

# the Link

**The United Pastorate of  
Leatherhead  
Cobham  
Effingham**

## September 2011



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**United  
Reformed  
Church**

### **Linking:**

**Christ Church (United Reformed) Leatherhead  
Cobham Methodist Church  
Cobham United Reformed Church  
Effingham Methodist Church  
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## Editor's Note:

Holiday arrangements coupled with the time delay in printing means that the deadline for both the October and December issues will need to come forward a few days. We will try not to alter the deadlines unless absolutely necessary, but for those two issues the dates will be:

**For the October issue - 12th September**  
**For the December issue - 12th November**

For all other issues, the deadline remains on 15th of the previous month. Our apologies for this and please see the notes on page 5 about how the magazine is printed.

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# *The Ministers Write...*



***From Rev. Kim Plumpton***

Dear Friends

I write this letter having just returned from our summer holiday (two weeks camping in Devon and Cornwall), where the delights of walking out of a tent and being surrounded by the most beautiful scenery reminds you of God's graciousness. I have had time to reflect on the last year and to consider what this new church year might bring. I found myself smiling (even on the side of the A30 after the car broke down and we awaited our knight in shining armour, otherwise known as the RAC man). I was smiling because I have enjoyed the friendships I have made this last year and the challenges we have faced together. I was also smiling because I am excited about the prospect of this coming year, excited about being given the opportunity to embrace some of the ideas we talked about implementing after our vision days a few months ago, as well as nurturing those initiatives we have already begun.

CYC will resume under our ecumenical umbrella at St Mary's Church Stoke d'Abernon and we look forward to more events where we can work together ecumenically in Cobham. Perhaps more youth projects may be in the pipeline???

Lectures will also begin at the URC in the autumn with our first presentation led by Rev. Dr Janet Tollington, Old Testament lecturer at Cambridge (more news later on).

Time4You is blossoming in Cobham Methodist Church and we continue to support this initiative under the leadership of Rhonda Frost who is obviously providing a valuable resource for those who attend.

It will also be a time to negotiate how we update the premises at Cobham Methodist Church and consider other forms of worship. The potential is there and we will work hard together to unearth its hidden treasure.

In Effingham, as well as celebrating the 400th Anniversary of the King James Bible with a range of events in the autumn, we will also be engaging in an ecumenical move to provide contemporary worship in Effingham in the style of Café Church. The intention is to begin on the first Saturday in October offering a more informal style of worship.

Croissants and coffee will be the order of the day interspersed with worshipful conversations and music. The venue is yet to be decided, but volunteers will be needed to offer this to the community, so if you feel that God is inviting you to offer your services or to enjoy something different please come and have a chat with me and we can discuss it further.

I also smile when I consider the richness that is this five-way pastorate; I have enjoyed our interaction in the past and look forward to more opportunities to engage with each other socially as well as worshipfully.

All of these bring a smile to my face and I hope that you feel a sense of excitement too as we move forwards together. Many have worked so hard this last year and this coming year will make demands upon us, but I hope that it will be in God's strength and not our own, because in God's strength and with God's guidance we can go so much further.

With every blessing, *Kim*

***From Rev. Ian Howarth***

Dear Friends,

In September it would be normal for a Methodist minister to wish his or her churches a happy New Year, as the Methodist year for administrative and financial purposes begins on 1st September. In the context of our United Pastorate it is still appropriate to celebrate the start of a new year, as September marks a year since the Pastorate was formed, since Kim joined us as minister in Effingham and Cobham and I became minister of Christ Church.

From my perspective the year has gone very quickly and it has been good to see relationships between the churches grow and develop over that time. For me there is a sense that this has very quickly come to seem a natural arrangement for many of us, and I believe that is a sign of real hope for the future.

The idea of a new year in September as well as January may seem strange to those outside Methodism, (although those in education have a similar rhythm), but to be reminded twice a year that the Christian life is full of new starts and new opportunities is no bad thing. When we turn to follow Jesus as the Lord of our life, we make a new start, and we do it not just once when we come to faith, but over and over again, as we respond to

God's grace and Christ's self-giving love.

As churches too, we have to ask constantly how we live as communities who full of followers of Jesus. How do we make new starts in the right way, while holding on to our traditions?

Last September we made a new start with the united Pastorate, and I believe God has blessed that work. What is God calling us to this year, that we can fulfil His purpose in the communities where we are set? It will be different for each church, and in different ways each church in the pastorate is working on that question. I pray that we can continue to support each other with love, prayer and practical working together, as we all seek to respond to God's call to serve him in the world today.

Yours in Christ, *Ian*

## **How the Link is printed**

Since we started our United Pastorate magazine, the question of printing has been an issue. The print run is just short of 300, and with eight or nine A4 pages to be printed on both sides, collated and stapled, the in-house method previously used for the former Methodist Link using the LMC photocopier was not really an option. We sought some quotes from local printers, and this could still be an option, but the costs ran to around 75p to 90p per copy including folding and stapling. We thought this was probably too much, but comparable with the LMC photocopier rate which would run to 80p or 90p per copy depending on number of pages, but with d-i-y folding and stapling.

We found an on-line printing company in Gloucestershire who promised top quality, low prices and a 48-hour turnaround. It sounded too good to be true, but we tried it nevertheless. We were really pleased with two of the three promises - the price (around 47p per copy) and the quality, which we thought was excellent. However, the 48-hour turnaround was, in reality, 160 hours for the first issue and 215 hours for the second issue. My wife Maureen and I were on holiday when the second issue was due for delivery, and so our thanks to Carol Stoves at LMC who masterminded the circulation which was very last minute. The magazines were delivered on the Saturday and Carol somehow managed to get the magazines into all five churches for the following day. Thank you Carol for this; it is much appreciated. The company tell me that they have had problems with machinery and are getting a new printer which should improve matters. We are therefore trying them again for this, our third issue and, as I write this, I am hoping that their promise holds.

