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The Minister Writes...

From Rev Jan Hofmeyr

Dear Friends,

The closing months of this year bring two significant milestones in my life – the 30th anniversary of my ordination, which I celebrated on 16th October, and our 40th wedding anniversary which happens on 16th December. This got me thinking about similarities between the church and marriage.

One of those is communication. We have all heard about the importance of communication in marriage, and the same applies to relationships within the church. In my years in the ministry I have come across any number of cases where conflict between people came down to a lack of communication and the resultant misunderstandings. It is so important, where we have understood someone to say something to us or we have heard about something allegedly said about us, that we go to the person concerned and make quite sure what the person actually said and actually meant. It could prevent a lot of heartache in the church just as it can in one's marriage and other close relationships.

A second similarity between marriages and churches is the fact that differences need not mean division. No couple ever feel the same about everything nor do they have all the same likes and dislikes. Yet most marriages are able to survive these differences and not allow them to become serious conflicts. Indeed, as we know, it is often our very differences that attract us to each other in the first place. The same should be true of the church and often is – people are able to get along together despite differences of view on issues and practices in the church. But sadly this is not always the case, and we can allow differences of view and taste to become the cause of conflict. It could be about the sacraments; it could be about the leaders in the church and who is good and who isn't; it could be about the gifts of the Holy Spirit. However important an issue may be, it should not be allowed to bring division. As a Christian leader of long ago said, 'In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity'. That leads us to the other similarity between marriage and the church – the importance of love.

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The possible causes of division in the church I just mentioned were actually happening in the Church in Corinth. And to that church Paul wrote the great passage on love – a passage which interestingly is often read at wedding services. Paul says to them that without love their religion counts for nothing. Sometimes as Christians we believe its more important to be right than to be loving. It can happen in marriage too – arguing about who is right, but being unloving in the process. 'Love', says Paul, 'is patient and kind, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs, it always protects, always trusts, always perseveres'. May that be true in growing measure in our relationships and in our churches. 'By this', said Jesus, 'will people know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another'.

With love in Christ
Jan



From Rev Kim Plumpton

Dear Friends,

GK Chesterton once said "*The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him.*"

My mind wanders at times and often the simplest sentences can draw me in, in ways I might not have imagined. After reading the quote from G K Chesterton it made me think about the wonderful passage in Luke 9:61-62 "*I will follow You, Lord; but first let me bid farewell to my family. No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.*"

They each express something quite different, resting in different contexts and yet together they have something to say.

G K Chesterton was known as the prince of paradox and that is perhaps why I enjoy pondering on what he has to say. This expression of "loving that which is behind", there is for me an intimacy with the past, an acknowledgement that what has been is indeed precious, is indeed worthy of protection when looking at a potential future without those things you hold so dear.

Jesus talks about looking forward and not looking back, there's a sense of urgency about following Christ that suggests you can only move forwards if you focus on Christ, not about what has gone before but what is to come. A reference to a future that can look so different from that which has been.

I came across a poem recently written in 1915 by F.W Bourdillon:
*O nature we arraign thee now
because a smile is on thy face
and woodlands wear their wonted grace
and birds since joy on every bough*

*And nothing heeds the grief of man
the war the wound the agony
the broken heart the helplessness
the end of hope ere hope began*

*Thy heart is greater than our grief
thy bosom wider than our woe
thy sympathy thou dost not show
is larger than the hours relief*

*I rest me in thine arms secure
come what death may to me or mine
thou art undying and divine
all that I live for shall endure*

The poem speaks of endurance beyond what is seen. The landscapes that once told the stories of devastation and destruction look differently now some 100 years since the end of the first world war. It was ironically described as the war to end all wars, they were not to know the reality of future conflicts.

It seems that we cannot think of the future unless we look at the past and learn from it. We must look back, we must hold in the palm of our hands and deep within our hearts the pain of the past, the cruelty, the devastation and the loss. Yet in doing so we must look to a future which seeks to protect that which is precious to us because of it, to value and respect life, the precious gift of every human being, where we yearn for a lasting peace.

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Yet in the mix of it all we are called to follow Christ, to have our eyes fixed on him and the pathway he sets before us. Because his ways are not our ways, Christ is the one who enables us to rise above our disagreements. Christ is the one who places a costly Love at the centre of our being and invites us to emulate such love. The peace Christ talks about is achieved if we allow the divine to be expressed from within us. Not easy I know, but that is why we seek him every moment of every day.

So we look back and we look to the future, a future that endures. May God bless all who will find this season of remembering so painful, may you rest in the arms of God and in the knowledge that we stand with you.

