



# LINK-UP

September 2019

*Keeping Churches in Touch*

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## From the Chair

### **Help on the streets and Prayer for our Nation**

There was a meeting recently about Street Angels..

Guildford has had Street Angels for sometime, people who go out in evenings and help usually young people who get into difficulties or help stop them doing so, after a night out at clubs etc.

We don't have clubs but we have a lot of young people with very few places to go.

This was the first in a series of meetings involving Godalming Town Council, churches in Godalming and the Police. If you would like to know more or get involved in any way, do contact me,

The National Prayer Weekend is 28 to 29 September. There are a number of events where we can pray together. See the prayer event being put on by Busbridge Church ahead of the weekend, which is open to all.

There will be a Churches Together Prayer Walk on Saturday 28 September as part of the National Weekend of Prayer. We will meet outside The Cellar at 14:00 and then walk for half an hour taking in the Phillips memorial. The route will be on paved ground. All are welcome .

*Michael Stubbs, Chair of Godalming and District Churches Together, [michaeleashing@aol.com](mailto:michaeleashing@aol.com)*

### **Surrey Churches Ride & Stride, Saturday 14 September**

The next Surrey Churches' Ride & Stride is on Saturday 14 September. Our hope is that all the churches in the area will take part in one way or another: ideally by encouraging cyclists and walkers to gain sponsorship and visit as many churches in the area, as well as welcoming riders and striders to your church on the day. By the way, St Edmund's, Godalming, will, as usual, have a group of cyclists touring local churches, starting at St John's, Farncombe at 10:00. Other cyclists are very welcome to join us! For more information please contact Ian Honeysett - [Honeysett@btinternet.com](mailto:Honeysett@btinternet.com)

## Events for your diary

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

### **Saturday 31 August**

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

### **Sunday 8 September**

10:00 – Re-opening of Busbridge Church

### **Friday 13 September**

18:00 - Godalming Filling Station, The Barn, Borough Farm, Borough Farm Road, Milford, Surrey, GU8 5JY

### **Saturday 14 September**

Surrey Churches Ride & Stride

Heritage Open Day – a number of churches and other buildings will be open at specific times. Look out for the Heritage Weekend Leaflet

### **Sunday 15 September**

Heritage Open Day

### **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, The Cellar

### **Monday 21 October**

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

### **Thursday 5 December**

*Journey of the Magi*, Godalming Baptist Church

## News of the Churches and organisations

### Busbridge and Hambledon Church

#### **Welcome to Rev Simon Willetts and Anto Ficatier**

Busbridge and Hambledon Church are welcoming two new members to the ministry team. Rev Simon Willetts will be licensed as Associate Vicar on 15 September at Hambledon Church. Simon and Naomi come here from Virginia Water, and will be based in Hambledon. Anto Ficatier is the new youth minister and comes to us from Hong Kong! Both start in their new roles on Tuesday 27 August.

#### **Reopening of Busbridge Church, 8 September**

Busbridge Church is reopening on 8 September with a special benefice service at 10:00. Lunch will follow, and all are welcome to come and see the new interior space.

#### **Heritage Open Days, 14 and 15 September**

Busbridge Church will be open from 13:00 to 16:00 on both days. Come and see the re-ordered layout and what was found under the floor and about its past. There will be a quiz for children, and refreshments will be available. Also cards for use at The Christian Event in December.

#### **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 an interactive and inspiring time of prayer, in a church which now has space to worship more creatively. We'd love prayer requests from anyone in our parish and community too... Please send requests for anything and anyone you would like to be prayed for at PrayerSpace to [prayer@bhcgodalming.org](mailto:prayer@bhcgodalming.org) or post (anonymously if you wish) to BHC PrayerSpace, The Old Rectory, Old Rectory Gardens, GU7 1XA or drop in to Busbridge Church after 9 September 2019 to fill in a prayer card.

[www.bhcgodalming.org](http://www.bhcgodalming.org)

### Godalming Baptist Church

In September we are holding a Harvest Thanksgiving Service for the folk at friendship Lunch and holiday at Home and also a Harvest service which falls on 'Back To Church' Sunday.