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# Methodist Women in Britain

## Launch Roadshow

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

**Methodist Central Hall, Westminster,  
London, SW1H 9NH**

**2:30pm – 4:30pm**

Find out more about MWiB through worship,  
speakers, drama, ideas for action, news from the  
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& resources; light refreshments on sale



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**From 1<sup>st</sup> July - a new website:**

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conferences

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women's  
spirituality



# Cobham

## Methodist Church

### Cobham Methodist Diary - September



<b>Sun</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Rhys Frost</b>
Sat	10th	10.00am - 4.00pm	Time 4 You and Cobham Heritage Day (see below and page 8)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b><u>10.30am</u></b>	<b>United Service at Cobham URC</b>
Fri	16th	4.30pm - 6.30pm	CYC at St Mary's Stoke d'Abernon
<b>Sun</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>The Home Team</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>David Cappitt with James Clephane Cameron</b>
Mon	26th	7.30pm	House Fellowship at the Manse
Fri	31st	4.30pm - 6.30pm	CYC at St Mary's Stoke d'Abernon

## Time 4 You and Heritage Day

On Saturday 10th September, Time 4 You will be extended to the whole day, 10.00am to 4.00pm, when we shall as usual also be welcoming the cyclists and walkers of Surrey Ride and Stride. That day is also Cobham Heritage Day, and there will be stalls in Church Street and St Andrew's churchyard, including Cobham Churches Together, and Cobham Uganda Partnership.

# Time 4 You, Mr President

In his address to the Methodist Conference, the new Methodist President, Rev. Leo Osborn concentrated on the need for us to be a welcoming church, and he gave examples of some churches where this is being put into practice. I pointed this out to Rhonda, saying "If only he'd known about Time 4 You at Cobham, perhaps he'd have included that as one of his examples". No further encouragement was needed. In no time, Rhonda had found the contact number for his PA, who said how pleased he would be to learn of such an initiative - please send him details. So details have been sent; tee-shirt and mug are on their way. We can do our bit to show Methodism that you don't have to be a large congregation to be welcoming to the whole community, or a young one either.

Meanwhile, after a slow start, Time 4 You is steadily getting more widely known and growing in strength. It's already reached the stage where there are known "regulars". However, there's plenty of room for more.

Since the second Saturday in September is Cobham Heritage Day, and the day on which the Surrey Churches' Trust encourages "Riders and Striders" to cycle and walk to visit as many churches as possible, Time 4 You will run from 10.00am until 4.00pm. Friends from Effingham and Leatherhead please note: if you drop in for a coffee and a chat one second Saturday morning, we shan't turn you away. All are welcome.

*David Cappitt*







# **Cobham**

## **United Reformed Church**

### **Cobham URC Worship Diary - September**



- |                 |         |   |
|-----------------|---------|---|
| <b>Sun 4th</b>  | 9.00am  | Early Bird Service led by Jane Anderson |
|                 | 10.00am | Derek Lindfield                         |
| <b>Sun 11th</b> | 10.00am | Rev. Kim Plumpton – Holy Communion      |
| <b>Sun 18th</b> | 10.00am | Derek Wensley                           |
| <b>Sun 25th</b> | 10.00am | Rev. Kim Plumpton (Harvest)             |

### **Prayers at the Manse**

**at 9.30am on**

**Wednesdays: 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th  
September**

# Cobham URC Events - September

Thurs	1st	12.30pm	Men's Fellowship at the Old Windsor Castle, Bookham
Sun	4th	3.00pm to 6.00pm	Special Needs Group
Tues	6th	9.45am	Church Walk
Tues	6th	8.00pm	Elder's meeting
Sat	10th		Heritage Day (Churches Together Stand)
Sat	16th	4.30pm to 6.30pm	CYC meet at St. Mary's
Tues	20th	8.00pm	Evening House Group
Thurs	22th	10.30am	Morning House Group
Fri	23rd	3.00pm	T @ 3 at church
Sat	30th	4.30pm to 6.30pm	CYC meet at St. Mary's

## 'Well....Well...Well'

an initiative by St Mary's Stoke d'Abernon,  
Cobham Methodist Church and  
Cobham United Reformed Church  
Wednesday 27th July

After lots of planning and much fun and laughter between the four of us, Andrea deGama, Ally Menke, Rev. Diana Thornton and myself, the day finally arrived. With an array of helpers from church folk to teenagers, who we are entirely indebted to, we set off on our adventure.

As the children began to trickle in they looked a little bewildered to begin with but it didn't take long for us all to get to know each other. The theme was 'Water' so our day was focused around four sessions, two outdoor activities (no guesses what that might be) and two indoor. The outdoor activities involved transforming a cardboard box into a well, an assault course (trying to gather as much water at the end as you could), hook the duck and splat the balloon. The other two held inside the church were craft and drama. The crafts enabled the props for the drama to be made and the drama incorporated scenes from Creation, Noah, Baptism and the woman at the well.

Ally's skills in the crafts department were invaluable and Diana's expertise with drama was inspiring. With two teaching spots held during the day, one focusing on the biblical use of water and the other on the ecological and humanitarian perspective, we felt it provided helpful insights for the children. For instance, did you know that 884 million people do not have access to safe water and that 1.4 million children die each year from conditions caused by unclean water and poor sanitation. Staggering isn't it?

The day would finish with a presentation for the parents, bringing together everything the children had learned and created. Puppetry, endless yards of material, buckets of newspaper cuttings (our water of course!), headbands and dancing/singing/speaking children (with the odd adult for good measure), our presentation lasted for 30 minutes with coffee and cake to follow.

The performance was a real credit to all the hard work the children had put in and a credit to all those who had taught/cut/pasted/fed/watered and got wet on the day. The support from parents for the day was also very encouraging and a testament to the possibilities of ecumenical partnerships.

I cannot thank my co-leaders enough for their enthusiasm when we first discussed holding such an event, and for their continued support. And to all those who offered their help on the day without whose support and willingness we would not have been able to hold it, thank you.

We look forward to considering what other ways we might serve our community.

With every blessing, Kim.

Well,  
Well,  
Well.





## Church Walk

Mention was made in the last issue of the Link of our monthly church walks. We would be delighted to welcome new walkers if anyone from the other churches wanted to join us. We walk about 5 miles and have a pub lunch in the middle. As we live in Surrey there are inevitably some hills (except when we walk by the river or canal) but they are not too steep – we don't do the front of Box Hill or Newlands Corner any more! The walks are very enjoyable, sociable occasions so do give it a try. We walk on the first Tuesday of the month (meeting at the URC car park at 9.45, from where we fill cars to drive to the start point). On very rare occasions the walk has to be moved to the second Tuesday of the month, but this will be advised on the website and in the Link, otherwise check with me on 01932 864094.

