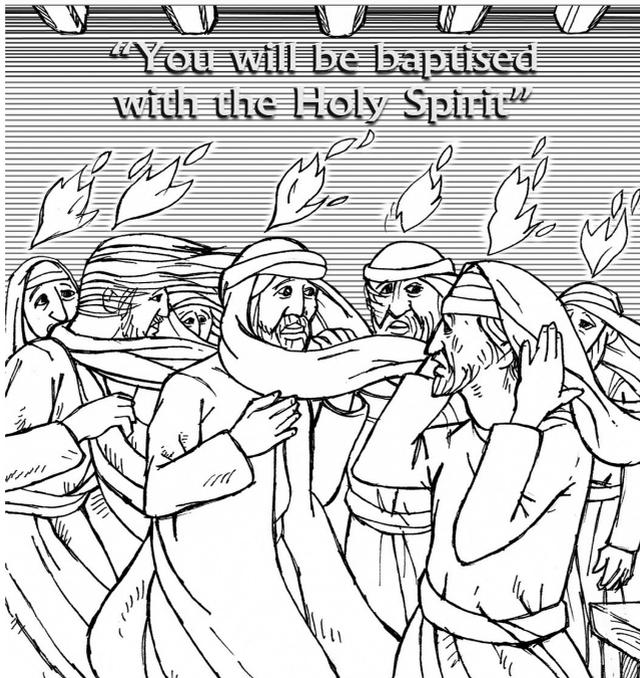


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**The United Pastorate of  
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Cobham  
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**May 2018**



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### **Transition**

We have heard a lot recently in relation to Brexit about transitional arrangements. This month we are in transitional arrangements in the Pastorate. Lynda has moved on, and as Link Editor I want to thank her for her always thoughtful and thought-provoking Minister's Letters. As a result transitional arrangements are in place in Leatherhead, as described in the Minister's Letter from Gavin Hancocks, Methodist Circuit Superintendent, In addition, when you turn to the Cobham pages you will find that for the beginning of the month, there are, as usual worship diaries for both Cobham Methodist and Cobham United Reformed Churches, but for the end of the month, these merge into a single worship diary for Cobham United Church. More transition! Anything to keep the editor busy!

*DC*

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## *The Minister Writes...*

### **From Rev Kim Plumpton**

Dear Friends,

I attended the second part of The Leadership Course last week, the first of which was six months ago. In the first part of the course back in October I reflected that *"much of what we were being called to remember was 'who we are in Christ', it gave rise to each of us digging down into our inner souls to remember our calling, our past experiences, the very things that shape us as individuals."*

This week however was less about our inner ponderings, although this played a part, but much more about what it is to be part of an effective team and subsequently an effective church rooted in the gospel.

So what have I learnt?

-The church is a story telling community, it is a sacred activity, we are all called to be story tellers sharing the biblical stories with passion. Yet how we share our own stories, the stories we tell one another is also important. As an example: if our story speaks of 'we've done our best in challenging circumstances', then we might want to ask if that is the only story we have to share; might there be a different story that says 'it's been a challenging time but we still believe there is much yet to come.' A story that speaks of potential and possibility. Sometimes we need to challenge the stories we hear, perhaps we may even need to reframe much of what we tell ourselves.

-Church is effective when communication, collaboration, co-operation and compromise are sought, where a community is focused on common purposes and goals, where mutual accountability and diversity are valued and held by all. There is no sense that there are 'us and them' but an emphasis on living as Christ intends, reconciled to one another.

*"The Benedictine spirituality of community is based on life with other persons in the spirit of Christ: to support them, to empower them, and to learn from them."*

*(continued over)*

-Churches need effective leadership where specific roles are recognised and skills offered for the benefit of the whole. Diversity is a key word here, Jesus surrounded himself with people who were undoubtedly different characters but who were also skilled in different ways. Recognising the gifts we have to offer and committing one's time to those areas not only sees the church blossom but the individual too.

-Whilst conflict is not something we relish how we deal with conflict is crucial. It can be, if held appropriately, an avenue for shared wisdom and for a depth of listening that enables disagreement with respect. Seek first to understand and then to be understood.

-Developing an ethos of Trust in our community where there is a great deal of mistrust in society may well enable others to trust in God, but it also requires the need for an intention to invest trust in others. *"most of the time extending trust will have an impact on building trust in relationships and in the culture of the organisation."*

-Finally developing an entrepreneurial church. An entrepreneur is someone who pursues an 'opportunity beyond the resources you currently control.' The clear attributes of an entrepreneur is someone who is passionate for change (but not for change's sake), who is resilient and can go from one failure to another and still have enthusiasm, who has a strong sense of vision, seeing things differently to others and who seeks to transform; someone who has the creativity to question, the strength to believe and the courage to move.

It strikes me that as we look at the changing nature of the pastorate and the rich diversity that exists within it we might ponder a future of potential and possibility.

As the churches in Leatherhead contemplate what future ministry might look like, as Cobham moves from two sites into one, as Effingham continues to explore its relationship with the churches in the local area, we might consider what it is to be part of an effective team full of potential and possibility.

May we all have the strength to believe and the courage to move and creativity to question what God has planned for us and begin to share those stories. God is not finished with us yet.

Every blessing, Kim

# ***From Rev Gavin Hancocks***

Dear Friends,

As we move into the post Easter period I am sure we have felt that our journey has reflected some of the deep struggle of the build-up to that awesome event that unfolded 2000 years ago in Jerusalem. As we struggle, each with our own sense of grief and loss at Lynda's departure and the decision that brought us to this place, let us not forget that God is also the God who transforms our pain into new life. We remain grateful for Lynda's ministry amongst us.

