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July 2019

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From the Chair

Forward Together...

I attended a short noon day communion said service at SS Peter and Paul on the third Tuesday of June followed by a lovely meal and time to chat.

Look out for it on 16 July, and if you go do let them know, so they know numbers.

It's good to try other churches' services.

At the Open Meeting in June, we have launched a discussion on the Future Vision of Churches Together in Godalming and District.

Do ask to see the document produced by Rev Maggie Stirling-Troy or talk to someone who was at the meeting.

Also pass on any comments you have about the way forward.

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

Annual outing to Worthing for the over 60s

The annual outing to Worthing this year, for the over 60s in Godalming and Farncombe is on Wednesday, 31 July and costs £5. Booking forms are available during the month of June from St Mark's Community Centre, the Denningberg Centre or Huckleberry Bistro, Farncombe. Bookings should be made by 28th June. Please contact Jacky Tickner on 01483 415702 if more information is required.

Christian Aid

The Christian Aid collection on Godalming High Street raised £621.70 over the three days. I think this was well worth doing and I thank all the people who helped. *Muriel Clark*

Events for your diary

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

Sunday 7 July

10:00 – Service to celebrate 40 years of the Cellar Café, Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul

Wednesday 24 July and Thursday 25 July

Holiday at Home, Godalming Baptist Church

Saturday 27 July

14:00 and 19:00 – Manna Ministries show *Legacies*, Frensham Heights, 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

Saturday 28 September

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

News of the Churches and organisations

Parish of Godalming

New Curate at St Mark's

A new Curate, Sheila Samuels, is being ordained on Sunday 30 June and will be joining the Godalming Parish team. She and her family will be living within the St Mark's community.

www.parishofgodalming.org.uk

Busbridge & Hambledon Church

New Associate Minister

We are delighted to announce the name of our new Associate Minister at Busbridge&Hambledon. Rev Simon Willetts and his wife, Naomi, will be joining us in the summer. Simon is currently associate minister at ChristChurch, Virginia Water.

New youth minister

We are also looking forward to the arrival of our new youth minister in August. Anto Ficatier and his wife are moving from overseas and will need a reliable car. If anyone has one to offer, please contact vic.hicks@bhcgodalming.org.

Reordering of Busbridge Church

The reordering of Busbridge Church and the Church Centre is underway, and we are looking forward to reopening on 8 September 2019. In the meantime, services that usually take place in the church are in The Old Rectory, Old Rectory Gardens, Godalming GU7 1XB. Funerals are taking place at Hambledon Church.

www.bhcgodalming.org

St Peter's, Hascombe

Our 20th annual charity concert will be held on the 3 August and will be in memory of the late Levine Andrade who put together Tapestry, a group of talented London Musicians. This year the event will be directed by the lead violinist, Peter Fisher. For more information, contact Colin Swait on 01483 425380.

www.hascombe.com

Godalming Baptist Church

Living well with dementia

We had such an informative and encouraging Life Issue 'Living well with dementia' last month led by Penny Giles. It was so well supported by 57 attendees and the great support was very much appreciated. Also in June, Godalming College Chamber Choir sang so beautifully at a lunchtime concert for our Friendship Lunch folk and a wider audience.

Holiday at Home, 24 and 25 July

Preparations are underway for our Holiday At Home on 24 and 25 July where we will 'travel' to Brazil. There are a few places left so do call in to Reception at GBC Mon-Friday morning 9.00-12.00 Noon for a brochure and booking form for anyone who might be interested.

Fusion get-away

There is also the annual Fusion Get-away following Holiday at Home and we are all so grateful to Catherine Lawton, our Children and Families Worker who has worked tirelessly these past five years and will be retiring after the Get-away.

Anxiety, Saturday 28 September

A date for your diaries: our final life issue session this year at GBC will be on Saturday 28 September when Doctor Martin Brunet, a GP at Binscombe Medical Centre, will focus on the topic of anxiety. Proceeds will once again be donated to the inspiring project of Farncombe Community Garden (see attachment). There will be a launch meeting for anyone who is interested on Wednesday 26 June from 18:00 to 19:00 at the Cricket Club by Broadwater Leisure Centre.

Visit our library

Do call in to our Library any weekday morning for some summer reading. There is a great range of books to inspire and encourage us on our faith journey.

www.godalmingbaptistchurch.org.uk

Godalming United Church

Sing-along programme

On Saturdays 29 June and 6 July at 19:30, join rehearsals – any or all – for a sing-along programme of varied classical, pop and show songs in preparation for a Musical Evening and Singalong Concert on 13 July at 19:30. Choose a song, play in the band... contact keithnye@hotmail.com or call on 07968 562129.

