run by a Community Interest Company (CIC), and was set up in response to the identification of Elmbridge as 'transport poor'. It was discovered that inadequate transport is limiting access for those without use of a car to a wider choice of shopping, entertainment, recreational attractions and sports facilities, as well as opportunities for employment, training and even access to state benefits, causing real hardship in some cases.

Fares are £2 per adult for a single journey and £1 for under-16s. Concessionary travel passes and disabled passes are accepted. Full details of timetables and fares, answers to frequently asked questions and access to regular newsletter updates are available at www.chatterbus.org.uk.

your bus map





Cobham

Methodist Church

Cobham Methodist Diary



May			
Sun	3rd	10.30am	David Cappitt and James Wild
Sat	9th	10.00am	Time 4 You <i>(until 12 noon)</i>
		2.30pm	Platinum Service
Sun	10th	10.30am	Clive Haines
Wed	13th	7.30pm	House Fellowship at the Manse
Thurs	14th	7.00pm	Art in Worship with Heather Ward at URC
Sun	17th	10.30am	Rev. Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion
Wed	20th		Church Leaders' Retreat
Sun	24th	10.30am	John Lamont
Thurs	28th	3.45pm	Messy Church at the URC <i>(to 5.45pm)</i>
Sun	31st	10.30am	Church Anniversary (jointly with Cobham URC) with Rev. Conrad Hicks
		5.00pm	Pastorate Service at LMC followed by tea
June			
Sun	7th	10.30am	Rob Pitt



Next "Time 4 You"

Saturday 9th May,
10.00am - 12 noon

Cobham Methodist Church



Cobham

United Reformed Church

Cobham URC Worship Diary



May			
Sun	3rd	9.00am	Early Bird Service
		10.30am	Rev. Roy Bones
Sun	10th	10.30am	Rev. Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion
Sun	17th	10.30am	Alison Sage
Sun	24th	10.30am	Rev. Kim Plumpton
Sun	31st	10.30am	Joint Service at Cobham Methodist Church - Rev. Conrad Hicks
		5.00pm	Pastorate Service at Leatherhead Methodist Church followed by tea
June			
Sun	7th	9.00am	Early Bird Service
		10.30am	Vivien Gerhold

Prayers at the Cobham URC Manse
at 9.30am on Wednesdays:
6th, 13th, 20th, 27th May







**Tea at Three:
Friday 29th May**

Cobham URC Events

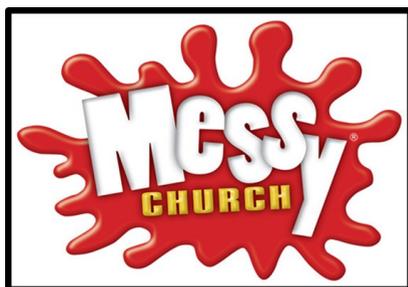
May

Sun	3rd	3.00pm	Play and Chat <i>(to 6.00pm)</i>
Tues	5th	9.45am	Church Walk
		8.00pm	Elders' Meeting
Thurs	7th	12.30pm	Men's Fellowship
Thurs	14th	7.00pm	Art in Worship
Tues	26th	11.00am	Coffee for Carers
Thurs	28th	3.45pm	Messy Church <i>(to 5.45pm)</i>
Fri	29th	3.00pm	T @ 3

June

Sun	7th	3.00pm	Play and Chat <i>(to 6.00pm)</i>
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Next Messy Church for Cobham, Oxshott and Stoke D'Abernon



**Thursday 28th May
3:45pm - 5:45pm**

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

All are welcome

Art in Worship

The series by Heather Ward continues at Cobham URC:

Thursday 14th May at 7.00pm



Effingham

Methodist Church

Birthday Dates to celebrate this month:



Wow! What a lot of birthdays this month!
Jayne & 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.*

Prayer Meetings...

...are held in the Chapel
every Friday at 9.30am.



Dates for your diaries:

There is a **Church Council meeting** in the Chapel on
Thursday 28th May from 10.00am to 12 noon.
Items for inclusion on the agenda should be sent to Gill
Walker, Church Secretary.

Saturday Morning Live - Café Church



Our speaker on **Saturday 2nd May** is Deacon Ian
Wells, a **Chaplain at Gatwick Airport.** Café
Church is held at **St. Lawrence Church hall** from
10.00 to 11.00am. In flight entertainment and
cabin snacks will be provided by the regular SML
crew.