In the meantime, we begin to move forward and in the immediate future we do so with myself and Kim Plumpton and Darlene McCarley in pastoral oversight together of the two Leatherhead churches. Kim will be looking after Christ Church and in United Reformed speak will be acting as their Interim Moderator and I will be looking after LMC from an oversight perspective and Darlene will be helping with the Pastoral ministry across both churches. The Circuit Leadership Team, together with the leadership teams of both churches, will be working together to work towards the more permanent solution we hope to be able to put in place as soon as is practicably possible. We will keep you informed as the journey unfolds.

Talking about journeys, we find ourselves on that journey that leads to Ascension and Pentecost, followed, this year, by Aldersgate – John Wesley's own personal experience of being touched by the flame of God's love and grace.

One of the striking features of this period in those immediate days following the resurrection appearances of Jesus, is the focus on prayer. In Luke 24 and Acts 1 Jesus instructs his disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the promised Holy Spirit. I am quite convinced that, for the disciples then, as it is for us now, to wait meant to pray. It is, therefore, no coincidence that on the day of Pentecost they are gathered together in one place and, I am quite sure, praying.

Mother Teresa says: 'Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of Himself.' How else will we be able to receive what God has to give, but more importantly, how else will others know who are not asking unless we ask on their behalf?

*(continued over)*

At our recent District Synod, we had a presentation on the 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative of the Church of England. This initiative was begun by the CoE about two years ago and the Methodist Church has recently become a partner in it. Fundamentally it is a call to prayer: for all of us to commit ourselves to praying for at least five friends or acquaintances or family members we know who do not have a living relationship with God in Christ. We are invited to pray as we can, not as we can't, and even if it is as simple as simply naming the five people and saying: 'Thy Kingdom come!' then that's all it needs to be. That's the point, that we pray that God's Kingdom will come in their lives, in God's time and in God's way, but that it will come none the less.

For ourselves too, we need to pray: 'Thy Kingdom come!' Each of us needs to make more room for God's purposes to be revealed in us and amongst us and through us into God's world today. Pentecost is a moment to remember that and make ourselves available again to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives afresh for God today. John Wesley wrestled with his relationship with God until that definitive moment on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 1738 when he had his '...heart strangely warmed.' That experience redefined his relationship with God and released him to be the devoted servant of God he became as he allowed God to be revealed anew in him and through him from that moment on.

May we too know that same grace empowering and enabling us to be witnesses to God's love in Christ in the world today – let us pray, individually and corporately: 'Thy Kingdom come!' If you want to find out more visit: [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global) and I trust that we will take opportunity to find ways to utilise some of the resources being made available to encourage us in our mission through this ministry in prayer.

Yours in the Gospel,  
Gavin

*For more about "Thy Kingdom Come", see p 17 (Ed)*



## Another Step Forward in Cobham

On May 20th, Pentecost Sunday, Cobham Methodist Church Anniversary, the constitution of Cobham United Church will be signed and we shall hold the final Methodist service at the church in Cedar Road. The first Methodist services were held on that site in 1852, in a church (where the car park now is) that, together with the freehold land purchase and the fittings, cost £940.0.0, and seated 300.

So is this the end of Cobham Methodist Church? Not at all. We are entering a Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership (or SCLEP), and in a partnership, the partners continue to exist. Knuckles have been rapped (metaphorically) on a number of occasions over careless use of language which implies otherwise. Until the URC and Methodist Churches nationally come together in a single body, we shall remain two churches in partnership, but with a single united congregation.

If you are a member of Cobham Methodist Church, you will continue to be so, and the same for members of Cobham United Reformed Church. However, all members of CMC will be invited to become in addition members of the URC and similarly, members of Cobham URC will be invited to become members of the Methodist Church. In both cases this will be totally optional, but the Joint Leadership Team expressed a hope that the great majority of members of both churches will take up the offer.

Now we have to move forward, developing the Stoke Road site so that it is best suited for the development looked for in our Vision and Mission statements. Work on this has already started, but there is a lot more to be done. Be sure you are there on Sunday 27th May, when the morning service will be followed by the first Church Meeting of Cobham United Church.

*David Cappitt*





# Cobham Methodist Worship Diary



## May

**Sun 6th 10.30am Martin Ellis**  
**Sat 12th 2.30pm Platinum Service**  
**Sun 13th 10.30am Rhys Frost**  
**Sun 20th 10.30am Pentecost; Church Anniversary; Final Methodist Service at Cedar Road: Rev Ian Howarth**

**For subsequent services see Cobham United Church Worship Diary (p 9)**



# Cobham United Reformed Church Worship Diary

## May

**Sun 6th 9.30am Early Bird service**  
**10.30am Thelma Roberts**  
**Sun 13th 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton**  
**Sun 20th 10.30am Rev Ian Howarth - Joint at CMC (see p9)**

**For subsequent Sundays see Cobham United Church Worship Diary (p 9)**



# Cobham United Church Worship Diary

## May

Sun 27th 9.30am Rev Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion  
Followed by Church Meeting

## June

Sun 3rd 9.30am Early Bird  
10.30am Vivian Gerhold



On May 20th we shall come together to celebrate 156 years of Christian work and witness in Cedar Road, and to commit to God our future together. We shall be joined at this service by our friends from Effingham Methodist Church and from The Great Commission Ministry. Also present will be the Moderator of the URC Southern Synod and the Chair of the South-East Methodist District, who will formally sign the Constitution of Cobham United Church. The preacher will be our former minister, Rev Ian Howarth. In the tradition of Christians of all denominations we shall then share a meal together.