Annual Whitechapel Appeal, Saturday 28 June onwards

Collection of items for The Whitechapel Mission for the homeless in the East End. Urgently needed: Men's clothing, Toiletries, Non-perishable Breakfast foods. Collection times at Godalming United Church will be as follows:

Fri 28 June 12:00 – 13:30	Tues 2 July 14:00-15:00	Sat 6 July 10:30 – 12:00; 14:00-15:00
Sat 29 June 10:30 – 12:00	Wed 3 July 18:00- 19:00	Sun 7 July 11:45-12:45
Sun 30 June 11:45 – 12:45	Fri 5 July 12:00-13:30	Mon 8 July 19:00 – 20:00

www.whitechapel.org.uk For more information ring, ring Ryan 01483 423261 / Janet 01483 527670

Retirement of Rev'd Paul Hulme

The end of June has been a bitter-sweet time for us as it marks the end of Rev'd Paul Hulme's ministry. He has been an inspirational minister and will be much missed. We wish him a fulfilling retirement – richly deserved after a long and distinguished career in the Methodist Church.

www.guc.org.uk

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

Ascension Day Evening Prayer Celebration

What a wonderful evening we had with our fellow Christians at St Edmunds on 30 May. We had 70 attendees, the majority of whom managed to squeeze into the Parish Room to enjoy a chat and a cup of tea. It really was a very special occasion, and I wish to express our grateful thanks to every member of our Parish who helped to make this evening so successful. It did highlight how much we need to have a church where we can come together to worship and celebrate and more posh biscuits!

Sale of St Edmunds & Refurbishment of St Joseph's

Fr David has met with the Bishop and his team, and our architects have been briefed to develop two of the existing submissions and produce an "architect's view drawing/model" that we can show to the Parish to gather further feedback and comments.

LiveSimply

"New LiveSimply group" in the Parish, aiming to achieve a "Livesimply award" for the Parish by encouraging others to take actions to live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor. Next meeting is on 4 July at 20:00 at Presbytery.

Parish Day of Adoration

This will be held on Friday 5 July at St Joseph's Milford. After morning Mass at 9:30, there will be Benediction, and the Blessed Sacrament will remain in the Monstrance on the altar all day until the Evening Service of Benediction followed by the Rosary at 18:45.

Sea Sunday, 14 and 15 July

The Apostleship of the Sea is a Catholic charity supporting seafarers worldwide, providing pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality, belief or race. Our port chaplains and volunteer ship visitors welcome seafarers, offer welfare services and advice, practical help, care and friendship. Each year the three Churches in Milford collect hats, scarves and gloves, which are sent to the charity as many seamen arrive ill equipped for our English weather. 90% of world trade is transported by ship. However, the life of a modern seafarer can be dangerous and lonely. They may spend up to a year at a time away from home, separated from their family and loved ones, and often working in harsh conditions.

www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk/resources-parishes

Sunday Summer Alpha Programme

The programme continues until 14 July 2019. The sessions are held in the evening from 19:00 to 21:00, with a break for half-term. Each session will include a meal and drink, a video and then some discussion. You can register to attend either the whole programme or just come along to the first three sessions and then see how you feel about continuing. You are most welcome to bring guests. We appreciate that most people may have

to miss a session or two. Apart from the weekly sessions, there is also an Alpha Away Day. Please note that there is NO CHARGE for this course. Venue: St John's Church Hall, St John's Street, Farncombe, Godalming GU7 3EJ to register visit our website <http://stedmundgodalming.btck.co.uk>

Breakfast Alpha on Friday Mornings

Sessions continue until 19 July from 9:15 to 11:00, with a break for half-term. Each session will include breakfast, a video and then some discussion. If you have children who need looking after during the programme, please bring them along. You can register to attend either the whole programme or just come along to the first three sessions and then see how you feel about continuing. You are most welcome to bring guests. We appreciate that most people may have to miss a session or two. Apart from the weekly sessions, there is also an Alpha Away Day. Please note that there is NO CHARGE for this course. Venue: Four Elms, Grosvenor Road, Godalming, Surrey GU7 1PA to register visit our website <http://stedmundgodalming.btck.co.uk/>

“Ask Fr David Sessions”

These give Parishioners a chance to talk to Fr David about any aspects of faith and the church. These sessions may be useful to people who have recently attended Alpha and would like to fill in some gaps in their understanding of their faith. The first of four sessions is from 20:00 to 21:00 on Thursday 11 and 25 July – you are welcome to attend a single session or all four but it would be helpful if you could email your question to Fr David in advance of the session – stedmundchurch@outlook.com the sessions will be held at the Presbytery in Croft Road, Godalming.

Godalming Food Bank

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

Climate Change

The Justice and Peace Group are lobbying MPs that the time to act is now to support net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045. They travelled to London on 26 June they attended an Interfaith Service in Church House.

St Andrew's Day

Scottish Dancing and fish and chip supper on Saturday 30 November 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 5 July. Fellowship, testimony, worship and prayer at The Barn, Borough Farm, Borough Farm Road, Milford, Surrey, GU8 5JY. Please note there will be no meeting in August.

Friday 13 September will follow. 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>

The Cellar Café

This year the Cellar Café in Crown Court celebrates 40 years in Godalming. To mark this special anniversary, there will be a service in the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul on Sunday 7 July at 10:00, followed by an impromptu get-together at the extended Music in the Park Bandstand Concert, starting at 14:30.

www.thecellarcafe.co.uk

Manna Ministries

Legacies – Silence the voices, rebuild the walls, Saturday 27 July

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