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The Ministers Write...

From Rev. Kim Plumpton

Dear Friends,

We experienced some real Joy in the summer. Joy because we were able to enjoy the delight of watching Heather Ward pass her lay preaching course. Joy in that we had a wonderful holiday in Tenerife with our children (it was very precious because it will be the last family holiday). Joy because Samuel was thrilled with his AS results. There was also some sorrow because we lost some dear friends at church, two moved to America permanently and two dear friends passed away. It is of course indicative of life in a way, we rarely spend all our lives floating on cloud nine but neither are we constantly surrounded by sorrow or at least I hope most of us reading this can say that.

The beginning of September always marks the start of the academic year, and the new church year. It also reminds me that Joel will turn 16, not too far behind Samuel who is turning 18. The time has flown, we say it every year "where has the time gone". It doesn't seem two seconds since I held Joel in my arms as a baby, now at 6ft 2ins. I haven't a hope of looking at him without getting a crick in my neck.

They reckon in a lifetime (79yrs) you will spend a third of it asleep, 4 years eating, 9 years watching telly, 1½ years cleaning, 3 years on the internet, around 4 years driving a car, 6 months waiting in queues and so on (if you believe you are an average individual).

Hard to imagine some of those facts and figures but when I think of queues I am reminded of our time at Gatwick airport. We were greeted by the inevitable crowds all trying to get through passport control. "Which queue should we aim for?", Col asked, "Should we go to the automated machine or go through the normal kiosk?" "Normal kiosk" I said. Having experienced the disaster of automation last year when the machine broke down and everyone had to join the end of the other queue, much to the annoyance of all around, I felt it wasn't something I would do again. Rather ironic really because after five minutes the automated queue had to do just that, the machines broke down.

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We found ourselves at a point in the queue that seemed as though the end was in sight fairly soon but didn't realise that we had a further 15 lines to snake around before we got close to security control. There is something quite profound about watching people shuffling and weaving along like sheep through what turned out to be 20 'lines'. Some were smiling some were grumpy, some were even pushing the person in front. Few looked impressed but some did find it amusing. I certainly did.

Waiting is something we are not good at but is a necessary part of our discipleship: "wait on the Lord: be strong and let your heart take courage." Waiting makes it seem as though all progress has come to a grinding halt. We become fidgety, frustrated and anxious yet we are called to wait in hopeful expectation.

So let us wait on the Lord as we begin again after the summer break. Let us not be too hasty to try to sort things in our own strength, but let us be full of His courage and strength.

With every blessing,

Kim

The Ride & Stride 12th September, 2015



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.

For more information visit: www.surreychurchespreservationtrust.org

Editor's Note:

Cobham & Effingham Methodist Churches, Christ Church and LMC are welcoming walkers and cyclists on 12th September.

From Rev. Lynda Russell

Dear Friends,

Most of you probably know that September is the beginning of the new Methodist year. It's the time when all those Ministers who have moved start work in their new churches. It's a time for change and new arrivals. So I'm really pleased to be able tell you that we have appointed our new Family & Children's Worker.

Her name is Hannah Mulcock and she comes from Swindon. She has just finished a year's Leadership training with Scripture Union, and has a calling & passion to work with children.

She did very well at interview and particularly with engaging with the children, and has past experience working in schools, and worship with children, as well as setting up a Messy Church and a Holiday Club.

She is young and will need plenty of support and encouragement from all of us, but she has loads of skills and talents, and great potential to be a fantastic FCW. She also has a deep faith in God, which she is keen to share as appropriate, and also to make disciples.

All three interviewers were unanimous in deciding we should offer her the job. Others also met her and liked her (including some of our children).

I am hoping that we can have a start date of beginning of October. We do need a church family to offer her accommodation for a month or two until she can find someone to share a flat/house with. If you know of anyone or indeed can offer a room (for rent) then please let me know.

Hannah is really excited about coming here and working with us, so we look forward to a new chapter in the life of our churches. When she arrives I will introduce her to both churches, and will get her to write a letter in the Link to introduce herself as well.

We are so thankful to God for guiding us through this process. We believe we have the person that God has provided for us.

To God be all praise and glory! Amen

Every blessing,

Lynda



We need YOU to Join Our Crew

**Could you support families in
Leatherhead?**

Families Matter is a local project which supports families with children of primary school age who are sometimes quite isolated in their home. It aims to offer early help when it is needed.

If you are a good listener, reliable and can commit to around an hour a week, please get in touch!

Training date: 19th September

Kelly Hewson on:
07548 962881 kelly.hewson@cofequidford.org.uk



Do you have a passion for seeing the younger generation grow as followers of Christ?



London Road Methodist Church, Horsham
and Partridge Green Methodist Church

are seeking to appoint a full time

FAMILY WORKER

who will help the churches to walk alongside children, teenagers, young adults and families in their journey of faith.

Salary £17,753 upwards (based on experience).
We are willing to consider part time or job sharing applicants.