The service on May 27th will then be our first service together following the signing of the Constitution, and will be a Communion Service (no communion service on the second Sunday in May). It will be followed by the **first Church Meeting of Cobham United Church**. You will want to tell future generations that you were there!

# Cobham Events

## May

Tues 1st	9.45am	Church Walk
Thur 3rd	12.30pm	Men's fellowship: The Anchor, Pyrford Lock
Sun 6th	12 noon	Church Council Meeting (CMC)
Tues 8th	8.00pm	Elders' Meeting (URC)
Thur 10th	1.30pm	Mustard Seed - Bible Study; contact Yoke Lan
Fri 11th	10.30am	Training Session with Andy Twilley (see p 19)
Thur 17th	7.30pm	House Fellowship (see below)
Thur 24th	1.30pm	Mustard Seed - Bible Study; contact Yoke Lan
	3.45pm	Messy Church (to 5.45pm)
Sun 27th	12 noon	Church Meeting of Cobham United Church

## Prayers at the Manse Wednesdays at 9.30am

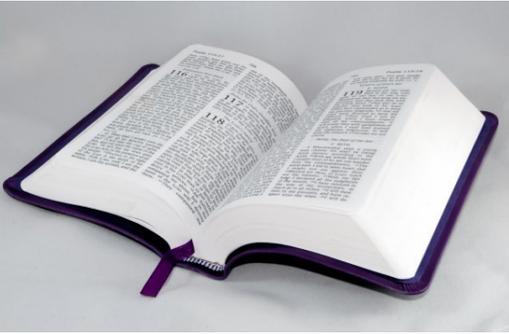
May: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

## House Groups

The next House Group meeting will be at 7.30pm on May 17th, and subsequent third Thursdays, continuing the study of Mark's gospel.

For further details contact Brian Manners.

## ***The Word in One***



A fast-moving seminar over-viewing the Bible's big picture:

God's plan of salvation;  
How the Bible stories fit together;  
Context and how the Bible books connect;  
How and where key characters fit in.

**Presented by Andy**

**Twilley**

**May 11th: 10.30 - 14.30**

**Drinks provided, bring your own lunch**

**All welcome**

**At Cobham URC**

For more details contact Andy Twilley:  
training@urcsouthernsynod.org.uk  
07552 751600

## **Introduction to Hermeneutics**

THE BIBLE; sixty-six books, varied styles of writing, many authors from very diverse cultures, can leave us struggling to fully understand its true message and meaning.

This event will help you appreciate a little more of how to appropriately read and understand the Bible.

**June 8th: 10.30 - 14.30**

**Drinks provided, bring your own lunch**

**All welcome**

**At Cobham United Church**

For more details contact Andy Twilley:  
training@urcsouthernsynod.org.uk  
07552 751600

## ***More from the Musically Talented Plumptons***

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April, a fundraising concert was held at Cobham URC Church to help towards my London exhibition. I am currently a BA Photography student who is about to graduate from Kent University. For the final part of the course, we are required to put together an exhibition that will be displayed in London. Due to the extent of the exhibition, a lot of costs are involved.

During the evening on Saturday, we put together a concert where the Plumpton family performed a variety of music. There was a mixture of show tunes, blues, instrumentals and duets. Meanwhile a photography display showed a small sample of my work. In the middle was my current work around dwarfism awareness, titled 4ft 3", where I highlight how society is focused around an average person, making life difficult for anybody who is different. This work will be displayed within the exhibition. Additionally, lucky winners of the raffle were able to choose from the wide variety of raffle prizes that had been collected together.

I would like to thank everybody who contributed to the concert, as well as everyone who has donated. Overall, we have raised £667. This is very much appreciated and will help me towards the exhibition costs, all of which I am expected to pay myself with little help from the university. Due to this I have needed to fundraise the money to cover the costs.

The exhibition is being held the 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018 at the Brick Lane Gallery. I would like to invite everybody to come along and see our group exhibition. Within the exhibition seven students are displaying their work for our course. There will be a variety of work from portraiture to landscapes and more. Entry to the exhibition is free, all prints are available to order.

Once again, I would like to thank everybody for all their efforts and donations, it is all very much appreciated.

*Mel Seager*

Exhibition details: 15th - 21st May;  
10 – 6pm Mon- Sat; 12 – 6pm Sun

The Brick Lane Gallery, 216 Brick Lane, London E1 6SA  
**Free Entry**



# Effingham

## Methodist Church

### Birthday Dates to celebrate in May:



Wow! What a lot of birthdays this month!

Wishing a very happy birthday to Jayne and Norma on 3rd, David on 21st and Pauline on 29th

Please let us know about birthdays and BIG anniversaries!!



### Dates for your diaries

There is a Church Council Meeting in the Chapel on Thursday 17th May from 10am to 12 noon. Items for the agenda should be sent to Gill Walker, Church Council Secretary, asap

### Tuesday Teas

The Tuesday Teas group seems to be growing, which is lovely, with several new people enjoying tea and cake and endless conversation, and laughter too.

We meet fortnightly from 2.30pm to 4pm, in St Alphege Hall, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Lower Road, Effingham (and occasional outings).

Next meeting dates: May 8th and 22nd.

Some car transport can be arranged.

Contact Keith or Gill on  
01372 457987

for more information.

