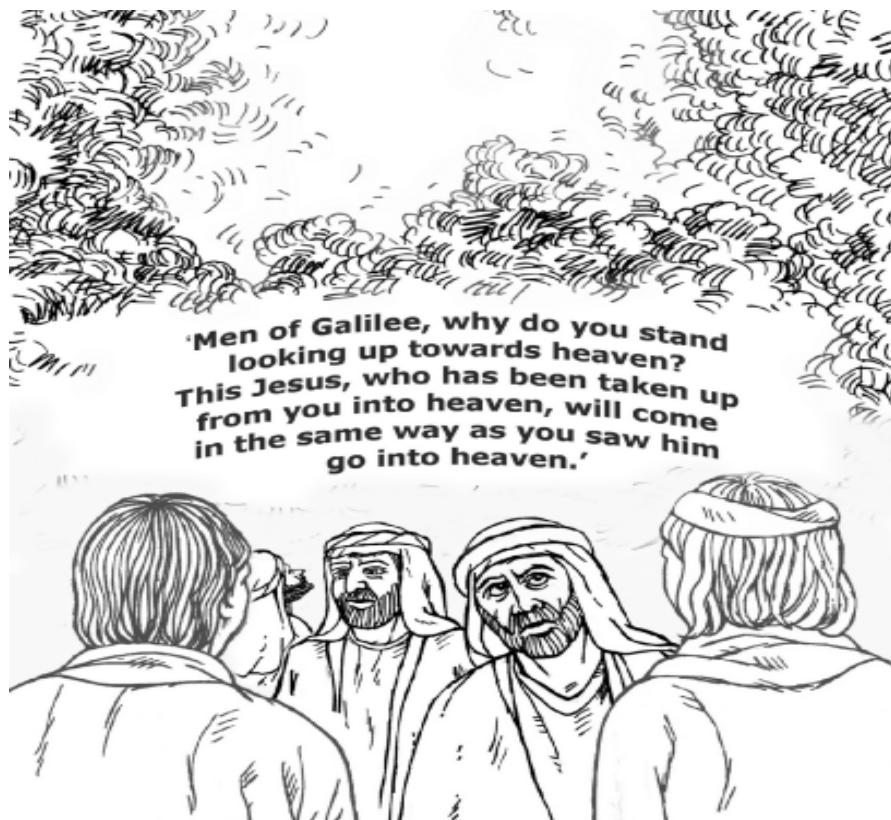


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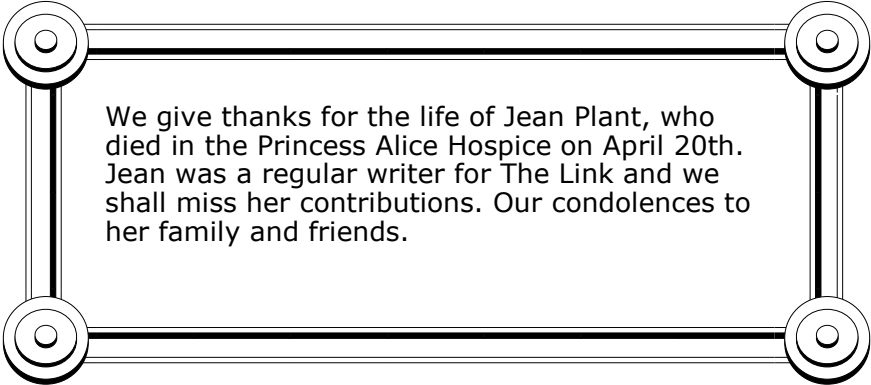
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We give thanks for the life of Jean Plant, who died in the Princess Alice Hospice on April 20th. Jean was a regular writer for The Link and we shall miss her contributions. Our condolences to her family and friends.

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## *The Ministers Write...*

**From Rev. Kim Plumpton**

Dear friends,

It seems that whether we are reading the newspapers or watching the news, we can't help but feel a little overwhelmed by the rising tensions around the world. At the moment it is hard to watch the news without feeling a sense of helplessness.

Efforts to bring about peace are not by any means an easy pathway, it is filled with disappointments and challenges that at times feel insurmountable.

We are not all political activists nor are we seated in positions of power and authority where we are able to impact directly upon the decisions made at national or international levels.

It would be easy to become cynical and sceptical amongst the disarray of this world but as Christians we are called to offer hope.