Further details and application forms available from
rev@paulcockburn.co.uk or phone 01403 253915
Deadline for applications 19th September



Cobham

Methodist Church

Cobham Methodist Diary



September

- Sun 6th 10.30am Joint Service with Cobham Community Church**
- Sat 12th Cobham Heritage Day (*see page 9*) and Surrey Churches Ride & Stride (*see page 4*)
10.00am Time 4 You (*until 4.00pm*)
- Sun 13th 10.30am Jay Dunning**
- Sat 19th 10.00am "Vision Morning" - Local Mission and Ministry Review at Cobham URC (*see page 11*)
- Sun 20th 10.30am Rev. Kim Plumpton - Harvest Festival with Holy Communion jointly with CCC and TGCM, followed by a Faith Lunch**
- Thurs 24th 3.45pm Messy Church at the URC (*to 5.45pm*)
- Sun 27th 10.30am Juliet Fuller**
- Wed 30th 8.00pm House Fellowship at The Manse

October

- Sun 4th 10.30am tba**



Next "Time 4 You"

Saturday 12th September,
10.00am - 4.00pm

to coincide with Cobham Heritage Day and Surrey Churches 'Ride & Stride'

Cobham Page

Information, news, events and happenings in and around Cobham including news of Cobham Churches events

Cobham Heritage Day 2015



10th Anniversary Year

Cobham Heritage Day is organised by the Cobham Conservation and Heritage Trust and this year will take place on Saturday 12th September.

The day will open at 11.00am and conclude at 4.00pm with the Cobham Duck Race which will start at the Cobham Mill and finish at Riverhill.

As with previous years we also have a special musical evening in St Andrew's Church. The evening entertainment is ticket only and tickets can be purchased at the Cobham Bookshop or the St Andrew's Church Parish office.

Full details of the day and how you could get involved go to www.cobhamheritage.org.uk



Cobham

United Reformed Church

Cobham URC

Worship Diary



September

Sun	6th	9.00am	Early Bird Service
		10.30am	Rev. Roy Bones
Sun	13th	10.30am	Rev. Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion
Sun	20th	10.30am	Rev. Stephen Thornton
Sun	27th	10.30am	Rev. Kim Plumpton - Harvest Service followed by Pot Luck Lunch and speaker

October

Sun	4th	10.30am	Rev. Iain Stewart
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Next Messy Church for Cobham, Oxshott and Stoke D'Abernon



Date: Thurs 24th September

Time: 3:45pm - 5:45pm

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

All are welcome

Cobham URC Events

September

Tues	1st	9.45am	Church Walk
		8.00pm	Elders' Meeting
Thurs	3rd	12.30pm	Men's Fellowship
Sun	6th	3.00pm	Play & Chat (<i>to 6.00pm</i>)
Sat	12th		Cobham Heritage Day (<i>see page 9</i>)
Sat	19th	10.00am	Vision Morning (<i>to 1.00pm</i>) (<i>see below</i>)
Thurs	24th	3.45pm	Messy Church (<i>to 5.45pm</i>)
Fri	25th	3.00pm	T @ 3

October

Sun	4th	3.00pm	Play & Chat (<i>to 6.00pm</i>)
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Prayers at the Cobham URC Manse:

at 9.30am on Wednesdays:

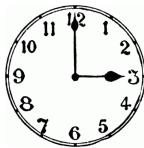
2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th September

Vision Morning

Vision morning to include Local Mission and
Ministry Review.

Saturday 19th September,
10.00am to 1.00pm
followed by lunch.

All are welcome



**Tea at Three:
Friday 25th September**



Effingham Methodist Church



Dates to celebrate this month:

Happy Birthday to Dougie Reed on 17th

Please let us know about birthdays and BIG anniversaries!



Dates for your diaries

Our next **Church Council** will be on Monday 14th September from 10.00-12noon in the Chapel. Items for the agenda to Gill Walker as soon as possible please.

Our **Harvest Festival** will be on **4th October**.

Prayer Meetings...

...are held at the Chapel
every Friday at 9.30am.



Pilgrims on a Journey, the new Methodist Prayer handbook for 2015–2016 is now available at **£3.40 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.**

Effingham Methodist Diary



September

Tues	1st	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall
Thurs	3rd	2.30pm	Christian Meditation in the Church
Sat	5th	10.00am	Café Church at St. Lawrence's Hall <i>(to 11.00am - see page 14)</i>
Sun	6th	10.00am	Rev. Kim Plumpton - Holy Communion
Wed	9th	3.30pm	Messy Church - St. Lawrence Church Hall
Fri	11th	10.00am	Heritage Weekend with Lunch and Cream Teas <i>(to 5.00pm) (see page 17)</i>
Sat	12th	10.00am	Heritage Weekend with Lunch and Cream Teas <i>(to 5.00pm) (see page 17)</i>
Sun	13th	10.00am	Beth Little
		12 noon	Heritage Weekend with Lunch and Cream Teas <i>(to 4.00pm) (see page 17)</i>
Mon	14th	10.00am	Church Council meeting <i>(to 12 noon)</i>
Tues	15th	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall
Thurs	17th	12.30pm	Oasis Bible Study with Kim in the Hall
		2.30pm	Christian Meditation in the Church
Sun	20th	10.00am	Jay Dunning
Tues	22nd	2.30pm	Churches Together meeting in the hall
Sun	27th	10.00am	John Oborn
Tues	29th	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea in the Catholic Church Hall
October			
Thurs	1st	2.30pm	Christian Meditation in the Church
Sat	3rd	10.00am	Café Church at St. Lawrence Church Hall <i>(to 11.00am)</i>
Sun	4th	10.00am	Rev. Kim Plumpton - Harvest Festival and Chapel Anniversary



Nurturing skills for life?

Come and join us at Effingham's café church **Saturday Morning Live on 5th September from 10.00am to 11.00am at St. Lawrence church hall**, when we have a speaker from **Surrey Care Trust**, which provides learning, training and mentoring to support young people and adults in improving their chances in life. Nurturing skills for life, work and learning creates brighter futures. Not just for individuals, but the wider community also gains when people are better equipped to make a positive contribution to society.

