



LINK-UP

April 2019

Keeping Churches in Touch

www.godalmingchurches.org

From the Chair

A month for Sponsoring a Child, Walking, Celebrating, Eating and Praying..TOGETHER!

If you read this before 30 March, do come along to Godalming Baptist Church from 19:00 to 21:00 for Curry with Compassion - to hear a chap from a slum in India tell his story of being sponsored through Compassion.

The evening consists of a vegetarian curry and then whilst he shows how to make a curry, he will tell us of his journey. There will be information on sponsoring children. The evening is family friendly. Tickets are £6.50 each. Contact Julia on eashingstubbbs@aol.com if you want to come.

If you read this after 30 March, why not find out more and sponsor a child through Compassion anyway via their website: www.compassionuk.org/sponsorship

On Good Friday we hold a Walk, starting at the Wharf at 10:45 and wending along the High Street, Crown Court and the Pepperpot before finishing at Godalming Baptist Church, where Trinity Trust Team will lead us in the reflection they have been taking to local school assemblies. We will be handing out wooden crosses on the walk. If you would like to do this or act as a steward or carry the small banner, please contact me. Or just turn up - all welcome.

On Easter Day, there will be a Sunrise Service at 6:45 at Minster Field. Access is by foot on a track down Tuesley Lane just beyond the second arm of Minster Close. Park carefully in surrounding roads and follow others.! Ladywell have kindly offered us refreshments afterwards. if you haven't been before it's a great way to start EASTER and if you have been before... it's a great way to start EASTER!

Saturday 27th April (4th Sunday Prayer Breakfast) We meet at 8:30 for breakfast and chat and then at 9:15 we pray together led by someone from the host church. It's a good way to see how others pray. Venue to be confirmed so look out for details.

Michael Stubbs, Chair of Godalming and District Churches Together, michaeleashing@aol.com

Christian Aid

In 2018, you helped Christian Aid raise an incredible £7 million. All your efforts really do add up to this amount. Christian Aid Week 2019 is from **12 to 18 May**. CA will be sharing inspiring stories of mums and babies in Sierra Leone. Together, we can ensure everyone has fullness of Life.

Many local churches and schools support this week, raising money in a variety of ways, including hosting a Big Brekkie or a Hunger Lunch, church services, prayer and collections, house to house collecting and sponsored walks. Now is the time to be planning what you are going to do.

Muriel Clark is organising a collection on Godalming High Street from 10:00 to 16:00 on 16, 17 and 18 May. Please let her know if you can do an hour on the rota. Thank you for your continued help.

Events for your diary

Below is a selection of the many events taking place during April 2019 and beyond. More detail can be found in the sections below and on the Churches Together website: www.godalmingchurches.org/calendar

Saturday 30 March

19:00 to 21:00 – Curry with Compassion, Godalming Baptist Church

Monday 1 April

11:30 to 12:30 – Prayers for Feba, 42 Minster Road, Godalming

Saturday 6 April

19:30 – Quiz night, Godalming Baptist Church

Wednesday 10 April

19:00 to 21:00 – Godalming Community Gospel Choir Easter Showcase, Godalming Baptist Church

Thursday 11 April

9:30 to 12:30 – Mega Makers holiday club, Godalming Baptist Church

Friday 12 April

9:30 to 12:30 – Mega Makers holiday club, Godalming Baptist Church

Good Friday, 19 April

10:45 – Walk of Witness, starting from the Wharf

Easter Sunday, 21 April

6:45 – Sunrise service at Minster Field

Wednesday 24 April

10:00 to 16:00 – Away day for women, Waverley Abbey (see Godalming Baptist Church below)

Saturday 27 April

8:30 – Churches Together prayer breakfast, St Mark's Church, Franklyn Road, Godalming

10:00 to 12:00 - Women's health throughout their lives, Godalming Baptist Church

Thursday 30 May

20:00 – Churches Together Ascension Day service, St Edmund's Catholic Church

News of the Churches and organisations

Parish of Godalming

GCGC Easter Showcase – Unplugged, Wednesday 10 April

19:00 to 21:00 at Godalming Baptist Church. Join us for a very special evening of Easter contemporary and traditional gospel music. A rare opportunity to hear GCGC "unplugged" - just voices and piano. Early booking advised on www.gcgc.org.uk/event-info/gcgc-easter-showcase

www.parishofgodalming.org.uk

St John's Parish Church, Farncombe

Taketime

For the last few months, St John's has been running *Taketime*, a quiet session involving engaging with Bible stories through Ignatian meditation, originally devised by Reigate Methodist Church. It's suitable for people with a lot of Christian knowledge or background, or none at all, and may well suit some of our friends from other churches in the area. Taketime runs for an hour from 17:30 on the third Sunday each month.

www.farncombe.org.uk

Godalming Baptist Church

Quiz night, Saturday 6 April

On Saturday 6 April at 19:30 we will have a quiz night to raise funds to enable the children's 'Fusion' group (approx. 25 children) to go on an activity camp, to learn about the love Jesus has for them. Either bring a team or come on your own. Includes a ploughman's supper. £8.00 per ticket or 2 for £15.00. Children free.