The next meeting is **6th June** with a speaker from
Guildford's Street Angels.

Effingham Methodist Diary



May

- Sat 2nd 10.00am Café Church at St. Lawrence's Hall
(to 11.00am - see page 13)
- Sun 3rd 10.00am Rev. Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion**
- Sun 10th 10.00am Rhys Frost**
- Tues 12th 2.30pm Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall
- Wed 13th 3.30pm Messy Church at St Lawrence hall *(to 5.30)*
- Thurs 14th 2.30pm Christian Meditation in the Church
- Sun 17th 10.00am Rob Pitt**
- Tues 19th 2.30pm Churches Together AGM in the Hall
- Thurs 21st 2.15pm Oasis Bible Study Group in the Hall
- Sun 24th 10.00am John Oborn**
- Tues 26th 2.30pm Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall
- Thurs 28th 10.00am Church Council meeting *(to 12 noon)*
2.30pm Christian Meditation in the Church
- Sun 31st 10.00am Rev. Lynda Russell**
5.00pm Pastorate Service at Leatherhead Methodist Church followed by tea

June

- Sat 6th 10.00am Café Church at St. Lawrence's Hall
- Sun 7th 10.00am Rev. Frank Smith - Holy Communion**

The Chapel will be open from
12 - 1:30pm *on Friday 12th June*

'I'm Here to Listen'

Rev. Kim Plumpton

(No "I'm Here to Listen" in May)

“Connect” - The New Group for Dementia in Effingham.

It looks as though we will have lift off for Thursday 11th June as our launch date for carers together with their partners living with dementia. Volunteers have now been recruited for this group - we could always have more - especially some men please!

We aim to meet every other week from 11th June at 10.30am in St Lawrence Church Hall until 12noon. Refreshments will be provided, also activities for those with dementia such as snooker, dominoes, arts and crafts and providing an opportunity for carers to meet and talk and share their experiences.

The group does have need of a Secretary - so if anyone could offer to take notes of meetings, write the occasional letter and prepare rotas for volunteering and doing refreshments, please let me know.

For further information about coming to the group as a couple or to be a volunteer please contact either Gill Walker on 01372 457987 or Rev. Kim Plumpton on 01932 586988.

Gill Walker



Tuesday Teas

The group continues to meet fortnightly from 2.30pm to 4.00pm in Our Lady of Sorrows Church Hall, Lower Road in Effingham. We also have outings and occasional entertainment too.

Sadly two of our members have recently passed away and are greatly missed. Rev. Kim Plumpton officiated at both funerals, for Anne Boyes at Guildford Crematorium on 23rd March and Lavinia Ottaway on 9th April at Randalls Park Crematorium. Both had lived in the village and been members of Tuesday Teas for many years. May they rest in peace and may their families and friends be comforted at this time.

Anyone interested in coming along to Tuesday Teas please contact Gill Walker on 01372 457987.

Gill Walker

Christian advice for voters on 7th May



A '2020 Vision of the Good Society' statement has been produced under the auspices of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) out of a common desire to see a society that works for all – in which each of us are valued and which respects the Earth.

In short – a society for the common good.

A good society is one where we all think about the impact of our choices on others especially those who are marginalised in any way. A good society involves a sense of community, underpinned by justice, fairness and the inclusion of all.

The 2020 Vision focuses on five key areas – wealth and inequality, home, children and young people, livelihoods, and the environment and climate. Whilst these are not the only fundamental issues of our time, they do represent areas where Christians collectively have something particular to contribute to public and political debate in the run up to the General Election. See <https://ctbielections.org.uk/about>



Christian Aid's manifesto for the General Election concisely sets out their vision for what the parties should do about international development in 2015. **Check Christian Aid's website.**

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR
THINK, PRAY, VOTE

Your invitation to:



The logo for Messy Church is a red splat with the words 'Messy' in large white letters and 'CHURCH' in smaller yellow letters below it. Surrounding the logo are several colorful splats, each containing a word: 'Activities' (purple), 'Songs' (red), 'Food' (green), 'Games' (blue), 'Crafts' (yellow), and 'Stories' (orange).

**St. Lawrence Church Hall in Brown's Lane
Wednesday 13th May - 3.30 to 5.30pm**

Have YOU got any Bric-a-Brac?

Spring cleaning? Then would you please check your drawers, cupboards and greenhouses for jewellery, accessories, knick-knacks, books, and plants etc. as we need lots of stuff for our *Churches Together bric-a-brac stall* on 27th June at **Effingham's Village Day**.