Coffee, croissants and plenty of discussion

Your invitation to:



St. Lawrence Church Hall in Brown's Lane
Wednesdays 9th September & 14th October -
3.30pm -5.30pm



We celebrate our
161st Chapel Anniversary
on Sunday 4th October
with a special Harvest Festival
service led by Kim at 10.00am

Tuesday Teas: social group for older folk - ...well over 50 anyway

Tuesday Teas meets fortnightly in the Catholic Hall, Lower Road from 2.30pm to 4.00pm and is a social group with tea and cake prepared by our team of splendid volunteers. Sometimes we have some special entertainment or we may go out and about as well.

We have recently visited Hove again by popular request and enjoyed a good lunch at The Sussex pub followed by a visit to the Hove Museum. During the month of August when the hall was closed, undergoing demolition, we visited one of the volunteer's lovely gardens for tea. We also plan a visit to the Medicine Garden in Cobham before returning to our usual venue in the new Catholic hall in September.

Meeting dates are: September 1st, 15th, 29th, and October 13th when we will be welcoming the Phoenix Singers.

New members would be very welcome - for more information please contact Gill on 01372 457987 - or by email:

GillianMWalker@gmail.com

Churches Together - A Date for your Diary

Raising funds for Christian Aid

Come to a fun evening, and Sing-Along to "Oliver" in the new Our Lady of Sorrows Church Hall, Lower Road, Effingham on Saturday 24th October starting at 7.00pm. Refreshments at half time and wonderful music provided throughout.



Please let Gill Walker know if you are coming (for facility and catering reasons) 01372 457987.

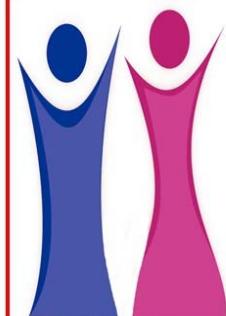
Donations for Christian Aid please.

"Connect"

"Connect" group for carers and their partners with dementia started in June and is continuing fortnightly. More couples would be welcome, so please pass on the information below to anyone you may know. The group is for people in the Fetcham, Bookham, Effingham and Horsley areas. Enjoyable mornings are had by all.

Contact Gill Walker on 01372 457987 or

Kim Plumpton on 01932 586988



'Connect'

**A fortnightly group for carers
and partners living with dementia**

At St Lawrence Church Hall, Browns Lane, Effingham

**Come for refreshments,
friendship, chat
and activities**

September 3rd & 17th

October 1st, 15th & 29th

For more information contact

Kim Plumpton on 01932 586988

Gill Walker on 01372 457987

GillianMWalker@gmail.com

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Diamond Thanks...

John and Avery wish to thank all the members of our society who remembered their Diamond Anniversary on 16th July by sending gifts of flowers, greeting cards and messages which were all appreciated, as is the ongoing support given by the members. Thank you.

John & Avery Rogers

Heritage Open Days Weekend

Effingham Chapel will be taking part in **Heritage Open Days** again this year, and will be open on **Friday 11th and Saturday 12th September from 10.00am to 5.00pm and Sunday 13th from 12 noon to 4.00pm** with refreshments all day, and an exhibition about our village, some famous locals and our Chapel's history.



SO PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

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

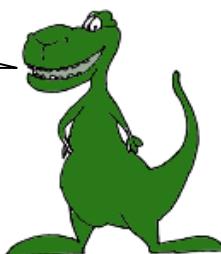
There's also the usual cyclists who will be dropping by on the Saturday for signatures on sponsor forms for the annual **Ride & Stride** on behalf of *Surrey Churches Preservation Trust*. We'll be providing refreshments and a "comfort break". (See also page 4).



Contact Pat or Janet or ring Ange on 01372-454850

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heritage open days



Effingham Chapel will be open on
Friday 11th & Saturday 12th September from
10.00am to 5.00pm and
Sunday 13th September from 12 noon to 4.00pm.

Find out more about our Victorian Chapel,
local history, dinosaurs and dig for fossils with your kids.

Cakes, Cream teas and Ploughman's lunches

Find us at www.heritageopendays.org.uk

Mission Shaped Heritage!



Last month Dave and I attended the Mission Shaped Heritage conference at **Cliff College** in the beautiful Derbyshire Dales. It was an inspirational three days with keynote speakers, academic papers, site visits, workshops and seminars about heritage and mission. The programme also offered innovative ways of being missional in the context of historic religious buildings, museums and archive collections, so something for us all!

Among the speakers were the new **President of Conference, Steve Wild** (District Chair of Cornwall, which will be celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Bible Christians in October) and the **Vice President, Dr. Jill Barber** (former director of Englesea Brook Museum of Primitive Methodism, near Crewe). They have chosen heritage and mission as their theme for this presidential year. Wow! Suffice it to say that Dave and I feel that their energy and enthusiasm for the Gospel will uplift and inspire everyone they meet during their year of office.

Overall it was an stimulating programme raising lots of questions, such as "What is our building saying when we are not there?" We were reminded that History is re -written in every age. In the words of **Fred Pratt Green's** famous hymn "Beset by change but Spirit-led, (the Church) must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead". Heritage is not about preserving the past, but understanding where we've come from and is the key to knowing where we are going. For each church or chapel, telling our story resonates locally. Mission is about communicating the love of God, and loving our community.

"The conference really challenged us to think about the heritage we are leaving for the next generation," said **Sarah Friswell, Chair of the Methodist Heritage Committee** in her summing up speech. "Are we just storing up treasures in our chapel cupboards or are we ready to tell our story with confidence as part of the missionary movement that the Methodist church has always been?" Now Dave & I will try to use the knowledge we've gained to tell the story of Methodism locally and use it for our future Mission.

