



LINK-UP

August 2019

Keeping Churches in Touch

www.godalmingchurches.org

From the Chair

Worship@The Bandstand: let's worship together... and tell your friends!

As part of Staycation, there is the annual open air service on Sunday 11 August from 10:30 to 11:30 at the Bandstand in the Philips Memorial Park (or at the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul if wet).

Do bring a friend and a chair or rug to sit on. All welcome. There will be refreshments afterwards.

We also need people to help set up and clear away, to act as stewards and to help with the refreshments.

Do let me know if you can help.

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

Events for your diary

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

Wednesday 24 July and Thursday 25 July

Holiday at Home, Godalming Baptist Church

Saturday 27 July

8:30 to 10:00 – Churches Together prayer breakfast, The Cellar Café

14:00 and 19:00 – Manna Ministries show *Legacies*, Frensham Heights School, GU10 4EA

Wednesday 31 July

Annual outing to Worthing for the over 60s

Sunday 11 August

10:30 to 11:30 – Worship@The bandstand, all welcome

Monday 19 August

10:30 to 11:30 - Feba prayer meeting, 42 Minster Road. Contact Shelagh Godwin on 01483 417725

Saturday 31 August

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

Saturday 28 September

10:00 to 12:00 - Life issue session: Anxiety, phobias and conditioning, Godalming Baptist Church

News of the Churches and organisations

Godalming Baptist Church

Fusion get-away

The *Fusion* midweek group for children aged 7 to 12 at Godalming Baptist church are once again heading to Walton Firs from the 26 – 28 July for a weekend of fun activities and to learn more about the nature of our God. Activities will include archery, crate stacking, climbing wall and giant ball games. We will be looking at the nature of God's love, his Grace, his compassion and justice.

We will also be taking the children to the theatre to see *Legacies* a performance based around the story of Nehemiah performed by Manna Ministries. It is about a young girl who loses her sight temporarily and must learn to see with the eyes of faith, the promises of God. With her challenges she has to believe God has a purpose for her and that comes through her hearing the story of Nehemiah. 23 children have signed up but there are places for up to 30. Please pray for safety, fun and that the children will move forward in their journeys of faith.

Anxiety, Saturday 28 September

On Saturday 28 September from 10:00 to 12:00 (coffee from 9:30), we are looking forward to a Life Issue session on anxiety, led by Dr Martin Brunet, GP at Bincombe Medical Centre. There is no charge, but a voluntary contribution towards the Farncombe Community Garden Project would be much appreciated. To book a place please contact Sally Pollard: pollard3@hotmail.co.uk or Janet fry: janetfry1@gmail.com or telephone the Church Office: 01483-422105 (Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings).

www.godalmingbaptistchurch.org.uk

Godalming United Church

Farewell to Revd Paul Hulme

At the morning service on 30 June, the church was filled by family, friends, members of GUC congregation and representatives from the town, the Methodist Wey Valley Circuit and from the churches where he had previously been minister to bid farewell to Revd Paul Hulme on his retirement from the active ministry. In keeping with Paul's wishes, no big event had been organised and there were no long speeches. Instead just before the conclusion of the service, Alan Steele for GUC and Revd Keith Beckingham (Methodist Circuit Superintendent) paid tribute to Paul's long ministry and presented to him gifts from the church and circuit, and a book composed of letters and photos spanning Paul's ministry was compiled and given to Paul by a long-standing friend, David Rutter.

Annual collection for Whitechapel Mission and the Gambia

The annual collection of items for the Whitechapel Mission, which provides over 300 breakfasts every day all year, occurred during the two weeks at the end of June, beginning of July. There was a very good response, and by time of its collection, the trailer was literally overflowing. On 6 July, a container filled to capacity mainly of educational goods and equipment was packed and is now on its way for use in schools in the Gambia.

Saturday afternoon refreshments

On Saturday afternoons during July and August (except 17 August) the church is serving refreshments from 14:30 to 16:30 in the River Room and out on the patio, if the weather is fine. So, if you are shopping in Godalming or taking a leisurely walk on the towpath please drop in.

www.guc.org.uk

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

Godalming Food Bank

Donations are being collected by the SVP (St Vincent DePaul Society), at all Mass centres.

Worship at the Godalming Bandstand, Sunday 11 August , 10:30 to 11:30

This year Staycation events run from 3rd to 11th August. This event is being co-ordinated by the Rev Margot Spencer, Assistant Vicar at Busbridge and Hambledon Churches and our Deacon Jeremy Oliver has agreed to take part for the second year running. Volunteers to help with refreshments, stewarding and setting up and clearing away are needed. Do come along and join this joyful event and why not bring a picnic and stay on for the Concert in the afternoon? Refreshments will be served after the service.

Parish Quiz, Saturday 19 October

To raise funds for CAFOD (Catholic International Development Charity) – www.cafod.org.uk. Everyone welcome so get your team together now!

St Andrew's Day, Saturday 30 November

Scottish Dancing and Fish and Chip Supper at 20:00 to be held at Milford Village Hall – further information to follow.

www.stedmundgodalming.btck.co.uk

Godalming Filling Station

Our next meeting is on Friday 13 September (no meeting in August). This gathering is going to be a very special event, hosted by Kingdom Encounter in conjunction with the Godalming Filling Station and we will have Rob Cates from Catch The Fire London leading worship. Doors open slightly earlier at 7pm and tickets will be £5/pp on the door. See flyer attached. Fellowship, worship and prayer at The Barn, Borough Farm, Borough Farm Road, Milford, Surrey, GU8 5JY. Please visit our website for further details:

<https://thefillingstation.org.uk/station/godalming> or go to our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/GodalmingFillingStation>

Godalming Prayer Walkers

An open/public group "Godalming Prayer Walkers" for people to meet walk and pray, usually once a month, no set day/time. Look out for scheduled events on our Facebook page and feel free to join us:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/248847602431786>

Manna Ministries

Legacies – Silence the voices, rebuild the walls, Saturday 27 July, Frensham Heights School

Join Manna Academy Surrey in a moving musical re-enactment of the story of Nehemiah, seen through the eyes of a group of evacuees in WW2. Performances at 14:00 and 19:00. Tickets £7 for adults, £6 for children and £20 for families (2 adults and 2 children).

www.mannaministries.org.uk

Items for next month's Link-UP

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