Every blessing
Kim



Pastorate News

A group has been set up, comprising two members of each church in the pastorate, together with ministers Jan, Kim and Gavin, to review the pastorate. The group has met, and decided that the first step should be to formulate a vision statement for the pastorate. A smaller group, one from each church plus Gavin, has been working on this, and it is expected that a proposal will be put to the full group in November, before being brought to all the churches.



Cobham United Church Worship Diary

November

**Sun 4th 9.00am Early Bird Service
10.30am Thelma Roberts**

**Sun 11th 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton: Remembrance Day
Service with Holy Communion**

Sun 18th 10.30am David Cappitt

Sun 25th 10.30am Rev Conrad Hicks

December

**Sun 2nd 9.00am Early Bird Service
10.30am Sydney Shore**

**Prayers at the Manse
Wednesdays at 9.30am
November: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th**

Cobham Events

November

Thur 1st	12.30pm	Men's fellowship: "Marquis of Granby", Esher
Tues 6th	9.45am	Church Walk
	8.00pm	Trustees Meeting
Thur 8th	1.30pm	Mustard Seed
Thur 15th	7.30pm	House Fellowship
Thur 22nd	1.30pm	Mustard Seed
	3.45pm	Messy Church (to 5.45pm)



Messy Church

Thursday 22nd November, 3.45pm - 5.45pm
Cobham United Church





Effingham

Methodist Church

Birthday Dates to celebrate in November:



Wishing a Happy Birthday to **Barbara Rombach** on the 18th and **Pat McElhill** on the 19th.

Please let us know about birthdays and BIG anniversaries!!

Tuesday Teas

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: November 6th, with entertainment from the Phoenix Singers, and November 20th.

Some car transport can be arranged.

Contact Keith or Gill on 01372 457987 for more information.



St. Lawrence Church Hall in Brown's Lane
Wednesday 14th November ~ 3.30 - 5.30pm
and on **12th December in Our Lady of Sorrows Hall**
For more info contact Gill on 01372 457987

Effingham Methodist Diary



November

Sun 4th 10.00am Rev Gavin Hancocks with Holy Communion

Tues 6th 2.30pm Tuesday Tea in the RC Hall

Thur 8th 2.00pm Christian Meditation in the church

Sun 11th 10.00am Remembrance Sunday with Robert Pitt

Thur 15th 12.30pm Oasis Bible Study Lunch with Kim

Sun 18th 10.00am John Oborn

Tues 20th 2.30pm Tuesday Teas in the R.C. Hall

Thur 22nd 2.00pm Christian Meditation in the church

Sun 25th 10.00am Jay Dunning

Wed 28th 2.30pm *Precious Moments* service followed by tea

December

Sun 2nd 10.00am Rev Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion

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





Do YOU have room for Mary & Joseph this year ?

**Christmas
starts with
Christ**

Our Posada nativity figures will be travelling around **Effingham, Little Bookham and Cobham**, visiting schools and occasionally staying overnight in someone's house !

Focus your mind for Advent ~ **Remember Jesus and Mary and Joseph were refugees too !** We need people to offer a room for the night, and to write about how it felt to be part of their journey.

**Ring Angela on 01372-454850
or there's a Sign-up sheet in the hall !**



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

Sue Graves (a local folk singer) entertained us recently, singing songs from the 60s and 70s, encouraging everyone to join in.

Next meetings are November 8th and 22nd, when Grace Notes will be playing for us.