Ange Putland

Dorking and Horsham Circuit

NEWSLETTER

**September
October &
November 2015**

Dear Friends,

The Great British Bake-Off is back. Not that I'm planning on watching it, but I'm aware that it has started. Autumn seems to be the season for settling back and watching how a group of enthusiastic amateurs cope with a range of baking challenges.

And it's not just baking. The same format is used over and over in the TV schedule. I've seen adverts for competitive hairdressing and barbecuing, and it doesn't seem long since I saw a couple of programmes about budding artists trying to impress the judges. If you count minor celebrities amongst the contestants then I can add competitive ballroom dancing, ice skating and gymnastics to the list of activities.

Part of the fascination of such programmes is getting to know the contestants. In some cases they begin as ordinary and unknown people. In other cases (I'm thinking of Strictly now) over half of the so-called celebrities are people I've never heard of. But as the weeks go by, and we share in their triumphs and disasters, we get to know the contestants well enough to care about how they are coping with each new challenge.

One thread running through the gospel stories is how the twelve disciples cope with sharing in the ministry of Jesus. In the beginning they are just a list of names. And not well-known names either. (How many can you name without looking them up?) It's as the story of Jesus progresses that we get to know them as characters. Some, like Peter, James and John, turn out to be front runners in the discipleship challenge. Some, like Thomas and Matthew, have their brief moments in the spotlight. Some (Thaddeus springs to mind) remain pretty anonymous. And at least one seems almost destined for failure. (I'm looking at you, Judas.)

Seeing ordinary people struggle to learn new skills, or to develop existing skills, can be entertaining. But it can also be inspirational. Who among us hasn't watched some particular baking challenge on TV and decided to have a go ourselves? I know I have. My two-tone marble fairy cakes were not up to gourmet standard. In fact they weren't up to much. But they tasted good and the satisfaction at producing something edible was worth the effort.

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The **Methodist Church**



LONDON ROAD

Did you visit Swan Walk, Horsham, during the summer? If you did, did you spot ThElmer, our London Road Elephant? We have been taking part in the Elephantastic trail, a charity campaign organised by Horsham Rotary involving 185 model elephants displayed across the district in 3 separate trails. ThElmer was beautifully decorated and painted by members of our congregation at a special coffee morning, and then finished in our 'Active Worship for Everyone' service. At the end of the summer, ThElmer will be auctioned for our chosen charity, Action for Children, and we hope will raise lots of money for this very worthwhile cause.

In September we will begin raising funds for our new Church Charities. Each year we vote for a local, national and an international charity to support through our monthly retiring collections and through regular giving. This year we will be supporting the Horsham and Crawley branch of the Samaritans, the Evalina Children's Hospital, and Shelterbox. In addition to the retiring collections, we aim to find out more about these charities by inviting speakers and holding special events, so we look forward to this over the coming months.

Our theme for worship this autumn is "The Holy Spirit, working in Today's World", and we will be having the first of monthly teaching sermons on this theme on Sunday 6th September. This will be followed by a 'bring and share' lunch, and then small group discussion of various topics related to the theme. We hope this will be well supported and enable us to share and get to know each other better.

Looking further ahead, our Drama group has an exciting programme of activities ahead for the autumn, beginning with a play reading and picnic on Sunday 13th September of Cold Comfort Farm. Rehearsals for a pantomime 'Hansel and Gretel' to be staged in late January 2016 also start in September.

Please pray for all these initiatives, and especially for our new young people's group, JIGSAW (Jesus in Games Snacks and Worship) as it resumes after the summer break.

Carolyn King

LEATHERHEAD

The monthly ecumenical "New Fire" service is set for a change in leadership. Jay Bristow has been the inspiring leader as well as an inspiring Youth Worker. Jay is making a career change and leaving "New Fire" in a better place for his leadership.

Funding for a new Family and Children's Worker has been obtained and the recruitment process has begun.

A planning process has started to transform Leatherhead's town centre. We have registered an interest in the possibility of including a United Church in the new town centre.

Ron Shaw

ST MARTIN'S DORKING

The Christian Centre remains busy, and shared with other churches in providing "A Holiday from Home" at the end of August. We say thank you to Christine Francis who is retiring as assistant manager. We serve as a distribution point for the Churches Together Foodbank that opened in June. And we are pleased to report that a major refurbishment of the kitchen is almost complete.

Congratulations to Revd Val Ogden on her graduation (in absentia) as a Doctor of Philosophy, and to James Cameron (formerly of this Circuit) who will be admitted to the office and ministry of a Local Preacher at Cranleigh Methodist Church at 6.30 pm on Sunday September 6. We also pay tribute to Peta Craven, once an LP here and a member at Capel, who has died.

EFFINGHAM

Our Chapel should be under scaffolding during August, so rusted roof nails and slipped slates can be sorted. Meanwhile we are praying for fine weather with no storms while the re-roofing takes place !

The new Effingham Dementia support group “**Connect**” run by **Churches together** is proving so popular that it is hoped to eventually run the group on a weekly basis. Messy Church, Tuesday teas and Saturday Morning Live, our monthly café church, are all going strong, and are now popular events with the local community.

The Chapel will be taking part in **Heritage Open Days Weekend** on 11th, 12th and 13th September. Heritage Weekend is quite a big event here in Surrey, with free entry to stately homes, churches, and many heritage sites. We'll have an exhibition at the chapel about local history, our Methodist roots and topics of local interest. The weekend will also star **Baryonyx**, the Surrey Dinosaur, with a fossil dig (No! it's not Dave). So do pop in to see us and have a ploughman's lunch, cream tea, or just a few CAKES...there'll be lots of CAKE! Maybe even a Dinosaur cake! Perhaps we can hire a dinosaur costume? Hmmmm ! Bring your cameras!