# Effingham Methodist Diary



## May

**Sun 6th 10.00am Rev Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion**

Tues 8th 2.30pm Tuesday Tea in Our Lady of Sorrows Hall

Thur 10th 2.00pm Christian Meditation in the church

**Sun 13th 10.00am John Bees**

**Thur 17th 10.00am Church Council Meeting in the Chapel**

12.30pm Oasis Bible Lunch in the hall

**Sun 20th 10.00am United Service with Rev Ian Howarth at  
Cobham Methodist Church**

Tues 22nd 2.30pm Tuesday Tea in Our Lady of Sorrows Hall

Thur 24th 2.00pm Christian Meditation in the Church

**Sun 27th 10.00am John Oborn**

## June

**Sun 3rd 10.00 Rev Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion**

**Prayer Meetings** are held in the Chapel every Friday at 9.30am.



**St. Lawrence Church Hall in Brown's Lane**  
**Next meeting is Wednesday 9th May; 3.30 - 5.30pm**  
For more info contact Gill on 01372 457987



**Connect**

## **“Connect” a group for carers and partners with dementia**

***Come for refreshment, friendship, activities and fun.***

We meet in St Lawrence Church Hall, Browns Lane, KT24 5LX in Effingham from 10am to 12noon on alternate Thursdays and also arrange monthly outings. Refreshments, friendship, chat and a good range of activities are on offer for all.

We recently enjoyed Sue Graves singing with her guitar, and though she is a folk-singer she included a number of songs from the '50s and '60s which everyone enjoyed.

Next meeting dates (fortnightly) are May 10th and 24th.

For more info. contact Gill on 01372 457987  
email [GillianMWalker@gmail.com](mailto:GillianMWalker@gmail.com)  
or Kim on 01932 586988

***You don't have to live in Effingham to come and join us***





## Christian Aid Week ~ 13–19 May

For more than 70 years, with the help of their amazing supporters, **Christian Aid** has been helping change the lives of people, of all faiths and none, living in poverty around the world. 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 another fundraising event in October. Perhaps another Sing-a-long, or even a barn dance or quiz ?



## Open Doors

60 years of serving persecuted Christians

Download 2018 world watch list report ~

Each year, the **World Watch List** provides a searing glimpse into the 50 places around the world where it costs the most to be a Christian.

In some countries, familial and social pressure make it terribly difficult to follow Jesus, while in other places, faith in Christ is threatened by daily risk of violence and physical oppression. The full, in-depth report is available online. Learn how the Body of Christ is hurting—and stand with God's one, global Family.

<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/>





## THY KINGDOM COME

**Thy Kingdom Come** is a global prayer movement that began in the Church of England and the Methodist Church of Britain has become a partner in the initiative. The World Methodist Council is also encouraging Methodists across the world to take part. The aim of Thy Kingdom Come is that Christians pray that people might know Jesus Christ during a focused time between Ascension and Pentecost from **10 - 20 May 2018**.

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

To take part, you can sign up and 'pledge to pray' on the **Thy Kingdom Come** Website; [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)

There is also a huge range of helpful resources.  
Visit [www.thykingdomcome.global/prayerresources](http://www.thykingdomcome.global/prayerresources)

### **The Guildford Festival of Prayer**

**Guildford Cathedral on Sunday 20 May: 16:00 - 20:00**

In culmination of the **Thy Kingdom Come** prayer movement **Guildford Cathedral** will be transformed into a beacon of prayer and worship as we gather with our brothers and sisters in Christ and, as one, pray for people to know Jesus Christ.

**Join together and walk to the Cathedral as a pilgrimage?**

Bring a picnic? Reserve a place and find free car-parking on their website.

<https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/thy-kingdom-come>

If you have any further access requirements please contact Sarah Hutton ([sarah.hutton@cofeguildford.org.uk](mailto:sarah.hutton@cofeguildford.org.uk)).



## A prayer for Syria

Compassionate God,  
Who cares for every created being,  
having even numbered the hairs on our  
heads,  
We pray now for each person in Syria.  
In these dark days, may decisions be  
made that honour the sanctity of life  
created by you;

May wise and far-sighted counsel prevail that seeks the well-being of  
all humanity.

Prince of Peace,  
We open our hearts to you and confess our willingness to seek easy  
responses that require others to pay a hard price;  
We open our reason to you and pledge our commitment to hear your  
words of compassion and peace.

Lover of Concord,  
let your love shine through those who bring aid and solace in the  
land of Syria,  
Those who choose between violence and peace,  
Those who influence opinions in words and tweets.

Creator God,  
Hear our cry and help us work together to seek peace and pursue it.  
**Amen**

*By Rev. Loraine Mellor and Jill Baker, President and Vice-President  
of the Methodist Conference.*

## LUNCHBOX

We come to that glorious time of the year when we celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit in the world and the birth of the Church. LUNCHBOX is now in its third year and Colin and I would just like to thank the Pastorate Churches for all the prayers and support that you have given to this venture for the socially excluded in and around Leatherhead. It would not have been possible for us to continue without the part you have played. We thank God for the groceries, store cards and money that you have provided !

To be honest, running the organisation week after week is a bit knackering, but really worthwhile. We have a regular team of around six helpers to run the kitchen and hall and meet and greet those who come. With the help of friends, we provide lunches for 25-35 people each week. We are so lucky that Leatherhead Methodist Church has given us a regular weekly slot on Wednesdays, as their premises are absolutely ideal.

When we started up in 2015 we did not realise the significance of being directly connected to a church building, but we now regularly use it for times of prayer, or when folk want to talk in a quiet place. Some of the situations we encounter can be very emotionally challenging ! A member of CAB (Citizen's Advice Bureau) is often present to give "on the spot" advice and volunteers are always ready to try and help solve problems that people may wish to share.

We have also been supporting needy families with food donated by you and local shops which allows families to spend their money on other important things. This also provides an outlet for food which would otherwise be thrown away because it has a short 'best before date'. The downside is we have to use a vehicle to collect it all which costs money.

Please continue to support us with your prayers, donations of food, money and store cards so that we can continue this important work. It costs around £3500 per year to run.