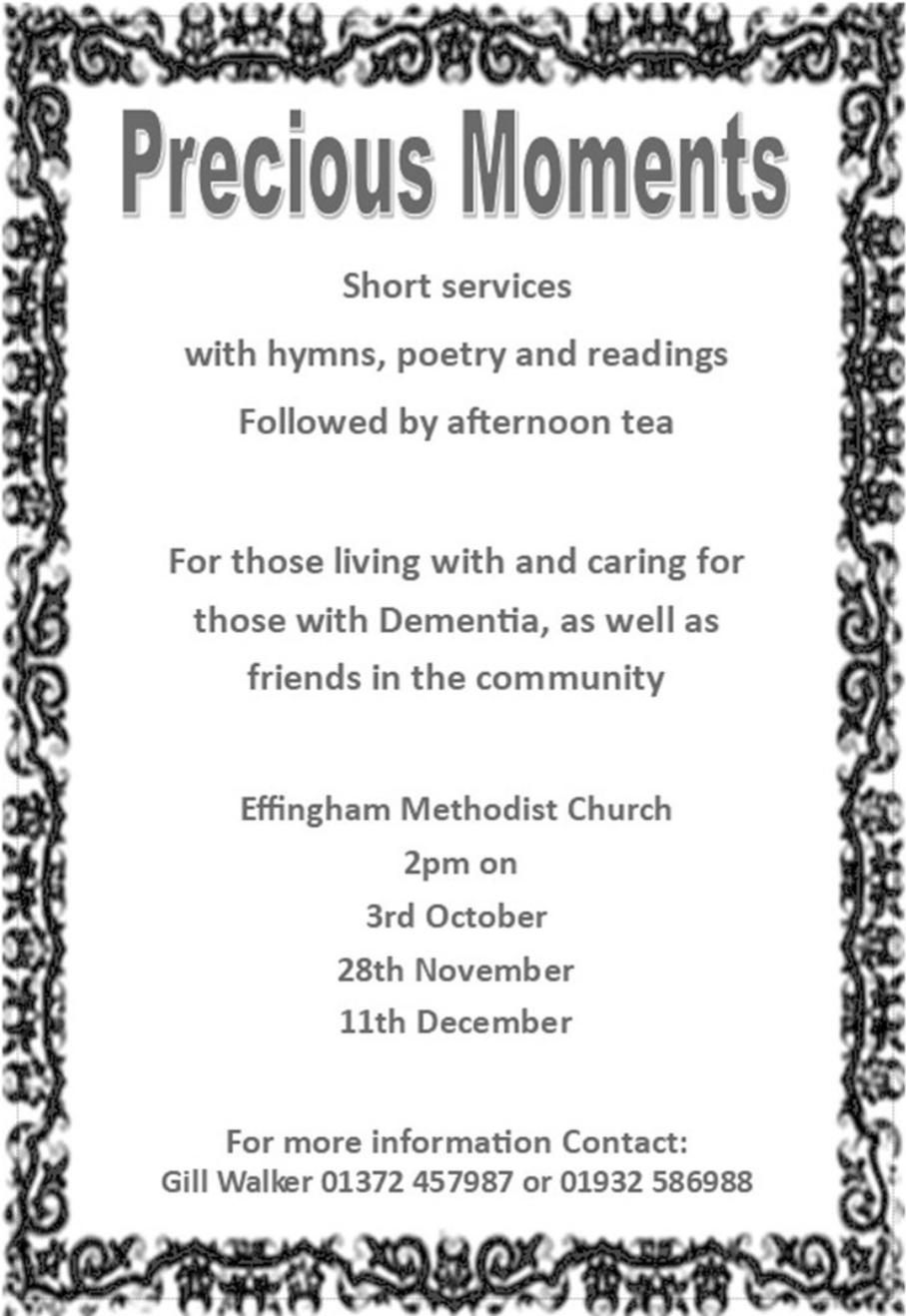
For more info. contact Gill on 01372 457987

email GillianMWalker@gmail.com

or Kim on 01932 586988

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





Precious Moments

Short services

with hymns, poetry and readings

Followed by afternoon tea

For those living with and caring for
those with Dementia, as well as
friends in the community

Effingham Methodist Church

2pm on

3rd October

28th November

11th December

For more information Contact:
Gill Walker 01372 457987 or 01932 586988



Overflowing Love

The **Advent Offering** service is a connexion-wide event that raises money for the ongoing work of the **Mission in Britain Fund**, which helps churches to serve local communities. This year's theme is **Overflowing Love**, which aims to give a warm welcome to strangers on our doorsteps, who come to our communities for refuge.

Will YOU take up an Advent Offering in December especially for **Mission in Britain** to continue to support work like this ?

Welcoming Love – step inside Open Doors, Hull to be inspired by stories of wonderful support for asylum seekers and refugees. There's a PowerPoint, with Bible notes, an all-age talk outline, suggested prayers, questions for reflection, hymns and candle liturgies around *Welcoming Love* and the featured work at Open Doors. www.methodist.org.uk/advent

The Mission in Britain Fund currently supports: • ministry and mission with all ages • Methodist action on poverty and justice • chaplaincy placements • the use of our heritage and property resources to share the gospel.

Resources for ordering • A3 Advent Offering poster (with space for you to write in the date, time and location of your service) • Advent Offering collection envelopes

Order from **Methodist Publishing** at www.mph.org.uk, or phone 0845 017 8220 (postage and packing charges).