Check the website

<http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk> for events throughout the whole country....except for much of Sussex !

Dave and I recently attended an inspirational **Mission Shaped Heritage Conference** at Cliff College, in the beautiful Derbyshire Dales. We had the pleasure of spending a few days with **Revd Steve Wild** and **Jill Barber**, the new President and Vice President of Conference, and lots of stimulating speakers who helped us appreciate the value of heritage and its place in mission. It was wonderful to meet so many other archivists and heritage volunteers. What a challenge and responsibility we all have, to tell our story and the story of Methodism for mission within our communities.

Angela and David Putland

COBHAM

At the time of the last Circuit Newsletter we were looking forward to our Church Anniversary service. It lived up to all our expectations. We had a full church, bringing together four congregations. Cobham Methodist Church was joined by Cobham United Reformed Church, Cobham Community Church and the Church of the Great Commission Ministry. The service was taken by Revd Conrad Hicks, Assistant District Chair, who challenged and inspired us all. Among other things he spoke about projects with which he had been involved with the Methodist Church in Guatemala, and as a result it was decided that our collection of £300 should be sent to our fellow Methodists in Central America. After the service we shared together in what we traditionalist Methodists call a Faith Lunch (and others call a "Bring and Share" lunch).

We have more united services coming up at the end of August and the beginning of September, with the next Big One being Harvest Festival on September 20th.

Other than on Sundays, requests from community groups of various sorts to hire the premises continue to be more than we can find room for. It is encouraging that some of those who hire the premises leave items of food in the foodbank bin (now repaired after the wheel came off).

David Cappitt

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I wish we knew more about the twelve disciples who learned at the feet of Jesus how to preach good news and how to change lives. There are plenty of legends which have sprung up about these characters, but few hard facts. Often in the gospels they are lumped together as one in their slowness to understand, their fear of the unknown, or their outright disbelief in the face of the resurrection. Yet these men took the ancient world by storm when the Holy Spirit filled them, inspired them and drove them out.

Do you ever wish you could be part of that great missionary movement? Do you want to follow in the footsteps of Jesus as they did? Do you long to face the same kind of challenges they faced, and experience the same indwelling Spirit? The good news is that you can. Jesus chose his disciples not for their expertise or even for their faith, but because they were ordinary folk like you and me. Their success, and yes, their failures too, are an inspiration to us.

And unlike the Great British Bake-Off. In the Great Christian Commission to go and make disciples of all nations, there is no weekly elimination. Whether we succeed or fail, we remain followers of Jesus, we learn from our mistakes and we try again.

Paul

Deadline for the next issue:
Wednesday November 4
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PARTRIDGE GREEN

On July 19, under the expert leadership of Mike and Elaine Tunbridge, our Sunday morning worship took the form of “Songs of Praise”. Our congregation chose hymns and Bible readings which held significant memories for themselves, and which they shared with us during the service. This was a special service for us all to remember, and a change of approach from our traditional Sunday morning worship.

We look forward to receiving our “Singing the Faith” hymn books soon, so we can move forward with many new hymns to enjoy in our future worship.

We are delighted to welcome Margaret and Tony Daniell, who joined us recently for our Sunday morning worship. They moved to the village from the Isle of Wight in May and have family nearby.

We continue to encourage our young families in the village to share worship time with us and, despite our adult only worship time each Sunday, we remain encouraged to welcome young people for a Toddler Service on September 22 with a Harvest Festival Theme, and again in the children’s school holiday on October 29 we will be hosting another “Messy Church” morning. We greatly appreciate our friends’ help from London Road, as well as members from our other village churches who support us on the day.

This activity remains popular, as does the “Village Café” in our church hall every second Thursday afternoon each month. A date for your diary - our pre-Christmas Coffee morning will be held on Saturday 21 November at 10.00 am! So, lots going on in Partridge Green Methodist Church. Come and join us!

Alison James

Leatherhead Pages

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

Leatherhead Community Association

Soon Autumn will be upon us. Where has the Spring and Summer gone? I hope that the programme that was arranged by the LCA has been enjoyed by many people.

There are three visits planned between now and Christmas. Tuesday 8th September to Buckingham Palace and there are still a few places left. Thursday 8th October to the Knitting and Stitch Show at Alexandra Palace, and on Tuesday 24th November a Christmas shopping day at the Winchester Christmas Market with a short tour of the Cathedral. I don't think that you can have more varied venues than these!

Peter Humphreys has once again organised a full programme of walks, short, long and strolls and, as is customary, these are usually arranged to include some kind of hostelry! The short walks of 3-4 miles and the longer walks of 4-6 miles, alternate between the first and second Wednesdays in the month. The Strolls, which are on the third Wednesday in the month, are designed for the less agile and there are no stiles or steep slopes to encounter and last no longer than an hour. There is really something there for most people and Peter is very happy to be phoned for fuller details - 01372 378347.

The Art/History lectures will be starting up again with talks by Paul Pickering on 30th September and 7th October on 'Regency and Empire Styles', nothing to do with fashion but an exploration of decorative and fine arts in the early 19C in England and France. On 14th and 21st October Paul will be talking about two Roman Art Collections, the Palazzo Doria Pamphilj and the Villa Borghese, and on 4th and 11th November Dr Katy Brown will be introducing the Pre-Raphaelites. To conclude the 2015 season on 25th November Paul Pickering will give an introduction to the Goya Exhibition which will be at the National Gallery from 7th October to 10th January 2016. All the lectures are on Wednesdays from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

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Don't forget that there is Scrabble every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month and new members are always welcome and needed, and there is table tennis every Monday from 2.00pm to 4.30pm. There is a newly formed Bridge group on one Friday each month, please phone the office first so that numbers can be organised, basic knowledge of ACOL is needed, and there is a full programme of 'Tea and Talks' on the second Friday of the month at 2.00pm. What you may not know is that there are rooms for hire, either on a short or long term basis and Sarah in the office will give full details.

