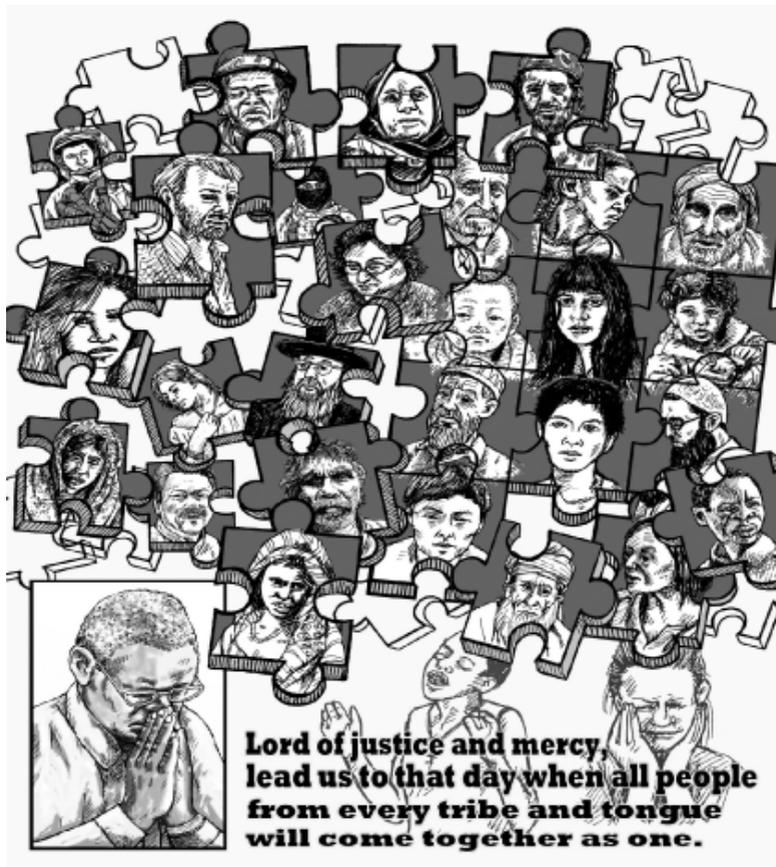


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**The United Pastorate of
Leatherhead
Cobham
Effingham**



**Lord of justice and mercy,
lead us to that day when all people
from every tribe and tongue
will come together as one.**



The
**United
Reformed
Church**

Linking:
Christ Church (United Reformed) Leatherhead
Cobham United Church
(Methodist and United Reformed)
Effingham Methodist Church
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The Methodist Church

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Thanks from Rhonda and Rhys

Many thanks from Rhonda and Rhys to all who have generously given them donations to take to South Africa in November - a total of £215 so far (more than 4000 Rand).

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The Minister Writes...

From Rev Jan Hofmeyr

Dear Friends,

The President of the Methodist Church for this year has chosen as her theme, 'So what's the story?' It's an encouragement to each of us to speak to others about the story of Jesus in our lives. That's one of the reasons we are doing the course 'Talking Jesus' in our home groups at LMC.

The best model for being a witness for Jesus is Jesus Himself. So we need to ask ourselves, 'What kind of a witness was Jesus?' For one thing, Jesus witnessed through His actions. He witnessed by caring for people, by feeding people, by healing people, by listening to people. People experienced the love of God through His actions. And equally, people will experience God's love through our actions. Francis of Assisi said something to this effect, 'Go and be a witness for Jesus, and, if necessary, also use words.'

We can talk all we like about Jesus and our faith in Him, but if that is not backed up in our actions it isn't going to count for much. But having said that, our words are also important. If we go back to Jesus as our example, He spoke and taught and witnessed to the love and grace of God. But His teaching was mainly for those who were already His followers. Once people had been attracted to Him through His deeds, they were then more likely to listen to what He said. As someone has put it, 'People won't care how much we know until they know how much we care.'

But our words remain important. I remember hearing of someone who decided He would witness to Jesus purely through his actions, without saying anything. After a while a work colleague said to him, 'You know, I have seen a big change in your life recently; what has happened? Have you become a vegetarian?' Peter says in his first letter, 'Be ready at all times to answer anyone who asks you to explain the hope that you have in you, but do it with gentleness and respect.' (1 Pet 3:15) We must never see the other person as merely a target for our evangelism. Rather we need to see that person as someone whom God loves and for whom Jesus died.