#### **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](mailto:pollard3@hotmail.co.uk) or Janet Fry: [janetfry1@gmail.com](mailto:janetfry1@gmail.com) or telephone the Church Office: 01483-422105 (Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings).

#### **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 a 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.

### **A New Season**

From September our Morning Services will become one. We shall be having one morning service at 10:00, which is a combination of modern and contemporary Worship Styles. Alongside this service, we will be running our children's activities called 'The Rock'. We look forward to see where the Lord continues to lead us.

Our evening service will remain at 18:30, with a variety of speakers, and has a more relaxed but traditional feel about it. All are welcome.

### **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).

*Journey of the Magi* is great for people of all ages, being both fun and thought-provoking. The performance, which combines dance, drama and pantomime, lasts 90 minutes plus there is a 20 minute interval, which provides a great opportunity for festive mince pies. The show offers a bridge between contemporary life and Jesus's birth, portraying the journey that the wise men took 2000 years ago, whilst drawing hilarious and poignant parallels with our own preparations for Christmas day.

Reviews:

*"A wonderful production, so accessible to every kind of audience, especially non-church goers. Opening up the meaning of Christmas."* Rev Novette Headley

*"... the best of both worlds: a vibrant piece of entertainment and an opportunity to step back, to reflect, and to refocus."* John Sherbourne, Moortown Baptist Church

[www.springsdancecompany.org.uk/productions/journey-of-the-magi](http://www.springsdancecompany.org.uk/productions/journey-of-the-magi)

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](http://www.godalmingbaptistchurch.org.uk)

## **Godalming United Church**

September sees us picking up our customary cycle of weekly activities, and continuing with the interregnum created by the retirement of Revd Paul Hulme in the summer - very much business as usual, "worshipping and serving together in Christ."

### **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](http://www.guc.org.uk)

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

### **Creation Sunday, 1 September**

Sunday 1 September "Creation Sunday" the day Pope Francis has dedicated to prayer for Creation and the launch of our CAFOD "Livesimply" Parish Award initiative inviting Parishioners to make a pledge to undertake some of the suggested activities <https://tinyurl.com/y2hr78kk>

### **Deacon Jeremy's Worth Abbey Retreat**

Tuesday 10 to Thursday 12 September Deacon Jeremy's Worth Abbey Retreat – places are still available if you would like to join us. The cost is £126 full board for a single room and £107 per person, if sharing, for two nights. If you're interested please contact Deacon Jeremy as soon as possible [jeremyoliver296@yahoo.com](mailto:jeremyoliver296@yahoo.com)

### **Ride & Stride, Saturday 14 September**

Cyclists will be setting off from St John's, Farncombe at 10:00 to raise funds for the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust (which supports local churches needing urgent repairs). Everyone is welcome to join this 20-mile route. Please contact Ian: [Honeysett@btinternet.com](mailto:Honeysett@btinternet.com)

### **Parish quiz, Saturday 19 October**

Parish Quiz to raise funds for CAFOD (Catholic International Development Charity) [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) everyone welcome so get your team together now!

### **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.

[www.stedmundgodalming.btck.co.uk](http://www.stedmundgodalming.btck.co.uk)

## Godalming Filling Station

Our next meeting is on Friday 13 September at 18:00, and it is going to be a very special event, hosted by Kingdom Encounter. David Harris will be sharing his heart along with Rob Cates, from Catch The Fire London, who will be leading worship on the night. We hope to gather together to lift up Jesus, that the region will be impacted by the love of Jesus. Doors open slightly earlier at 6:30pm and tickets are £5/pp. You can visit the event page to book in advance: <https://encounternightgodalming.eventbrite.com>. 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>

## *Items for next month's Link-Up*

Please send items for the October 2019 edition of *Link-Up* to Matt Farrow: [farrow.matt@gmail.com](mailto:farrow.matt@gmail.com) by Monday 16 September for issue on Monday 23 September.