Perhaps YOU could help us on the stall? Or maybe make cakes for the Bake-off?



There'll be a Village Day Volunteers' signing-up sheet in the hall soon!



"The Great Effingham Bake Off"



Effingham chapel has quite a reputation for cake! Our rota of fantastic cooks produce some very tasty and yummy delights every week, and excel themselves for our coffee mornings and special events.

But are they up for a challenge?

"The Great Effingham Bake Off" is part of this year's **Village Day**, and it's hoped that lots of cooks will be inspired by Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood's programme, and try their hands at baking some goodies. These will be judged by **Be Kassapian** from **"Be in the Kitchen"**, a local cookery school based at The Vineries in Lower Road. All entries will then sold in the tearoom to raise funds. So get baking!!

Effingham Village Day, on June 27th at King George V Playing Fields from 1.00pm to 5.30pm. ICE - Improving Communities in Effingham are organising a fun day out for the whole family.

There are **Painshill Fire Brigade**, a dog agility show by **"Fetch"am dog school, Maypole Dancing by St. Lawrence**, lots of food including a BBQ, beer tent, ice-cream and retro sweets. Lots to do for the kids with bouncy castles, bungee trampolines face-painting and all the fun of the fair at tombola, stalls selling great products, plants, books and much more..... including **Effingham Churches Together's bric-a-brac stall**. So please come and join us and see who wins the Bake-off. It could be someone we know!



Leatherhead Pages

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

AntiphoniA - The Leatherhead Chamber Choir

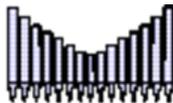
On Saturday 16th May at 7.30pm, we are giving a concert simply entitled "Spring Music" at Christ Church (United Reformed), Epsom Road, Leatherhead. Admission is by programme at the door, £10.00 each, or £3.00 for students. Proceeds are for our joint church project, Heart for Romania.

Our talented group of singers will be presenting some masterpieces of church music from the sixteenth, seventeenth and twentieth centuries. We have chosen early music by Palestrina, Lassus, Gibbons and Greene, and more recently by Edward Bairstow, William Mathias and Robert Walker. For a light-hearted Viennese flavour, there is a selection from Brahms's "Lovesong Waltzes" for voices in harmony with piano duet.

There will also be a variety of instrumental solos, including the gifted young trumpeter, Oliver Baylis.

Please come and share this evening of entertainment with us. The price of admission covers refreshments.

Accompanist: Gina Eason;
Conductor: Anthony Cairns.



AntiphoniA

Reflections from Messy Church

Just before Easter, a number of us went to a workshop on "Discipleship in Messy Church", led by Lucy Moore, who created the very first Messy Church. The question of "how to make disciples" is a very live one in the Messy Church movement. Messy Church is determined not to be "just" a fun activity for children, nor is it "just" a stepping stone to traditional Sunday morning worship. For many families, it is the only way they engage with church and we need to make sure that we are able to offer real opportunities to encounter God and grow in faith.



As ever, this was not a session that gave all the answers. But it did ask a lot of interesting questions! Like - how good are we at noticing when God is already at work? Can we stop fretting and celebrate what he's already doing, rather than trying to squash his work into a traditional model?

During the last few months at Messy Church, I have noticed an increasing openness among parents to chat about the Bible stories we are exploring. I have also noticed that prayers are being articulated, by both adults and children, which express deep needs. There is a sense that Messy Church is a safe place to talk about what's on your mind. And some of us have been able to pray with and for families who are going through difficult times and who wouldn't have much, if any, opportunity to be prayed for outside the Messy Church environment.

I also have to keep reminding myself that EVERY MONTH we welcome new families (how many Sunday churches can say that?!) EVERY MONTH, we explore the Bible, pray together, praise God and use our God-given creativity to share faith together. We do this across generations, with many people who would otherwise never come through the door of a church. Who knows where this will lead? Hopefully God does! Please pray for us as we enjoy the ride!