It's also important to remember that in the end it is only the Holy Spirit who can work a change in a person's heart – we cannot 'convert' anyone. I like the definition of witnessing that says, 'To witness is to share Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit and to leave the results to God'.

I remember a programme on TV which described a rescue drama. A person on a snow-covered mountain fell into a deep crevasse. She was in very real danger of falling even further to a certain death or otherwise of dying from cold. Her companion couldn't help her, but fortunately he was able to locate another climber who had some basic rescue equipment with him. Through some very clever thinking and at great risk to himself, this stranger was able to pull the woman to safety. As he held and hugged her, I tried to imagine his feeling of joy at knowing that he had just rescued a fellow human being from certain death.

Each of us has that opportunity – to intervene in someone's life and be an agent in God's hand to help rescue them, not physically, but spiritually; to rescue them, not just for this life but for eternal life. That alone should encourage us in this important task. And remember, when we invite someone to come to Jesus, we are not inviting them to some strange and foreign place; we are inviting them home.

With love in Christ,
Jan



"You mean we're supposed to go into *all* the world?
We better start tweeting it!"

From Rev Kim Plumpton

Dear Friends,

Some of you may well remember this striking 26-foot-tall 'Knife Angel' sculpture built entirely out of 100,000 knives donated by the police to remember the victims fallen to the increasing knife violence in the United Kingdom. Its creator Alfie Radley spent 2 years working on this statue. When asked about the process required to create such a statue, he said, "every knife had to be cleaned of any biological material" and that he had to **"blunt every single knife to make sure they're not sharp anymore, and can't create damage."**



The statue is a shocking and poignant reminder of the violence people experience in our country every day especially where knife crime is concerned.

Of course in some respects when we look at other parts of the world we live in relative safety. Recent conflicts on the Syrian Turkish border and the continual loss of life in Afghanistan reminds us that conflict is never far away from us.

Whilst I was attending a recent conference a banner held these words, *"Humanity is calling for reconciliation, compassion, love, service and sacrifice. Today's problems cannot be solved by the logic of power. Our present problems can only be resolved by the logic of love."*

On reflection of the statue and the banner, I am drawn to this idea of needing to "blunt every single knife to make sure they're not sharp anymore, and can't create damage," as well as this 'logic of love.' It is I think an aide memoire. This pursuit of peace which we desire for our world, involves us all, it pivots around our own actions, and our own words, the need to be reshaped, blunted so that we are less able to hurt one another. Made clean, cleansed so there might be a purity of purpose, for we are part of God's loving plan for his creation, that we might be reconciled to God and to one another.

As we remember those who have sacrificed so much in pursuit of peace may we learn the lessons of the past and work towards a future that is more 'blunted' and loving, less volatile, more forgiving and gracious in its dealings with one another. And when opinions differ from our own be more embracing of difference. But also, that when the need arises, to stand up for justice when voices are absent.

Every blessing
Kim





Cobham United Church Worship Diary

November

Sun 3rd 9.00am Early Bird Service
10.30am Rev Norman Edsall

Sun 10th 10.30am Remembrance Day Service
Rev Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion

**Sun 17th 10.30am United Pastorate Service at Christ
Church, Leatherhead**

Sun 24th 10.30am Rev Kim Plumpton

December

Sun 1st 9.00am Early Bird Service
10.30am John Oborn

**Prayers at the Manse
Wednesdays at 9.30am**

November: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th



Cobham Events

November

Sun	3rd	6.00pm	Light Party - TBC (See church notices)
Tues	5th	9.45am	Church Walk
		8.00pm	Trustees Meeting
Thur	7th	12.30pm	Men's Fellowship: Marquis of Granby, Esher
Fri	8th	2.30pm	Bereavement Café at CUC (to 4.00pm)
Fri	15th	10.30am	Advent Course begins (to 12 noon) (see p10)
Thur	21st	3.45pm	Messy Church (to 5.45pm)
		7.30pm	House Fellowship
Fri	22nd	10.30am	Advent Course (to 12 noon) (see p10)
Fri	29th	10.30am	Advent Course (to 12 noon) (see p10)

Mustard Seed:

Bible study meeting every Thursday,
1.30 - 3.00pm, at the home of
Yoke Lan Palmer.
All are welcome.