**Why not 'save a date' for an Advent Offering service ?
Or take up an offering to support *Methodist Mission in Britain* between 3rd and 24th December**



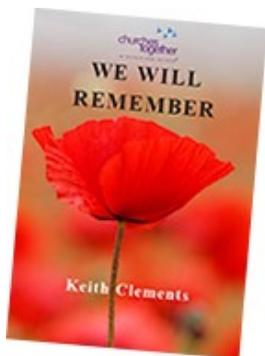
Remembrance Sunday on 11th November 2018

11 November 2018 marks 100 years since the end of World War I. A number of churches and Christian organisations have partnered in providing resources in the run-up to the event and for the Sunday itself. They are available on the Remembrance 100 website.

Some Churches and Christian organisations are also involved with ***Battle's Over: A Nation's Tribute*** on 11 November 2018. It is organised in association with (among others) the Church of Scotland, Action of Churches Together in Scotland (ACTS) and the Association of English Cathedrals. Cathedrals and churches are being encouraged to participate by ringing their bells at 7.05pm on 11 November 2018. The guide for taking part in the events includes messages from leaders of the Scottish Episcopal Church, Church of Scotland, Church in Wales and the President of the Irish Council of Churches.



We Will Remember: Download free ebook, written by Keith Clements.



Timed to coincide with the commemoration of the centenary of World War I, this publication looks at how the churches in Britain responded to the First World War.

Resources are available to download including an order of service, Powerpoint presentations and free ebook versions of *Beyond Our Tears: Resources for Times of Remembrance* . <https://ctbi.org.uk/remembrance-sunday/>



War & Peace !

A new hymn has been released by Jubilate Hymns to mark 100 years since Armistice Day and the end of the First World War, following a nationwide competition supported by Hymns Ancient & Modern and the Pratt Green Trust.

The hymn, *Hope for the world's despair (Hymn of Peace)* by Ally Barrett is set to the familiar tune of **John Ireland's 'Love Unknown'**. A recording has been produced featuring Jonathan Veira and the All Souls Orchestra, along with an animated video, which Jubilate Hymns hope churches will use in services.

Hope for the world's despair (Hymn of Peace)

1) Hope for the world's despair:
we feel the nations' pain;
can anything repair
this broken earth again?
For this we pray:
in every place
a spark of grace
to light the way.

2 Wisdom for all who bear
the future in their hand,
entrusted with the care
of this and every land.
When comes the hour,
O Lord, we pray,
inspire the way
we spend our power.

3 Honour for all who've paid
war's painful, bitter price,
when duty called they made
the greatest sacrifice.
Their memory
will never cease
to cry for peace
and harmony.



4 Ease for the troubled mind
in endless conflict caught,
each soul that cannot find
the peace beyond all thought.
May they be blessed
with healing balm
for inner calm
and perfect rest.

5 Love for the human heart:
when hate grows from our fears
and inwardly we start
to turn our ploughs to spears.
Help us to sow
love's precious seed
in word and deed,
that peace may grow.

Ally Barrett

Winner of **Jubilate's Hymns of Peace competition 2018**, to mark the centenary of Armistice Day and the end of the First World War.

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<https://jubilate.co.uk/songs/hope-for-the-worlds-despair>



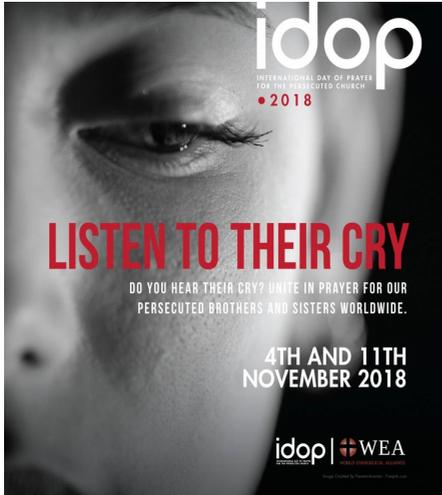
International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP)

According to the Methodist UK website diary for Ecumenical Special Sundays, the

International Day of Prayer of the Persecuted Church is on 4th and 11th November 2018.

Release International and **Christian Solidarity Worldwide**

also have resources for **18th November** and this year the organisers are calling on churches to pray for persecuted believers, using the message **"Listen to their Cry"**.



Release have a PowerPoint presentation focusing on Nigeria

CSW has a prayer map, prayer points sheet and a downloadable prayer for your own use, at church or in small groups.

CSW are also asking people to get involved in **Red Wednesday** on **28th November**, when churches and public buildings

across the UK and around the world will light up in red as a sign of solidarity with persecuted Christians.