Dave Putland & Colin Plumpton

## John Rogers 1931-2018



On April the 12<sup>th</sup>, Effingham Chapel was packed for a Thanksgiving Service for John Rogers who had been a member there for many years and before that at Leatherhead Methodist Church. John will be remembered for his great faith, knowledge of languages and his ability to get things done! During his time in the Dorking and Horsham Circuit he had been a Circuit steward as well as Senior Steward at Effingham.

Avery and the family would like to thank everyone for the support they have received from the Church and in making the Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration of John's Life the success it was.

**“ Fight the Good Fight with all your might;  
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right;  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Your joy and crown eternally ”**



Donations in John's memory should be sent to **Mission Aviation Fellowship**

# Leatherhead Pages

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

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### Leatherhead's Lunchtime Concerts

#### Music on Thursdays at LMC

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

- **Thursday 3rd May • 12.30 lunchtime**  
Asagi Nakata, piano  
*courtesy of the Royal Academy of Music*

#### Music on Thursdays at LMC

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

- **Thursday 10th May • 12.30 lunchtime**  
Crotchets and Quavers  
SSATB ensemble  
with a light classical repertoire  
*courtesy of the University of Chichester*

#### Wednesdays at Christ Church

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

- **Wednesday 16th May • 12.30 lunchtime**  
Guest organist: Anthony Cairns  
*Director of Music, Christ Church Leatherhead*

#### Music on Thursdays at LMC

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

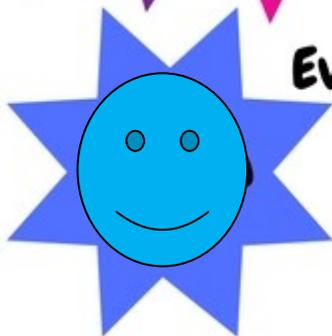
- **Thursday 24th May • 12.30 lunchtime**  
Capital Horns  
4 French horns  
*courtesy of the Royal Academy of Music*

#### Music on Thursdays at LMC

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

- **Thursday 31st May • 12.30 lunchtime**  
Emma Halnan, flute  
Heather Wrighton, harp

These concerts are free to enter, with a retiring collection  
to cover costs. Programme may change.



**Every Friday in term time**

**9:30am–11:00am**

**Christ Church UR  
Epsom Road, KT22 8ST**

**Toddler, babies and their carers are invited for play, craft,  
songs, story and refreshments**

**Group with a Christian theme**

**For more info please email:  
Hannahleatherheadfcw@gmail.com**



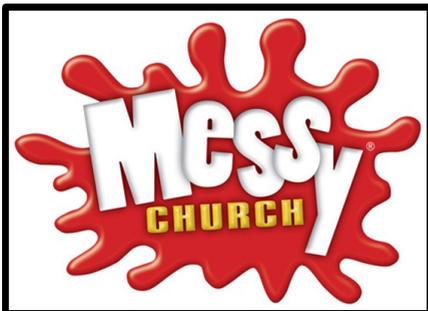
**LMC**





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

**Next New Fire - Sunday 27th May at  
AllSaints, 6.30pm**



## **Next Messy Church for Leatherhead:**

Thursday 17th May  
3.30pm to 5.30pm at:



# 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 4th May

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

*(suggested donation £1)*



# Leatherhead Community Association

The clocks went back a month ago and, hopefully, the weather should be getting warmer - and a bit dryer would be good! Peter Humphreys has been working hard to plan new walks, long and short, around our beautiful Surrey countryside. Non-members of the LCA are welcome to these events, and the first walk is free, with a £3 charge for each subsequent walk. These are designed to be gentle and at a modest pace, with few stiles. The morning 3-4 mile ("Short") walks last about 2 hours and usually alternate with 4-6 mile ("Longer") walks. The latter has a lunch or picnic break, and we try to adjourn for a snack after the short walks. They are usually on the first and second Wednesday of each month. Between May and September you could be walking near Rusper or Richmond, Capel or Cranleigh, with many different places in between. Peter Humphreys is very happy to give full details - 01372 378347.

There are two more 'Tea and Talks' before the summer break - 'Dressing for Royal Occasions' on 11th May and 'St Petersburg' on 9th June. Both are on Fridays at 2pm, only cost £2 per session, and there are cakes with the tea!

If you prefer to listen to music, this takes place at 2.15pm on 16 May (Gwen Hoad on 'A Musical Journey') and then every third Wednesday up to and including August. Admission is £1 for members and £2 for non-members.

There is already a programme of visits arranged, the first being a GPO London walking tour on Sunday 27th May, then on Thursday 14 June there will be a visit to the Regents Park Open Air Theatre for a matinee performance of 'Peter Pan', with puppetry and theatrical magic to delight young and old alike. On 17 July there is a coach trip to the historic Chatham Dockyard, and on 22 August, again by coach, a guided tour of the Hogs Back Brewery at Tongham, where all the products can be tasted!

Just to whet your appetite for the Autumn, a new programme of art/history lectures is now being planned, with the first, hopefully, on 26th September.

Please don't forget that Social Bridge, Scrabble, Table Tennis and Snooker continue through the Summer as well as the two very popular Book Clubs.

For full information on everything that goes on behind the door of the Leatherhead Institute at the top of the High Street, call in or phone. Sarah is in the office from 9.30 - 12.30, the phone number is 01372 360508, and email is [lca@btconnect.com](mailto:lca@btconnect.com), or go to our website [www.leatherheadca.org.uk](http://www.leatherheadca.org.uk) .

*Frances Presley*



# Leatherhead

## Methodist Church

### Pastoral Prayers...

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 22nd May at 2.30pm.**

### 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



## *We remember ...*

... all the young people in our church family, as they start their summer exams. We pray for them as they make plans and maybe face exciting challenges and changes for their future.

