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The Ministers Write...

From Rev. Kim Plumpton

Dear friends,

Col and I went on holiday with my whole family in August just for a week. Ilfracombe in Devon became our final destination with a large house all to ourselves, which catered well for all 16 of us. We had a fabulous time but it seemed that every time we went to the beach (just three times) it was filled with some kind of drama. A trip to hospital with Joel after rock climbing was a bit unfortunate to say the least, as the day before he had the displeasure of standing on a weaver fish and had to attend the lifeguard station.

Our final trip down to the harbour was no less eventful having booked a journey around the coast the day before. As we travelled around the headland, well over half an hour into our journey we found a man floundering in the water. His little Yorkshire Terrier was shivering and shaking standing on an upturned Kayak. The man explained that a huge wave had knocked him over. He tried to save the dog first, by which time he was exhausted. Not a young man at all and his energy had all but left him by the time we showed up. The trip was cut short for obvious reasons as we turned around to take him back to shore, wrapped in lots of blankets. He thanked everyone for their help and thankfully looked no worse for the ordeal. The dog? Almost smothered by loving hands, (my children, no one else got a look in). The dog too seemed to recover well.

It is not until you make the journey back to the harbour that you notice the full beauty of 'Verity' standing over 67ft tall at the entrance. The statue was created by Damien Hirst and installed in 2012; like much of his work it received mixed reviews. No photograph can possibly do it justice but you cannot avoid its awesome presence at 67ft tall. It's almost unavoidable whether in disdain or admiration to share in a conversation.

Somehow you feel compelled to do so. Why? Because one half of the statue remains untouched, a young pregnant woman, but the other half is raw and open, skin peeled back showing the inner workings of the body.

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Holding a sword in the air, Verity shields the scales of justice behind her back and stands upon a host of Law books. I was intrigued by the statue, it was almost hypnotic, what was Damien Hirst trying to convey to us?



Yet it seemed to me that in this very moment, coming back from what was a difficult journey especially for this man and his dog (we were merely onlookers caught up in his story), I imagined what Verity might say about life and all its possibilities on the shore we were about to land upon. Hirst describes his work as a “modern allegory of truth and justice”. The sword has the capacity to protect or destroy and the hidden scales show the inequality that still exists for many. The statue shows the possibility of beauty and the hidden depths of vulnerability.

The ways of God seem to me to speak a great deal about making ourselves vulnerable, raw and open to his ways more than our own. It is not a comfortable place yet it is a place of necessity. This is where we grow. Verity speaks about new life. I wonder in what way we may need to bring to birth new things within our churches and in what ways we may need to make ourselves vulnerable to be able to do so. As I look at Verity, I am reminded of ‘The sword of the Spirit’ spoken about in Ephesians 6 as the guiding light amongst our vulnerability, honing and refining our lives daily.

The strength and power of God stands well over 67ft tall, it is beyond measure and has the capacity to transform us from objects of brokenness into a people of great beauty. In each of our churches let’s make ourselves open and vulnerable to God and see where he takes us!

With every blessing,

Kim

P.S. "Let's go to the London Dungeons" the boys said during the school holidays. "We've never been before."



...Are holidays really as relaxing as people make out?????

(If you didn't recognise her, that's Kim in the middle! My thanks to the boys for 'persuading' Kim to send me the picture - that's them on Kim's right and left. Ed.)

From Rev. Lynda Russell

Dear friends,

Well I can't believe that it's September already! How the time is flying! Have you been away on holiday or are you one of the fortunate ones who are still looking forward to it? (I wonder if you managed to 'hit the pause button' at all?)

Even before the beginning of the school holiday I began to see "Back to School" advertisements both for new school uniforms and all sorts of stationery and so on in the press. The children had hardly even started their holidays and already we were being asked to think about them going back to school. I couldn't help feeling a bit sorry for them and the teachers!

Of course this is nothing more than a not so subtle marketing ploy by the retailers, in an effort to get us to 'spend ahead' of time as far as possible, much like the Autumn clothes which appear

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in the shops in July, and before we know it the Christmas things will be in the shops as well (someone said they had already seen some – and I’m writing this in August!!!) This marketing device which entices us all to look into the future by showing us the next new thing that we must want and can have next week or next month when they come out is deceptively easy to succumb to. Most of us have I’m sure done exactly that at some point or other.

Sometimes we can even wish our lives away waiting for perfectly good and justifiable things to happen. How much better though to live in the present, where God has designed us to live.

To live our lives either looking backwards at the past, be it with regret or happiness; or wishing them away always waiting for something in the future is to waste the present.

“Today” is the day that God has made for us to enjoy, for it will never come again. Let us live it to the full, wherever life takes us, because God is with us. What better time to make a ‘resolution’ to do this than at the beginning of a new Methodist year!

May God bless you “today”.

Lynda

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY LYNDA

I am sure that members of both Christ Church and LMC would like to join me in thanking Lynda for ministering to our spiritual needs during the past year.

*Ivan Haslam
(and others)*



Free!

I have a 6ft tall artificial Christmas tree with decorations to give away free for collection from Cobham. My contact number is 01932 866510.

Tom Zachariah



Circuit 170



You will soon receive
an invitation to a
Coffee Morning
on
1st November
at
London Road
Methodist Church,
Horsham
to celebrate our
Circuit's 170th
Anniversary.
So, with a small
band of history

buffs at Horsham who are researching the "Sussex" end of the Circuit, we're currently planning an exhibition, with a display board for each of our 8 churches, explaining their History and present day activities.

So can YOU help with any pictures, photos or stories which you think should be included for our "Surrey" churches?

Please contact the Circuit Archivist
Angela Putland, on 01372 454850
or email: theputlands@aol.com



Let's be Proud of our Heritage
and use it for our future Mission



Surrey Churches Preservation Trust

The Ride & Stride 13th September 2014

Most counties in England hold an annual Ride & Stride, on the second Saturday in September, to raise money for the restoration and repair of buildings for Christian worship.

The idea is that cyclists and walkers are given a list of churches and chapels in the area of their choice. They map out their own route to pedal or walk having asked their friends to reward their efforts.

The money collected is divided into two. Half the monies go to the church or chapel of the cyclist's or walker's choice - probably your own - the other half is retained by the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust for distribution to churches in need. In the dozen years that the Bike Ride (now Ride & Stride) has been running in Surrey over £250,000 has been raised.

The umbrella organisation for our county is the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust whose trustees are from most Christian denominations. Grants are given out twice a year for deserving applications.