You don't need to have a big building or a technical setup to join in! Marking **#RedWednesday** can be as simple as wearing red, holding a 'red coffee morning' (a good excuse to eat red velvet cake) or giving out red balloons – anything as long as the theme is red and, of course, standing with the persecuted church!



Women against Violence Sunday

This is a poem/ meditation taken from resources on Methodist website for a service on **25th November** this year.

Conspiracy of Silence

Fear is a debilitating presence:

What will happen?
When will he do it again?
How will I cope?
Much the same as usual.
You don't see the issues,
You don't hear the questions
Must I forgive him?
He's a child of God like me.
Should I stay with him?
I promised to and meant it.
Can I speak of it to you?
I can't be disloyal.
So I stay locked into myself -
Pain and loneliness writ large,
Gradually losing my trust, my hope.

Will you be as Christ to me?

Will you see with the eyes of truth?
Will you hear with the ears of discernment?
Will you speak out with the voice of challenge?
Will you show me that things can be different?
Will you condemn the violence and abuse?
Will you gently hold me, believe in me?
And strengthen me.
I need the freedom Christ brings
a liberating presence.

<http://www.methodist.org.uk/prayer-and-worship/methodist-special-sundays/women-against-violence-sunday>



Leatherhead Pages

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



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Men's Breakfasts



The next Leatherhead Men's Breakfast will be
at 8.00am on the following Saturday:-

Saturday 24th November - Parish Church Hall.

*Doug Waters will speak on his experiences on a visit to
New Zealand earlier this year.*

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.



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Leatherhead Concert & Arts Society Regd Charity 1166764

Leatherhead's Lunchtime Concerts

Music on Thursdays at LMC

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

- **Thursday 1st November • 12.30 lunchtime**

Diminished 5th

singers & pianist from the Music Dept of
the University of Chichester



Music on Thursdays at LMC

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

- **Thursday 8th November • 12.30 lunchtime**

Buck Brass Quartet

2 trumpets • horn • trombone

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

Wednesdays at Christ Church

Epsom Rd, Leatherhead, KT22 8ST

plenty of on-site parking available

- **Wednesday 14th Nov • 12.30 lunchtime**

Guest organist: Ed Sutton

Recitalist, and church organist

Music on Thursdays at LMC

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

- **Thursday 22nd November • 12.30 lunchtime**

Trio Pantoum

violin • cello • piano

courtesy of the Royal Academy of Music



Royal Academy of Music

Music on Thursdays at LMC

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

- **Thursday 29th Nov • 12.30 lunchtime**

2018 Season Finale

The Two Classical Guitars of

Francisco Correa & David Massey

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Remembrance Day Services Sunday 11th November

You are invited to join the Uniting Churches Remembrance Service from 10.30am at the Town's War Memorial led by Rev. Graham Osborne and Rev Jan Hofmeyr.



Alternatively, a Joint Service for LMC and Christ Church will be held at LMC at 10.30am led by John Bees.

You will be very welcome to either of the two services.

Time for Tea



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For More Information
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Leatherhead

Methodist Church

Pastoral Visitors...

Pastoral Visitors' Prayer Meetings are held at 2.30pm on the 4th Tuesday every month in the Vestry at LMC. All pastoral visitors, stewards and Christ Church elders are welcome to attend these prayer meetings.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 27th November.

LMC House Groups

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



Monday evening: contact
Carol Stoves

Friday morning: contact **Norma Shaw**

Friday afternoon: contact **Sue Friend**

Everyone is encouraged to join a house group

LMC Anniversary Song

**LMC, LMC it is our anniversary
One and a quarter century,
Three cheers for our church
family**

Our founder Wesley once preached
near by
So this place he did dignify
Especially since his sermon here
Was the last that anyone would
hear

And so the Methodists in this place
Decided to bless the human race
With a church to honour father
John
And thus to keep his legacy on

So way back in eighteen ninety-
three
This building rose to God's glory
And ever since it's been a place
Where people come to know God's
grace

Ten thousand services more or less
Are tribute to people's faithfulness
And preachers who have brought
God's word
And worshippers whose hearts
were stirred

Our church is filled with activity
For members and the community
On Sunday and throughout the
week
To build one's soul or one's phy-
sique

Some members surnames I'd like
to tease
Like Kitchen Stoves also Wild Bees
Walker and Trotter but I contend
The best for a church – Goodman
and Friend

Now on the scene here there has
appeared
A man and wife with accents weird
His name is Jan or Yan or Jaaan
And she's an Angel with large
wingspan

They've come to join you at LMC
To help continue the ministry
So by God's grace this church may
see
Its two hundredth anniversary