## *Our thoughts and prayers ...*

... are with David Stoves, in St Helier Hospital, making progress as we go to print, and with Carol.

## *We remember too ...*

... members, relatives and friends, especially those who are unwell at home, in hospital, in residential or nursing care and those who look after them each day. We particularly think of James and Jean Ross, Harry and Peggy Robinson, Mary Thorp, Edward Warren and Lynda and John Russell.

## Prayer Breakfasts

Prayer breakfasts are held on the third Sunday each month at 9.30am. It's a bring and share (non-cooked) breakfast with a short time of prayer fellowship before the morning service. All very welcome.

**Next Prayer Breakfast is on 20th May, followed by the United Pentecost Service at the Parish Church.**



# Diary



## May

Thurs 3rd 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 21*)

Fri 4th 2.30pm Time for Tea

Sat/Sun 5th/6th The Girls' Brigade from East Peckham village  
(Kent) will be visiting us this weekend

### Sun 6th 10.30am James Wild - Family Service

First Sunday Family Lunch after the service

Thur 10th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 21*)

6.00pm Revive Youth Club

8.00pm Church Council

### Sun 13th 10.30am Rev Darlene McCarley with Holy Communion

6.30pm Rev Kath Jones with Holy Communion

Wed 16th 12.30pm Organ Recital at Christ Church (*see page 21*)

Thur 17th 3.30pm Messy Church (*to 5.30pm*)

### Sun 20th 9.30am Prayer Breakfast at LMC

10.30am United Pentecost Service

at the Parish Church

Tues 22nd 2.30pm Pastoral Visitors' Prayer Meeting

Thur 24th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 21*)

6.00pm Revive Youth Club

### Sun 27th 10.30am David Cappitt

6.30pm New Fire at AllSaints Café

(*coffee from 6pm - park at Trinity School*)

Thur 31st 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 21*)

## June

Fri 1st 2.30pm Time for Tea

### Sun 3rd 10.30am Bob Boyce

First Sunday Family Lunch after the service

Thur 7th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays

8.00pm Leadership Team Meeting

# Book Review



## **JOHN KNOX** **by Rosalind K. Marshall**

Rosalind Marshall is the author of a number of historical biographies particularly about royal women. John Knox (1514–1572) is a natural extension of this trend because his life and his activities were greatly influenced by some of these women.

What we know about Knox is that he was a Protestant preacher in Scotland at a time when the Reformation was taking place. What most people think they know is that he had a poor attitude towards women whereas in fact his relationship with women was generally very good. His female targets were Catholic Queens of Scotland and England and he opposed the entire principle of female leadership as being contrary to the teaching of the Bible.

As the book relates, Knox did not begin his career as a Protestant. His conversion was gradual and was due to his disgust with corruption in the church and to his study of the works of Martin Luther (1483–1546) and other Reformation leaders. He studied theology at St. Andrews but, finding no place as a priest, he took up tutoring the sons of the Scottish establishment.

At this point Knox's life changed dramatically. Religious differences in Scotland led to the assassination of Cardinal Beaton in 1547. The Protestant assassins found themselves besieged in St. Andrew's Castle by Catholic forces and Knox was with them as a preacher. A French fleet arrived to support the Catholics. The Protestants surrendered and were taken prisoner, among them Knox who was taken away as a galley slave in the French fleet.

This alarming experience ended within two years and Knox went to England which was now ruled by the young Protestant King Edward VI. The English needed preachers to establish Protestant beliefs and they were glad to employ Knox in this capacity.

However this all ended in 1553 when Edward died. Mary I (Bloody Mary) succeeded him and Catholic rule began in England. In 1554 Knox left England and went to Geneva.

Very skilfully and in useful detail the author takes us on all of Knox's journeys and we share his experiences. While in Geneva he met John Calvin (1509-1564) and remained in touch with him, seeking his advice on many occasions. Knox finally returned to Scotland in 1559 after several years when, driven by events, he moved between Geneva, Frankfurt and Scotland. In 1560, Scotland finally became a Protestant country by law.

Difficulties arose when Mary Queen of Scots returned to rule Scotland following the death of her husband Francis II of France. She was Catholic and Knox, in his capacity as preacher and pastor at St. Giles, Edinburgh, confronted her on several occasions. Mary was finally forced to abdicate in 1547.

The book provides enlightenment about Knox's tract *The First Blast of the Trumpet Against the Monstrous Regiment of Women*. It is made clear that 'regiment' at that time meant 'rule' and the tract is aimed principally at the Catholic Mary I of England.

Knox was married twice. His first wife, Marjorie Bowes, had two sons but she died in 1560. In 1564, at the age of 50, he married the 17 year old Margaret Stewart and they had three daughters. Knox died in 1572.

Rosalind Marshall's treatment of her subject is highly effective and those seeking to know the history of the Reformed Church in Scotland and Knox's actual role in it will find the book useful. The book makes for easy reading and it is thoroughly absorbing. I recommend it.

*Laurie Williams*

Publisher: Birlinn, Edinburgh. Price: About £10 online. There are second hand options.

LW 02.04.2018



## **Methodist Homes Sunday - 'Best Sunday for ages' 10th June 2018**

For several years, we at LMC have supported MHA. Some of our members hold collecting boxes throughout the year and we have an envelope collection on the designated Sunday. The envelopes are on the church chairs beforehand and can be returned in the offertory plate during the morning service.

The donated money is forwarded to MHA, together with Gift Aid declarations, to further their aim of bringing quality to later life. In particular, these funds assist the chaplaincy service, provide musical therapy for those with dementia and support live-at-home schemes that help counter loneliness or isolation.