Encouragement to take part in Ride & Stride is provided by the SCPT County Organiser and distributed by Area Organisers to individual churches and chapels across Surrey. The Area Organisers support the Church Organisers by providing them with all the necessary paperwork and any guidance they need.

Ride & Stride is a fun way to spend time on a pleasant September Saturday while at the same time supporting a worthy cause. Why not make up a group and join in this year!

Supporters who prefer not to 'ride or stride', please consider sponsoring volunteers involved in this important event.

For more information visit:

www.surreychurchespreservationtrust.org

Editor's note: The Ride & Stride will be visiting all five churches in the Pastorate, according to their website.



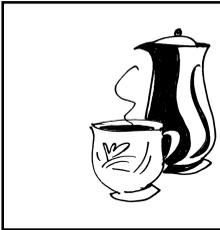
Cobham

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Cobham Methodist Diary - September



Sun	7th	10.30am	Rob Pitt
Tues	9th	7.30pm	Circuit Preachers' Meeting at Cobham for 8.00pm
Wed	10th	7.30pm	House Fellowship at the Manse
Sat	13th	from 10.00am - Cobham Heritage Day; Time 4 You from 10.00am. The church will remain open until late afternoon to welcome Surrey "Ride & Stride" participants.	
		2.30pm	Platinum Service
Sun	14th	10.30am	Jay Dunning
Sun	21st	10.30am	to be arranged
		6.30pm	Circuit Service at London Road
Thurs	25th	3.45pm	Messy Church at the URC (to 5.45pm)
		7.30pm	Circuit Meeting at London Road, Horsham
Sun	28th	10.30am	Alex Cloke
October			
Sun	5th	10.30am	to be arranged



Next "Time 4 You"
 Saturday 13th September
 10.00am - 12 noon
Cobham Methodist Church

Cobham Page

Information, news, events and happenings in and around Cobham
including joint URC/Methodist events

Next Messy Church for Cobham, Oxshott and Stoke D'Abernon



Date: Thurs 25th Sept.

Time: 3:45pm - 5:45pm

**Venue: Cobham URC,
38 Stoke Road,
KT11 3BD**

All are welcome

Cobham Heritage Day - Saturday 13th September

Heritage Day is a family fun day which is free to enter and occupies Cobham Church Street, St Andrews Church and Church Yard, Church Gate House Gardens and the Leg O' Mutton Field.

The main event starts at 11am and concludes with the Cobham Duck Race on the River Mole which is kindly sponsored by Knight Frank Estate Agents. The Duck Race begins at 4.00pm and 8,000 yellow plastic ducks are launched at the Cobham Mill weir and the first 28 ducks to reach the finish line at Riverhill opposite the Wildwood Old Bear Pub all receive a prize, the first prize being £250.

As with previous years, all day parking is available for just 50p on the Leg O' Mutton Field.

In the evening we have arranged a special performance of "Lifeboat" by the Cobham Players.

All details can be found on the Cobham Conservation and Heritage Trust website: **www.cobhamheritage.org.uk**



Cobham

United Reformed Church

Cobham URC Worship Diary: September



Sun	7th	9.00am	Early Bird Service
		10.30am	Rev. Iain Stewart
Sun	14th	10.30am	Rev. Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion
Sun	21st	10.30am	Vivien Gerhold
Sun	28th	10.30am	Rev. Kim Plumpton - Harvest Service
October			
Sun	5th	10.30am	Andrew Gibb



Cobham URC Harvest Service
Sunday 28th September at 10.30am

Cobham URC Events - September

Tues	2nd	9.45am 8.00pm	Church Walk Elders' Meeting
Thurs	4th	12.30pm	Men's Fellowship at the Fairmile, Portsmouth Road, Cobham, KT11 1BW
Sun	7th	3.00pm	Play and chat (to 6.00pm)
Sat	13th	10.00am 10.00am	Cobham Heritage Day Time 4 You at the Methodist Church
Tues	16th	7.30pm	Evening House Group
Tues	23rd	11.00am	Coffee for Carers (now once a month)
Thurs	25th	3.45pm	Messy Church (to 5.45pm)
Fri	26th	3.00pm	T@3 at Church

October

Sun	5th	3.00pm	Play and chat (to 6.00pm)
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Prayers at the Cobham URC Manse

at 9.30am on

Wednesdays:

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th September



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Dates to celebrate this month

Happy Birthday to Dougie Reed on 17th.
Please let us know about birthdays or BIG anniversaries!!

Dates for your Diaries

Our next **Church Council** will be on **Tuesday 23rd September from 10.00am to 12noon in the Chapel.**
Items for the agenda to **Gill Walker asap.**

Our **Harvest Festival** will be on **12th October.**



Prayer Meetings...

...are held at the home of Freddie Jenkins
every Friday at 9.15am.



Partners in Sacrifice, the new Methodist Prayer handbook for 2014-2015 is now available at **£3.35 each.** This 31 day prayer-cycle has classic, ancient and new prayers with a daily lectionary to guide you through the year. **Please pay David.**

A Methodist Welcome

We have always prided ourselves on the welcome we give to any "strangers" who turn up at our services, sometimes a little over-enthusiastically! But I was astonished to hear from a previous circuit minister that when he visited a church recently, nobody spoke to him!



On holiday recently I visited the church where Wallace and I were married 68 years ago, in my home town Leigh-on-sea. It wasn't my own church as I had been brought up a Presbyterian so

I was impressed by the welcome my son and I received at Leigh Wesley Methodist Church in July 2014!

Although we were early, there was already a steward standing at the top of the steps leading up to the church waiting to welcome worshippers, and inside another steward who enquired the reasons for our visit, and when I told him of my links to the church he asked me the name of the minister who had married us and anyone I knew in those far off days of my youth, and there were a lot, because as a child I had belonged to their drama group. We talked about Peggy Mount who had started her career in that drama group. I had once to play the part of her "son" in a play when I had to wear a floppy sun hat (to disguise my sex) and was eating a banana, and being shouted at by Peggy in her unforgettable voice. The steward then took us round the premises and showed me plaques in memory of people I had known in those days.

Well done Leigh Wesley! What a great welcome! (The service was pretty good too!)