Your invitation to:



Activities

Songs

Food

Crafts

Games

Stories

21st November 3.45 - 5.45pm

Cobham United Church

Cobham, Oxshott and Stoke D'Abernon Churches Together

With Thanksgiving in our hearts

We remember 2 dears friends who passed away within weeks of one another, Eleanor Hodge and Kathy Ayton. We are thankful for the joy of having them as part of the congregation in the knowledge that we shall miss them so much.

"How sad I was when I heard of the lovely Kathy Ayton's passing but the joy of her being with her own Saviour and friend made me smile.

You can't think of Kathy without a smile; it's impossible.

I don't know how long I have known Kathy but it feels as though it was always; she was that kind of lady - always pleased to see you and wanting to know how you were.

Kathy had a gift like no other I know with music. You sing it and I will join in she often said when I was asking about a tune for early bird service and would often play a certain piece of music for many of us and smile because she knew it would hold a memory that was dear to our hearts .

Kathy told me once she talked all the time to our Lord requesting this and thanking him for that . A real relationship that was just part of her daily life.

Kathy will live on with us I know. She was so full of fun laughter and faith you can never dull that memory it would be impossible.

Kathy: May God's blessing surround you each day as you trust him and walk in his way.

May his presence within guard and keep you from sin.

go in peace go in joy go in love.

God Bless you Kathy and thank you for everything that you mean to us x"

Anita Latham

Eleanor was "always so beautifully dressed" and part of the joy of knowing her was the fact that she spoke with "great honesty". At 98 I once said to her that I would like a bit of whatever she had, because she remained someone with a steely determination, a desire to evangelise regardless of her immobility or ill-health. "Church life was immensely important to her" and her commitment to CUC was unyielding. Eleanor was the person who persuaded me to preach from the pulpit in-keeping with her Welsh chapel roots. 'My girl' she would say, 'we want to see you and hear you.'

Eleanor and Kathy we shall miss you both but rejoice that you are surrounded by the love of God. Where better place can there be?

Kim

Advent Bible Study

Preparing the Way
By John Birch



Dates: 15th, 22nd, 29th Nov
& 6th Dec

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Effingham

Methodist Church



Birthday Dates for November:

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

Please let us know about birthdays and BIG anniversaries!!

Your invitation to:



Activities

Songs

Food

Crafts

Games

Stories

Do come and join us for crafts, food and fun, with a story from the Bible.

In October we talked of God's armour of light, with the story of Daniel.

St. Lawrence Church Hall in Brown's Lane

Wednesday 13th November ~ 3.30 -5.30pm

For more information contact Gill on 01372 457987



Effingham Methodist Diary



November

Sun 3rd 10.00am Rev Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion

Tues 5th 2.30pm Tuesday Tea in the R. C. Hall

Thur 7th 10.00am Connect at St. Lawrence Hall (to 12 noon)
2.15pm Christian Meditation in the church

Sun 10th 10.00am Remembrance Sunday with John Oborn
Sun 17th 10.30am Pastorate Service @ Christ Church

Tues 19th 2.30pm Tuesday Tea in the R. C. Hall

Thur 21st 10.00am Connect at St. Lawrence Hall (to 12 noon)
12.30pm OASIS Bible Study Lunch with Kim
2.15pm Christian Meditation in the church

Sun 24th 10.00am Rev. Robert Davey

Fri 29th 2.30pm *Precious Moments* service followed by tea

December

Sun 1st 10.00am Rev Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion

Prayers in the Chapel at 9.30am every Friday

Advent Offering 2019

Advent starts on **Sunday, 1 December** this year. Be sure to book the date for your Advent Offering service with your church or circuit. **Leader's Notes, suggested Order of Service, prayers, video, powerpoints and a Candle Liturgy** available on Methodist UK website.





'Connect'

A fortnightly group for carers

and partners living with dementia

At St Lawrence Church Hall, Browns Lane, Effingham

Thursdays 10.30 till 12 O'clock

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 carers and for those with dementia.

The picture below shows a recent boat trip from Dapdune Wharf on a gloriously sunny day with the Surrey Care Trust's swingboat.

November meetings are on the 7th and 21st when *Grace Notes* will be joining us for some music.