*"Be soft. Do not let the world make you hard. Do not let the pain make you hate. Do not let the bitterness steal your sweetness. Take pride that even though the rest of the world may disagree, you still believe it to be a beautiful place."*

As we walk alongside the risen Christ in these coming weeks we believe in a world that can be changed, transformed, for in these encounters we find even the cynics and the sceptics challenged to remain as they once were. James' encounter with the risen Christ leads him to become the leader of the Jerusalem church. Saul, who persecuted Christians or dragged them off to prison had a dramatic encounter with the risen Christ, it was so dramatic that this once enemy of Christianity became one of its greatest advocates, Paul, a missionary who shared the love of Christ with all he met.

It is not for us to question when that time might be, that moment when Christ is encountered in all his glory but to acknowledge that it is still happening. God's work is not over when humanity has done its worst. Thank goodness.

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Our resolve is to stand firm in the face of adversity, trusting in the nature of a Christ and a gospel that is always about making things new, constantly creating and recreating.  
To that we can truly say Alleluia.

With every blessing

Kim

## **Lunchbox**

It is now over 18 months since Colin Plumpton and I, and an enthusiastic group of volunteers started Lunchbox at Leatherhead Methodist Church (LMC) after the closure of Pitstop. We would like to thank the Pastorate Churches, Effingham Churches Together and many other supporters for the help they have given us over this period to enable us to show Gods love to many folk in and around Leatherhead.

We would also like to thank those who have provided meals. Local schools, organisations and churches who have provided tinned goods and groceries; local supermarkets and shops and all who have enabled us to provide support for over thirty local families, as well as hot meals each Wednesday for around 25 persons. We have so much valued your contributions, prayers and financial support; it costs around £300 per month to run, and so far all we have needed has been given to us, as we make our needs known.

We have been so lucky to have had the use of LMC's small hall and kitchen which is ideally suited to our ministry, and of course the church itself, which is regularly used for lending a listening ear and for prayers. When we started this endeavour I did not realise how often faith matters would figure in our work. I have been amazed at the way individuals can be changed by sharing friendship, food and faith.

Please pray for those who come along, those who feel socially excluded, and require a helping hand in some way or other. Over the last few years since the closure of Pitstop, churches around the area have opened their doors to provide meals, so that there is always somewhere each day, locally, for people to go to if they need to. Praise God for this response !

Dave Putland

## **Waiting**

*(Acts 1:1-11)*

He told us to wait,  
then went away.  
After all the excitement,  
all the joy of having Him back,  
He has gone again.  
Yet this time there is hope,  
This time there is His promise  
Of power, of His Spirit,  
Of a new dimension of His presence.  
This leaving is different  
Now we know He's forever alive.  
And we wait in confidence and anticipation  
to witness to the world...

and we wait  
for His Spirit to come...

*by Daphne Kitching (Parish Pump)*

## **Julian of Norwich**

In 1373 a young woman who had been walled up in a cell built on to St Julian's Church in Norwich thought she was dying. She recovered, but she had had some visions. Over the next fifteen to twenty years she meditated on these visions, which began when she saw drops of blood falling from a painted crucifix. She wrote down an account, and this was published as "Revelations of Divine Love". This was the first book in English written by a woman. Among other things she wrote of Christ as Mother; because mothers at their most maternal share Christ-like characteristics. Her best-known words are those quoted by T S Eliot: "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well". She wrote that from the time of the visions she yearned to know her Lord's meaning. Fifteen years and more later she was answered in spiritual understanding: Love was his meaning. Who showed this? Love. What did he show? Love. Why did he show it? For love. Before God made us he loved us, and this love has never abated nor ever shall. Julian is especially remembered on the date of her first visions: May 8th.  
DC



# Cobham Methodist Worship Diary



## May

<b>Sun</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>3.00pm</b>	<b>David Cappitt</b> <b>Circuit Easter Offering Dedication</b> <b>at London Road, Horsham</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>13th</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Platinum Service</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>14th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rev Kim Plumpton—Holy Communion</b> <b>(Joint Service at URC)</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>21st</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rev Kath Jones—United Church Anni</b> <b>versary Service followed by a Bring-</b> <b>and-Share Lunch</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>28th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rhys Frost</b>

## June

<b>Sun</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>Pentecost</b> <b>10.30am</b>	<b>David Cappitt &amp; James Clephane-</b> <b>Cameron</b> Followed by Annual Church Meeting and Church Council (1 hour max)
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Congratulations to Ian and Julie Pavey, who celebrate their  
diamond wedding this month





# Cobham

## United Reformed Church

### Worship Diary

#### May

**Sun 7th 9.00am Early Bird Service**  
**10.30am Iain Stewart**

**Sun 14th 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton—Holy Communion**  
**(Joint Service)**

**Sun 21st 10.30am Rev Kath Jones: United Church Anniversary Service at CMC, followed by Bring-and-Share Lunch**

**Sun 28th 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton**

#### June

**Sun 4th 9.00am Early Bird Service**  
**10.30am Stephen Thornton**

**Prayers at the Manse**  
**Wednesdays at 9.30am**  
**May: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st**

#### House Groups

The next House Group will be on Thursday 18th May at 7.30pm, venue to be arranged. The study book is "Mark" by Tom Wright. For further details contact Brian Manners.