Freddie Jenkins

Effingham Methodist Diary - September



Tues	2nd	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall
Wed	3rd	8.00pm	Christian Meditation in the Church
Sat	6th	10.00am	Café Church at St Lawrence Church Hall (to 11.00am) (<i>see pages 17 & 18</i>)
Sun	7th	10.00am	Rev. Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion
Wed	10th	3.30pm to 5.30pm	Messy Church in St Lawrence Church Hall
Thurs	11th	12.30pm	"OASIS" Bible lunch with Kim in the Hall
Fri	12th	10.00am to 5.00pm	Heritage Weekend with lunch & cream teas
Sat	13th	10.00am to 5.00pm	Heritage Weekend with lunch & cream teas
Sun	14th	10.00am	David Cappitt
		12 noon to 4.00pm	Heritage Weekend with lunch & cream teas
Tues	16th	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall
Wed	17th	8.00pm	Christian Meditation in the Church
Sun	21st	10.00am	Clair Fisher
		6.30pm	United Service at London Road
Tues	23rd	10.00am	Church Council meeting (to 12 noon)
Sun	28th	10.00am	Beth Little
October			
Fri	3rd	10.00am	Chapel Anniversary Flower Festival (to 4pm)
Sat	4th	10.00am	Chapel Anniversary Flower Festival (to 4pm)
		10.00am	Café Church at KGV Hall (to 11.00am)
		7.30pm	Anniversary Dance with fish & chip supper at KGV Hall
Sun	5th	10.00am	160th Chapel Anniversary with Rev. Kim Plumpton - followed by cutting the cake, concert and buffet lunch

Heritage Open Days Weekend



Effingham Chapel will be taking part in **Heritage Open Days** again this year, and will be open on **Friday 12th and Saturday 13th from 10.00am to 5.00pm** and **Sunday 14th from 12 noon to 4.00pm** with refreshments all day, and an exhibition about our village, some famous locals, our Chapel's history, and **WWI**.

SO PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

Talk to visitors, or help with refreshments, or bake some cakes or scones?

There's also the usual cyclists who will be dropping by on Saturday for signatures on sponsor forms for the annual **Ride & Stride** on behalf of *Surrey Churches Preservation Trust* and we'll be providing refreshments and a "comfort break".



Contact Pat or Janet or ring Ange on 01372 454850



Effingham Methodist Chapel will be open on
Friday 12th & Saturday 13th September
from 10.00am - 5.00pm

and

Sunday 14th September, 12 noon - 4.00pm

There is an exhibition about our Victorian Chapel and Methodism with some local history and a quiz for kids.

Cream teas and ploughmen's lunches

Find us at: www.heritageopendays.org.uk

MESSY CHURCH - meeting again on Wednesday 10th September



Come and join us for another Messy Church session on Wednesday 10th September in St Lawrence Church Hall from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. All young children who bring a parent or carer with them are welcome. Crafts, food and drink provided. We meet on the second Wednesday of every month, next one after 10th September will be on 8th October.

For further information call Gill on 01372 457987

Saturday Morning Live – Café Church - Mission Aviation Fellowship talk

We restart our monthly Saturday morning sessions on 6th September with a talk by Dave Greenwood on Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) which our church has been supporting for many years. Meeting at 10.00am in the St Lawrence Church Hall, this informal session is open to all – providing you come also to enjoy coffee or tea and croissants.

Mission Aviation Fellowship is an exciting Christian Charity and operates more than 130 light aircraft in around 25 developing countries in Africa, Asia, Eurasia, and Latin America. They are making a global impact providing aviation, communications, and learning technology services. They bring help and healing to the most remote communities and perform medical emergency airlifts, fly in doctors and medicines, and bring food and aid workers to the most isolated communities. They fly missionaries and generally work to show God's love through all they do.

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Some of you have been collecting postcards for MAF which are sold to collectors, to raise money, for which many thanks. So why not come along on the 7th and bring all those postcards you have received during the summer months. Please do not remove stamps, the complete card is what is needed. Albums of postcards are welcome too if you are turning out!

*Gill Walker/Angela Putland
(further information from Gill on 01372 457987)*

Organ donation and Christianity



fleshandblood

Jesus taught people to love one another, and to embrace the needs of others. Organ donation can be considered by Christians as a genuine act of love.

The Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) of the Methodist Church in Britain, the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the United Reformed Church has just produced a free resource on the ethics of organ donation ahead of a change in the law from December 2015, when "presumed consent" will become legal in Wales, and those against must opt-out. This free guide "Sharing the gift of life?" can be downloaded:

www.jointpublicissues.org.uk

It includes arguments, concerns and issues around organ donation, the rights and concerns of patients, personal experiences, as well as a discussion on whether there is a distinctly Christian way of seeing the body. People are invited to use it for personal reflection or to support a group discussion.

Many lives have been transformed by heart, lung, liver or combined heart/lungs, liver/kidney or liver/pancreas transplant, or sight restored through a cornea transplant. Around 1,000 people a year (almost three a day) will die waiting as there are not enough organs available. **Fleshandblood.org** website is a church campaign to encourage everyone to become a donor.

Angela Putland

Café Church elsewhere.....

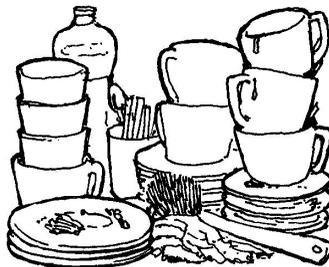
I was recently away for a weekend in Brewood, Staffordshire staying with relatives on our way back from a wonderful week in Northumberland. I usually go to the Anglican Parish Church here, partly because I enjoy it and because it's an opportunity to join in with another style of worship. So what did I find? A Café Church morning for worship for all.

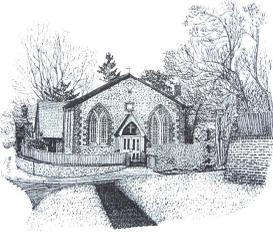
On the second Sunday of every month the main service in the Parish Church is café style worship at 10.00am. Interestingly the back of the church had an area with three large round tables and chairs for serving drinks and doughnuts before the worship. This area was adjacent to their kitchen area so was convenient for serving. It may be that the back pews had been taken out to accommodate the friendly round tables which seemed to be a permanent feature.

There were many families with young children, Mums and Dads and older folk too – lots of chat and a real buzz of happiness at being together. After 15 minutes or so we were invited to migrate into the pews where worship took place with a big screen for words of songs as well as a short video on the subject of the sower. Music was played and led by a young female soloist and the story was explained through video and talk by the Vicar especially for the children there.

Afterwards we returned to the round tables for more refreshments and chat. I felt very welcome and talked about our arrangements when invited, for both Messy Church and Saturday Morning Live here in Effingham. It was an interesting experience.