## Two Glasses of Wine

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the two glasses of wine theory.

A professor stood before his philosophy class with some items on his desk in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls.<sup>3</sup> He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

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The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "YES."

The professor then produced two glasses of wine from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

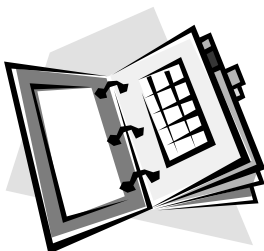
"Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognise that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things; your family, your children, your health, your friends, and your favourite passions; things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, and your car. The sand is everything else; the small stuff. If you put the sand into the jar first", he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the good things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness.

Play with your children. Take time to get medical check-ups. Take your partner out to dinner. Play another 18 holes. Do one more run down the ski slope. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the waste disposal.

Take care of the golf balls first; the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the wine represented. The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of glasses of wine with a friend."



## A REMINDER

**All copy for the October issue should be  
with the editor by:**

**1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> September**



# Effingham

Methodist Church

## Effingham Methodist Diary - September



<b>Sun</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Rev. Kim Plumpton</b> with Holy Communion
Fri	9th	10.00am - 5.00pm	Heritage Weekend with lunch and cream teas
Sat	10th	10.00am - 5.00pm	Heritage Weekend with lunch and cream teas
<b>Sun</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Alex Cloke</b>
Tues	13th	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea in the R. C. Hall
Wed	14th	8.00pm	Christian Meditation in the church
Thurs	15th	2.00pm	Bible Study Group meet with Kim in the hall
<b>Sun</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Tina Andrews</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Rev. Val Ogden</b>
Tues	27th	2.30pm 7.30pm	Tuesday Tea in the R. C. Hall Church Council meeting
Wed	28th	8.00pm	Christian Meditation in the church
Thurs	29th	2.00pm	Bible Study Group meet with Kim in the hall



### Dates to celebrate this month

Happy Birthday to Dougie Reed on 17th.  
*Remember we need your help to update our records*

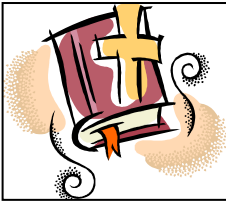
### Dates for your diaries -

- our next **Church Council** meeting is on Tuesday 27th September at 7.30pm. Items for the agenda should be sent to the Secretary, Gill Walker, asap.

# Heritage Open Days Weekend

The Chapel will be taking part in **Heritage Open Days** again this year, and will be open on **Friday 9th and Saturday 10th from 10.00am to 5.00pm**. There will be refreshments all day and an exhibition about our village and local people like **George Abbott** of Guildford. He was a translator, and became Archbishop of Canterbury. As 2011 is the **400th anniversary** of the King James Bible, there will also be a display and interactive quiz from **Sheffield University's King James Project**. This was developed by their Dept. of Biblical Studies and tells the bloody history of how the bible was translated into English.

**SO PLEASE CAN YOU HELP ?** Talk to visitors or help with refreshments ! *Surrey Churches Preservation Trust* - *Bike & Stride* cyclists will also be dropping in for signatures on sponsor forms, refreshments and a "comfort break" as usual on Saturday. **Ask Pat, Janet or Ange.**



There have been a few changes to our plans, so October will now be a bible themed month to celebrate the *400th Anniversary of the KJB*, starting with a **Bible Harvest Festival** on 2nd with **Rev. Kim Plumpton**.

## How we got our English Bible

Then we're screening an excellent drama-documentary film, "**KJB - the book that changed the World**" on Monday 10th at a *Our Lady of Sorrows* church hall at 7.30 for 8.00pm. If you missed seeing this on the *History Channel* earlier in the year, why not come and join us.

On Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd, our Chapel will be open from 10.00am - 4.00pm for a display of bibles and an exhibition about "**How we got the Bible in English**". On Saturday, an "old friend" of Freddie's, Ann Long, from the *Wycliffe Bible Translators*, who is retiring at the end of this year after many years working in Africa, will give a talk in the Chapel at 7.30pm.

**But we need your help!** Do you have a family bible? An interesting translation? An old illustrated bible? A bible in another language? A really modern bible? A favourite bible quotation ?



*Dorking and Horsham Circuit*  
**NEWSLETTER**

**September**  
 October and  
 November 2011

Dear Friends,

In a rather silly wartime movie spoof (called "Top Secret!") a German officer enquires on the phone over the condition of a severely injured guard. He listens for a moment and then says, "I see. Let me know immediately if there is any change in his condition." He puts down the receiver and announces, "He's dead."

Of course death is the one condition in which there is no movement, no progress, no change. If we see something changing and developing we know it is alive. The same could be said of churches. I was once asked how many church stewards it took to change a light bulb. I admitted my ignorance and repeated the question back only to receive the horrified response, "Change?!!!"

Naturally I'm exaggerating. The idea of a rigidly unchanging church is a caricature, though one with a hint of truth in it. And you might point out that churches do need stability as well as change. Quite right. Living creatures grow slowly, and some aspects of life don't change at all. For example, I'd like to think that I have changed a lot over the years, but I still have the same number of fingers and toes I started off with.

What has started me reflecting on change? In many Methodist circuits at this time of year welcome services are being held for new ministers. In our own circuit we are part way through a period of stability in terms of our ministers. No-one is leaving. No-one new is arriving. You'll be seeing the same familiar faces in your churches for a while longer.

But I'm glad to say that changes are afoot in other areas of church life, if not in the circuit staff. Churches are seeking new ways of worshipping which will both address the needs of the current congregation and be attractive and accessible to those joining us. Churches are pursuing new initiatives in working with fellow Christians in other denominations and with secular bodies too. Churches are thinking in terms of mission rather than maintenance.

Our circuit is very much alive. And I for one am glad that I can continue to work with the same familiar colleagues as we pursue those changes in which we believe our Lord is leading us.