Non-members are welcome to drop in for coffee in the library on Tuesday and Friday mornings when they can be assured of a welcome and a chat with an LCA member or the Office Administrator. Full details of membership and of all events can be found at the Leatherhead Institute, so why not call in at 67 High Street, Leatherhead, last building on the left at the top of the High Street, or call Sarah on 01372 360508 any day between 9.00am and 12 noon. Also, please click on to the website to find out more - www.leatherheadca.org.uk or email us on Ica2@btconnect.com

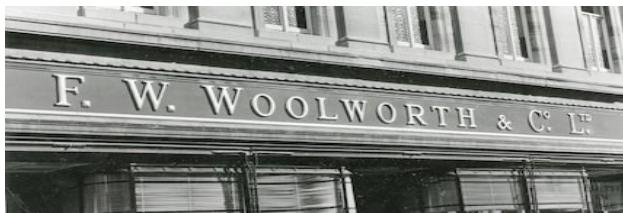
Frances Presley

Note from the Editor:

Peter Steadman, who is our principal contact for the "Music on Thursdays" and "Christ Church on Wednesdays" season, related the following to me one week after we found items left behind at LMC by concert goers.

The Wonder of Woollies

For a decade or so my Mum worked in the office at Kingston Woolworths. Every couple of weeks she would come home saying "Another miracle today!" It always amused her when they found a walking stick in the store. They were rarely on the floor, more likely hooked onto a counter. So people would come into the store using their stick, and then find they didn't need it to get home. Given such incredible healing powers, it's a shame Woolworths had to close down!



Peter Steadman

Time for Tea

COME for TEA and COMPANY

From 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Friday 4th September

(The subject will be "My Summer Holiday")

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Next Messy Church for Leatherhead:

Thursday 17th September
3.30pm to 5.30pm at:



NEW FIRE

Don't forget to plan to come along to the contemporary New Fire service at 6.30pm on the fourth Sunday evening each month at LMC. Stay afterwards for coffee and a chat.

Next New Fire service: Sunday 27th September



Men's Breakfasts

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

26th September at the Catholic Church Hall. Caroline and Jenny will be talking about "Happy Child International - where we are going now!"

24th October at the Methodist Church Hall and the speaker will be Annona Coates

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.



Leatherhead Uniting Churches

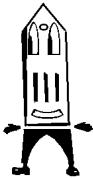
Harvest Supper

**LMC are hosting this year's
Harvest Supper at
Christ Church Hall
Epsom Road**

**Saturday
3rd October
6.30pm**

**Tickets available soon
£6.00 Adults
£12 Family £9 Single Parent Family**

Food included - bring your own drinks



Leatherhead

Methodist Church

***Please see the Leatherhead Pages
(pages 23 to 28) for more news***

West Hill School Community Café...

...is held at LMC every Tuesday morning at 10.30am, except during school holidays.

West Hill School in Leatherhead is an outstanding special school for pupils aged from 11 to 16 with learning difficulties and autism. The café is providing learners with opportunities to develop work-related skills as well as social and communications skills. Please come along on Tuesday mornings to support this very worthwhile enterprise.



LMC House Groups

LMC has three House Groups where church members or friends can meet together on a regular basis. These groups usually meet in someone's home, and are informal ways to get to know each other better, to share joys, concerns, and prayer requests if desired, and to discuss various subjects, either from the Bible or from other relevant Christian books. Everyone is very welcome to join a group. Please see Lynda if you are interested.



Gill, a friend to so many...

Yesterday afternoon 18th August was Gill's Memorial Service at LMC. The church was packed, with few empty seats. So many people! Apart from family and close friends, there were people who had moved away, people from other churches, and people whose connection I did not know. Ages ranged from those in their 80's down to an eight week old baby. It must have been so heart-warming for Meurig and his family to see so many come to give thanks for having known Gill.

The Service was mainly put together by Gill - we sang her choice of hymns, a mixture of old and new, and heard Rev. Ian Field read one of her favourite Bible passages from Romans 8. In it are the words "If God is for us, who can be against us?" To me, that quote sums up Gill's faith. While the adults worshipped and listened, the little group of young children quietly amused themselves on the floor at the front with the box of toys. Occasionally one escaped to wander along the aisles or sit under the communion table, only to be scooped up by Mum. Nobody minded. It must have been quite an experience for older grandchildren to hear such heartfelt appreciation of their Gran, and adding their own thoughts too. It is when you hear those children voicing their memories, you are made to realise how influential grandparents can be in their lives.

For me, it was a privilege to be part of that congregation. It was an even greater privilege to be asked to take part. From Gill I received a great deal as a friend for more than 40 years. It was just a little I could do to give back in her memory.

Gill was one of the givers and carers of this world, a gentle quiet soul of deep faith. God Bless you, Gill.

Jean Plant



Monthly Service at The Beeches Care Home

A service is held at The Beeches Care Home in Forty Foot Road at 3.00pm on the third Tuesday every month. If you feel you can assist with running the service, please contact Lynda.

Pastoral Prayers

Prayer meetings are held at 2.30pm on the 4th Tuesday every month at LMC. All pastoral visitors and Christ Church Elders are welcome to attend. Next prayer meeting - Tuesday 22nd September.