Gill Walker





160th Chapel Anniversary **3rd, 4th & 5th October**

10.00am to 4.00pm

Friday & Saturday:

Flower Festival - the theme is

CELEBRATION with

arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings, Memorials, Communion, Music, Café Church, Messy Church, Tuesday Teas, Oasis, Prayer Group, Meditation and a Memory Tree.



There's an Exhibition about our Chapel's early history and some of the people who helped keep us open for all these years. Refreshments available all day.

Anniversary Dance at KGV **on Saturday 7.30pm -** **Live music by The Residents**



Tickets for Dance and fish & chip supper £12.50 (bring your own drink & glasses)
Please ring Dennis on 01372-879083

Sunday 10.00am - Kim leads our Special Service

11.00am Cutting the Anniversary Cake,



followed by an Interval Recital in the Chapel by *Charles Dawson's Frivolous Recorder Group* with Joan at the piano.



Then there's a Buffet Lunch at **12.30pm.**

Dorking and Horsham Circuit

NEWSLETTER

**September
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SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

In the last few days of my sabbatical I went to the Globe theatre in London to see Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar". During the play the title character is assassinated by several Romans, including one of his closest friends, Brutus. Apparently Caesar's dying words, "Et tu, Brute?" (loosely translated as "you as well, Brutus?"), whilst not historically accurate, was already widely known long before Shakespeare included it in his play.

Brutus had reasons for helping to kill someone he loved dearly. To me they seemed to be pretty poor reasons, but they were enough, within the context of a play, to convince Brutus that Caesar had to die. What it boils down to is this: Brutus (and the other conspirators) did not want Rome to be governed by one man.

It was only later in history that Rome gained an emperor. At this point Caesar was simply a popular figure whose influence had begun to overshadow other Roman politicians. The justification for getting rid of him was based on the principle that the government of Rome should not be in the hands of a lone individual.

It seems to me that this is also an important principle for the local church or circuit. Though don't worry – I'm not prepared to go to the lengths of murder to enforce the principle! It isn't healthy for a church to reach the point where everything depends on one person.

In our recent Bible Study at London Road we were looking at Acts 17. Paul and his companions faced opposition in Thessalonica and then in Berea. He had to move on. Yet the communities of believers he founded continued to flourish without him. In Acts 17:14 it is the Christian community itself which recognises the dangers to Paul and sends him on his way. It's as if they are saying "Thank you for bringing the gospel to us, but we'll take it from here. You are in danger if you stay. Don't worry, we'll cope without you." Paul was a highly influential figure for many local churches, but they didn't fall apart in his absence.

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The **Methodist Church** 

LONDON ROAD

Messy Church continues to flourish at London Road, helped by a dedicated team of volunteers. Although the numbers of children coming along has been slightly lower over the summer months, we have a regular core of attenders with whom we have been able to form good relationships.

At the monthly planning meetings the helpers come up with a wide range of ideas for activities to fit the following month's theme. In May we looked at the theme of Pentecost with wind and fire activities that included painting using hairdryers; windmills; paper plate doves and savoury flame biscuits. In June we linked our activities to the World Cup in Brazil by focusing on "Playing for Team Jesus". Amongst other things the children made Brazilian truffles, carnival hats, a blow football game and they also produced a giant flag for Team Jesus.

July saw the activities focussed on "Healthy Body, Healthy Soul" and, although Messy Church takes a break in August, we are looking forward to examining the parable of the Prodigal Son at our September session.

Helen Currington

Deadline for the next issue:
Wednesday November 5
j.oborn671@btinternet.com

This summer St. Martin's has said fond and rather sad farewells to three of our long standing members. Martin Ellis retired after 28 years as Director of Music, and of course he was also a much respected Lay Preacher and member of the Circuit Leadership Team, as well as District Ecumenical Officer. We have much to be grateful to Martin for, and inevitably his leaving was marked by a very memorable concert and then a farewell lunch and presentation. Martin and Miriam are moving to Ipswich.

Martin's successor is Matthew Beetschen who has been Director of Music at Dunblane Cathedral, and he will commence work in September. The Thursday lunchtime recitals resume on September 11.

Also leaving St. Martin's this summer was Shirley Kellett who has been a committed and faithful member for 24 years, for 15 of which she has been a Steward, and for most of her time with us she has been the leader of the Junior Church. Again St. Martin's would be a poorer place if it were not for Shirley's contribution. Shirley is moving to Kingston to be closer to her daughter.

Unfortunately our Minister, Revd Derek Tighe, has been off duty because of illness for several weeks, but we are looking forward to him returning in full health in September. Prayers for him and his family, as well as for the provision of a new treasurer, would be gratefully appreciated.

We were pleased to have a brief visit from our former Minister, Revd Val Ogden. Our thoughts and prayers go with her as she takes up her new appointment at the Pacific Theological College at Suva, Fiji.

Sue Jamieson

EFFINGHAM

We are looking forward to **Heritage's Open Days** again this September, when the Chapel will be open on Friday 12th and Saturday 13th from 10 am-5 pm and by popular request, from 12 noon to 4 pm on Sunday 14th. Each year we stage an exhibition about topical subjects, Methodism in the village, and local history. This year we'll be remembering the start of WW1 including the stories of two members of our congregation who served abroad. Why not pop along to see the exhibition and enjoy a lunch or a cream-tea?

In October we celebrate our **160th Chapel Anniversary** with a Flower Festival and an exhibition from 10—4pm on Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th. On Saturday 4th there is an Anniversary Dance at 7.30pm with live music and a fish & chip supper. Please contact 01372 457705 or 01372 879083 for tickets. Revd. Kim Plumpton will lead worship on Sunday 5th, which will be followed by a concert "interval" and a buffet lunch

Our early history will be on display at London Road, Horsham on the 1st and 2nd November for "**Circuit 170**", when all Circuit churches have been invited to a coffee morning to celebrate the founding of Dorking & Horsham circuit in 1844. Do YOU have any old photos or stories about your church that we could use? We'd love to share your memories and pictures! Do come along if you possibly can!

Angela Putland

CIRCUIT 170 : HERITAGE WEEKEND

A small group of us at London Road, together with Angela Putland – our circuit archivist from Effingham – have been making plans to celebrate 170 years of the Dorking and Horsham Circuit.

We hope that all the churches in the circuit will wish to be involved and you will be invited to contribute items about your church for an exhibition to be held here at London Road, Horsham on Saturday and Sunday 1st and 2nd November.