*Paul*

The next issue will be published in late November. Please send contributions by  
**Friday November 4** to: [j.orn671@btinternet.com](mailto:j.orn671@btinternet.com)

## **LONDON ROAD, HORSHAM**

Following a successful presentation by Jane Smith, Leatherhead's Family Worker, and Trefor Little and Chris Currie (London Road's Sunday School Superintendent and Family Worker, respectively), Messy Church is coming to London Road. The first session will be from 3.30 to 6.00pm on September 29th. This will be followed by meetings on the third Thursday of each month.

This is not the only new venture at London Road. A new social club for anyone over the age of 18 was launched in July. It offers table tennis, darts, pool, board games, music, refreshments and a chance just to sit and chat - all for the nominal charge of £1. The club will be open from 7.30 to 10.00 pm on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

The invitation from Jane and David Casey and Anne and Chris Teager is to "stay all evening or drop in for just 10 minutes - just as you like". Anyone with connections with London Road, or any other church in the Circuit, is welcome. So are their friends.

From eight charities nominated by church members, the church council selected Chestnut Tree House children's hospice, Centrepont and Shelterbox as London Road's charities to be supported during 2011/12.

*John Woodward*

## **LEATHERHEAD: Uniting Churches Holiday Club - reaching the community**

August 22 to 26 - around 100 children (aged 5-11) from the Leatherhead area will have piled into our churches for a packed programme of games, crafts, music, competitions and general craziness, based around a message of God's love for all. Please pray for the children, that the seeds we have planted continue to grow in their hearts.

August 14 - **Cycle race causes chaos** - A cycle race following the Olympic route closed all the roads to LMC so we had to cancel the service. Happily Val Ogden was able to take part in the joint service held at the local Parish Church which was more accessible. Thanks to Val who made the journey from Dorking to Leatherhead by train as driving was impossible.

**18<sup>th</sup> September - Harvest Festival (10.30am)** at LMC with a 'bring and share' lunch after the service. All welcome. Come and learn more about the Leatherhead Youth Project.

## **st martin's DORKING**

Thanks to money from Mole Valley District Council and a generous grant from the District Advance Fund, there are very exciting changes at Dorking this summer as the Christian Centre is refurbished. There will be hairdressing and chiropody services, and an enlarged foyer to make a more spacious Centre Café. Our Café is being upgraded with a proper coffee machine and there will be new furniture.

All will be revealed at a dedication service on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September** at 4.00 pm (followed by tea and cake), before the Centre reopens on Monday September 5<sup>th</sup>. Do come and visit some time, and see for yourselves.

Also at St. Martin's, the previous vicar, Revd Richard Cattley, has now fully retired, and a new vicar is being sought. Prayers for this would be much appreciated.

*Sue Jamieson*

*Carol Stoves*

## EFFINGHAM

It's been a bit hectic lately with a baptism and a wedding at our Chapel, and we were also delighted to receive a small bust of John Wesley as a memento of a visit by Bernard Stevens, who used to attend as a boy until 1926 and will be 101 in November.

We'll be involved in again Heritage Weekend open days, with an exhibition and interactive quiz, more history about our village and some local people including George Abbott, one of the translators of the King James Bible who became Archbishop of Canterbury. Why not visit us between 10.00 am and 5.00 pm on **Friday and Saturday September 9 and 10** for lunch or a cream tea?

October will be a Bible-themed month to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the KJB, starting with a Bible harvest festival on **Sunday October 2**, followed by the screening of an excellent drama-documentary film *KJB - the book that changed the world* on **Monday October 10** in Our Lady of Sorrows church hall at 7.30 pm. Another chance to see this if you missed it on the *History Channel*.

On **Friday/Saturday October 21/22**, our Chapel will be open for an exhibition about *How we got the Bible in English* and, at 7.30 pm on the Saturday, Ann Long from the *Wycliffe Bible Translators* (an old friend of Freddie's who is retiring after many years working in Africa) will give a talk.

Churches Together have arranged ecumenical prayer walks and a prayer lunch recently and a series of talks for Advent. Meanwhile discussions continue about providing alternative worship in Effingham, perhaps a monthly Café Church.

Angela Putland

### MUSIC IN DORKING

On **Sunday September 25** at 5.30 pm, there is a concert of church choral music from the 16th to the 20th century. It will be preceded by a cream tea at 4.30 pm.

At 6.00 pm on **Sunday December 4**, there will be a performance of Part 1 of Handel's *Messiah*.

Martin Ellis

### Thursday Recitals in St Martin's at 1.00 pm:

**September 1** EDWARD HOWELL Organ  
*William Cole Church Music Trust Organ Scholar at St Martin's*

**September 8** MICHAEL HEIGHWAY Organ  
*Senior Organ Scholar Christ Church Oxford*

**September 15** MARTIN ELLIS Organ  
*Director of Music and Organist St Martin's Church Dorking*

**September 22** KATHERINE DIENNES WILLIAMS Organ  
*Director of Music Guildford Cathedral*

**September 29** LITSA TUNNAH Violin *Reigate*  
**Recitals continue until December 15**  
**and resume on January 12**

### CIRCUIT DIARY

Tues Sept 6	LPWL meeting, Dorking, 7.30 pm
Sat Sept 10	District Synod at Camberley
Thur Sept 15	Circuit Meeting at Dorking, 7.30 pm
Tues Nov 29	LPWL meeting, Dorking, 7.30 pm
Thurs Mar 1	Circuit Meeting at Southwater, 7.30 pm
Tues Mar 6	LPWL meeting, Cobham, 7.30 pm

## ***PARTRIDGE GREEN***

We are joining in the *Back to Church* campaign on **Sunday September 25**, when we invite old friends to worship with us again.

Our Harvest Festival service at 10.30 am on **Sunday October 10** will be led by Revd Paul Cockburn. It will be followed by a light luncheon in the church hall. After this at 1.30 pm we will set out from the church on a scavenger hunt around the village. We will return to the church with our results ready for a final cup of tea.

*Anne Tomlinson*

## ***LOCAL PREACHERS***

At the last LP meeting in June, Juliet Fuller and Simon Lucas became Preachers On Trial. We also received James Cameron from the Kingston Circuit as a Preacher On Note.

We are delighted that Revd Frank Smith has taken on the responsibility of serving as secretary of the quarterly meeting of local preachers and worship leaders.

