



LINK-UP

October 2019

Keeping Churches in Touch

www.godalmingchurches.org

From the Chair

Witnessing, nurturing, mentoring

This is the strap line for the Trinity Trust Team, do look at their website: www.trinitytrustteam.co.uk

They are in discussions with various agencies including the Police, Godalming Town Council about Youth Provision in the Town.

Ariana has recently left and they are looking for another Part-time Christian Youth Worker. If you know of anyone who might be interested, do contact Andy Poulson on andytrinitytrustteam@hotmail.co.uk

CTiGD AGM

We have the CTiGD AGM on Wednesday 16 October at Busbridge Church at 19:45, with refreshments from 19:15. Do attend; we will be unveiling some possible new ideas for events in 2020.

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

Wednesday 25 September

19:30 to 21:00 - Creative PrayerSpace, Busbridge Church

Saturday 28 September

08:30 – Churches Together prayer breakfast, Godalming Friends Meeting House, Mill Lane

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

14:00 – Churches Together Prayer Walk, starting from The Cellar café

Wednesday 16 October

19:45 – Churches Together AGM, Busbridge Church

Monday 21 October

10:30 to 11:30 – Feba prayer meeting, 42 Minster Road, Shelagh Godwin, jimdogshome@aol.com

19:30 to 21:00 – Talk on Witley Camp, Godalming Baptist Church

Saturday 26 October

10:00 to 17:00 - Flower festival, St.Mark's Church & Community Centre

Sunday 27 October

11:00 to 16:30 – Flower festival, St Mark's Church & Community Centre

17:30 – Songs of Praise, St Mark's Church & Community Centre

Thursday 5 December

Journey of the Magi, Godalming Baptist Church

Saturday 21 December

14:00 and 19:00 – *Above*, Manna Ministries Christmas show, Frensham Heights School

News of the Churches and organisations

Parish of Godalming

Flower festival, Saturday 26 October

A flower festival will take place at St.Mark's Church & Community Centre, Franklyn Road, Godalming, GU7 2LD on Saturday 26 October from 10:00 to 17:00 and Sunday 27 October from 11:00 to 16:30, ending with a Songs of Praise service at 17:30. The theme of the festival is "Around the World and Beyond". There will be refreshments, a raffle and tombola, and all proceeds will go to the St.Peter & St.Paul Heating Fund.

Everyone welcome.

www.parishofgodalming.org.uk

Busbridge and Hambledon Church

Fresh starts for September

BusbridgeandHambledon Church have recently welcomed two long-awaited new members to the ministry team. Rev Simon Willets as Associate Vicar and Anto Ficatier is the new youth minister. There have been celebrations at both churches in September – the reopening of Busbridge Church after reordering was celebrated on 8 September and Simon Willetts' licensing took place at Hambledon Church on 15 September. Busbridge Church is open daily, and visitors are welcome to come and see the interior with the new chairs.

Vacancy: children and families

Could God be calling you to work with children and families (4-11s)? We'd love to hear from you if this could be for you full-time, part-time, term time... we're exploring possibilities and Simon Taylor or Anto Ficatier would like to hear from you. The job description is on our website: www.bhcgodalming.org/job-vacancies

Confirmation course

BusbridgeandHambledon are running a confirmation course on the evenings of 2, 9, 23 October. There will be a deanery confirmation service at Busbridge Church on 24 November. We've got a great group wanting to look at confirmation, so if you'd like to join us please contact Simon by 25 September.

BHC Creative PrayerSpace, Wednesday 25 September, 19:30 to 21:00

PrayerSpace is Deanery-wide event, and part of a national prayer event which calls Christians all over the UK to pray for their neighbours and their communities simultaneously. The whole nation will be prayed for! We will be joined by the Bishop of Guildford, the Archdeacon of Surrey and others from churches in the Godalming Deanery at PrayerSpace on 25 September, for inspiring time of prayer, in a church which now has space to worship more creatively.

www.bhcgodalming.org

Godalming Baptist Church

Our love and greetings from everyone at Godalming Baptist Church. September has passed with some varied events at GBC; our first Harvest service for Friendship Lunch and Holiday At Home attendees, Back to Church Sunday and Harvest service, breakfast at Jack Phillips when we heard from Barbara about the inspiring work of Street Angels in Guildford, and the launch of *The Rock* - for children and young people during the Sunday morning Service.

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).

A new Minister for Chiddingfold Baptist Church

We celebrate with Joao and Charlotte Bolzan, former members of GBC, and their children as Joao is inducted as Minister In Training at Chiddingfold Baptist Church on Sunday 20 October.

Talk on Witley Camp, Monday 21 October

David Rose, a dynamic speaker, is coming to GBC on Monday 21 October 19:30 to 21:00 to share about the days of Witley Camp. It should be a fascinating evening. Cost will depend on numbers, but will not exceed £5.

Fusion - every Wednesday during term time from 18:30 to 20:00

Fusion is not a new initiative at Godalming Baptist Church, Catherine Lawton our former Children's and Family Worker has done an amazing job and has blessed so many local young people and families by leading this group, but has now retired. The baton has well and truly been passed on to myself and a brilliant team who will build on the work that Catherine has started.