There is plenty of time to get organised for this special occasion and we shall be very grateful if you could provide photos of your church past and present and interesting items to give a snapshot of your church community over the years. Photocopies of precious items will be acceptable.

There will be a coffee morning on the Saturday and an opportunity to look at the exhibition which will be in the lounge as well as in the church. Friends from the Circuit will be very welcome on the Saturday or the Sunday.

We would like to receive your items for the exhibition at the end of September or the beginning of October in order to prepare and set up the exhibition. Please get in touch if you would like any further information or assistance.

*Sue Checkland (mikesuecheckland@tiscali.co.uk 01403891340)
Audrey Coventry Pam Smith Margaret White*

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The work of our local churches and the work of our circuit must always be a team effort. Yes, there will be key individuals whose contributions make a huge impact. We need such people to commit time and energy and particular skills. But we should not put the whole responsibility of a church onto the shoulders of one person. Each one of us has a part to play if the church of Christ is to grow and flourish.

Which brings me to another important principle – almost the opposite of what I've been saying so far. In one sense the church does depend on a single individual, and indeed is the responsibility of that one individual. We are part of the Church of Jesus Christ. He is our head, we are only the body. The church is all about Jesus. He guides us and inspires us. He is the reason for our existence. Our business is to serve him and make known his glory and his love.

The Roman empire, whether under a single ruler or not, eventually crumbled and faded away. The Church has already survived longer than the Roman empire and will continue to do so under the headship of Jesus. Our circuit and our local churches are a part of that worldwide community of Christians. And each one of us has our contribution to make. Teamwork – that's where our strength lies. *Paul*

PARTRIDGE GREEN

In June, we celebrated our Church Anniversary, and all were delighted to welcome Revd Dale Sherriff to lead our worship. Susan and their children were also with us, to share the celebration.

After a wonderful summer we now look forward to our planned activities, starting with our Harvest festival and a Harvest Toddler service in September.

Our Messy Church mornings continue to appeal to many young families, and are well attended, but sadly this has not brought forward any young families to share our Sunday morning worship! We appreciate the support that we receive from our Horsham friends to make our Messy Church sessions such a great success! The next session will be on 30th October.

The senior members of our community continue to support our “Open Door Club” which is held fortnightly with a variety of topics of entertainment enjoyed, and the Ecumenical Village Café on the second Thursday afternoon each month continues to attract people of all ages. This provides us with a great opportunity to develop friendships further within our community.

A date for your diary! On Saturday November 29th we will be holding our Pre-Christmas Coffee morning, so come and join us if you can - we'd love to see you!

Alison James

CIRCUIT SERVICE

It would be good to have a large gathering from around the Circuit at **London Road, Horsham, at 6.30 pm on Sunday September 21**. Martin Ellis is the preacher, and it will be our chance to thank him, and wish him and his wife well as they move to Ipswich.

Their new address will be: Old Forge, 19 Oak Hill Lane, Ipswich, IP2 9AL

Leatherhead Pages

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

Harvest Supper

*Saturday 27 September 2014
6-8:30pm
Christ Church UR Leatherhead
Adults: £7.50 Children: £3*

*Please bring your own drink & glasses
Any profit will be donated to the Church project:
Heart for Romania*

*Tickets will be available from the Methodist, Parish
and UR Churches from early September*



HARVEST

12.30 lunchtime concerts at LMC & Christ Church

MUSIC
ON
THURSDAYS
at LMC



WEDNESDAYS
at
CHRIST
CHURCH

Concert Admission Free, with a retiring collection to cover costs

September

Thursday 4th September - LMC
Lesley Gladigau, soprano
Lynda Chang, piano

Thursday 11 September - LMC
Jacqueline Phillips, cello,
with violinist

Wednesday 17th September
Wednesdays at Christ Church
Anthony Cairns, organ

Thursday 25 September - LMC
Acacia Flute & Harp Duo

*Sandwiches prepared by
Rialto Lounge Wine Restaurant
are on sale in the churches
after each concert*

October & November

Thursday 2nd October 12.30 - LMC
clarinet, oboe, bassoon

Thursday 9th October - LMC
Christine Buras, soprano

Wednesday 15th Oct - Christ Church
Organ and violin

Thursday 23rd October - LMC
Clarinet & piano

Thursday 30th October - LMC
Aurora Trio - flute, viola, harp

Thursday 6th November - LMC
Jacqueline Phillips, cello

Thursday 13th November - LMC
Violin & piano

Wednesday 19th Nov - Christ Church
Graham Davies, organ

Thursday 27th November - LMC
Accordion Duo from the
Royal Academy of Music

Leatherhead Methodist Church
Church Road
Leatherhead KT22 8AY 

Christ Church United Reformed
Epsom Road
Leatherhead KT22 8ST

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Churches Together in Leatherhead AGM



Most AGMs are pretty boring, but the Churches Together in Leatherhead AGM, chaired by Graham Osborne in the absence of Dave Banko, on 2nd July was an exception. Here are some of the highlights:

1. Dave Banko was re-elected chairman for the coming year, as were Anne Thomson secretary and Cathy Noble treasurer.
2. It has been decided not to produce Christmas cards for 2014. A group will look at alternative methods of contacting the public. Suggestions were a flyer in the local press and a Christmas tree in the town centre inviting people to provide gifts.
3. Andy Gill reported on the All Saints café. It would open in October for six days a week.
4. A North Leatherhead group were meeting informally for worship and were looking for premises.
5. Phil Wessel proposed the idea of a carnival procession in 2015 on the lines of those held in the past. A group would look at this.
6. Graham Pountney reported that Surrey Hills Radio had been operating for three weeks from a studio in North Street. There were already 1200 active listeners.
7. Cathy Noble explained that CTiL had over £8000 in hand, but nearly all of that was ring-fenced. She asked that each church provide £250 in September.
8. Gerald Coates announced that there would be an Evening of Hope at the Leatherhead Theatre on Tuesday 11th November at 7.30pm. The principal speaker would be Jonathan Aitken.
9. Heather Ward announced that there were plans to open a credit union site in North Leatherhead.
10. A suggestion was made that Churches Together think of staging a passion play.

