



LINK-UP

March 2019

Keeping Churches in Touch

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From the Chair

We have three very important events this month.

Learn about Mental Health and the Church, about Compassion and let's pray together...

Saturday 2 March - Mental Health and the Church at Godalming Baptist church

Only £6. 10:00 till midday. See Jenna's article and Flyer for more details.

Saturday 23 March - Prayer Breakfast at Godalming United Church

Breakfast from 8:30 till about 9:15 then led prayer with a time of spoken or oral prayer, closing by 10:00. Do attend - it's good to pray together.

Saturday 30 March - "Curry with Compassion" at Godalming Baptist Church.

From 19:00 to 21:00. Enjoy an authentic Indian curry followed by a demonstration of how to make it.

Jane', while cooking, will talk about his life in the slums of India and how sponsorship changed his life. So if you already sponsor a child with Compassion, be encouraged by finding out the difference it makes - and why not bring along a friend for an interesting and enjoyable evening?

Tickets (please pre-book): £6.50 from : Michael and Julia Stubbs - eashingstubbs@aol.com

Or buy tickets from a member of your church:

- St Peter & St Paul - John Stevens
- Compton - Joanna Dix
- Godalming United Church - Gwen Wheatman
- Busbridge Church - Michael and Julia Stubbs

Manna Ministries

Manna Ministries are about to purchase an American yellow Skoolie Bus to convert for their continuing AMAZING ministry. If you would like to know more or get involved in its conversion, please contact me.

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 March 2019 and beyond. More detail can be found in the sections below and on the Churches Together website: www.godalmingchurches.org/calendar

Saturday 2 March

9:30 to 16:30 - GCGC Gospel Singing Workshop, Godalming United Church

10:00 to 12:00 – Mental health and the church, Godalming Baptist Church

Sunday 3 March

15:00 to 18:00 – Fairtrade Fortnight 40th Traidcraft Exchange Birthday “Big Brew” afternoon tea at Glennie, Ramsden Road, Busbridge (contact June Higgins 01483 417383)

Friday 8 March

14:00 to 16:00 - Hearing & Sight Mobile Bus, The Old Rectory, Busbridge Church

Wednesday 13 March

19:45 – Churches Together open meeting, Godalming Friends Meeting House – all welcome. Refreshments from 19:15.

Saturday 23 March

08:30 to 10:00 – Churches Together prayer breakfast, Godalming United Church

10:00 to 12:00 – Divorce, separation, forgiveness and recovery, Godalming Baptist Church

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

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 Gospel Singing Workshop, Saturday 2 March

Godalming Community Gospel Choir is running a gospel singing workshop with Colin Vassell, a fabulous London gospel choir director on Saturday 2 March from 9:30 to 16:30 at Godalming United Church. Book at www.gcgc.org.uk or email info@gcgc.org.uk

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

Busbridge & Hambledon Church

Hearing & Sight Mobile Bus, Friday 8 March 14:00 to 16:00

Coinciding with our Hearing Aid Clinic on Friday 8 March, Sight for Surrey's Hearing & Sight Mobile Bus will

be at the Old Rectory, Busbridge Church, for the afternoon. This vehicle, complete with a wheelchair access lift, carries an amazing array of specialist equipment to help those with a hearing or sight impairment to maintain their independence. Visitors are encouraged to try out the equipment before they purchase it. Expert staff are on hand to demonstrate specialist equipment and give advice.

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Godalming Baptist Church

Induction of Revd Sandra Platford

At the beginning of February we rejoiced in the induction service of our Minister, Revd Sandra Platford. It was so good to have representatives from so many congregations, community organisations and many others to join us on that day.

Holiday at Home reunion

March brings our Holiday at Home reunion, again something for our community, where we will watch a brilliant DVD of the British Seaside holiday from last year and be entertained again by the brilliant Sea Shanty band and enjoy an array of home-made cakes for tea! Booking forms will then be available for this years 'holiday' to Brazil! Please do call in for a booking form for anyone who may be interested.

