



LINK-UP

October 2018

Keeping Churches in Touch

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From the Chair

Start the day with a Prayer

At the September Prayer Breakfast, led by Rev Jane Vlach of SS Peter & Paul and St Marks, we prayed the following prayer:

O King and Saviour of all
What is your gift to me?
And do I use it to Your pleasing?

A Prayer we should perhaps all pray and then act upon.

Prayer Breakfasts are on the fourth Saturday of each month. Breakfast starts at 8:30, with the prayer time from 9:15 to 10:00. The next two are at Godalming Baptist Church on Saturday 27 October and Hambledon Church on Saturday 24 November. Do attend, it's a good way to start a day.

Do look at the Events sections as there are a number of important events and dates for next year - and put them in your organiser (be it paper or electronic)!

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Events for your diary

Below is a selection of the many events taking place during October 2018 and beyond. More detail can be found in the sections below and on the Churches Together website: www.godalmingchurches.org/calendar

Wednesday 3 October

10:30 to 12:00 – Coffee morning and book sharing, Godalming Baptist Church

Thursday 4 October

Dementia Friends information session, The Old Rectory, Busbridge Church

Wednesday 17 October

19:15 for 19:45 – Churches Together AGM, St Edmunds, Presentation by Trinity Trust Team

Saturday 20 October

10:00 to 16:00 - Day of Reflection *'The Still Point of the Turning World'*, St. John's Seminary, Wonersh

10:30 to 12:30 - Yoga session and light lunch, Godalming Unitarian Chapel, Meadow

Wednesday 24 October

10:30 - Jesus' blessing and the practice of peacemaking, Godalming Quaker Meeting House

Saturday 27 October

08:30 – Churches Together prayer breakfast, Godalming Baptist Church

Wednesday 31 October

16:00 to 18:30 – Light Party, The Old Rectory, Busbridge Church

Saturday 17 November

10:00 to 12:00 - Life issues session: Everyone at the table, Godalming Baptist Church

Saturday 24 November

Winter Festival, Godalming High Street

Saturday 8 December

Christmas Together in Godalming, organised by Churches Together. This includes stalls in the High street (what about your Church or organisation taking a stall), Blessing of the Crib with real donkey this year and Town Carol service.

Friday 14 December

19:00 to 20:00 – Churches Together Carols, The Inn on The Lake

Saturday 15 December

14:00 and 19:00 – Manna Ministries: *The last laugh*, St Catherine's Theatre, Bramley

Sunday 30 December

18:30 - 5th Sunday Churches Together Evening service at Busbridge Church, led by Trinity Trust Team

Sunday 20 January 2019

United Service, Godalming United Church

Friday 19 April 2019

Good Friday walk of witness

Sunday 21 April 2019

Easter Day sunrise service

Thursday 30 May 2019

Ascension Day service, St Edmund's Church

Sunday 11 August

Worship@The Bandstand

News of the Churches and organisations

Parish of Godalming

Lipreading classes

Thursdays, 14:00 to 16:00 at the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul. Dates as follows:

- 4, 11 and 18 October (no class on 25 October due to half-term)
- 1, 8, 15 and 22 November

www.parishofgodalming.org.uk

Busbridge and Hambledon Church

Dementia Friends information session, Thursday 4 October

Penny Naylor, Prime Time Befriending Coordinator for Busbridge & Hambledon Church, is running a free 'Dementia Friends' Information Session on Thursday 4 October and is inviting local people to come along. The one-hour Session will take place in the the Old Rectory at Busbridge Churchh at 10:00. At the end of the session, everyone attending will have the opportunity to become a Dementia Friend. If you'd like to attend, contact Penny at the Busbridge & Hambledon Church Office on 01483 421267 or email: penny.naylor@bhcgodalming.org People can also get involved in Dementia Friends through an online video. Go to dementiafriends.org.uk to find out more.

Light Party, Wednesday 31 October

We are hosting a Light Party on Wednesday 31 October from 16:00 to 18:30, at the Old Rectory, Busbridge. This is an evening for families with children up to 11 years. Come and join us for a Halloween family alternative. We have a range of activities, dancing, prizes and food for the family. As Christians we celebrate Jesus being the Light of the World, and our focus is choosing to opt-out of all things spooky and scary. Fancy Dress to impress with your optional superhero costumes, with prizes for those who dress up. For booking inquiries please email Becky: lightparty@bhcgodalming.org or book online via our website.

www.bhcgodalming.org

St John's Parish Church, Farncombe

Harvest Festival, Sunday 7 October

We are looking forward to the Harvest season, culminating in the Harvest Festival service on the morning of Sunday 7 October this year; our gifts of goods will be supporting the Food Bank and our money collection a charity working in the area of sustainable agriculture.

Sue Petty is about to complete her Pastoral Assistant's training and we are on the brink of making changes to the service schedule with a little more thought, discussion and prayer to take place.

www.farncombe.org.uk

Godalming Baptist Church

A new Pastor

We are delighted to let you know that Revd Sandra Platford has accepted the calling to be our next Pastor at GBC and will begin her ministry in January. We would value your prayers for Sandra, her husband Brian and their family, and also for the fellowship at Queen Street.