Jane Smith

(see also Kim's letter on page 4)

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at LMC



WEDNESDAYS
at
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talented local musicians

Thursday 30 April at LMC
Marios Panteliadis, piano®

Thursday 7 May at LMC
Francisco Correa, guitar

Thursday 14 May at LMC
The TWO Cellos of
Jacqueline Phillips & Julian Metzger

Wednesday 20 May at Christ Church
Jonathan Melling, Director of Music
All Hallows-by-the-Tower, London

Thursday 28 May at LMC
Andrews Massey Duo
Emily Andrews, flute
David Massey, guitar

Thursday 4 June at LMC
Leyla Cemiloglu, piano

Thursday 11 June at LMC
Liza van der Peijl, contralto®
Roberta Terchi Nocentini, piano®

Wednesday 17 June at Christ Church
Graham Davies, Asst Director of Music
Pinner Parish Church

Thursday 25 June at LMC
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Irma Vastakaite, violin®
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Leatherhead Choral Society

Come & Sing

Brahms'
A German Requiem

(English Version)



Saturday, 9th May 2015

Musical Director: Ian Assersohn

1-5 pm at Christ Church Hall (URC)

Epsom Road, Leatherhead KT22 8ST

Singing fee: £15 (to include score and refreshments)

Tickets@leatherhead-choral.net or Tel. (01372) 272467





Next Messy Church for Leatherhead:

Thursday 21st May
3.30pm to 5.30pm at:



NEW FIRE

Don't forget to plan to come along to the contemporary New Fire service at 6.30pm on the fourth Sunday evening each month at LMC with an inspirational testimony and also worship led by Jay and the band. Stay afterwards for coffee and a chat. **Next New Fire service: Sunday 24th May.**



Men's Breakfasts

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

- 30th May Methodist Church hall: Speaker - John Russell on his experiences in Banking.
- 27th June Christ Church hall: Speaker - John Henderson on Leatherhead United Charities.

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.

Allsaints Coffee Shop goes from Strength to Strength



Allsaints has now been open for almost six months and has been getting rave reviews from its customers. "The best coffee in Leatherhead", "the best coffee shop for families with little ones" and "a unique space to relax or work" have been just some of the reviews left on Trip Advisor or Allsaints Facebook page. In fact it's now ranked second out of 46 for food & drink locations in Leatherhead on Trip Advisor.

As a Social Enterprise, Allsaints has been setup to support local young people into work and provide them with excellent training through the national apprenticeship scheme. Matt Fleming (aged 19) the coffee shop manager explains how this works: "We look out for young people who are not sure what their step into work or training is, then we offer them an employment and training solution which gives them the best chance of a long term working future."

Allsaints has already had to take on an extra member of staff with Codie (aged 16) joining the team last month. And the busier business gets the more young people Allsaints will be able to give this life enhancing opportunity to. Also this month, Allsaints has now opened up its hot-desking service alongside. It's a meeting room - available for hire at £10 an hour. If you'd like to find out more please visit us on your social networks @allsaints_so. Allsaints is open Monday to Friday from 8.00am to 3.00pm based in All Saints Church, Kingston Road, Leatherhead.



The Allsaints Team: Liam, Stuart, Matt and Codie



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Time for Tea



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From 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Fridays 1st May, 5th June...

...and every first Friday in the month at

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EVERYONE WELCOME

(Suggested donation £1)

Note: Helpers are desperately needed to continue to run this event.

*Please speak to Fred Meynen or any of the LMC
Stewards if you can assist in any way. With thanks.*



TOGETHER at SCARBOROUGH



During Easter week we visited Scarborough. This North Yorkshire seaside resort provided stunning views, wall-to-wall sunshine with blue skies, a first-class hotel with amazingly fair prices, cliff-top walks and so much more.

It was primarily for this “more” that we travelled so far – and it turned out to be worth every minute.

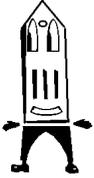
Scarborough in former times was a Spa centre where visitors came to take the waters for health enhancement. We also spent each day in that very same piece of Victorian magnificence and had a sort of health treatment – but didn’t need the waters. We enjoyed and benefited from an ECG (don’t ask) 5-day Event with the theme “Together”. This Easter event, held in different locations under different titles for over 30 years, is a mixture of study, worship and fun.

The event brochure suggested that it was “... an opportunity to stop for a while and reconnect with God, allowing Him to renew our strength and give us fresh vision and passion for the many varied tasks to which He has called us”. This sounds heavy and difficult and outside the comfort zone of many of us, but with an attendance of about 1200 like-minded and faithful people it was OK – no, better than OK it was good – no, better than good it was terrific and so worthwhile.