For more information on Connect, contact :
Gill on 01372 457987
or Kim on 01932 586988



Tuesday Teas - a social group with tea, chat and fellowship



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

Next dates are: November 5th, when we shall be at The Grange, enjoying their lovely cream teas and 19th, at St Alphege Hall.

On December 3rd we shall have our Christmas Lunch at the King William IV in Horsley.

Come and join us.

Some car transport can be arranged.

Contact Keith or Gill on 01372 457987 for more information.

A view of CRE

Many of you will have visited the Christian Resources Exhibition in years past as I have. Hundreds of cars and people pour into Sandown Park to view the many stalls selling everything from clergy robes to modern church chairs to books galore. As I queued for a welcome coffee I couldn't resist photographing this sign. I wonder how long one has to wait!





Precious Moments

**Short service
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

**Held at 2pm on
29th Nov, 20th Dec**

For more information Contact:01372 457987

We will Remember !

Remembrance Sunday is on 10th November this year and there are downloadable resources on the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland website

<https://ctbi.org.uk/remembrance-sunday/>

There's an Order of Service, prayers, intercessions and Powerpoint presentations and free ebooks Beyond Our Tears, We Will Remember and 'Remember Together' Resources for Times of Remembrance



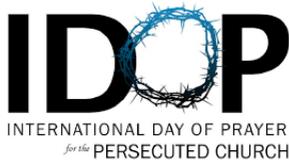
A Century since the first 2 minutes silence !

At 11am on each Remembrance Sunday a two minute silence is observed at war memorials and churches across the UK. The silence is meant as a tribute to those who lost their lives fighting for their country - but what is the significance of that date and time?

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918 the guns of Europe fell silent. After four years of bitter fighting, The Great War was finally over. The Armistice was signed at 5am in a railway carriage in the Forest of Compiègne, France on 11th November and six hours later, at 11am, the war ended.

The first Remembrance Day took place in 1919 throughout Britain and the Commonwealth. A 2 minutes silence was suggested by an Australian journalist and a proclamation was issued by the King. So, since 1919, on the second Sunday of November, a two-minutes silence has been observed at 11am at war memorials, cenotaphs, religious services and shopping centres throughout Britain and the Commonwealth.





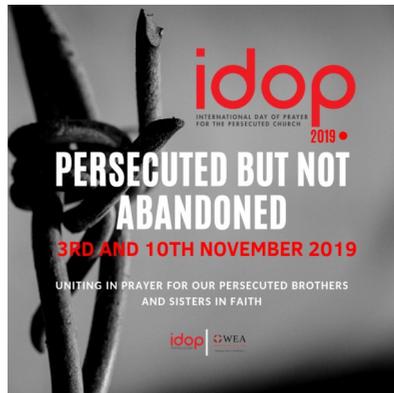
International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP)

Release International and Christian Solidarity Worldwide have resources for **3rd & 10th November** and this year the organisers are call-

ing on churches to pray for persecuted believers, using the message "Persecuted but not Abandoned".

Millions of Christians around the world are persecuted for their faith daily. Routinely facing harassment, discrimination, violence and even death for their faith in Jesus. Over the years, the IDOP has served as a platform to highlight the stories of persecuted Christians and mobilise the global Church to respond to their plight. IDOP has been a source of solidarity and encouragement to persecuted Christians by reminding them that they are part of a larger, global family of believers.

CSW are also asking people to get involved in **Red Wednesday** on **27th 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!



Alarming Figures from UN Worldwide Study

1 in 3 women and girls experience physical or sexual violence in their lifetime, most frequently by an intimate partner

Only 52% of women married or in a union freely make their own decisions about sexual relations, contraceptive use and health care

Worldwide, almost 750 million women and girls alive today were married before their 18th birthday; while 200 million women and girls have undergone female genital mutilation (FGM)

1 in 2 women killed worldwide were killed by their partners or family in 2012; while only 1 out of 20 men were killed under similar circumstances

71% of all human trafficking victims worldwide are women and girls, and 3 out of 4 of these women and girls are sexually exploited

Violence against women is as serious a cause of death and incapacity among women of reproductive age as cancer, and a greater cause of ill health than traffic accidents and malaria combined.

Women against Violence Sunday

Resources available on Methodist website for a service on **24th November** this year.