Freedom in Christ

As autumn comes, we have started a series of studies 'Freedom In Christ' in the Sunday sermons and daytime and evening sessions.

Celebrating the harvest, Sunday 7 October

With donations of Bibles and Christian books for Book Aid, and items for the Food bank.

Coffee morning and book sharing, Wednesday 3 October, 10:30 to 12:00

A coffee morning and sharing of book titles from the library that have been helpful. Do join us if you are able as you are warmly invited to borrow any books simply by filling in your details in our red book in the library.

Everyone at the table, Saturday 17 November

On Saturday 17 November, Kathleen Smith will lead a life issue session at GBC from 10:00 to 12:00 with an optional bring-your-own lunch afterwards (to finish by 13:00). Entitled 'Everyone at the Table', this morning considers who is missing at our family table and what you can do to support the prodigal or difficult person in your family. Contact Sally Pollard on pollard3@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01483 422105.

www.godalmingbaptistchurch.org.uk

Godalming United Church

New hall floor

Over the quiet summer period our Hall floor has undergone major renovation. The Edwardian wood blocks, which had succumbed to flood damage, have been replaced by an underfloor gypsum-based screed board topped with a vinyl surface similar to the other church rooms. A major project completed against tight deadlines, and so much easier to clean! Thanks go to John Drake and his team.

Upcoming events

- Saturday 13 October, 15:00 to 17:00 - Messy Church "The Lost Sheep" – fun for all the family
- Sunday 14 October, 10:30 - Harvest Festival: family & parade service followed by bring-and-share lunch (contact 01483 273291 or mcwest1@btinternet.com)

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St Edmund King & Martyr Godalming with St Joseph's Milford Roman Catholic Churches

Alpha course

Following on from the two taster events during September, the course will run till 25 November to be held at St John's Church Hall, Farncombe on Sunday evening from 19:00 to 21:00. Contact alion@btinternet.com

Parish Prayer Group

Monday 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 October, 20:00 at The Old Farmhouse, Elstead (opposite the Golden Fleece)
contact Richard Grey 01252 702230

Bible Study

Tuesday 2, 9, 16, 22 and 30 October, 10:30 at St Joseph's Room, Milford.

Day of Reflection 'The Still Point of the Turning World', Saturday 20 October, 10:00 to 16:00

The day will offer meditation, mindfulness and prayer practices, reflections on scripture, poetry and visual images - to explore the concept of stillness and how we can find rest and renewal in a frantic world. Led by Rev. Sheena Gabriel and Dr. Rob Oulton a retired GP, an experienced meditator and trained facilitator in 'Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction'. Venue St. John's Seminary, Cranleigh Road, Wonersh, GU5 0QX to book a place contact paulcnw10@aol.com 07973 500 811

Annual St Edmunds Quiz night, Saturday 20 October

19:00 at St John's Church Room, Farncombe – in aid of CAFOD. Tickets on sale now only £10 to include filled baked potato supper. Tables of eight so organise your team now. For more information or to book tickets contact jolewry@aol.com

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Godalming Quakers

Yoga session and light lunch, Saturday 20 October

On Saturday 20 October, from 10:30 to 12:30, a yoga session and light lunch will be offered at the Unitarian Chapel on Meadow to raise funds for a breast cancer screening programme 'WOMEN-4-WOMEN' at Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza. The session will be lead by Julie Gibson, and a suggested donation of £25 is requested. Please email debbyflack_godalming@hotmail.com to book a place. All are welcome.

Peacemaking and the white poppy

Next month, many of us will be preparing for Remembrance Sunday and we will be wearing a red poppy. Some of us will also wear a white poppy next to the red one to say we remember all those killed and maimed during recent wars and we hear a challenge in Jesus' words 'Blessed are the peacemakers'.

The first white poppies for peace were offered by mothers, sisters and wives who had lost loved ones in WW1. They wanted their white poppies to be a warning against any further war. We have failed to address the causes of conflict such as poverty, inequality and social injustice. We continue to invest more in destructive wars and arms trade than in nonviolent conflict resolution and peace initiatives. At the recent GCT Executive meeting, we briefly reflected on the above and heard that peacemaking is not an optional commitment but a requirement of our Christian faith.

Join us at the Quaker Meeting House, Mill Lane, Wednesday 24 October at 10:30 for a cup of coffee to explore further Jesus' blessing and the practice of peacemaking. We can share information on existing projects within our Churches and explore better ways for nonviolent conflict resolution. To find out more, please contact Anna Seifert on 01483 414767

www.godalmingquakers.org.uk

Manna Ministries

The last laugh – bullying never pays, Saturday 15 December

Join Manna Academy as they perform an adaption of the beloved story *The Three Little Pigs* as an anti-bullying campaign. Performances at 14:00 and 19:00 at St Catherine's Theatre, Station Road, Bramley GU5 0DF. Tickets £6 for children, £7 for adults or £20 for a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) available at

www.mannaministries.org.uk.

Did you know...

There is a Community Fridge at the CAB? Do check it out and let others know. Find out more at:

www.facebook.com/pg/godalmingcommunityfridge/about

Items for next month's Link-Up

Please send items for the November 2018 edition of *Link-Up* to Matt Farrow: farrow.matt@gmail.com by Sunday 14 October for issue on Sunday 21 October.