The very long service of Jean Radley and Clive Haines has been recognised for celebration in their church.

## ***SOUTHWATER***

As always, we have been busy 'Celebrating Life, Serving the Community and Changing Lives!'

Being a comparatively young church we don't have many traditions and are a little wary of developing them! However the Bible Camp seems to have become a very special tradition! This year we chose to have our camp in July in the hope that the weather would be kinder (it was) and our young people would have finished their exams (they had!).

It was good to see many members of our church family meet on the Friday night to prepare our venue – we had a quiet space in one of the classrooms and, as we were also celebrating our 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, a team decorated the hall appropriately. Another classroom was used for children's work (Angie being adamant that she wasn't using a tent like last year!).

What followed was 'An awesome weekend where God's presence was so strongly felt. A weekend full of love, fellowship, teaching, dance and music, ending in baptism for our Alpha friends and membership for Rob whose life has been so dark for so long. We felt privileged to be a part of this amazing weekend'.

Over 70 people met on Saturday for some good teaching, wonderful worship and fellowship. During the afternoon there were many different activities to be tried...

'There were many poignant moments, but for me the one that spoke to me most was having a 2 year old, who doesn't know me very well and whom only moments before I had made cry, trust me enough to let me take her by the hand to get a flag to dance with. She continued to let me hold her hand and encourage her as she experimented with the flag and then finger by finger she let go and danced, sometimes with eyes closed, to worship our God. Amazing. Especially as when she had had enough she handed me her flag and as she did passed on the blessing of me letting go and worshipping wholeheartedly in a childlike way. What a wonderful way to experience God.'

While running the risk of creating a 'tradition' we will have a Bible Camp next year – but it won't be the same – after all we don't want to be too traditional!

## Prayers for broken communities in UK cities



Loving God, you call us into community, and we only become truly ourselves as we are there for others.

Forgive us for our brokenness and heal the hurts of communities damaged in the recent troubles in our cities in the United Kingdom.

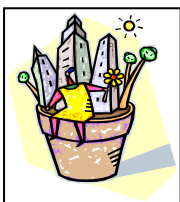
Help us to restore the harm to neighbourhoods, buildings and relationships, and to rekindle hope where fires of anger and disappointment raged.

Give to the Church in areas of trouble the courage and creativity to be there for others, and to be part of your gracious work of restoration and recovery.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is our peace and who keeps breaking down the barriers that divide us from each other. **Amen**

*Prayer by Rev. Mark Wakelin*

**Lord God**, we pray for an end to the violence, looting and riots that have brought fear, terror and destruction to local neighbourhoods across London and other UK cities. We pray that the underlying reasons for the riots can be quickly, fairly and properly addressed and that the Government, the police and local communities will work together to rebuild trust and security. We pray in faith, trusting in our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

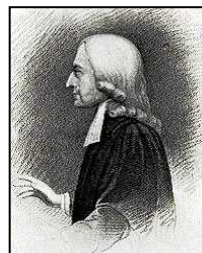


*Prayer by Lynne Newland*

From [www. Methodist.org.uk](http://www.Methodist.org.uk) website: If you would like to **make a donation** to the **Mission in Britain Fund** which makes grants to local churches and circuits, you can give online through JustGiving at [www.justgiving.com/mcfhomemission/donate/](http://www.justgiving.com/mcfhomemission/donate/)

## An Unexpected Gift

In early August we were delighted to receive a small bust of John Wesley, as a memento of a visit to our Chapel by **Bernard Stevens**, who will be 101 in November. He used to attend as a boy until 1926, when his family moved to Bedfordshire, but he has fond memories of his childhood in our village. Both his father and an uncle were lay preachers in our Circuit. Bernard has invited Angela and David over for tea and a chat about "the old days" which he'd like us to record for our records and the local history society.



*Angela Putland*

# How you can help rebuild Croydon after the riots

*Adapted from an article in **Croydon Advertiser** -  
Friday 12th August 2011*

[Croydon Council](#) has issued advice on how residents can help rebuild after devastating riots this week. As the dust settles on a traumatic week for the borough, eyes are now turning to how the community can get involved in rebuilding Croydon. The Mayor is in the process of setting up a charity to take donations to help those affected by the unrest, but meanwhile here's some ideas to help.

**People who have been displaced need your help:** clothes, food, toiletries, toys and books for those affected by the disturbances. These need to be small and easily carried. No furniture at the moment. The local Methodist Church is one of several collection points. **Parchmore Methodist Church**, 55 Parchmore Road, [Thornton Heath](#) CR7 8LY. Their hall will be open for collection of clothes from 10.00am - 2.00pm Tues – Fri.

Get involved in local projects through **Croydon Voluntary Action**. See what opportunities there are by searching their database. Or call Volunteer Centre Croydon on 020 8253 7070 between 10.00am - 4.00pm.

**Take part in Sewa Day 2011.** On 25th September, Croydon will be helping to lead the country in a day of community volunteering. **Sewa Day 2011** celebrates the idea that we all depend on each other at some time in our lives. It is a day when everyone can come together to give something back to their community. Projects might relieve hardship, help the environment or simply bring a little joy to people's lives. We're hoping to have dozens of projects registered by the third week in August so that volunteers can sign up to take part. To register a new project, visit the SEWA Day website.



*Editor's Note: Sewa Day is the International Day of Volunteering on 25th September - "making a difference in communities world-wide". The website address is: [www.sewaday.org](http://www.sewaday.org)*

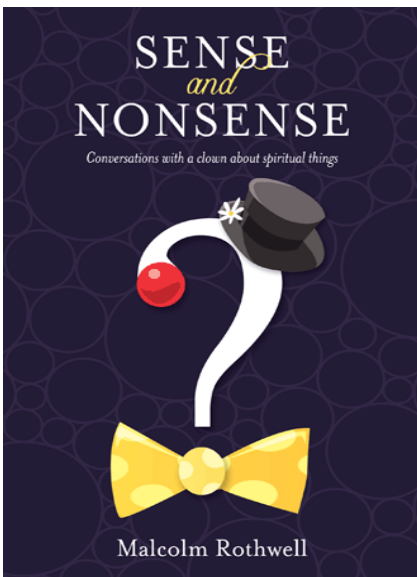
*In the ancient Indian language of Sanskrit, "sewa" means service.*