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



More from Grace for the Moment

I have to say that some of the lectionary readings from the Bible leave me wanting, perhaps this is because there are no helpful notes to explain what the readings are all about and their significance. Max Lucado in his Daily Bible compilation really hits the spot on many occasions. He says about Philippians Chapter 4 and verse 8:

Change the thoughts, and you change the person. If today's thoughts are tomorrow's actions what happens when we fill our minds with the thoughts of God's love? Will standing beneath the downpour of his grace change the way we feel about others ?

Paul says yes, absolutely! It's not enough to keep the bad stuff out, we've got to let the good stuff in. It's not enough to keep no list of wrongs. We have to cultivate a list of blessings. Think about the things that are good and worthy of praise. "Think about the things that are true and honourable and right and pure and beautiful and respected". Thinking conveys the idea of pondering – studying and focussing, allowing what is viewed to have an impact on us. Rather than storing up the sour store up the sweet !

Max Lucado also says on Colossians chapter 4 verse 5:

Those who don't believe in Jesus note what we do. They make decisions about Christ based on watching us. When we are kind they assume Christ is kind, when we are gracious they assume Christ is gracious. But when we are brash, what will people think about our King? When we are dishonest what assumption will an observer make about our Master? No wonder Paul says " be wise in the way you act with people who are not believers making the most of every opportunity". When you talk you should always be kind and pleasant so that you will be able to answer everyone in the way you should. Courteous conduct honours Christ.

It also honours his children. When you surrender a parking place to someone you honour him. When you return a borrowed book you honour the lender. When you make an effort to greet someone in the room, especially the ones others may have overlooked you honour God's children.

David Putland

Leatherhead Pages

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



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NEW FIRE

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**Next New Fire -
Sunday 24th November**

BRIGHT

AND LIGHT

PARTY

**31st October
@ Christ Church on
Epsom Road
1600-1800**

Come Join us for Crafts,
Silly Games, Fun,
and Food

All families Welcome



Optional brightly
coloured costumes can
be worn



Please sign up for
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Light event by
contacting Joycey
at

joycey.lmcyouth@
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Closing date:
25th October



Time for Tea



COME for TEA and COMPANY

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

LEATHERHEAD METHODIST CHURCH

Friday 1st November -

John Bees: "Moving Experiences";

Friday 6th December -

"A Christmas Miscellany"

EVERYONE WELCOME

(Suggested donation £1)

The Time for Tea team would be very grateful for any offers of help, especially with baking, setting up the room and transport. Please speak to Mary Pittam if you feel you are able to help in any way.



Leatherhead's Lunchtime Concerts

Leatherhead Concert & Arts Society
Regd Charity 1166764

These concerts are free to enter with a retiring collection to cover costs

Music on Thursdays at LMC

7th November • 12.30 lunchtime

***Thomas Ang**, piano

(*Immigration Dept permitting)

Juliet Evans, recorders

14th November • 12.30 lunchtime

Ibrahim Aziz, viola da gamba

Yeo Yat-Soon, harpsichord

Wednesdays at Christ Church

20th November • 12.30 lunchtime

Guest organist:

Hannah Parry

*Society of Women Organists
concert recitalist*

Music on Thursdays at LMC

Season Finale

28th November • 12.30 lunchtime

Tailleferre Ensemble

flute • 2 oboes • bassoon

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*for details of more local
music events*

*During the winter months
we take a break to organise next
year's concerts and hold our
Annual General Meeting*

**The 2020 AGM is at 2pm on
Thursday 27th February 2020**

*The AGM is open to voting
members of LCAS
and to non-members.*

*Tea is ready before the meeting
and afterwards. **The AGM is
followed by a piano concert
to which all are invited***

**The AGM concert starts at 3pm
(or shortly after).**

**Weekly concerts will begin on
Thursday 2nd April 2020**



for LMC - blue badge only

*Please use the Swan Centre
multi-storey, KT22 8AH
5-7 minutes walk from
LMC in Church Road, KT22 8AY*

Next Messy Church for Leatherhead:



Thursday 21st November,
3.30pm to 5.30pm at:



The **Methodist** Church 

Cobham - Effingham - Leatherhead United Pastorate

Our annual United Pastorate Service will next be held at Christ Church (United Reformed), Epsom Road, Leatherhead at 10.30am on **Sunday 17th November**.