Mike Essex

Sisters get Together in
Leatherhead



Come along
Join us at
BFree Café
for
Coffee, Croissants &
Conversation
on

Saturday, 11th October
8.30 am with a guest
speaker from Leatherhead
Youth Project

Come along and bring a friend
BFree Café, All Saints, Kingston Road,
Leatherhead. All Welcome

West Hill Community Café at Leatherhead Methodist Church



**Tuesdays 16th and, 30th September,
10.00am to 12noon**

Pupils at West Hill School in Leatherhead will be continuing with the café at Leatherhead Methodist Church this autumn. West Hill School is an outstanding special school supporting 100 secondary aged pupils from 11 to 16 with learning difficulties and Autism.

West Hill School values close community links. Our curriculum is creative and innovative to ensure that all our pupils achieve as much as they possibly can to flourish in adult life. The café is providing learners with the opportunity to make a positive contribution to the local Leatherhead community. The café is also providing learners with worthwhile opportunities to develop work related learning skills as well as social and communication skills.



The café will be open on Tuesday mornings 16th and 30th September between 10.00am and noon. Future dates will be announced in due course. The café will serve a range of hot drinks, juices and light snacks at very reasonable prices.

West Hill learners look forward to welcoming all local residents to the West Hill Community café and are extremely grateful to Leatherhead Methodist Church for this exciting social enterprise opportunity.



Men's Breakfasts

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

27th Sept - URC Church Hall

25th Oct - Anglican Church Hall

29th Nov - Catholic Church Meeting Room

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.

Next Messy Church for Leatherhead

Thursday 18th September
3.30pm to 5.30pm at:





COME for TEA and COMPANY

From 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Fridays 5th September, 3rd October...

...and every first Friday in the month at

LEATHERHEAD METHODIST CHURCH

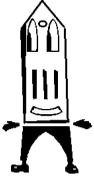
EVERYONE WELCOME

If you need transport please contact:

Margaret Meynen on 372930 or Gill Harris on 458518

(Suggested donation £1)





Leatherhead

Methodist Church

LMC Family News



Congratulations to...

... Ron & Norma Shaw on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 8th August.

Best Wishes to...

... Sheila Hydes who retired in July.

Our thoughts and prayers are with...

... Carol Stoves whose Mum died in June.

Congratulations to...

... our young people on their exam results, and our best wishes for their future plans.

Welcome to those baptised in July...

... **Olivia**, daughter of Sherelle Munnis, sister of Christina.

...**and Eva**, daughter of Roger and Sarah Smith, sister of Oliver.

Best wishes also to...

... Dreda Kitchen, who, as we write, is due to move on 27th August to 24 Harroway Manor, Fetcham, KT22 9LL.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with...

... Arnold Ashbrook now at home. We feel sure he would appreciate seeing visitors, but please phone beforehand.



Diary - September



Thurs 4th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays (<i>see page 26</i>)
Fri 5th	2.30pm	Time for Tea (<i>ends 4.30pm</i>)
Sun 7th	10.30am	Rev. Frank Smith with Holy Communion
Wed 10th	2.30pm	Churches Together meeting at BFree
Thurs 11th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays (<i>see page 26</i>)
Sun 14th	10.30am	Local Arrangement
	6.30pm	Rev. Paul Cockburn - Holy Communion
Tues 16th	10.00am	West Hill Community Café (to 12noon)
		(<i>see page 29</i>)
	7.30pm	Leadership Team Meeting
Wed 17th	12.30pm	Organ Recital at Christ Church (<i>see page 26</i>)
Thurs 18th	3.30pm	Messy Church (to 5.30pm)
Sun 21st	10.30am	Rev. Lynda Russell
Thurs 25th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays (<i>see page 26</i>)
Sat 27th	8.00am	Men's Breakfast at Christ Church
Sun 28th	10.30am	Joint Service at LMC - Rev. Lynda Russell
		Harvest Parade
	6.30pm	New Fire
Tues 30th	10.00am	West Hill Community Café (to 12noon)
		(<i>see page 29</i>)
October		
Thurs 2nd	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays (<i>see page 26</i>)
Fri 3rd	2.30pm	Time for Tea (<i>ends 4.30pm</i>)
Sun 5th	10.30am	Rev. Lynda Russell



Our Planet from the Air

On 23rd July there was a very good programme on BBC4 called "Our Planet from the Air". It was an excellent statement of the environmental problems caused by our modern way of life. Some of the readers of this magazine may have seen it. For those who didn't I am reproducing here the sub-titles which are displayed towards the end of the film to give you an idea of what it was about:

- 20% of the world's population consumes 80% of its resources;
- The world spends 12 times more on military expenditure than on aid to developing countries;
- 5,000 people a day die because of dirty drinking water – 1 billion people have no access to safe drinking water;
- Nearly 1 billion people are going hungry;
- Over 50% of grain traded around the world is used for animal feed or biofuels;
- 40% of arable land has suffered long-term damage;
- Every year 13 million hectares of forest disappear;
- One mammal in 4, one bird in 8, one amphibian in 3 are threatened with extinction – species are dying out at a rhythm 1,000 times faster than the natural rate;
- Three quarters of fishing grounds are exhausted, depleted or in dangerous decline;
- The average temperatures of the last 15 years have been the highest ever recorded;
- The ice cap is 40% thinner than 40 years ago;
- There may be at least 200 million climate refugees by 2050;

The full description of the film is as follows:

"Featuring stunning aerial footage from 54 countries, this film from acclaimed aerial photographer Yann Arthus-Bertrand and ecology-minded French director Luc Besson reveals the beauty and fragility of our planet as never before.

Scientists tell us that we must change the way we live to avert the eventual depletion of natural resources and the catastrophic evolution of the earth's climate.

The film delivers alarming statistics about climate change and how quickly human beings are transforming our beautiful planet into a place that could eventually be uninhabitable.

Along with enthralling images, this is a depiction of how Earth's problems are all interlinked, through an extraordinary aerial portrait."

Here are some relevant Bible verses:

Lamentations 1:9, Romans 1:22 and Romans 8:19-22.

Bob Greenfield

MHA

Grateful thanks are due, on behalf of MHA, to those who were able to support its work with older people by contributing £66.50 with the church envelopes in June. Together with £190.30 collected throughout the year by the box holders, a very generous total of £256.80 will be forwarded from LMC. There are boxes available if anyone feels able to donate their small change over the course of a year to this increasingly important work.

Freda Walker

LMC Premises Bookings

After 20 years of managing all bookings for the Church and premises at LMC, Joy Foreman has hung up the keys for the last time. We sincerely thank Joy for all she has done for us over those years.