Commissioning Services

Commissioning of children's workers will take place during the morning service on Sunday 20th September, and likewise commissioning for pastoral visitors will take place on Sunday 4th October.

Heritage Open Days in September

Leatherhead Methodist Church will be open on Saturday 12th September from 9.30am to 4.00pm as part of the National Heritage Weekend when public buildings, schools and places of historic interest are open to the general public. We will have on display the history of our Church and Methodism together with archives relating to John Wesley who preached his last sermon in Leatherhead in 1791.



Cyclists and walkers raising money for church restoration will be visiting and if you would like to help by being a steward and serving refreshments please get in touch.

Fred Meynen, 01372 372930

LMC Family News



Congratulations and best wishes to...

...Claire Howard on her engagement to Matthew Waters. An exciting time for them both!

Our thoughts, prayers and condolences...

...with Meurig Harris and the family following the death of Gill in August.

...also with the family of Eileen Scott who died in August.

also with...

...other members and friends being looked after in nursing care or at home and with all those who care for them day by day. We think of Jean and James Ross, and Jean Jones.

Congratulations to...

...our young people on their exam results, and our best wishes to teachers and students at the start of a new school year.

Good to see...

... Harry & Peggy Robinson back with the Sunday Church family after eight weeks absence whilst Harry was unwell.

Prayer Breakfasts

Prayer breakfasts are held on the third Sunday each month at 9.00am. It's a bring and share (non-cooked) breakfast with a short time of prayer fellowship before the morning service. All very welcome.



Diary



September

Thurs	3rd	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays (see page 26)
Fri	4th	2.30pm	Time for Tea (<i>to 4.30pm</i>)
Sun	6th	10.30am	Rhys Frost
Tues	8th	10.30am	West Hill School Café at LMC - all welcome
Thurs	10th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays (see page 26)
Sat	12th	9.30am	Church open for Heritage Weekend (see page 31)
Sun	13th	10.30am	David Cappitt
		6.30pm	Rev. Paul Cockburn - Holy Communion
Tues	15th	10.30am	West Hill School Café at LMC - all welcome
Wed	16th	12.30pm	Organ Recital at Christ Church (see page 26)
Thurs	17th	3.30pm	Messy Church (<i>to 5.30pm</i>)
Sun	20th	9.00am	Bring and Share Prayer Breakfast
		10.30am	Rev. Lynda Russell - Holy Communion & Youth Workers' Commissioning Service
Tues	22nd	10.30am	West Hill School Café at LMC all welcome
		2.30pm	Pastoral Prayer Meeting
Thurs	24th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays (see page 26)
		7.30pm	Leadership Team
Sat	26th	8.00am	Men's Breakfast at the Catholic <small>See page 27</small>
Sun	27th	10.30am	Joint Harvest/Parade Service
		6.30pm	at Christ Church - Rev. Lynda Russell New Fire
Tues	29th	10.30am	West Hill School Café at LMC - all welcome

October

Thurs	1st	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays (see page 26)
Sat	3rd	6.30pm	Harvest Supper at Christ Church hosted by LMC (see page 28)
Sun	4th	10.30am	Rev. Lynda Russell - Holy Communion & Commissioning of Pastoral Visitors

Rough Seas

I love the sea whether by it, in it or on it! It was something shared with Denis, even though he could not swim, and we developed our love of islands as a holiday destination - the Scillies, Balearics, the Canaries and the Azores. A sermon in June reminded me of two occasions of rough sea between islands.

The first dates back to the late 1960's and we were on holiday on St. Mary's, Isles of Scilly. Our joy was to go on the local boats to the smaller, outer islands. A trip to St. Agnes & Gugh took us the long way round via Bishop Rock Lighthouse. All those years ago everything required by the keepers was brought by boat. There was no helicopter landing pad then. On this occasion it was the mail delivery day. The little boat stopped as close to the rocks as it dare and a bosun's line was thrown by the keepers, the mail sack attached to it and hauled up. This took a while and all the time the boat, completely open to the elements, was tossed around like a cork! Some people clung to each other, some even curled up on the bottom. They were so afraid! We had been told it would be 'choppy' (the boatmen's word for 'rough') and that we could get wet. We got soaked! Great waves seemed to come over from all sides. But at no time were we afraid. We had complete faith in the competence of the boatmen. It was more than their livelihood was worth to put passengers in danger. Afterwards we had a lovely day on St Agnes where the sea was like a millpond.

The second trip was in 2008. Denis and I were on holiday in Fuerteventura (the Canaries), an island we knew well. We always took an excursion on the glass-bottomed boat across to Lobos, a chunk of the main island broken away during a volcanic eruption thousands of years ago. There is nothing on the island - no shop, no café, no toilets - just peace, sandy beaches and warm water to swim in. Bliss!

As the tide turned, just before we had to catch the boat back, a fierce wind whipped up huge waves. We couldn't get onto the little jetty, as the waves were breaking right across it. We could see the boat coming, a speck on the crest of a wave and then disappearing down into a trough. It was a miracle they managed to get anywhere near the jetty! Singly, each of the 50 or so people waiting,

were life-jacketed, manhandled through the waves by two hefty boatmen and told to jump at the right moment! It was somewhat scary! Getting everyone on board took ages. At least this boat had a cabin to shelter in. Even fully laden, the power of the sea lifted the vessel to the top of each wave and then thumped it down into a dip. We all grasped whatever we could to help stay in one place. Once in the shelter of the main island, the sea was calmer. 'All in a day's work' said the boatmen as they helped us off. This calmness and seamanship gave us assurance. I had great admiration for those weather-beaten tough seamen.