The Preacher will be the Methodist Circuit Superintendent,
Rev. Gavin Hancocks

The **Methodist** Church 

Christ Church (United Reformed),
Cobham United Church,
Effingham Methodist Church,
Leatherhead Methodist Church



The Ark Toddler Group



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and join us
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coffee
whilst your
child plays



For More Information
Contact Joycey on
Joycey.lmcyouth@gmail.com





Leatherhead

Methodist Church

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.

Sunday Lunch on the First Sunday each month

On Sunday 3rd November, there will be a bring and share lunch after the service in the Manse. All are welcome to join us.

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 evenings fortnightly: contact **Carol Stoves**

Friday mornings monthly: contact **Norma Shaw**

Friday afternoons (2nd and 4th Fridays): contact **Sue Friend**

Everyone is encouraged to join a house group

“Time for Tea” at Leatherhead Methodist Church

This group meets monthly on the first Friday of the month. We provide tea, sandwiches and cakes, all for a £1 donation. Please think about joining us. We usually have a speaker, and over the past year these are the topics we have had the privilege of hearing about:

- Running a marathon
- St Mary’s handbells
- Small gifts
- Wartime
- Mindfulness
- Time in Hospital
- Tearfund - Tanzania
- The story of The Dream of Olwen
- The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
- Miracles
- Music Influence in Life
- Marriage Guidance
- Music & Dance
- Ladies’ Choir
- Life in Surrey & Beyond

On 1st November we will be hearing about “Moving Experiences”. Any money we have after expenses, I am able to donate to others. To date £435 has been given to the following charities:

- Sane (for the mentally ill)
- Mary Frances Trust
- Leatherhead Youth Project
- Syrian Refugees
- Lunchbox
- Samaritans
- British Red Cross
- The Grange

I hope this report will encourage more of you to join us.

Joy Foreman

LMC Family News



Our thoughts and prayers...

... are with Bernard & Margaret Crome, and their extended family, as Bernard's brother, Dennis, sadly died at the end of September.

Congratulations...

... and good wishes to Ian & Jane Smith who celebrated their Silver Wedding anniversary in October.

We remember too...

... Harry & Peggy Robinson and James & Jean Ross in our prayers, together with all our members, families and friends. We think particularly of those who mourn, those who are lonely, any who are unwell at home or in hospital, those in residential or nursing care and the people who look after them every day.

Bonfire Night at the Manse



Once again this year we will be having a bonfire and barbecue at the Manse. It's on Saturday 2nd November starting at 5.00pm. Please let Joycey know if you'd like to come. All food and drink will be provided and donations towards this on the night will be welcome.

If you'd like to bring a dessert or some soft drinks to help things along, that would be great.



Diary



November

- Fri 1st 2.30pm Time for Tea
Sat 2nd 5.00pm Bonfire Night at the Manse
- Sun 3rd 10.30am Rev. Jan Hofmeyr- Holy Communion**
12.30pm Bring and Share Lunch at the Manse
- Tues 5th 9.00am Prayers in the Vestry
Thur 7th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 24*)
- Sun 10th 10.30am John Bees - Remembrance Service**
6.30pm Rev. Jan Hofmeyr - Holy Communion
- Tues 12th 9.00am Prayers in the Vestry
Thur 14th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays (*see page 24*)
- Sun 17th 10.30am Pastorate Service at Christ Church -**
Rev. Gavin Hancocks
(*No services at LMC today*)
- Tues 19th 9.00am Prayers in the Vestry
7.45pm Leadership Team at the Manse
- Wed 20th 12.30pm Organ Recital at Christ Church (*see p 24*)
Thur 21st 3.30pm Messy Church
- Sun 24th 10.30am Rev. Jan Hofmeyr**
6.30pm New Fire at AllSaints cafe
- Tues 26th 9.00am Prayers in the Vestry
Thur 28th 12.30pm Music on Thursdays Season Finale (*see p 24*)