## Cobham Events in May

Tues	2nd	9.45am	Church Walk
		8.00pm	Elders' Meeting (URC)
Thur	4th	12.30pm	Men's Fellowship ( <i>The Anchor, Pyrford Lock Wisley, GU23 6QW</i> )
Fri	5th	2.30pm	Pastorate Planning at the manse
Sat	6th	6.30pm	Quiz Night
Sun	7th	3.00pm	Play and Chat (to 6.00 pm)
Thur	18th	7.30pm	House Group
Thur	25th	3.45pm	Messy Church (to 5.45pm)
Fri	28th	7.30pm	Joint Leadership Meeting at URC

## Fundraiser



2 Course Supper included  
£10 per Adult  
£5 per Child (12 and under)

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 6:30pm  
Cobham United Reformed Church

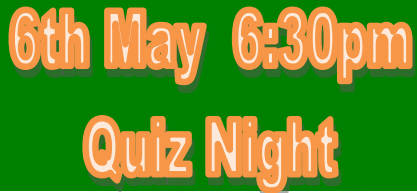
Come and join us for what should be a fun evening.



# Fundraising events



**6th May 6:30pm**  
**Quiz Night**



**2nd July 12:15pm**  
**Barbecue**



**23rd Sept 7:30pm**  
**Harvest Supper**



For information: contact Kim on  
01932586988 or [kimp\\_822@hotmail.com](mailto:kimp_822@hotmail.com)





# Effingham

## Methodist Church

### Birthday Dates to celebrate this month:



Wow! What a lot of birthdays this month !  
Wishing a very Happy Birthday to Jayne & Norma on 3<sup>rd</sup> , David on 21<sup>st</sup> and Pauline on 29<sup>th</sup>



**Date for your diaries:** There is a **Church Council meeting** in the Chapel on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May from 10am-12noon**. Items for inclusion on the agenda should be sent to Gill Walker, Church Secretary.



### The Wheel of Generosity

is based on a 'real life' wheel designed by a trainee Local Preacher, who took it to churches and asked people to commit to carrying out a small act of generosity inspired by each picture. **Spin it and see if YOU can sense God's presence ?**

<http://www.methodist.org.uk/mission/a-generous-life/the-wheel-of-generosity>



## Living Easter in Effingham

New for this Easter in Effingham was our Churches Together Living Easter Pageant on Easter Saturday afternoon. This was scripted by Chris Butler, who acted as narrator, aided by musicians Morag Butler, Dave Greenwood and our minister Kim.

The Easter story unfolded from the Last Supper in Scene 1, with all dressed in costumes and seated outside the Douglas Haig pub. The pageant then moved on to the Methodist Church with slides of ancient Jerusalem and Scene 2 for the arrest of Jesus. From there to St Lawrence Church for Scene 3, where the crucifixion was reported on and the drama acted out, with Jesus stumbling as he carried his cross, and the curtain torn in two.

A visit to Lullabelle's, the café on the King George V Field for Scene 4, "Sightings Galore", and singing "Jerusalem". From there we went to Scene 5: "The Empty Tomb" in St Lawrence Hall, for all to discover and for the disciples to 'go and tell'. We sang 'The Lord of the Dance' and many joined in with a country dance. Finally it was back to the Methodist Church for Scene 6, to explain how the Christian message spread.

There were Easter Eggs for the children and hot cross buns and we sang 'Shine Jesus, Shine'. Then finally it was back to the pub for refreshments for all, which the pub had kindly laid out on their picnic tables for everyone.

Many thanks to everyone for helping in many ways and to the pub for providing welcome refreshments. To be repeated next year perhaps? It was well supported by local families and we were blessed with good weather.

Pictures show those gathered outside the Douglas Haig for the last Supper and in the Methodist Church for the arrest of Jesus (and see p12).





**On Easter Sunday, Churches Together in Effingham told the story of Easter round the village to**



**We all added flowers to the cross as we left the chapel after the Easter morning service**

## **"Connect" a group for carers and partners with dementia**

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

We meet in St Lawrence Church Hall, Browns Lane, KT24 5LX in Effingham from 10am to 12noon on alternate Thursdays and also arrange monthly outings.