Bookings will now be handled by Carol Stoves from the Church office - 01372 362145 or leatherheadmc@gmail.com



Leatherhead Methodist Church will be open on
Sat. 13th September from 9.30am to 4.00pm
and
Sunday 14th September 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Refreshments available. Display of archives relating to the history of the church. The story of John Wesley's journeys and his last visit to Leatherhead in 1793 when he preached his last sermon.

"Ride & Stride" cyclists and walkers will be welcomed on the Saturday (see page 8 for details). Help needed! Please contact Fred Meynen if you can assist in any way with the event.

More details on: www.heritageopendays.org.uk

John Newton - Amazing Grace The Leatherhead Theatre

On Friday 24th October at 7.30pm - John Newton - Amazing Grace is being staged by the Saltmine Theatre Company at the Leatherhead Theatre.

Several LMC members are going. Tickets are Adult £12, Friends/Concessions £10.

So why don't you join them to see on stage this amazing story of slavery, freedom and the remarkable power of love and grace to transform a life.

See www.theleatherheadtheatre.org for further details.

Christ Church

(United Reformed) Leatherhead

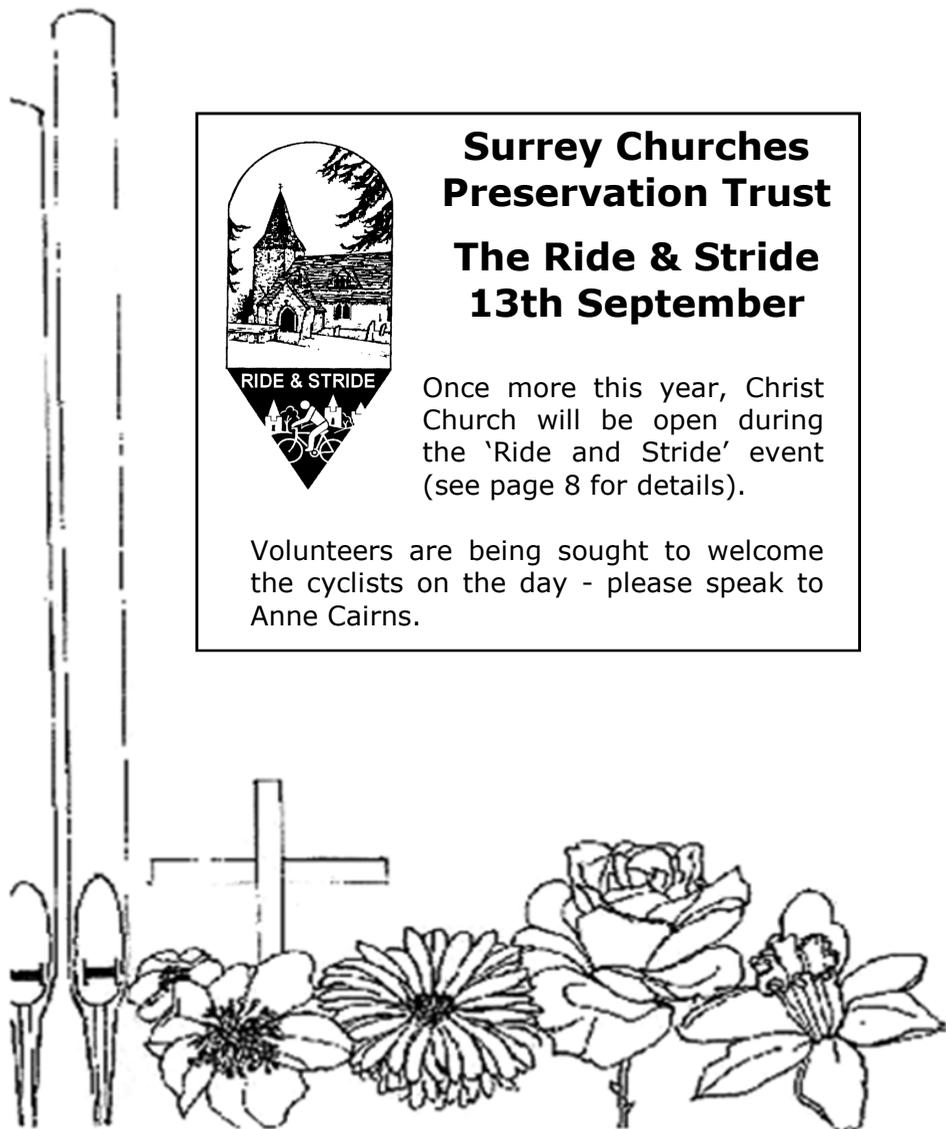


Surrey Churches Preservation Trust

The Ride & Stride 13th September

Once more this year, Christ Church will be open during the 'Ride and Stride' event (see page 8 for details).

Volunteers are being sought to welcome the cyclists on the day - please speak to Anne Cairns.



Five Churches Step Up for the Challenge

I thought you'd be interested in what we heard at the June meeting of the Surrey & Sussex Synod.

The meeting began with brief devotions, followed by a welcome to Lynda, who had to go up to the front and be clapped!

The main item was reports from five churches, which had been invited to describe the ways they were working for or with their communities.

East Grinstead URC work with their Churches Together to run a variety of community projects. They have a Justice and Peace Group in which all the local churches take part.

Brightelm URC is keen on caring for the environment as well as their local community. They have a community centre, a church and a garden. The garden is tended by a group of local people, which interested Anne Cairns, who cares for our garden!

Pulborough URC has a passion for justice, which they channel into Fairtrade activities. Not only their village but also their primary school has Fairtrade status and they are aiming to achieve Fairtrade West Sussex next.

Crawley runs a project called Kairos. They have screened a film, "The Stones Cry Out", showing how the Palestinians are treated; they are campaigning for justice. They are strongly supported by the local Catholic Justice and Peace Group. Crawley also hosts a Tuesday evening drop-in prayer time for commuters on their way home from the station.

Reigate Park with two other churches provides food and accommodation in their buildings for rough sleepers during the coldest winter months. The churches provide volunteers for each of three shifts, which cover the evening meal, the sleepover and the breakfast. Guests and volunteers eat together round the table.

The business part of the meeting followed.

Finally, we were all asked to pray for the General Assembly, 3rd - 6th July, at which some important issues would be discussed, including same-sex marriage. (The outcome was that the 300 delegates were unable to achieve consensus on permitting same-sex weddings in URC churches, although there was broad support; we will continue to seek the mind of Christ on this issue).