Please contact catherine@lawtonfamily.net or 07973927233

Holiday club, 11 and 12 April

Mega Makers part 2 holiday club on Thursday 11 and Friday 12 April from 9:30 to 12:30 for 5 – 11yrs, celebrating God's most amazing love for us. £3.00 per morning. Please contact catherine@lawtonfamily.net or 07973927233

Away day for women, 24 April

We are looking forward to our away day for women at Waverley Abbey on Wednesday 24 April. We are delighted that Debbie Laycock will lead our day, considering 'The Church, The Spirit and The World', focussing on how we can relate to the world around us and share our faith. Debbie is such an inspiring speaker. If you have never been before please do consider it - the day away from the hustle and bustle of life is just so worthwhile. It is so encouraging also to join women from many different churches. The surroundings are just beautiful and the lunch delicious! For more details please contact Sally Pollard-pollard3@hotmail.co.uk or Church Office-01483-428646 Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings.

Women's health throughout their lives, 27 April

We also are so grateful that Dr Karen Jones, Dr Sarah Pidgeon and Dr Clare Grove from Binscombe Medical Centre are coming to GBC to lead a morning at GBC on Saturday 27 April from 10:00 to 12:00, considering the different health needs of women at different times in our lives. It should be again such a worthwhile morning. Please do come especially as the GPs are giving up their precious Saturday morning for us all. Contact details as above.

As springtime is here and Easter approaches may we send you our love and our wishes for a very happy and blessed Easter.

www.godalmingbaptistchurch.org.uk

Godalming United Church

Our Lent Appeal this year is for Médecins Sans Frontières' maternity work in war zones.

You are invited to the following upcoming events:

- Saturday 13 April, 15:00 to 17:00 - Messy Church - Easter Egg Trail and More. Family fun for all ages.
- Palm Sunday, 14 April, 14:30 "Hallelujah! What a Saviour! The crucified and risen Christ" an Easter celebration provided by singers of U3A Milford & District. Something a bit different – not the usual – an up-to-date compilation. Retiring collection in support of church funds.
- Thursday 18 April, 19:30 - Maundy Thursday Communion
- Good Friday, 19 April, 19:30 - "Victim to Victor" - a compilation of Easter choral Music and worship directed by Derek Wensley. Definitely an annual event to support. Charity retiring collection.

www.guc.org.uk

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

Lent

During Lent, in addition to the regular weekday Mass at 9:30, there is also Mass every Friday morning at 8:15 at St Edmunds Primary School.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross take place each Friday @ 19.00 at St Joseph's in Milford.

York Lent Course

The Parish Prayer Group are running the York Lent Course on Monday Evenings at the Old Farmhouse, Elstead - 01252 702230.

Services and Passion Play

- The 2019 Triduum Services will take place at St Joseph's in Milford
- Maundy Thursday, 20:00 - Mass of the Last Supper
- Good Friday, 10:00 - annual Hot Cross Bun Service at St Edmund's.

- Good Friday, 15:00 - Liturgy of the Word
- Easter Saturday, 20:00 - Easter Vigil
- Easter Sunday, 8:45 - Mass at Farncombe, 10:15 - Mass at Milford
- St Edmund's School Passion Play Wednesday 3 April 19:00

Safeguarding awareness training

Safeguarding Awareness Training for all St Edmund's volunteers in the Parish especially those who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults will be held at 19:00 in St Joan of Arc Church Hall, Farnham.

Sale of St Edmunds & Redevelopment of St Joseph's

On 3 April we meet with the architects to view the first drafts of their plans for the redevelopment of St Joseph's. The Parish came together on 17 March to formulate a 'Wish List' to enhance our worship.

Wintershall Passion Play

On Good Friday in Trafalgar Square, London at 12:00 and 15:15 you can see free live performances of the Wintershall Passion Play.

Special Request

A young Christian Milford family with 2-year-old triplets are desperately seeking a home help - if you know of anyone interested in this role, please email flblackett@gmail.com

www.stedmundgodalming.btck.co.uk

Godalming Filling Station

After a short break, the Godalming Filling Station will be re-launching its monthly gatherings on Friday 10 May 2019. Come and REFUEL @ The Godalming Filling Station, an evening of fellowship, teaching, worship and prayer, designed to be overtly spiritual but presented in a manner that those outside the church would feel comfortable.

Following our launch night, we will continue to gather together on the first Friday of every month from 19:30 to 21:30 at The Barn, Borough Farm, Borough Farm Road, Milford, Surrey, GU8 5JY

If you have any questions, you can visit our main website:

<https://thefillingstation.org.uk/station/godalming>

Or our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/GodalmingFillingStation>

Both of these will be updated regularly with information and upcoming events.

Godalming Prayer Walkers

A "Godalming Prayer Walkers" group has recently been set up. It's an open/public group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/248847602431786/> on facebook where we arrange a prayer walk once a month. No set day/time. Just look out for scheduled events and join if you can/wish to. Nice way to meet lovely people of Godalming and bless our community.

Manna Ministries

The Skoolie bus is about to be shipped over from America, but they still need some funds to complete the shipping costs. If you can help do contact me at michaeleashing@aol.com or go onto their website. Also do pray for the Crick Family who are having to move again, but things keep disrupting the move despite everything already being boxed up!

www.mannaministries.org.uk

Items for next month's Link-Up

Please send items for the May 2019 edition of *Link-Up* to Matt Farrow: farrow.matt@gmail.com by Monday 15 April for issue on Monday 22 April.