Our trips were for pure pleasure, but what of all the refugees fleeing dangers in their homeland, to potential safety in Italy. Their boats are over-filled, barely sea-worthy and navigated by those with little skill. Sadly, so many never make it to the 'land of milk and honey'. When whole families spend every penny they have to risk their lives in such a way, they must have great faith that there is a better life for them somewhere.

We seem helpless too, and can only pray for the safety of such displaced people, and for peace in their native lands.

Jean Plant



News of James Cameron...

There will be a Recognition Service for James Cameron at Cranleigh Methodist Church on Sunday 6th September at 6.30pm when he will be admitted to the office and ministry of a Local Preacher. Anyone who would like to go is welcome to attend.

Christ Church

(United Reformed) Leatherhead

Please also see the Leatherhead Pages (pages 23 to 28) for more news of joint Christ Church and LMC events and other happenings in and around Leatherhead.



Christ Church Family News



Please note that **Sheila Edwards** has a new phone number: **01372 438893**.

We are very sad to announce the death of our dear friend **Norma Hannant** on 25th June, following a stroke on 7th June. We send our deepest sympathy to David and all the family in their loss. The church was packed for the beautiful Thanksgiving Service on 15th July. Norma was such a good kind friend to everyone. We remember with gratitude all her contributions to church life, her work with Messy Church, the catering committee, the coffee rota and flower rotas, and she was always so cheerful and willing to help. She will be greatly missed by us all.

Bert Gower is not at all well at the moment and we send him our best wishes.

Steve Neal is recovering well from a recent operation on his back. We send him good wishes for a speedy return to normal activity.

Peggy Hartman. Some members may remember Justin and Peggy Hartman from the ministerial exchange in 1951. Eunice Paul has given us the news of Peggy's death in California, where she lived near her daughter Beth. Justin died some time ago.

We were sad to receive the news of the death on 2nd August of **Gill Harris** from LMC and send Meurig and the family our sincere condolences.

We remember in our prayers these friends and those who are in any distress at this time, those recovering from operations and the carers in our community.

Anne Cairns

Thank You...

I should like to express to my friends at Christ Church my most sincere thanks for the kind and thoughtful messages Lydia and I have received after the untimely death of Timothy, in Pittsburgh, at the end of May. At Christmas we had a wonderful gathering of the whole family in Austria. Tim was suffering from a slightly bothersome hip for which he was to have treatment or a possible replacement in January. When he went to hospital for tests they discovered he already had advanced lung cancer and, despite treatment, he died at the end of May. Lydia spent three weeks over Easter helping take care of Tim and also went to the service at the end of May; I shall be eternally grateful to her for that.

Tim was the first baby born to an incumbent minister of Christ Church for many years and we moved into the brand new Manse when he was just eight months old - sixty-seven years ago.

Thank you all.

Eunice Paul

Ride & Stride at Christ Church - Saturday 12th September



This is the annual Surrey Churches Preservation Trust fundraising event where we welcome cyclists and walkers to the church for refreshments and for them to sign a register to confirm their visit.

Christ Church is one of the churches on the route and Sue Huxtable has kindly agreed to organise the welcome and refreshments for this event. She will be glad to have volunteers to help during the day. If you can help, please contact Sue by phone or email.

(See also page 4 for more details).

Anne Cairns

Christ Church Diary



September

Thurs	3rd	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays at LMC (<i>see page 26</i>)
Fri	4th	2.30pm	Time for Tea at LMC (<i>to 4.30pm</i>)
Sun	6th	10.30am	Heather Ward
Thurs	10th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays at LMC (<i>see page 26</i>)
Sat	12th	10.00am	Ride & Stride (<i>to 4.00pm - see page 4</i>)
Sun	13th	10.30am	Rev. Alex Mabbs - with Holy Communion
		6.30pm	Rev. Paul Cockburn - with Holy Communion - at LMC
Wed	16th	12.30pm	Organ Recital (<i>see page 26</i>)
		7.00pm	Elders' Meeting
Thurs	17th	3.30pm	Messy Church at LMC (<i>to 5.30pm</i>)
Sun	20th	10.30am	Rev. Robert Blows
Tues	22nd	2.30pm	Pastoral Prayers at LMC
Thurs	24th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays at LMC (<i>see page 26</i>)
		2.00pm	Uniting Churches Council at Christ Church
Sat	26th	8.00am	Men's Breakfast at Catholic Hall (<i>see page 27</i>)
Sun	27th	10.30am	Rev. Lynda Russell - Joint Harvest/Parade Service at Christ Church
		6.30pm	New Fire at LMC

October

Thurs	1st	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays at LMC (<i>see page 26</i>)
Fri	2nd	2.30pm	Time for Tea at LMC (<i>to 4.30pm</i>)
Sat	3rd	6.30pm	Harvest Supper at Christ Church hosted by LMC (<i>see page 28</i>)
Sun	4th	10.30am	Gail Partridge

Pastorate Details

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

Leatherhead Methodist Church:

Church Road, Leatherhead, KT22 8AY

www.leatherheadmethodist.org

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Carol Stoves 01372 377125; Office 362145

Christ Church (United Reformed):

Epsom Road, Leatherhead, KT22 8ST

www.chch.org.uk

Contact: Local Church Leader -

Mike Essex 01372 273472

Effingham Methodist Church:

Chapel Hill, Effingham, KT24 5NB

www.effinghammethodistchurch.co.uk

Contact: Senior Steward -

Dave Putland 01372 454850

Cobham United Reformed Church:

38 Stoke Road, Cobham, KT11 3BD

www.cobhamurc.org.uk

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Cobham Methodist Church:

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