These projects fit well with this year's theme of 'Full of Years' as MHA celebrates its 75th Anniversary with a special focus on the achievements of age and the completeness of life.

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

Freda Walker



# FIRST SUNDAY FAMILY LUNCH!

Leatherhead Methodist Church

Bring and share lunch straight after  
the first 10:30am Service of the  
month!

All are welcome!

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL:

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# REVIVE YOUTH CLUB



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

## THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Leatherhead Methodist Church

2nd and 4th Thursday

6pm-7:30pm

Ages 7-11

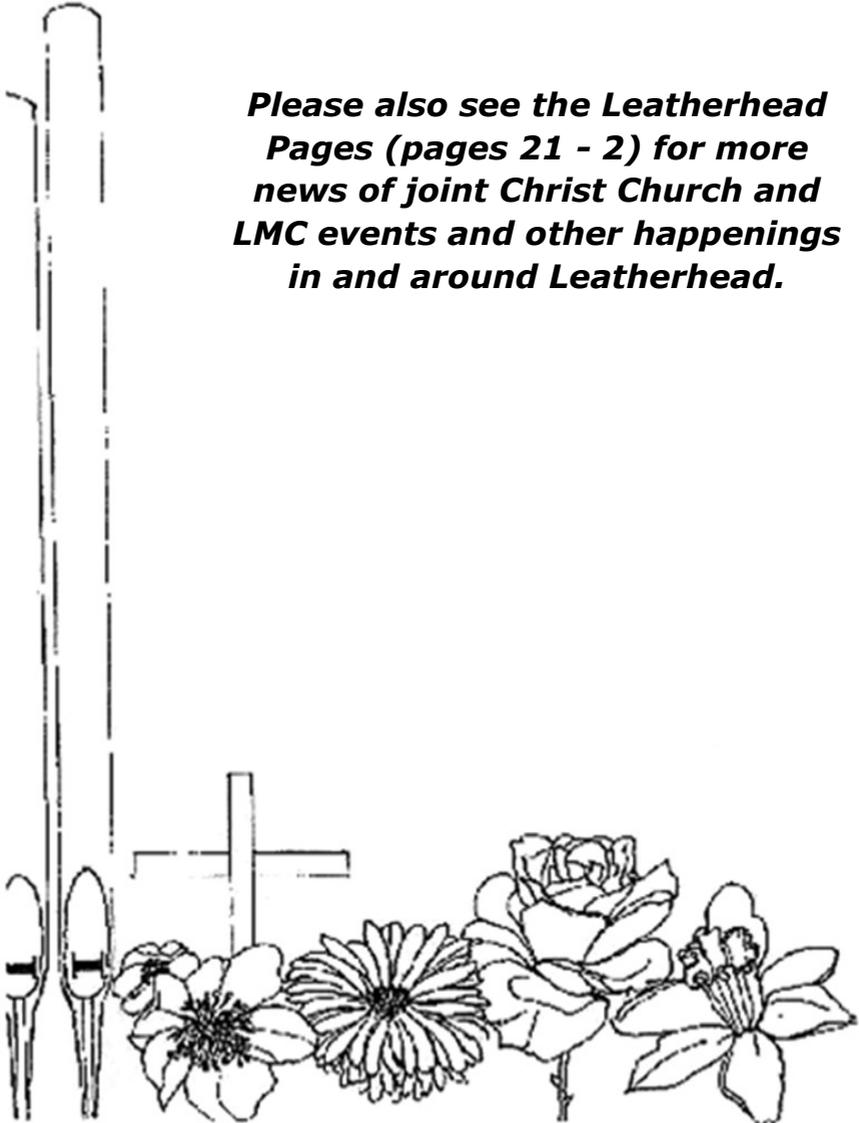
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Email [hannahleatherheadfcw@gmail.com](mailto:hannahleatherheadfcw@gmail.com)

# **Christ Church**

**(United Reformed) Leatherhead**

***Please also see the Leatherhead  
Pages (pages 21 - 2) for more  
news of joint Christ Church and  
LMC events and other happenings  
in and around Leatherhead.***



# Christ Church Diary



## May

Tues 1st 7.45pm SPO rehearsal  
Wed 2nd 7.30pm House Group at 38 West Farm Avenue  
Thur 3rd 12.30pm LMC: recital (see p 21)  
7.45pm Parish Church: CTiL Meeting  
Fri 4th 2.30pm LMC: Time for Tea

### **Sun 6th 10.30am Mrs Heather Ward: Holy Communion**

Tues 8th 7.45pm SPO rehearsal  
Thur 10th 12.30pm LMC: recital (see p 21)  
5.30pm LMC: Revive Youth Club (see p 33)

### **Sun 13th 10.30am Mrs Jay Dunning**

Wed 16th 12.30pm Organ recital: Anthony Cairns (see p 21)  
7.30pm House Group at 38 West Farm Avenue  
Thur 17th 3.30pm LMC: Messy Church

### **Sun 20th Parish Church: United Pentecost Service**

Thur 24th 12.30pm LMC: concert (see p 21)  
5.30pm LMC: Revive Youth Club (see p 33)  
Sat 26th 8.00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast at  
Catholic Church Hall

### **Sun 27th 10.30am Rhys Frost 6.00pm All Saints: New Fire contemporary Worship**

Wed 30th 7.30pm House Group at 38 West Farm Avenue  
Thur 31st 12.30pm LMC: Concert (see p 21)

## June

Fri 1st 2.30pm LMC: Time for Tea

### **Sun 3rd 10.30am Mrs Thelma Roberts**

# Christ Church Family News



Mike Chamberlain has now had his operation but still has some further health issues. We send him our very best wishes for his full recovery.