The group celebrated Easter with flowers, cakes and chocolate Easter Eggs on Maundy Thursday. Morag also came to sing with us and a joyful time was had by all. As well as meeting fortnightly, monthly outings are arranged, usually locally with tea and a visit to a place of interest. The picture shows tables laid with vases of daffodils in the hall, with Easter Eggs and hot cross buns served for all.

We are happy to welcome more couples so if you know anyone for whom this sounds of possible interest and benefit, please let us know. Next dates fortnightly, May 11th and 25th.

For more info. contact Gill on 01372 457987

email GillianMWalker@gmail.com

or Kim on 01932 586988



# Effingham Methodist Diary



## May

**Sun 7th 10.00am** **Rev. Gavin Hancocks**  
**with Holy Communion**  
**3.00pm** **Easter Offering Dedication Service at**  
**London Road, Horsham**

Tues 9th 2.30pm Tuesday Tea in Our Lady of Sorrows hall

Thur 11th 2.00pm Christian Meditation in the church

**Sun 14th 10.00am** **Bob Boyce**

Tues 16th 10.00am Church Council meeting in the Chapel  
(to 12 noon)

Thur 18th 12.30pm Oasis Bible Lunch Group in the hall

**Sun 21st 10.00am** **Clive Haines**

Tues 23rd 2.30pm Tuesday Tea in Our Lady of Sorrows hall

Thur 25th 2.00pm Christian Meditation in the church

**Sun 28th 10.00am** **John Oborn**

## June

**Sun 4th 10.00am** **Rev. Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion**

**Prayers at 9.30am at the Chapel every Friday**

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







**St. Lawrence Church Hall in Brown's Lane  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May ~ 3.30 -5.30pm**



**Christian Aid Week ~ 14–20 May**

British churches founded Christian Aid in 1945 to support refugees who had lost their homes and possessions in the Second World War. Twelve years later, Christian Aid Week was launched to help fund this ongoing work, so this is its 60<sup>th</sup> year. Let's act again now, to

help relieve suffering and build a world where everyone has a safe place to call home.

Put love into action through church collections, **Big Brekkie** fundraising breakfasts, or collect house-to-house.

Order resources or donate at [www.caweek.org](http://www.caweek.org)

**Effingham & Little Bookham Churches Together** will be organising a fundraising event in October again. Perhaps another *Singalong*, like the very popular *Oliver* in 2015 and the *Sound of Music* last year ! Or even a barn dance or quiz ?



## THY KINGDOM COME

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ.

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

### **Join the global wave of prayer 25th May - 4th June**

**Pledge2pray online  
as a Church, family or individual**

Check out the Extensive resources online at  
**<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>**



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### **Pray for North Korea** **Christians here risk Imprisonment, Torture & Death**

Pray: that Kim Jong-un will come to know the one true God.  
For change within the regime to break the power of evil.  
For protection for secret Christians, and for strength and endurance for those in labour camps.  
Ask God to protect **Open Doors** secret workers as they smuggle food and Bibles into North Korea.

[http://www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/worldwatch/north\\_korea.php](http://www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/worldwatch/north_korea.php)

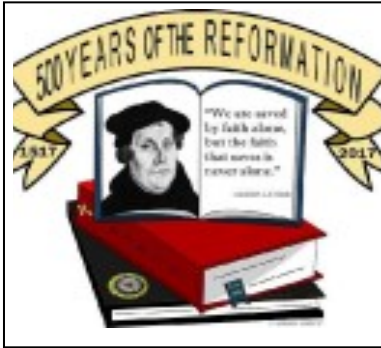


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## Luther's Legacy



This year marks 500 years since Martin Luther published his 95 theses or complaints against the Church, and launched the Reformation, a momentous religious revolution whose consequences we still live with today. His desire, for people to feel closer to God, led him to translate the Bible into the language of the people, radically changing the relationship between church leaders and their followers.

Methodists, of course, have good reason to be grateful, as it was Luther's preface to Paul's *Epistle to the Romans* which made a life-changing impact on **John Wesley** on 24<sup>th</sup> May 1738, when, after going to evensong at St Paul's, where the anthem was "Out of the depths" (Ps 130), his "heart was strangely warmed" during a meeting of Moravian friends in Aldersgate Street. Although he'd been ordained since 1725, his morale was very low after he returned from Georgia, and he was seriously considering giving up his ministry. Now, at last, John realised the saving Grace of God. From this conversion experience came his famous Four Alls:

**All people need to be saved:**

**All people can be saved:**

**All people can know they are saved:**

**All people can be saved to the uttermost.**



We commemorate this event on **Aldersgate Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> May** and *Singing the Faith* plus resources include Luther's hymn "Out of the depths I cry to thee" (StF 433) which is based on Psalm 130, and emphasises that our lives may be transformed by the generous Grace of God, not by trying to buy God's pleasure.