Mental health and the church, 2 March

On Saturday 2 March from 10:00 to 12:00, Dr Jenna McKeown will lead a session on 'Mental health and the church'. Do please consider coming to such a relevant topic in our society.

Divorce, separation, forgiveness and recovery, 23 March

This is followed on Saturday 23 March by a morning session (10:00 to 12:00) focussing on 'Divorce, separation, forgiveness and recovery', led by family law solicitors Ann and David Hodson, who will focus on the practical as well as the emotional issues that such a time can bring.

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

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

World Day of Prayer

Friday 1 March, 14:15 to 15:45, St John's Church, Milford

Justice & Peace Cake Sale, 2 and 3 March

To raise funds for Kasanka/CAFOD. After 18:00 Mass on Saturday 2 March at St Edmund's, Godalming. After 8:45 Mass at St John's Farncombe on Sunday 3 March, and after 10:15 Mass at St Joseph's, Milford.

Alpha Reunion, 3 March

The Parish is hosting a reunion for all parishioners who have attended Alpha courses in the Parish recently, on Sunday 3 March at the Grey's home in Elstead.

Lent

Masses for Ash Wednesday take place at:

- 9:30 at St Joseph's, Milford
- 20:00 at St Edmund's, Godalming

During Lent there is a Mass every Friday morning at 8:15 at St Edmund's Primary School, The Drive, Godalming.

Also during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 19:00 at St Joseph's, Milford.

CAFOD talks at all Masses on the weekend of 9/10 March:

18:00 at St Edmund's, 8.45 at St John's Farncombe, 10:15 St Joseph's, Milford. Also, the 'Global Healing' film will be screened after Mass.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Friday 15 March

Justice & Peace group week in Lent

The Justice & Peace group are showing the film 'Global Healing' during Lent. This film was commissioned by the Bishops of England and Wales and is an exploration of Pope Francis' encyclical 'Laudato Si' (Care for our common home). The Bishops have asked that it is shown in all parishes. The film tackles the problem of climate change and what we can do as a Parish and as individuals. In addition to showing the film after Mass on 9 and 10 March, the J&P group will show the film around the Parish in people's houses during the week of 17 March. Dates so far are:

- Tuesday 19 March at 20:00
- Wednesday 20 March at 10:00
- Thursday 21 March at 20:00

If you would like to attend one of the film showings, please contact Jo Lewry on jolewry@aol.com

Evening of Prayer for Parish Renewal, Wednesday 20 March

19:45 to 20:30, at St Joseph's, Milford

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Trinity Trust Team

'The Selfish Giant'

This March we embark upon our most ambitious assembly project to date: an adaptation of *The Selfish Giant* for the stage. We hope to include some of the children who attend the schools we visit to play the parts of the children in the drama. This may be challenging as we need to obtain relevant permission from schools/parents and arrange rehearsals. It is such a moving story about sacrifice and transformative love, and if we manage to achieve our usual high standard of performance it should prove to be really memorable.

Resuming community projects

With the lighter evenings approaching, we will resume our two key community projects that bookend the week; Loseley Fields Youth Café, serving young people in Farncombe/Binscombe/Northbourne on Monday evenings during term time, and our street outreach/detached project on Friday evenings that will take us to Aarons Hill, central Godalming and Farncombe. We engage with young people informally through sports/games activities and in conversation as we aim to be positive role models to the young people and ambassadors for Jesus as we seek to show them understanding and compassion for the situations that many of the young people find themselves in and patience regarding some of their behaviours that are their way of outworking some challenging home/school lives.

Please pray for:

- The Easter assembly run, that children, young people and teachers will be struck by the transformative power of Christ's love and what His sacrifice on the cross means for us all.
- For a positive resumption of our LFYC and Outreach projects and for an equally positive outcome from the application we have made for funds to support these projects (National Lottery 'Reaching Communities' funds).
- All those who currently donate to TTT (both corporately and individually) for new opportunities to bid for funding, for those currently supporting our fundraising efforts and for bids currently in the pipeline.

We continue to thank all those who play a part in and support the youth ministry of the Trinity Trust Team. Our thanks and blessings this Lent and Easter!

Items for next month's Link-UP

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