# Sense and Nonsense

If you ask people at Effingham what is their most vivid memory of Malcolm Rothwell, who was Super at Dorking from 1999-2003, they will say "clowns". The same would apply to Local Preachers who shared in a never to be forgotten Communion Service which Malcolm conducted as Zeno the clown, having "got into character" before our eyes! Another vivid memory is of a Quiet Day he conducted at Partridge Green. Well Malcolm has written another book in which he has conversations with Zeno about spiritual things, and as I had been given a book token by Cobham Methodist Church to celebrate my last preaching appointment with them on the plan, I decided to use it to buy Malcolm's book. Although I've only read the first chapter so far, I can tell you it will be a fantastic read. It's published by Author House, and can be ordered from them or from a bookshop. It deals with all kinds of issues in a down to earth way, with a great deal of humour. It certainly speaks to the clown in me.

Since getting to know Malcolm, I've acquired a number of clowns myself, which sit on a shelf in my hall. So every time I go in or out I am reminded to keep my sense of humour going and "always look on the bright side of life".

*Freddie Jenkins*



*Editor's Note: As mentioned by Freddie, the book can be ordered through the publisher, Author House ([www.authorhouse.co.uk](http://www.authorhouse.co.uk)) at £7.25 + postage, through Amazon, or your local bookshop. One review says:*

*"The book is a light hearted, honest attempt to examine issues affecting all who are trying to live a Christian or spiritual life. Funny and yet profound. Learn and laugh at the same time. Much of the material is drawn from the author's experience as a Methodist Minister."*

*Dance to  
The Malthouse Band*

# **BARN DANCE**



## **Saturday 3rd September**

**7.30.P.M.**

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EFFINGHAM**

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# Leatherhead

Methodist Church

## Diary - September



<b>Sun</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>10.30am</b> 6.30pm	<b>Rev. Ian Howarth with Holy Communion</b> Rev. Ian Howarth
Sat	10th	9.00am	Heritage Open Day ( <i>see below</i> )
<b>Sun</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>10.30am</b> 6.30pm	<b>John Oborn</b> Rev. Ian Howarth
Thurs	15th	3.30pm	Messy Church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>10.30am</b> 6.30pm	<b>Rev. Ian Howarth - Harvest Festival</b> followed by Harvest Lunch Rev. Ian Howarth with Holy Communion at Christ Church
Sat	24th	8.00am 6.30pm	Men's Breakfast at Catholic Church Hall Harvest Supper at Christ Church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>10.30am</b> 6.30pm	<b>Martin Ellis</b> New Fire - Rev. Ian Howarth
Tues	27th	7.30pm	Bible Study

## Heritage Weekend

Leatherhead Methodist Church will be open on Saturday 10th September, 9.00am to 4.00pm as part of the National Heritage Weekend, the theme being "Work, Rest and Pray". We shall have on display artefacts and archives relating to John and Charles Wesley, together with the history of our church with its activities and outreach programmes. Cyclists and walkers raising money for the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust will be visiting and we shall be dispensing refreshments. If you would like to help please contact Fred and Margaret Meynen. Brochures for the event are available from libraries and the Help Shop in the High Street.

# LMC Family News



## *Congratulations to...*

...Claire Howard on gaining her first class degree

## *Best wishes to...*

...Jane & Neil Fraser's son Paul as he opens his chiropractic clinic in Bridge Street, Leatherhead



## **Next Messy Church:**

Thursday 15th September,  
3.30pm to 5.30pm at



## **Women in Leadership – Leading in Excellence**

This was the title of our second conference arranged by Westminster Women's Outreach. As with the first, it was excellent. Some 200 women came together to listen and worship. After opening the worship, Ophelia (from Croydon) next to me whispered that there was a buzz in the air that sent shivers through her body. The prayerfulness and singing, especially the singing, had to be heard to experience the almost electric atmosphere!

There were five main speakers, each emphasising a different aspect of a woman's place in society. The first was a pastor from the US addressing self-confidence. She had plenty of it! Her message was to know who you are, to build from each other, just 'be' who you are. Her own confidence was a little over-the-top and loud for me.

In contrast, Rose, the second speaker was so ordinary. She was also American, has been Chaplain to the Queen and is presently the

first woman Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons. She spoke about women's role in the church. She reminded us we all have gifts that make up the 'one body of many parts'. We were advised to listen to God and what he calls us to do, whether menial or magnificent, and to bloom where we are planted, and to pray for wisdom to know what that is.

At lunch I sat with Beulah, a Catholic lady from Woking. She was highly intelligent and eager, but frustrated by 'putdowns' and lack of opportunity within her own church and the negative attitude of her priest. She had found the information on the internet and came to find out more. She talked about how she could branch out – I hope she succeeds.

After lunch, Katei, of Antiguan descent, spoke about women in leadership in the family. She used insights from four Biblical women who were in the right place at the right time in their families: the widow at Zarephath, the Samaritan woman, Esther, and Elizabeth mother of John. None had straightforward lives but each had faith for hope and expectation – as we have too.

Then Cham spoke, an Asian minister in the Baptist Church, talking about women in the community. She suggested we sometimes need to cross boundaries and go out of our comfort zone in order to build bridges. As someone from a Sikh background, she emphasised how important it was for all to live in harmony as children of God – tough advice in our mixed society.

Grace was the final speaker, talking about women in the workplace. What she said incorporated something from all the other four speakers. She encouraged listeners to have the confidence 'to step out of the boat and walk on water', to have a purpose and be our own person.

It was all stimulating stuff! It was not about being militant feminists, but encouraging women to make the most of themselves in whatever situation.

My last chat of the day was with a lady (I didn't find out her name) who caught up with me on the concourse of Victoria Station. As the world and his wife milled around us, she spoke with such delight about the day and how lucky we were to have such able people to arrange it and invite quality speakers to take part. And I agree wholeheartedly!

The next meeting is on 19th November. Join me – I would appreciate company.

*Jean Plant*

# Merry's Musings

Since LMC and Leatherhead URC have been working together more closely, we have borrowed from Christ Church the idea of individuals' weekly news items whereby in the early stages of the Sunday morning service, the minister or substitute will wander amongst the congregation with microphone in hand and invite any person to tell of any family news which might be of interest.