Seven of us went from LMC & URC. For some of us, including myself, it was a first visit to any event of this type. We heard the very best of speakers, we attended the finest of evangelical celebrations (you have to appreciate loud music), we learned a lot and we had super company. We could have joined a scratch choir which surprised local residents when they emerged as a flash mob in a nearby park. None of us attended every session, we chose what we wanted and took it as a holiday with a big bonus.

It all happens again next Easter. Go if you can, you and our churches will gain so much.

Ron Shaw



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***Please see the Leatherhead Pages
(pages 19 to 27) for more news***

West Hill School Community Café...

...is held at LMC every Tuesday morning at 10.30am, except during school holidays. *[No café on 19th May as we'll be having a Thanksgiving Service for Dot Marlow that day, and no café on 26th May - Half Term].*

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



LMC Housegroups

The **Friday House Group** meets on the third Friday each month. Please contact Norma Shaw for further details.

The **Monday House Group** meets on alternate Mondays. Contact Carol Stoves - 01372 377125 - for details.

The **Friday Afternoon House Group** is led by John Russell and meets from 1.30pm to 3.15pm on the

second and fourth Friday in the month. Contact Sue Friend - 01372 813464 - for details.



LMC Family News



Our thoughts and prayers are with...

... Sheila and Laurie Hydes and the family, as Sheila's mother passed away in March.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with...

...Gill Harris, very seriously ill at home and your prayers for Gill and Meurig are really needed.

and with...

... the family of Dot Marlow who died in April. A Thanksgiving Service for Dot's life will be held at LMC on Tuesday 19th May. See the weekly notices for details.

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.

Tiddlywinks

Tiddlywinks is a toddler group and meets in the Lower Hall every Friday morning during term time. All under five's with a carer welcome. Friendly group, just come along.

“One Mission” - MWiB District Day, Tonbridge

At the end of March, I went with Kim and Pat McElhill (Effingham) to the MWiB District Day at Tonbridge. These days are always good, with quality speakers, plus it is an opportunity to catch up with those I have known for many years, particularly women from the old London SW days.

This was no exception. Rev. Dr. Philip Luscombe, Assistant District Chair, began the morning session with a time of excellent worship, the essential to get the day off on the right foot. Rev. Alison Walker was the main speaker for the day. She had been a Mission Partner for three years in Florence, Italy. It may seem a little unnecessary that ‘mission’ is needed so close to home, but Italy is on the main route for refugees from North Africa, particularly girls and young women who have been caught up in trafficking.

During the morning period, Alison spoke of her work centred around the Methodist Church in the city. She was most surprised to find that a woman wearing a dog-collar was frowned upon, a difficulty to overcome before she even started! The congregation was small, with very few children, and the Methodist Church made very little impact on the community. On ‘White Sunday’ (and I am not sure of the time of the year, nor whether it was restricted to Florence), Alison found out the whole city emerges and jollification goes on all night, so it was decided that is what the church would do too! With her small band of helpers, the church was filled with numerous displays of art and ceramics, live music and movement,

food and drink. Interest was slow to begin with, almost as if people were afraid of the unusual in a church, but as the night wore on, a few ventured in and others followed. It was a great success! Alison illustrated her talk with a wonderful collection of slides.



Time with her in the afternoon was different again, concentrating on mission within our own churches, with audience participation. Listening to women speaking about all their churches do, made me think 'what exactly do we do at LMC?'

Home mission at Leatherhead cannot be faulted. There is so much and it is very varied, from involvement with children and young people, to the Food Bank and much else, mostly working as Churches Together. Our Overseas Mission is mainly Junior Mission for All (in the process of change) and our Heart for Romania project. At least, that is what we are aware of! If we were to make a list of all that people do but do not ever shout about, it would be endless. Many sponsor children in India, used postage stamps and cards are collected for the Mission Aviation Fellowship, drivers are part of car pools, others help at hospital shops, and regular giving to favourite charities are just a few examples.

But - - could we, should we do more? When did we last have a coffee morning for charity, a quiz evening, a meal together or a plain old-fashioned social - enjoying each other's company and doing good at the same time? Is it that our attitude is we are too old? Too poor? Too lazy? Good idea, but don't ask me!" I wonder?

Jean Plant

"BOX HILL HEART"

Four of LMC's young people are planning a fundraising event for Heart for Romania, to take place on Saturday 23rd May. You can get involved in three ways:

1. Sponsor a young person to climb Box Hill, from the Stepping Stones to the viewpoint. (Meet at 11.00am)
2. Join us on the climb - all ages welcome!
3. Or meet us at the top to share in a well-earned picnic (12.30pm on Donkey Green).