Heather Ward

Christ Church Diary - September



Thurs 4th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays at LMC (<i>see page 26</i>)
Fri 5th	2.30pm	Time for Tea at LMC
Sun 7th	10.30am	Rev Geoffrey Dunstan
Wed 10th	2.30pm	Churches Together meeting at BFree
Thurs 11th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays at LMC (<i>see page 26</i>)
Sun 14th	10.30am 6.30pm	John Oborn, Methodist LP Rev Paul Cockburn with Holy Communion at LMC
Wed 17th	12.30pm 3.00pm	Organ Recital (<i>see page 26</i>) Elders Meeting
Thurs 18th	3.30pm	Messy Church at LMC (to 5.30pm)
Sun 21st	10.30am	Rev. Bruce Stuart - Holy Communion
Thurs 25th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays at LMC (<i>see page 26</i>)
Sat 27th	8.00am 7.00pm	Men's Breakfast at Christ Church United Harvest Supper at Christ Church
Sun 28th	10.30am 6.30pm	Joint Service at LMC - Rev. Lynda Russell - Harvest Parade New Fire at LMC
October		
Thurs 2nd	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays at LMC (<i>see page 26</i>)
Fri 3rd	2.30pm	Time for Tea at LMC
Sun 5th	10.30am	Rev. Robert Blows (50th Anniversary of Ordination)



Christ Church Family News



Jeanette Chamberlain has had her hip replacement at last and is making excellent progress. We send good wishes for a speedy return to normal activity.

We send our very best wishes for a full recovery to **Richard Essex** after recent surgery.

We are pleased to report that **Monica Farnell's** heart operation went well and that she is making very good progress. We send best wishes for a complete return to good health.

Congratulations and all good wishes to **Steve Neal** on his 80th birthday which was on 20th August. We hope he enjoyed all the celebrations.

John Rayner has been in hospital with an infection, thankfully not a stroke as originally reported. He is now recovering at home. We send him our very best wishes.

We are very sad to report the death of **Margaret Worsfold** on 28th July. Margaret was a long-standing member of Christ Church, until she moved to Broughty Ferry to be near her daughters. Margaret and her husband John, who passed away over 20 years ago, were very active and devoted members of the church. The funeral and Thanksgiving Service, taken by our Minister, was held at Christ Church on Thursday 7th August, followed by burial at St Giles next to John. We send our sincere condolences to Linda, Helen and Steve and their families in their sudden loss. We shall remember Margaret with affection.

We remember all these friends in our prayers, and others who need our support and prayers at this time, especially **Elma and Gilbert McMillan**, and **Anne and Derek Ray**.

Anne Cairns



1st Leatherhead (Christ Church) Scout Group



Fundraising Events

Plant Sale

On a rather wet and windy Saturday, 7th June, the members of 1st Leatherhead Scout Group set up their stalls at Christ Church, to begin their fund raising efforts for the group. Despite the weather, and thanks to the generosity of Christ Church members and a local nursery, they were able to raise almost £90.00, which was a great start to raising funds for some new tents.

Group Fete and AGM

It was another showery Saturday, 5th July, when the Group held their Fete at Christ Church, but that didn't stop them from setting up their stalls outside and inside the church. We followed our Scouting Motto, 'Be Prepared', and put up gazebos over the external stalls, but unfortunately, we couldn't put one over the Bouncy Castle, so that just got dried off in between the showers! There were stalls for plants, crockery smashing, and a barbecue outside, as well as the bouncy castle for the younger ones, as well as the 'young at heart'. Inside, we had a grand display of prizes for the raffle, all of which, apart from the 1st Prize of £100.00, had been very generously donated by parents and local businesses, all of whom we would like to thank.

There were a number of other stalls on offer, as well as the cakes and refreshments stalls, all of which were, again, very generously donated. Thanks to the efforts of the Explorers, Scouts and their Leaders, a lot of the raffle tickets were sold to the local community, through selling door to door.

After the Fete had finished, we held our AGM, as per Scouting Rules, and we made our District Commissioner, Benita Middleton, earn her cup of tea, by getting her to draw the winning tickets for the raffle, before we got down to the very serious, but short, meeting, to elect our Executive Members.

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A very big 'Thank You' was given to everyone concerned in helping on the day, and in previous weeks, especially, to Christ Church for their continued sponsorship and support for the Scout Group. Thanks to everyone's efforts, after set up costs, we raised the magnificent sum of £1121.40, which will go a long way towards getting some new tents for the group. Photos will be put up in the church hall, on the Scout Board soon. (*Two shown below*).

Jacqui Ball C.S.L.

Photos from the Summer



Notes from the Church Meeting held at Christ Church on Sunday 27th July 2014

The Meeting was chaired by Rev. Lynda Russell with 20 members present.

- News of Members was shared.
- The weekly service sheet is still needed and the LMC format would be considered.
- Cards for visitors to sign should be reintroduced.

- The calendar had been circulated.
- Harvest Supper on Saturday 27th September will be 6.00pm –8.30pm in aid of the joint project.
- The joint project supported by Christ Church and LMC is “Heart of Romania”. A number of fund raising events for the project are to take place:
 1. Mike Essex is organising a Quiz Night on Saturday 8th November in Christ Church Hall. In order to make a success of this event about 100 people will need to attend.
 2. Anthony Cairns is organising a concert during October.
 3. On 26th October at the Joint Service at Christ Church there will be a speaker from the charity at the Sunday morning service making a presentation followed by a Bring and Share lunch.
- Lets Praise Song Books borrowed from LMC are to be tried out.
- Anne Cairns asked for volunteers to welcome cyclists at the church on 13th September.
- The Working Groups have met. The Mission Group met on 26th July with Martin Heywood, Mission Officer for the URC Southern Synod to discuss the formation of our Mission Plan. The Finance Group are looking at five or six options for the buildings but these could not be implemented until a Mission Plan is in place.
- Although £2000 was collected in Leatherhead for Christian Aid this year, many of Christ Church collectors felt unable to offer their services next year. It is hoped that we will be able to make up the revenue in some other way.
- General Assembly through Synods asks Church Meeting to discuss the issue of same sex marriage with views expressed before March 2015.
- The only building/decorating jobs that are being done currently are “patch up” ones until we are certain what our future holds regarding the church buildings.
- Anne Cairns requires a deputy to take on some of her responsibilities around the building and take over at times when she is away.
- Pitstop has been given permission to continue using our premises until the end of the year.

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: Local Church Leader -
Mike Essex 01372 273472

Effingham Methodist Church:

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

Cobham United Reformed Church:

38 Stoke Road, Cobham, KT11 3BD
www.cobhamurc.org.uk
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