For me, June had been an exceptionally eventful month, with a wedding, a funeral, a move involving a Worsfold family moving from Surrey to Dorset, six birthdays, a new Worsfold baby born named Matthew who was responsible for my promotion to great granddad, and finally my son Robin's retirement celebration. All of this required two week-end trips to Dorset. I had not related my family news before on a Sunday morning so I thought - now is the time, but I must restrict my comments to the last event.

Robin and Mary attended Sunday School in the 1960s at LMC. Rob joined the Youth Club in its heyday; later he married into an Anglican family and has worshipped in that community during his lifetime since.

Robin has been teaching at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School for the last 28 years and will be retiring in a few days' time. The School organised a Celebration Party on Friday 24th June to which I received a personal invitation.

Proceedings began at 7.00 with a Mass at St Joseph's Church, Christchurch, adjacent to the new two-year old Hall. The opening hymn was "Shine Jesus, Shine" - happily familiar, then Communion followed and I went with Rob to the row of communicants at the front and stood with arms crossed on our chest to indicate that we would not be taking the elements, and the priest gave his blessing as he passed. The service continued with readings by two of the school governors who had been one-time pupils in Robin's class.

The mass ended and we walked through to the Church Hall for the supper and final fun and ceremonies; about two hundred people including many children had assembled for the two events of the evening. Robin's previous head teacher made a long speech and Rob was presented with the Bishop's Medal, awarded for outstanding fidelity and service in the Diocese.

I was moved by the friendship and fellowship of the Catholic community. It was a great joy to me that Robin's years at St Joseph's School had been so happily and successfully celebrated.

The essence of what I have just written is what I wanted to say in my church family news on 3rd July, but of course it had to be much condensed for that occasion, to about twenty lines actually. The usual response is about two or three sentences. After the service that morning three people suggested that I might put it in the Link so here it is.

To me, the undercurrent of ecumenism was an important factor in the whole event of Robin's retirement celebration. This is what persuaded me to pass on this story.

*Merry Worsfold*

## **Methodist Women in Britain**

This is a new movement incorporating Women's Network in the Methodist Church and the British Unit of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women - and hopefully much more as well.

The aim of MWiB is to know Christ and to make him known, encouraging, enabling and equipping women to participate fully in the life of the church and in society, supporting the church to become truly the whole people of God. This supports our local statement, to encourage all to be disciples of Christ.

The new movement is about connecting within the Connexion and further afield in Europe and the world, bringing people together, resourcing each other. As women's work always has done in the past, it will continue to look outwards, supporting social actions in the UK and global concerns.

Please support whatever is offered. Up to date information is available from [www.mwib.org.uk](http://www.mwib.org.uk)

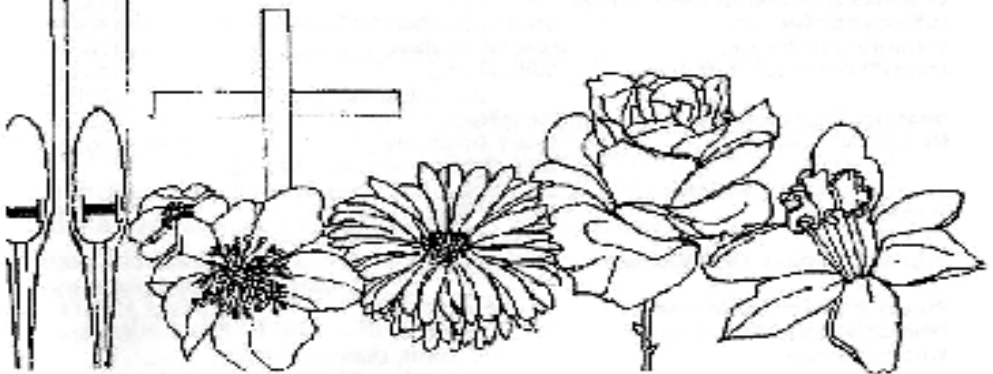
# Christ Church

(United Reformed) Leatherhead

## Joint URC/LMC Bring and Share Harvest Festival Supper

Saturday 24th September  
at 6:30pm at Christ Church

Alison Gillott will provide a list of suggestions for contributions at the back of the Churches. Please will you fill in your contribution so she will have a list of food and the number of people planning to attend. Some light entertainment will follow the meal.



# RIDE OR STRIDE

**on Saturday 10th September  
for the Surrey Churches  
Preservation Trust**



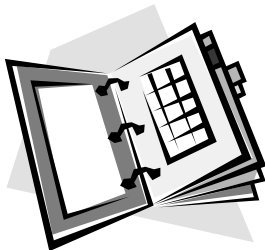
The Surrey Churches Bike Ride takes place on Saturday 10th September from 9.30am to 6.00pm. You can cycle or walk from church to church. Sponsor forms are available from me and a list of participating churches is on the noticeboard in the vestibule. Half of your sponsor money goes to Surrey Churches Preservation Trust and the other half comes to our church.

Riders and walkers must sign the form at each church. The refreshments we provide are always appreciated.

Volunteers are needed to welcome visitors, especially as I cannot be there this year. Please contact me if you can offer any help.

Anne Cairns Tel: 0208 398 4896 or email: [chch@andante5.plus.com](mailto:chch@andante5.plus.com)

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## A REMINDER

**All copy for the October issue should be  
with the editor by:**

**12th September**

# Christ Church Diary - September



**Sun 4th 10.30am**

**Mr John Bell**

**Organist: Gina Eason**

6.30pm

Evening Service at LMC: The Minister

Wed 7th 10.30am

Coffee and Chat in the Church

11.15am

A-Z of organ music (Mendelssohn, Messiaen, Mozart, Murrill, Mushel, Pachelbel, Parry, Peeters, Preston and Prizeman).