**AJP**

An evening of...

# Folk Fun Food Frolics

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on the anniversary of her murder



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**per ticket**

Please contact  
[moragbutler1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:moragbutler1@hotmail.co.uk)



**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**7pm to 11pm**

**at St. Lawrence Hall, Browns Lane, Effingham, KT24 5NL**

# Leatherhead Pages

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



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## Next Sisters' Get-Together

Saturday 27th May  
8.30am – 10.00am

### All Saints Café

Social Session—chat and catch up—at All Saints Café, Kingston Road.  
Buy your breakfast from the café.

We welcome all women/girls across the Churches in Leatherhead,  
together with any friends, family and neighbours.



## **Music on Thursdays at LMC**

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

• **Thursday 4th May • 12.30 lunchtime**

**The 2 Cellos of  
Jacqueline Phillips  
& Julian Metzger**

• **Thursday 11th May • 12.30 lunchtime**

**Songs of the Countryside  
Nicola Berg, soprano**

with Roland Appel, violin & Lynda Chang, piano

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

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## **Wednesdays at Christ Church**

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

• **Weds 17th May • 12.30 lunchtime**

**Gillian Lloyd**, Concert Recitalist & Director of  
Music, Guildford United Reformed Church

## **Music on Thursdays at LMC**

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

• **Thursday 25th May • 12.30 lunchtime**

**Aurimas Goris**, accordion

## **Music on Thursdays at LMC**

• **Thursday 1st June • 12.30 lunchtime**

**Viola Duo: Timothy Ridout & Ting Ru Lai**

# **The Vicar of Baghdad**

Many will remember hearing Andrew White, "the Vicar of Baghdad" speaking locally about his work as chaplain in Iraq for many years. Andrew White has recently been writing about his experiences again. He wonders whether Christianity can survive in the Middle East, with Christians being persecuted. Many have fled their homes in the face of Isil/Daesh atrocities and are living as refugees. Andrew White believes the West can help, but it must take the situation seriously. He has moved from Iraq to Jordan where he has a school of several hundred Iraqi refugee children alongside a clinic and a relief programme. Nearly all he works with have had loved ones killed, persecuted and tortured, yet they are not without hope. The Easter phrase "Alleluia!" is not just reserved for Easter for the refugees. It is regular and dynamic and the response in Arabic is loud and dramatic "Kam, Kam, Kam" - Arisen, Arisen, Arisen. The cry that Jesus is not dead, but alive. Though the world may think they are finished, they have true hope. Please pray for the Christians of the Middle East. Follow Andrew White on Twitter @VicarofBaghdad

# 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. Stay afterwards for coffee and a chat.

**Next New Fire - 28th May**



## Next Messy Church for Leatherhead:

Thursday 18th May  
3.30pm to 5.30pm at:



## Men's Breakfasts

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

**27th May at Christ Church**

...then on the fourth Saturday each month.

All men of any denomination or none are welcome. A suggested donation of £4 would be appreciated to cover costs; any surplus is donated to the speaker's preferred charity.

# Time for Tea



**COME for TEA and COMPANY**

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

**LEATHERHEAD METHODIST CHURCH**

**Next "Time for Tea" - Friday 5th May**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**



## **Leatherhead Community Association**

Over the past few months organisers within the LCA have been planning their Summer programmes to start from the beginning of May. Now that the warmer weather is at least on its way first on the list are the walks that have been organised by Peter Humphreys. To quote Peter: 'The walks are designed to be gentle and jolly; at modest pace, with few stiles, and easy gradients. The morning, 3-4 mile ("Short") walks, lasting about 2 hours, alternate with 4-6 mile ("Longer") walks. The latter incorporate a lunch or picnic break, but we usually adjourn for a snack after the short walks too.' The walks take place on the first and second Wednesday of each month and they start at 10.30am from a specified meeting point. This Summer they will visit many places in Surrey from Gomshall and Abinger, Bookham and Ashted, Wisley and Shalford, but not all on the same day! These are just to whet your appetite, and Peter is always happy to give you much fuller details of a walk on any particular day. Please ring him on 01372 378347.

Rosanna and Janet have already planned visits to Arundel Castle, the Bluebell Railway and the Open Air Theatre in Regents Park, and Gwen has planned very varied recorded music afternoons on the third Wednesdays of each month with a Desert Island Discs afternoon chosen by members in August.

Don't forget 'Tea and Talks' the first of which is on 12 May when Michael Gilbert continues his journey down the Thames, to be followed on 9th June when the daughter of John Noel, who was the official photographer for Mallory and Irvine's ill-fated attempt to reach the summit of Everest in 1924, will talk about her father.