JH



Diary



November

Thur 1st 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 21*)

Fri 2nd 2.30pm Time for Tea

Sun 4th 10.30am Rev. Jan Hofmeyr with Holy Communion

Thur 8th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 21*)

Sun 11th 10.30am Uniting Churches Remembrance)

Service at the War Memorial) see

OR) page

10.30am (at LMC) Joint LMC/Christ Church) 21

Remembrance Service - John Bees)

6.30pm Rev. Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion

Tues 13th 7.45pm Leadership Team meeting at Ron & Norma's

Wed 14th 12.30pm Organ Recital at Christ Church (*see page 21*)

Sun 18th 9.15am Prayer Breakfast

10.30am Rev. Jan Hofmeyr

Thur 22nd 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 21*)

Sun 25th 10.30am Robert Pitt

6.30pm New Fire at AllSaints

Tues 27th 2.30pm Pastoral Visitors' Prayer Meeting

Thur 29th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (Season Finale)

(*see page 21*)

December

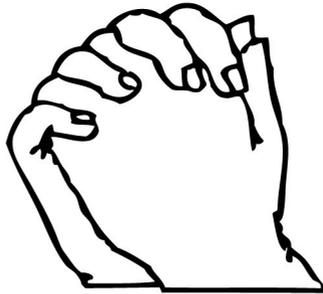
Sun 2nd 10.30am Rev. Jan Hofmeyr with Holy Communion

Fri 7th 2.30pm Time for Tea

Prayer Breakfasts

Prayer breakfasts are held on the third Sunday each month at 9.15am. 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 18th November.



Weekly Prayer Meeting

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

Book Review



MARY JONES AND HER BIBLE **by Mary Ropes**

To some who read this review the story of Mary Jones will need no introduction. Mary Ropes' book was first published in 1882 and is still in print. I read it for the first time in the 1950s and decades on it still holds its charm.

Mary Jones was born in 1784, the only child of poor weavers who lived in Llanfihangel-y-Pennant at the foot of Cader Idris in Merioneth, North Wales. She attended the local Methodist church with her parents and loved to listen to the Bible stories. She could not read them for herself until, when she was 10 years of age, a school opened two miles from her home. She then learnt to read and write very quickly but there was no Bible at home for her to read because the Welsh Bible was scarce and unaffordable. However she was invited by Mr and Mrs Evans, good-hearted local farmers, to come to the farmhouse every Saturday where she could study their Bible. Such was the beginning of Mary's story and her quest to acquire a Bible of her own.

The next six years of her young life saw Mary putting together the money needed to purchase a Bible. She had to rely on doing odd jobs, selling eggs – Mrs Evans gave her two hens and a cockerel – and no doubt much prayer. Finally she saved enough money and, at the age of 15, walked barefoot on her own to Bala, 25 miles from her home village. In Bala she met the Rev. Thomas Charles who was known to have Bibles for sale. There were some anxious minutes when Mr Charles told her he had no Bibles to sell except those already ordered by others. But then he relented and decided to sell one of those to Mary instead.

The book also tells us that Thomas Charles was deeply concerned about the lack of Bibles in the Welsh language. There is no doubt that the meeting with Mary Jones was very much in his mind when he began his campaign to improve the situation. He was successful and in 1804 the British and Foreign Bible Society was established and money was contributed immediately for the production of the Bible in Welsh.

The story of Mary and her devotion and diligence is truly an uplifting one and has an enduring quality even in this more secular age. Mary Ropes tells the story in a very accessible way. She fills the gaps in her knowledge imaginatively with probabilities in place of scarce facts but this should not detract from our enjoyment of this true story. Mary's Bible was preserved and is in the possession of the Bible Society and there is a memorial to her in her home village in North Wales. Further useful information can be learned by going online.

I recommend this little book to everybody who may not already have acquired it. Though aimed at a younger readership it can be enjoyed by all age groups.

Laurie Williams

The book is published by Christian Focus. Cost from about £3 + p&p online.

LMC Family News



We remember...

... all our members, relatives and friends. We think of those we do not see so often now especially any who are unwell at home or in hospital, in residential or nursing care and those who look after them each day. In particular, we remember Harry & Peggy Robinson, James & Jean Ross, Edward Warren and Jeanne Alexandre.

Christmas Angels and Stars

Once again this year, it is planned that Leatherhead and Leatherhead North are to be bombarded with knitted angels and stars with a label saying "Happy Christmas from Churches Together in Leatherhead". People from the Leatherhead churches are again being asked to give their time and join the brigade of knitters.