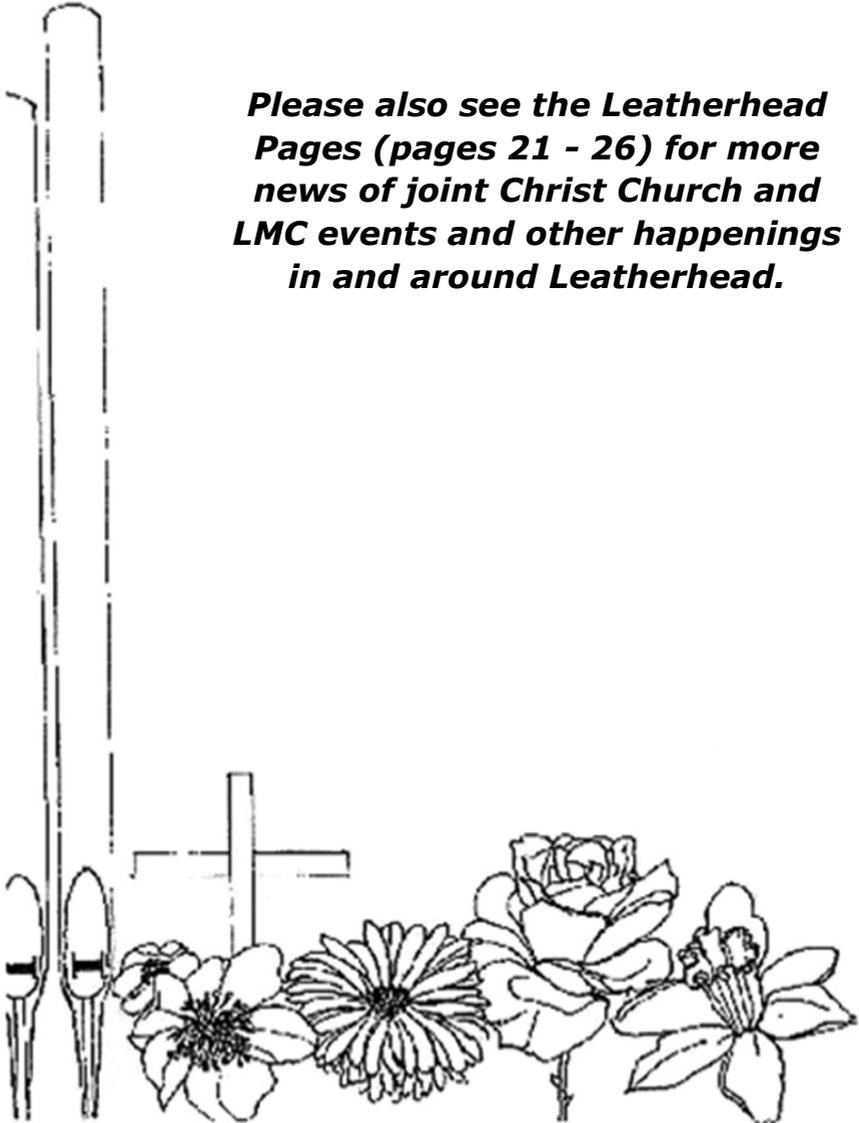
December

- Sun 1st 10.30am Rev. Jan Hofmeyr- Holy Communion**
- Tues 3rd 9.00am Prayers in the Vestry
Fri 6th 2.30pm Time for Tea

Christ Church

(United Reformed) Leatherhead

***Please also see the Leatherhead
Pages (pages 21 - 26) for more
news of joint Christ Church and
LMC events and other happenings
in and around Leatherhead.***



Christ Church Diary



November

Sun 3rd 10.30am Rev Stephen Thornton

Thur 7th 2.00pm Elders Meeting

7.30pm CTiL Meeting at Parish Church: Reeves Room

Sat 9th 7.30pm Surrey Philharmonic Concert

**Sun 10th 10.30am Remembrance Sunday: Rev Jan Hofmeyr
with Holy Communion,
followed by Church Meeting.**

Wed 13th 7.30pm House Group, 3 Orchardleigh

**Sun 17th 10.30am United Pastorate Service: Rev Gavin
Hancocks**

Wed 20th 12.30pm Organ Recital: Hannah Parry

Sat 23rd 8.00am Mango Bean: Men's Breakfast

Sun 24th 10.30am Mrs Anna Crawford

Mon 25th 9.00am Music exams, Monday - Friday

Wed 27th 7.30pm House Group, 3 Orchardleigh

December

Sun 1st 10.30am Rev Robert Blows

Mon 2nd 9.00am Music Exams Monday - Friday

Sun 8th 10.30am Rev J Hofmeyr with Holy Communion



Christ Church Family News



We are very sorry that Mike Essex is unwell and was taken to Ep-som Hospital on 10th October with pneumonia and other issues related to diabetes. He is now recuperating back at home. We pray for his speedy return to good health, and also for Dinah and all the family at this difficult time.