We are sad to announce the death of Marguerite Kerr on 20th March at the age of 91 after suffering from Alzheimers for some years. We send our deepest sympathy to her daughters Julia, Katy and Angela and their families in their loss. She and Harry were much loved and long-standing members of our church community and both served as elders. We will keep them in our thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.

We are pleased to say that Jill Osmond is comfortable after her aorta valve implantation on 19th April. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope that she soon feels the benefit of this long-awaited operation.

It is wonderful to have welcomed Steve Neal back into the choir. We pray for his continued recovery.

Congratulations and all good wishes for the future to Anne Scot-tow, who celebrated her 80th birthday on 11th April

We remember these friends in our prayers, and all those who are undergoing treatment and have health worries, our friends in care homes, the bereaved and the lonely.

*Anne Cairns*



# The Retreats Fellowship

of the United Reformed Church,  
Southern Synod

This Fellowship is open to **all** who want to deepen their relationship with God through prayer, reflection and silence and who would value the encouragement of others.

## PROGRAMME for 2018

### Quiet Days :

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018 10am – 4pm

at St Cuthmans Retreat and Meeting Centre  
Cowfold Road, Coolham, West Sussex RH13 8QL

Facilitator : Rev Ken Lynch

Cost £8 Members, £10 non-members

Arrivals at 10am for coffee – day starts at 10.30am  
(bring a packed lunch, drinks provided)

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018 10am – 4pm

at Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre  
The Old Rectory, Forewood Lane, Crowhurst, Battle,  
East Sussex TN33 9AD

Facilitator : Rev John Gordon

Cost £20 Members, £22 non-members inclusive of lunch

Arrivals at 10am for coffee – day starts at 10.30am

Further details from :

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# CONSUMPTION

We consume twice as many material goods today as we did 50 years ago. There are 300,000 items in the average American home (according to the LA Times). There are even some estimates that 99% of the stuff we purchase is trashed within just 6 months. What's at the heart of this consumption – what's driving part of this? Well what I believe it to be is comparison. Comparison is the root of over consumption. After all, if you have, shouldn't I have? And then if we both have isn't that now the standard by which all of us should have? Doesn't that set the lens of the means of which we think that life should be established for us? And this leads us to a mind-set of observe and obtain. You know, their living-room set, that electronic gadget – observe and then we need to obtain it. And something interesting about this comparison is recently Facebook was linked to depression. And no fault of this great social media tool, but rather how we're using it. When you're scrolling scores of images of your friends looking like they're living these amazing, beautiful lives – how can this not stir feelings inside of yourself that maybe I don't have everything that I should have like they have. And right now, 1 out of every 10 Americans rents offsite storage (according to the New York Times). So now that we're over the 300,000 items that we can fit in the average American home, we now need to go out and buy additional storage for more stuff to put it in. And if you're fortunate to be a top income earner, some of you just buy another house in another location where you spend just a few months which also has an additional 300,000 items in it. And we're in this circle of compare and consume, compare and consume. And we really want to try to buy just about anything. But the thing we can't buy is HAPPINESS. See all of these things you can buy – right now some of you by the way have a robot that's cleaning or vacuuming your floor and you're not even there to witness it. You can order snow off the internet if you want it shipped to you. You can even walk through a Mall in America and rent the space to take a nap! But what we can't buy is happiness, but this does not stop us from trying. Right now "Americans are spending a fortune on finding happiness – and becoming less happy in the process" (*Quartz – America the Anxious*). In fact "the systematic packaging and selling of happiness is an industry estimated to be worth more than \$10 billion, about the same value as Hollywood".

And we are just driven to consume. In the book "The Happiness Hypothesis" the author lays out a really eloquent example of our emotions and our mind. And he gives us this metaphor that our emotions are like an elephant and our mind is like the rider. And so we're in this trap of looking to say that watch or that car or the way THEIR life is structured is something we need. And after all, I can't make it through Christmas if I don't get this whatever – things are going to fall apart.

And living in this age of consumption, which by the way is unprecedented because there's no time in history when there has been more money spent to capture YOUR attention. Even right now all of you have a little square in your pocket which is staying warm ready to capture your attention and possibly get you to try and consume something in the next few minutes.

*The rest of this "TEDx" talk can be found on YouTube under the title "How Money Can Buy You Happiness: Why Fundraising is Transformational" by Scott Holdman, Director of the Impact Institute.*

*Permission obtained and article submitted by Bob Greenfield*



# Pastorate Details

Details of the Services and Activities at each of the Pastorate Churches can be found on the appropriate website, or by telephoning the contact listed here:

## **Leatherhead Methodist Church:**

Church Road, Leatherhead, KT22 8AY  
www.leatherheadmethodist.org  
Contact: Administrator -  
Carol Stoves 01372 377125; Office 362145

## **Christ Church (United Reformed):**

Epsom Road, Leatherhead, KT22 8ST  
www.chch.org.uk  
Contact: Local Church Leader -  
Mike Essex 01372 273472

## **Effingham Methodist Church:**

Chapel Hill, Effingham, KT24 5NB  
www.effinghammethodistchurch.co.uk  
Contact: Senior Steward -  
Dave Putland 01372 454850

## **Cobham United Reformed Church:**

38 Stoke Road, Cobham, KT11 3BD  
www.cobhamurc.org.uk  
Contact: Church Secretary -  
Mary Langtry 01483 282421

## **Cobham Methodist Church:**

Cedar Road, Cobham, KT11 2AA  
www.cobhammethodistchurch.com  
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David Cappitt 01932 862661



## **United Pastorate Ministers**

### **For Leatherhead Churches**

Interim arrangements  
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