**Sun 11th 10.30am**

**Holy Communion: The Minister**

12noon

Church Meeting

Thurs 15th 3.30pm

Messy Church at LMC

**Sun 18th 10.30am**

**Morning Service: The Elders**

6.30pm

Holy Communion with LMC at Christ Church: The Minister and the Worship Group

Tues 20th 7.45pm

Elders' Meeting

Sat 24th 8.00am

Men's Breakfast Fellowship: Catholic Church Hall, Garlands Road

6.30pm

Joint Harvest Supper at Christ Church. Bring and Share

**Sun 25th 10.30am**

**Harvest Festival Parade Service:**

**The Minister**

6.30pm

New Fire at LMC

Tues 27th 7.30pm

Reading the Bible Today: The Minister at LMC

## October

**Sun 2nd 10.30am**

**Morning Service: Rev. Brian Treharne**

**Organist: Gina Eason**

6.30pm

Evening Service at LMC



# **Immediate future for Christ Church**

This is a shortened version of the report I gave to church meeting on 26th June.

Following on the experience of the Awayday and the decision not to accept the proposal from 'One Church 100 Uses', the following were put forward as objectives:

1. Keep positive over changes and make the best of them.
2. Organise to reflect priorities and resources. Look at possibility of shared governance with LMC.
3. Be aware of possible developments regarding buildings, but don't get hung up on problems. Keep buildings in good order.
4. Support our fellow churches in the Covenant, CTL and the Five Church grouping. Learn from each other.
5. Give maximum support to minister and elders. Produce succession plan and think about elders' election in November.
6. Be aware of our identity, and make sure our voice is heard.

## **News around the churches**

Epsom Church is engaged in a discussion with the Borough Council about a major redevelopment in which they are situated. The redevelopment would include "a place of worship", which may reflect the fact that Epsom URC have already had a plan approved, which they have put on hold. Their plans also include Ewell URC, with whom they share worship.

Bookham URC has changed its name to Eastwick Road Church. The reasons are interesting. They say it is to make it easier for people to find them, and not to be put off by wondering what United Reformed means.

*Mike Essex*



**£4,344.39 since  
28th September  
2006**

When we were asked to take over the running of the Traidcraft stall from Betty and Philip Moss back in the day, we had to collect the goods from the supplier in Chessington, usually on the Friday preceding the Sunday service and, after church, take the unsold goods and resultant cash back to Chessington. Quite a round trip!

With the untimely death of Sue, our Traidcraft supplier who was a member of her local Methodist Church in Chessington, Christ Church had to find an alternative provider if we wanted to continue to support Traidcraft.

In September 2006 Sheila Hill who, with her husband Graham, runs the Traidcraft stall at St Mary's Church in Fetcham, agreed to become our supplier; soon after, some of you may remember that Sheila gave us some useful background information on how Traidcraft operates, together with an eloquent appeal for our support, at one of our morning services.

Fortunately for us, we now have a much shorter round trip to collect and return the goods; and we now count the "take" and give Sheila a cheque made out to St Mary's Fair Traders. So this is how we can now tell you that since that fateful day in 2006, Christ Church members and friends – including visiting lay preachers and ministers – have bought a variety of goods for the princely sum of £4,344.39. This averages out at around £79 per month which, although showing a drop from the heady days from 2006 to the middle of 2008 when the average was over £91 a month, it is still a good response from a smaller congregation and, we must say, due in no small measure to the splendid support given by one very industrious cake maker extraordinaire! If you want to buy mixed fruit, raisins and the like, you have to beat Jaqui Ball to the draw!!

Thank you for supporting us, whatever you buy: that odd bar of naughty milk chocolate, sweets for the grandchildren, your coffee fix, crunchy biscuits, hand-made cards, juicy dates (pitted!), garden gloves ... whatever. It all helps.

# Christ Church Family News



Congratulations and very best wishes to **Norma and Dave Hannant** who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 17th July.

We are very sad to announce the death of **Philip Moss** on 11th August at home in Storrington. We extend our deep sympathy to Betty and all the family. Philip served the church faithfully over many years, twice as Treasurer and as Chairman of the Fabric and Finance committee. He was also very active in the Scouting Movement.

Warmest good wishes and congratulations to **Eunice Paul** who will celebrate her 90th birthday at the end of September.

We are delighted that **Lindsay Trim** is back at home and making excellent progress. Visitors are very welcome but please telephone first: 01372 454749.

Congratulations and very best wishes for the future to the new **Mr and Mrs Turner**. Helen Huxtable and Chris Turner were married at Christ Church on 30th July at a beautiful service taken by Ian Howarth, with special music. It was a very happy occasion with an overflowing church full of friends and family.

We remember all friends who are undergoing treatment or who need our prayers at this time



## Flower Rota

**Pam Newton** has just retired after 40 years on the Flower Rota. I think this must be a record and we would like to say a very big 'Thank You' for such faithful service. Many people will have received a lot of pleasure from your visits.

*Dorothy Poulton*

# 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:**

[www.leatherheadmethodist.org](http://www.leatherheadmethodist.org)

Contact: Senior Steward -  
Carol Stoves 01372 377125

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

[www.chch.org.uk](http://www.chch.org.uk)

Contact: Local Church Leader -  
Mike Essex 01372 273472

## **Effingham Methodist Church:**

[www.effinghammethodistchurch.co.uk](http://www.effinghammethodistchurch.co.uk)

Contact: Senior Steward -  
Dave Putland 01372 454850

## **Cobham United Reformed Church:**

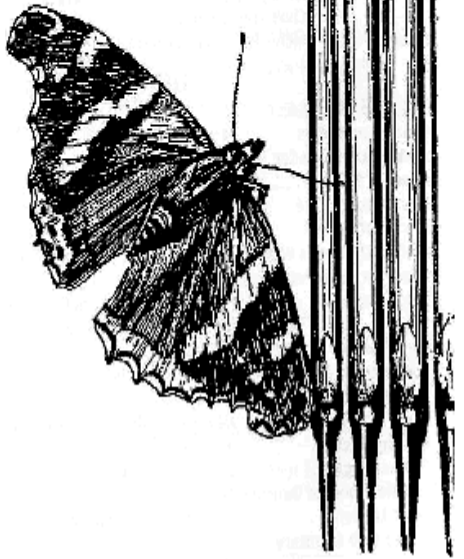
[www.cobhamurc.org.uk](http://www.cobhamurc.org.uk)

Contact: Church Secretary -  
Mary Langtry 01483 282421

## **Cobham Methodist Church:**

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