Look out for more details in Church notices during May.

Jane Smith



Diary



May

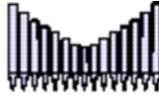
Fri	1st	2.30pm	Time for Tea (<i>to 4.30pm</i>)
Sun	3rd	10.30am	Rev Lynda Russell - Holy Communion
Tues	5th	10.30am	West Hill Café at LMC - all welcome
Thurs	7th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays (<i>see page 21</i>)
Sat	9th	4.00pm	Games Event for Heart for Romania (<i>to 7.00pm</i>)
Sun	10th	10.30am 6.30pm	Angie Choat Rev. Lynda Russell - Holy Communion
Tues	12th	10.30am	West Hill School Café at LMC all welcome
Thurs	14th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays (<i>see page 21</i>)
Sat	16th	7.30pm	AntiphoniA Concert at Christ Church for Heart for Romania
Sun	17th	9.00am 10.30am	Bring and Share Prayer Breakfast Beth Little
Tues	19th	12.30pm	(<i>provisional time</i>) Thanksgiving Service for Dot Marlow
		2.30pm	Service at The Beeches Nursing Home
Wed	20th	12.30pm	Organ Recital at Christ Church (<i>see page 21</i>)
Thurs	21st	3.30pm	Messy Church (<i>to 5.30pm</i>)
Sat	23rd	11.00am	Sponsored Box Hill climb - picnic 12.30pm (<i>see p. 31</i>)
Sun	24th	10.30am 6.30pm	Pentecost - Joint Service at the Parish Church New Fire
Tues	26th	2.30pm	Pastoral Visitors' & Elders' Prayer Meeting
Thurs	28th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays (<i>see page 21</i>)
Sat	30th	8.00am	Men's Breakfast at LMC (<i>see page 23</i>)
Sun	31st	10.30am 5.00pm	Tina Andrews Pastorate Service and tea at LMC

June

Tues	2nd	10.30am	West Hill School Café at LMC all welcome
Thurs	4th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays at LMC (<i>see page 21</i>)
Fri	5th	2.30pm	Time for Tea at LMC (<i>to 4.30pm</i>)
Sun	7th	10.30am	Rev. Lynda Russell & Rev. Anne Rusbridge