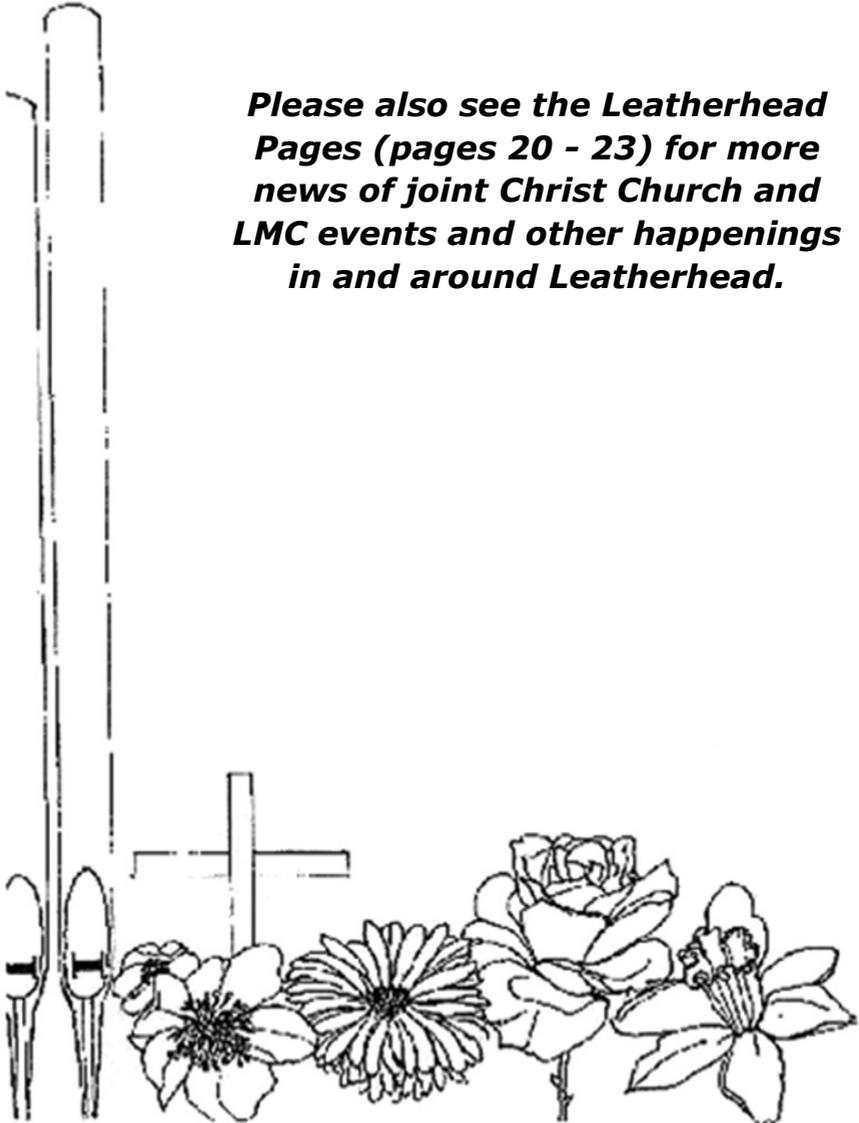
If you'd like more information, please speak to Norma Shaw. If you would like a pattern sent by email, please email Norma - address in the church directory.



Christ Church

(United Reformed) Leatherhead

***Please also see the Leatherhead
Pages (pages 20 - 23) for more
news of joint Christ Church and
LMC events and other happenings
in and around Leatherhead.***



Christ Church Diary



November

Thur 1st 12.30pm LMC: concert (*see p 21*)

Fri 2nd 2.30pm LMC: Time for Tea

Sun 4th 10.30am Rev Bruce Stuart: Holy Communion

Thur 8th 12.30pm LMC: recital (*see p 21*)

Sun 11th 10.30am John Bees: Joint Remembrance Sunday service at LMC

10.30am Uniting Churches Service at the War Memorial

Wed 14th 12.30pm Organ Recital: Ed Sutton

7.30pm House Group at 38 West Farm Avenue

Thur 15th 7.30pm LMCL Meeting of Churches Together in Leatherhead

Sun 18th 10.30am Gail Partridge

Thur 22nd 12.30pm LMC: concert (*see p 21*)

Sat 24th 8.00am Parish Hall: Men's Breakfast. Speaker: Doug Walters: New Zealand visit

Sun 25th 10.30am Rev Jan Hofmeyr

6.00pm All Saints: New Fire contemporary Worship

Wed 28th 7.30pm House Group at 38 West Farm Avenue

Thur 29th 12.30pm LMC: recital (*see p 21*)

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Sun 2nd 10.30am Rev Stephen Thornton

Fri 7th 2.30pm LMC: Time for Tea

Christ Church Family News



Freda Neal is still very poorly. We remember both Freda and Steve in our prayers and assure them of our support.