Table Tennis and Snooker can be played every Monday afternoon and the Social Bridge Group and Book Club continue during the Summer months.

Most of the activities in the Institute are free to Members, but non-members are always welcome for a small charge. Membership of the Institute is only £5 a year and it is well worth a visit to see all that goes on in the building, it is on the left at the top of the High Street, just by the traffic lights. There you can pick up the Newsletter which has full details of all the Summer events, and there is nearly always a cup of coffee or tea available in the library which is open every morning where you can borrow books as well as DVD's. Sarah is in the office every morning from 9.30 - 12.30, and she is always very happy to give further information about joining a walk, a visit or tell you what the Institute is all about. The phone number is 01372 360508 and the email is [lca2@btconnect.com](mailto:lca2@btconnect.com).



# Leatherhead

**Methodist Church**

## **West Hill School Community Café...**

...is held at LMC every Friday morning at 10.30am, except during school holidays.

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 Friday mornings to support this very worthwhile enterprise.

## **Prayer Breakfasts**

Prayer breakfasts are held on the third Sunday each month at 9.00am. It's a bring and share (non-cooked) breakfast with a short time of prayer fellowship before the morning service. All very welcome. Next Prayer Breakfast is on 20th May.

## **LMC House Groups**

LMC has three House Groups where Church members or friends can meet together on a regular basis. These groups usually meet in someone's home, and are informal ways to get to know each other better, to share joys, concerns, and prayer requests if desired, and to discuss various subjects, either from the Bible or from other relevant Christian books. Everyone is very welcome to join a group.

Please contact the church office if you are interested.





# LMC Family News



## *Congratulations to...*

... Hannah Mulcock and Jack Newton on the recent announcement of their engagement.

## *We remember ...*

... members, relatives and friends who are being looked after in hospital, in a residential or nursing home, or at home, and those who care for them day by day.

## *We hold in our thoughts and prayers ...*

... the family and friends of Jean Plant, who died in the Princess Alice Hospice on 20th April. Jean will be hugely missed at LMC and by the wider church family.



## Pastoral Visitors...

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

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 23rd May** in the Vestry.



# Diary



## May

Tues 2nd 8.00pm Leadership Team meeting at Norma & Ron's  
Thur 4th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (see p20)  
Fri 5th 10.30am West Hill School Café at LMC  
2.30pm Time for Tea

**Sun 7th 10.30am Rev. Darlene McCarley - Holy Communion**  
**3.00pm Easter Offering Dedication Service at**  
**London Road, Horsham**

Thur 11th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (see p20)  
6.00pm Revive Youth Club (*to 7.30pm*)  
Fri 12th 10.30am West Hill School Café at LMC

**Sun 14th 10.30am John Oborn**  
**6.30pm Rev. Darlene McCarley - Holy Communion**

Wed 17th 12.30pm Organ Concert at Christ Church (see p20)  
Thur 18th 3.30pm Messy Church (*to 5.30pm*)  
Fri 19th 10.30am West Hill School Café at LMC

**Sun 21st 10.30am *preacher to be confirmed***

Tues 23rd 2.30pm Pastoral Visitors' prayer meeting  
Thur 25th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (see p20)  
6.00pm Revive Youth Club (*to 7.30pm*)  
Fri 26th 10.30am West Hill School Café at LMC  
Sat 27th 8.00am Men's Breakfast at Christ Church  
8.30am Sisters' Get-Together at All Saints Café

**Sun 28th 10.30am *preacher to be confirmed***  
**6.30pm New Fire**

## June

Thurs 1st 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (see p20)  
7.30pm Church Council  
Fri 2nd 10.30am West Hill School Café at LMC  
2.30pm Time for Tea