Christ Church

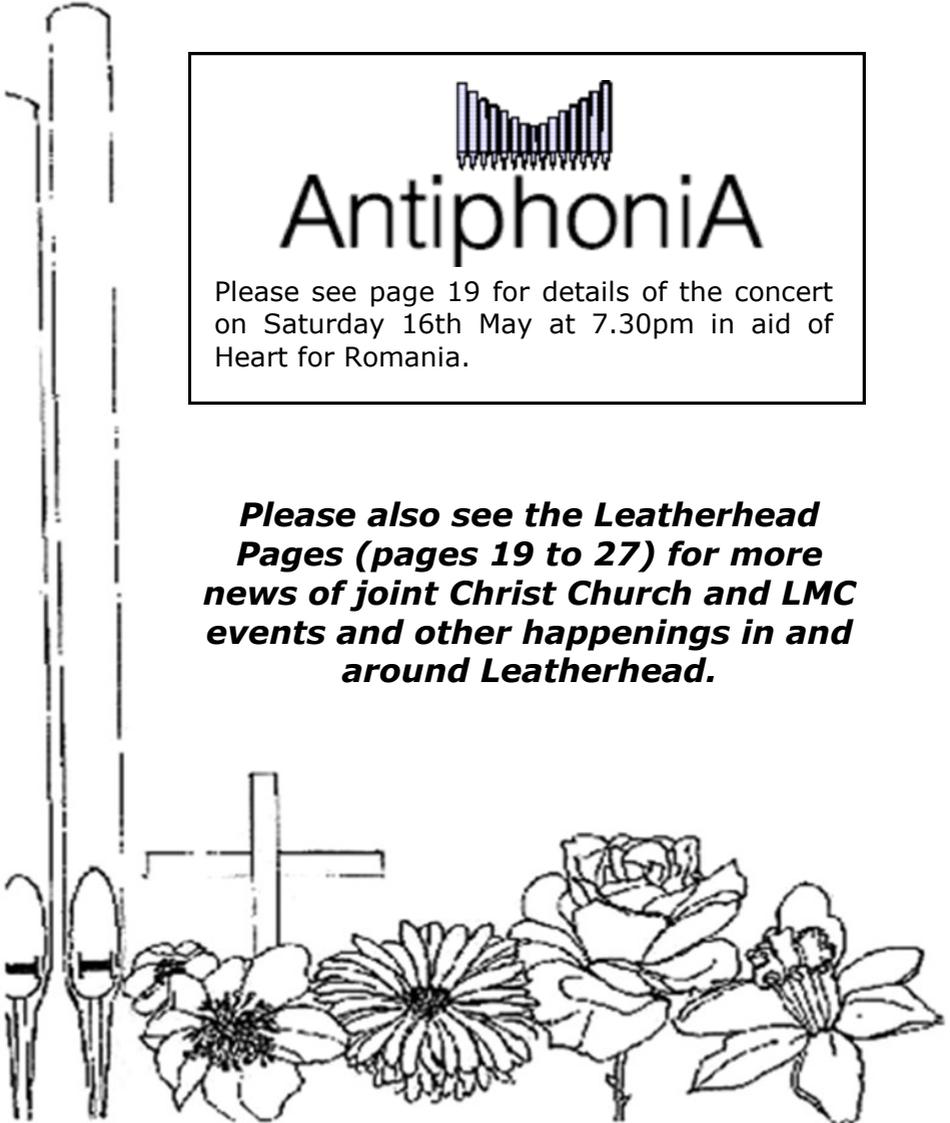
(United Reformed) Leatherhead



Antiphonia

Please see page 19 for details of the concert on Saturday 16th May at 7.30pm in aid of Heart for Romania.

Please also see the Leatherhead Pages (pages 19 to 27) for more news of joint Christ Church and LMC events and other happenings in and around Leatherhead.



Christ Church Diary



May

- Fri 1st 2.30pm Time for Tea at LMC (*to 4.30pm*)
- Sun 3rd 10.30am Rev. Bruce Stuart**
- Thurs 7th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays at LMC (*see page 21*)
- Sun 10th 10.30am Rev. Lynda Russell - Holy Communion**
6.30pm at LMC : Rev. Lynda Russell - Holy Communion
- Wed 13th 7.00pm Elders' Meeting
- Thurs 14th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays at LMC (*see page 21*)
- Sat 16th 7.30pm Antiphonia Concert for Heart for Romania
- Sun 17th 10.30am Mrs Eileen Lawlor**
- Tues 19th 2.30pm Service at The Beeches Nursing Home
- Wed 20th 12.30pm Organ Recital (*see page 21*)
- Thurs 21st 3.30pm Messy Church at LMC (*to 5.30pm*)
- Sun 24th 10.30am Pentecost: Joint Service (Christ Church, LMC, Parish) at the Parish Church**
6.30pm New Fire at LMC
- Tues 26th 2.30pm Pastoral Visitors' & Elders' Prayer Meeting at LMC
- Thurs 28th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays at LMC (*see page 21*)
- Sat 30th 8.00am Men's Breakfast at LMC (*see page 23*)
- Sun 31st 10.30am Rev. Barbara Pearson**
5.00pm Pastorate Service and tea at LMC

June

- Thurs 4th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays at LMC (*see page 21*)
- Fri 5th 2.30pm Time for Tea at LMC (*to 4.30pm*)
- Sat 6th 1.30pm Wedding of Catherine Huxtable & Jonathan Raven
- Sun 7th 10.30am The Elders**

Christ Church Family News



There are two more 80th birthdays to celebrate this month (there's something special about 1935!) Congratulations and very best wishes for the future to **John Henderson** on the 3rd and **Monica Farnell** on the 13th.

We send our sympathy and very best wishes to **John Bell**, father of Alison Gillott, who was knocked down recently and suffered considerable injuries. We are glad that he is now at home and making progress. We think of Alison and the family as they care for him.

Pat and Vic Playford, long-standing members from some years ago, have recently moved to a care home. Their new address is: Edwina Mountbatten House, Broadwater Road, Romsey, Hampshire. SO51 8GH. Tel: as before. We wish them well in their new abode.

We are pleased that **Hilary Porter** is home from hospital and making progress, but is awaiting surgery sometime in the coming months. We send her our very best wishes.

We remember in our prayers all these friends and those who need our prayers but are not mentioned by name.

Anne Cairns



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