We send warm greetings to Keith Poulton who celebrated his 85th birthday on 12th October.

As always, we pray for all members and friends who have continuing health problems or other concerns, the carers in our community, those in care homes, the bereaved and the lonely.

Anne Cairns



Churches Together in Leatherhead

This is a summary of the CTiL meeting held on October 4th.

1. The summer events—Holiday Club and Summer Lunches - had been successful.
2. It was hoped to set up a Poverty Commission to find out why Food Banks were still expanding.
3. Nic Joyce, Family and Children's Worker, is organising a Bright and Light Party at Christ Church on 31st October. Helpers are needed.
4. Town Event in Swan Centre and High Street on 3rd November to mark the centenary of the end of World War I.
5. Leatherhead Town Christmas Festival on 1st December. Christmas Angels planned for 22, 23 or 24 December.
6. 9 Feb 2019: Beatitudes Thanksgiving Dinner at Therfield School.

Mike Essex

The Weardale Museum and High House Chapel



Holidays provide the opportunity to visit other churches elsewhere and for me this is usually a Methodist or an Anglican church. On our recent holiday staying in Westgate we were very near the High House Chapel and Museum. High House is the oldest purpose built Methodist chapel in continuous weekly use. Methodist Recorder readers may have read about the chapel a few weeks ago. It has funding issues and may have to close.

Built in 1760, High House Chapel still holds services every Sunday. John Wesley visited 13 times, and in 1772 witnessed an incredible revival of the work of God when the 'Fires of Methodism' took hold among the lead-mining population.

The 266 members then at High House accounted for over a quarter of the membership of the whole Dales Circuit.

Weardale Museum, is a small, volunteer run, independent folk museum operating to award-winning standards from the adjoining manse building. It has displays on local history, including a beautiful tapestry in five embroidered panels.

The Wesley Room contains a large collection of Methodist memorabilia, displays about Wesley's visits and the work of the early evangelists, additional information about the Primitive Methodist revival in Weardale in the 1820s and the story of the 1788 Methodist Subscription Library, set up in nearby Westgate.

Visiting the chapel for the harvest morning service also gave insight into the challenges facing the chapel and museum and local fundraising is a priority as central Methodist funding is apparently not available.

Attending the service on Sunday enabled me to meet the local folk, some of whom had travelled to support the chapel. Over coffee I heard how the congregation is divided about seeking to keep it all going somehow or probably having to let it close. They need £12,000 at least for some basic maintenance I believe.

How difficult decision making must be, as ever, where congregations have dwindled and where a very historic building is under threat of closure. Is it back to our roots and shoots maybe? What would Wesley say I wonder? The village has a local institute building that might provide a more modern base should the chapel close. I shall watch developments with interest and pray that God will bless whatever decisions are made for this little congregation and their future mission in such a beautiful part of the country.

Gill Walker

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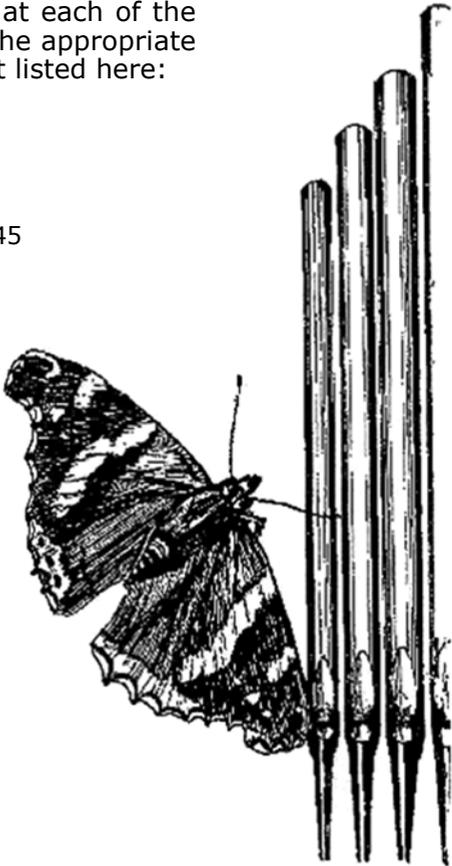
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