Fusion is a great group that caters for young people in year 3 to year 6 of school. The evening is full of fun activities, games, biblical exploration and friendships. During the year we try to incorporate few outings and in the summer take the group away over a weekend - the last few years to Walton Firs Activity Centre.

If you know anyone who would benefit from joining our group please do contact me, Rev Sandra Platford, on 07701338487 or email me on revplatfordgbc@gmail.com

If your child is too old for this group we do have older groups that meet so just give us a call and we will try to help.

Journey of the Magi, 5 December

We are thrilled to be hosting *Journey of the Magi*. Spring Dance Company is coming to Godalming on 5 December (times to be confirmed but it will be an evening performance for all the family).

This will be a ticketed event and there will be a cost. This is a great opportunity to invite neighbours and friends.

Please do save the date and join us. Further information will be available soon; we shall keep you posted.

www.godalmingbaptistchurch.org.uk

Godalming United Church

A musical tour to Moldova

During the summer break the musical Rowlings (our equivalent of the von Trapps, and all keen members of Godalming Band) accompanied the National Methodist Youth Band (motto Fun, Faith and Fellowship) on an expedition to Moldova (the tiny landlocked country between Romania and Ukraine). They were invited by Love and Care for Moldova – a charity working under the Baptist Church and operating a centre for vulnerable children in Chisinau, the capital. The Band were accommodated at the centre, giving concerts around the country and working with children from the city. Quiet times were spent studying “courage” as a Biblical theme.

Messy Church, Saturday 12 October, 15:00 to 17:00

“Party Time”. Fun for all the family themed on the parable of the Great Banquet.

Harvest Supper, Saturday 12 October, 18:30

Fish-and-chip supper and quiz. Tickets £7/£5 must be prebooked: frymaile@gmail.com

Harvest Festival, Sunday 13 October, 10:30

Led by Rev'd Clive Chase, Charterhouse Chaplain

Annual Pantomime, 8 and 9 February

Preparations are already in hand for our annual pantomime on 8 and 9 February - *The Wizard of Oz*. If you fancy joining this large, mixed-age group of troupers (5 to adult), come along to the read-through on Sunday 15 September from 15:00 to 17:30. Regular weekly rehearsals (on Sunday afternoons) start on Sunday 29 September. Contact 07506 719046.

www.guc.org.uk

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

Day of Reflection “Entering the Inner Room”, Saturday 19 October, 10:20 to 16:30

To encounter God at the centre of one's being is necessary, as Jesus says, to “go into your room”. This day allows us to explore and practice what he means through times of silent meditation and quiet recollection drawing on reflections on scripture and the Rule of St Benedict. The day is led by Fr Robin Burgess, from Ealing Abbey. The venue is St John's Seminary, Cranleigh Road, Womersley GU5 0QX. Suggested donation £13.00. Please bring a packed lunch. To book a place contact Patrick Coyne paulcnw10@aol.com or call on 07973 500811

St Edmunds Parish Quiz, Saturday 19 October, 19:30

To raise funds for CAFOD (Catholic International Development Charity) www.cafod.org.uk everyone welcome so get your team together now! Teams need to be a maximum of 8 – tickets are £10 each which includes a jacket potato supper. Please bring your own drink and one pudding to share with your table. Venue St John's, Parish Room, Farncombe. To book a place either contact Mary Waite on 01483 428031 or email jolewrey@aol.com. This event was sold out last year so book early.

St Andrew's Day, Saturday 30 November

Saturday 30 November- St Andrew's Day Scottish Dancing and Fish and Chip Supper at 20:00 to be held at Milford Village Hall – further information to follow.

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Godalming Filling Station

Our next meeting is on Friday 4 October. Our guest speaker this month is Izwe Nkosi, a spirit-filled Christian originally from Soshanguve in South Africa but now living in Guildford with his wife and two young girls. Come and join us for a Holy Spirit led evening of fellowship, testimony, worship and prayer where Izwe will pack a punch with a powerful message! A free event, doors open at 19:30 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. Please join us for a "National Prayer Walk" in Godalming Town on Sat 28 September at 14:00, starting outside the Cellar. Contact us or keep your eye out for scheduled events on our Facebook page and feel free to join us: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/248847602431786>

Manna Ministries

Above, Saturday 21 December, Farnham, 14:00 and 19:00

Join Manna Theatre Company, in *Above*, a Christmas musical with moments of joy, tears and moving of hearts back to the real reason for Christmas. Looking back at the first Christmas, Moon and Star remember what it was like on that Christmas when the world wasn't filled with fairy lights and Christmas decorations. Star forgets her significance in the story and through a look into the journey of Jessie Johnson growing up and her relationship with her father, Star recalls to mind the significance of Man. Through her own journey, she encounters many times when her own courage enables Jessie to find the true meaning of Christmas again, through many encounters with the one who is above every other name. The Aldridge Theatre, Frensham Heights, Rowledge, Farnham GU10 4EA, UK

Calling all adults...

We are calling any adults that may like to be in the chorus line for this show - we will be meeting on Tuesdays every 3 weeks approximately in Guildford from 19:30 to 21:30 starting on 24 September.

www.mannaministries.org.uk

Items for next month's Link-Up

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