**Sun 4th 10.30am United Service at Christ Church**

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



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

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

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

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

*Freda Walker*

# REVIVE YOUTH CLUB



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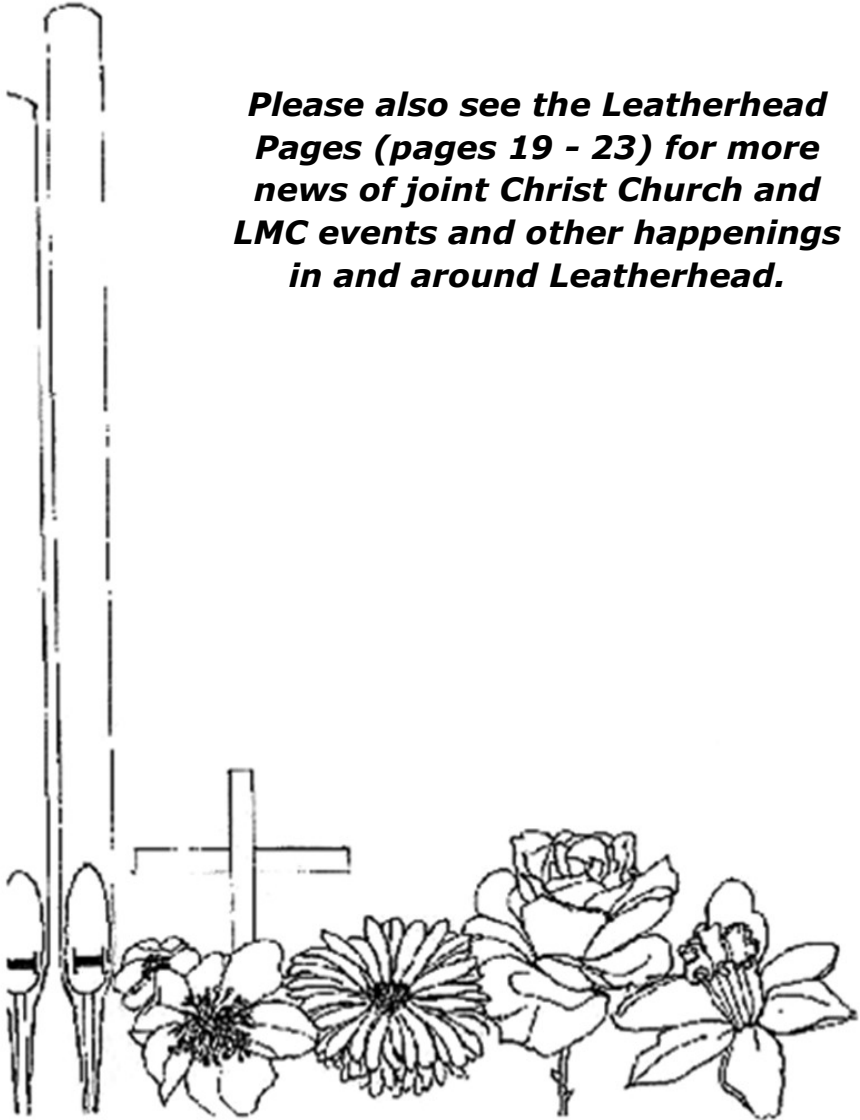
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2nd and 4th Thursday  
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Ages 7-11  
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# Christ Church

(United Reformed) Leatherhead

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news of joint Christ Church and  
LMC events and other happenings  
in and around Leatherhead.***



# Christ Church Diary



## May

Thur 4th 12.30pm Recital at LMC (see p20)

Fri 5th 2.30pm Time for Tea (LMC)

**Sun 7th 10.30am Mrs Vivien Gerhold**  
3.00pm *Still reforming:* Dutch church, Austin Friars:  
*A Bach Cantata.*

Wed 10th 2.00pm Elders' Meeting

Thur 11th 12.30pm Recital at LMC (see p20)

Fri 12th 7.30pm Choir Practice

**Sun 14th 10.30am Rev Darlene McCarley (tbc)**  
**Holy Communion**

Wed 17th 12.30pm Organ Recital (see p20)

Thur 18th 3.30pm Messy Church (at LMC)(to 5.30pm)

**Sun 21st 10.30am Rev Robert Blows**

Thur 25th 12.30pm Recital at LMC (see p20)

Sat 27th 8.00am Men's Breakfast at Christ Church

**Sun 28th 10.30am Rev Darlene McCarley (tbc)**

## June

Thur 1st 12.30pm Recital at LMC (see p20)

Fri 2nd 2.30pm Time for Tea (LMC )

7.30pm Choir Practice

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

# Christ Church Family News



We are sad to announce the death on 18th March of Mimi Howes, Liz Hindman's mother, a few days before her 97th birthday. Mimi was a faithful and well-loved member of Christ Church for many years, before going to France to live with Liz, eventually returning to live in Essex four years ago. Many friends and family attended the funeral at Randalls Road crematorium on 4th April. We send sincere condolences to Liz and her family in their loss.

It was good to see John and Marion (née Spong) Mackenzie at Christ Church on 26th March, part of their Golden Wedding celebrations. They were married at Christ Church on 25th March 1967 and John composed special music for the occasion, which Anthony played at the service.

Fred Maddock's health has deteriorated recently and he has moved to a care home in Banstead. We send him our very best wishes for better health and for settling in to his new environment. His address is Royal Alfred Seafarers' Society, Belvedere House, Woodmansterne Lane, Banstead, SM7 3HB.