We send Gilbert McMillan our very best wishes for his 95th birthday on 18th November.

Congratulations and all good wishes to Keith Poulton who celebrated his 90th birthday on 12th October with a family party.

As always, we pray for these friends, and all those in our church community with health problems or worries of any kind, and for the lonely and the bereaved.

Anne Cairns

When Darkness Comes

When darkness comes upon our
lives
And death's black shadow clouds
our eyes –
Our Lord helps us, when news is
grim,
To fear not, and believe in Him.

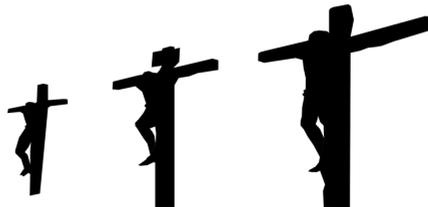
Yet sometimes, though we try to
pray
It seems He tarries on the way,
Though faith grows weak, and vision
dim,
Still fear not, and believe in Him.

For He, like us, wept tears of woe;
He cried 'My God, where are you
now?'
We only tread where He has been -
So fear not, and believe in Him.

Recall that Jesus is still there.
O strive not to find faith within,
But fear not, and believe in Him.

He's Lord of Lords and King of Kings
He is the Ruler of all things –
He's triumphed over death and sin,
We'll fear not, and believe in Him!

By Nigel Beeton (Parish Pump)



In grief, in tears, or in despair

Commitment for Life

Life-giving Faith | Defiant Hope | Generous Love

Very soon now, you will be receiving from your elder the annual request for a donation to this widely-known and worthy cause. It is, as you know, an organisation that serves a wide range of needs, and which the URC at Church House not only sponsors but administers.

Sadly, each year the number of collection envelopes we require is smaller, so that means that fewer of us are being asked to give a donation. Of course there has been no diminution in the number of causes desperately needing our help, so I would ask you to read with care the leaflet that will come with your letter and respond as generously as you are able.

Margaret Dodds-Ely



*Firework fun is tinged by the hatred between different
groups of Christians across the centuries*

Guy Fawkes Night

Sharp sounds and bright illuminations
Roaring fires and celebrations
Incandescent constellations
Multichrome disintegrations
Festive fireworks and frivolity
Jumping Jacks and all such jollity!

But, pause between those stellar shows,
Perhaps we might remember those
Through centuries of "Christian" strife
Who've lived their faith, and paid their life.
Remember too, before you're done,
That Jesus prayed we might be one.

*by Nigel Beeton
(Parish Pump)*



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:

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Christ Church (United Reformed):

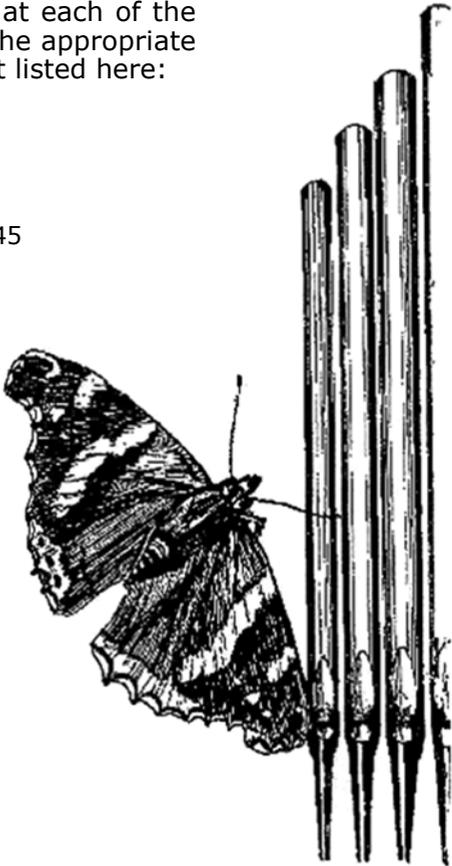
Epsom Road, Leatherhead, KT22 8ST
www.chch.org.uk
Contact: Church Secretary -
Mike Essex 01372 273472

Effingham Methodist Church:

Chapel Hill, Effingham, KT24 5NB
www.effinghammethodistchurch.co.uk
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