As always, we remember these friends in our prayers, together with those who are unwell, recovering from operations and ill health, those awaiting operations, and all who are in need at this time.

*Anne Cairns*



## ***From Liz Hindman***

Thank you to everybody who came to Mum's funeral in April. The fellowship of members of Christ Church meant a lot to her and your presence meant a lot to us.

Mum was a committed Christian from birth and as a child attended a very high Anglican Church three times every Sunday. However, when the family moved to Ashted in 1960 we never really settled at any church there. But there are some very strange coincidences that happened. One person who visited my father quite often in association was a lovely gentleman called John Worsfold. Dad, who did dressmaking, found a shop in nearby Leatherhead which supplied all of his needs regarding patterns, cottons, zips – everything. That was run by a lady named Gweneth Lidgley. We all loved going to her shop and chatting to her for ages. In 1963 Mum went in to hospital to have her veins operated on. In those days you went for convalescence after an operation and there she met a lady called Jean McDowell. Then when Mum ran a nursery school a couple brought their young daughter there. She was small, blonde haired and a lovely girl. Her parents were kind, thoughtful and charming. The girl's name was Jane and her parents were Geoff and Averil Parkinson. Then, in 1967, a new girl came to the school I attended. Despite not liking each other at first we became firm friends. Her name was Diana and her parents were Stan and Eileen Dodson.

I am sure that those names mean a lot to all of you but it was through Diana that Mum became a member of Christ Church. Diana would come on holiday with us – to Bognor Regis – where we had such fun. However, like all children we would fight and one day Di sat on my head so I hit her – as you do. At that point she asked me if I would like to join a church choir. I think that she thought it might improve me. I did but it didn't! In June 1969 I arrived to plague the good people of Christ Church for the next 40 years. Mum always supported everything that I did and she came to hear the choir sing. She discovered music which she had never heard before and found the people welcoming. I became a member in 1971 and Mum followed a couple of years later. She drove people from the School for the Blind to the evening services and would stay for the wonderful organ recitals performed by Anthony Cairns and Arthur Head. The choir presented some wonderful works – The Messiah, Mozart's Requiem and The St. John Passion being just a few. Mum and Dad were going to have a blessing for their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary but, just a few months before the church lost Jim Todd and it never happened. However, Jim was replaced by Brian Treharne. Mum loved his preaching and his friendly visits.



She moved with us to France in 2007 and her visits to Christ Church ended but she retained an interest in the church and all of the people involved with it until the day she died. She loved seeing pictures which I showed her on the internet and hearing about what was happening via The Newsletter and then The Link.

Thank you all for your love and care of both Mum and Dad. God bless you all.

Liz, Milford and Andrew Hindman

### Lent Course

On Wednesday 12th March we held a supper to celebrate the completion of the Lent course at Christ Church. About 70 people attended, and enjoyed an excellent meal to which all had contributed. Many thanks to Margaret Dodds-Ely and her helpers for coordinating the food, and to Martin Cole for organising other aspects.

After the meal, Revd Ian Stonehouse gave an inspiring reflection on the themes of the course: Receiving Christ. The evening ended with some splendid songs from Hedley Kaye with his guitar.

*Mike Essex*





## God in the Arts

### When God answers out of the whirlwind

'The patience of Job,' 'Job's comforters,' even 'Job's post' –these phrases and images show the great influence Job has had through the ages. When we meet him in the Old Testament, he is an upright, blameless man, who is afflicted by suffering. He loses his property, his children and even his health, but never his faith. 'The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away,' he says. 'Blessed be the name of the Lord.' When friends call, they tell Job all that has happened is a punishment for sin or a call to repent or a way of teaching virtues. But Job rejects their counsel: he demands answers from God to explain why all this has occurred in his life.

Out of the whirlwind, God answers Job. It is the theme of this month's art – a strange, visionary work of the poet and painter, William Blake, who died in 1827. We know him through the hymn 'Jerusalem.' Blake looked at the sun in the sky and the trees in the wood and saw there hints and glimpses of eternity, and those insights inspired all he wrote and painted. He was fascinated by the book of Job and began his illustrations in the 1780s, although this work was completed forty years later. We see how the revelation of God's presence humbles Job. The power and majesty of God swirl and spin around the scene, and even bend low the tree underneath. But the trunk is not broken, just as Job in his adversity never loses faith.

Job is vindicated: there is a God who cares and who responds to human suffering. Job may not understand how the stars above were made, or how the horse runs in the meadow. Nevertheless, through meeting God, Job's life is given meaning and value. His fortunes are restored and he dies, 'old and full of days.'

*Michael Burgess (Parish Pump)*

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Chapel Hill, Effingham, KT24 5NB  
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