



LINK-UP

March 2020

Keeping Churches in Touch

www.godalmingchurches.org

Monthly Joint Prayer Breakfasts 2020

We meet on the fourth Saturday of each month (except December) at a different venue.

We always gather for an 8:30 start for a breakfast and chat and then at about 9:15, we are led in prayer in whatever style the leader is happy with, thus allowing people to experience different styles of prayer, and we finish at 10:00.

The breakfast can be whatever the venue will allow, but can be cereal and or croissant and/or cooked, the choice varies. There is also tea and coffee and sometimes also juices possible.

The next three will be held on:

28 March at St Marks Church, Franklyn Road

25 April No Venue yet. Could your church host this please? First positive reply wins!

23 May at Godalming Baptist Church

If you would like to offer a venue for months beyond this or have any comments or questions, please contact me on michaeleashing@aol.com or 01483 427122.

Christian Aid Week 10 to 16 May 2020

Together we stop this climate crisis.

Christian Aid Week is fast approaching, and it is time to decide how your church is going to raise money during this week. Godalming's contribution to this week's efforts has been steadily declining each year as fewer and fewer churches do house to house collecting. You could hold a soup and bread lunch, a Big Brekkie, or a bridge or quiz evening. Or hold a bad tie or funny hat Sunday, with donations to take part. Award prizes. Or organise a line of coins.

Muriel has again organised a collection on Godalming High Street on Thursday and Friday 14 and 15 May, from 10:00 to 16:00. Please let her know if you can help 01483 424286.

Events for your diary

Below is a selection of the many events taking place during March 2020 and beyond. More detail can be found in the sections below and on the Churches Together website: www.godalmingchurches.org/calendar

Friday 6 March

14:00 - World Day of Prayer, The Barn, The Old Farm House, Farnham Road, Elstead GU8 6DB

Saturday 7 March

18:30 – Conservatoire concert, Trinity Leban Conservatoire String Ensemble, Godalming Baptist Church

19:00 – Any Colour You Like, St John's Parish Church, Farncombe

Sunday 8 March

14:00 to 16:30 – Jam Together, Busbridge Church

Saturday 21 March

09:30 to 13:00 - Overwhelmed: Finding balance in a fast-paced world, Godalming Baptist Church

Monday 23 March

10:30 to 11:30 – FEBA prayer meeting, 42 Minster Road, Godalming, jimdogshome@aol.com

Saturday 28 March

8:30 – Churches Together prayer breakfast, St Mark's Church

News of the Churches and organisations

Parish of Godalming

GCGC 2020 Easter Fundraiser

Join us on Saturday 4 April 2020 at 19:00 for a very special Easter celebration in aid of the Parish Church at St Peter and St Paul's in Godalming.

www.parishofgodalming.org.uk

Busbridge&Hambleton Church

Bible Course

BHC will be running the Bible Society's *Bible Course* on Wednesdays during Lent, starting 4 March at 19:45 at Busbridge Church. There are 8 sessions which look at the BIG picture of the world's best-selling book. Course cost is £5 for the book. Each session will start with refreshments. All welcome. Contact church.office@bhcgodalming.org if you'd like to come.

Jam Together

Jam Together offers musicians and those learning instruments the chance to play chart hits together in an informal, encouraging environment. We need anyone who plays or learns drums, guitar, bass, keyboard (piano), percussion and singers to make it work. The sessions are led by professional and experienced musicians who want to share the love of playing music together. They are particularly keen to encourage young people who may not have had the chance or confidence to perform or play their instruments with a band. Recent sessions for senior school children have been really popular (next dates are 8 March, 3 May and 14 June) - and we are now looking at running jams for junior school children in years 4, 5 and 6, and even adults who'd like to dust off and tune up their instruments (come along on 24 April). Make use of the top quality sound equipment and acoustics in Busbridge Church and the Old Rectory. We have spare instruments too. See bhcgodalming.org/jamtogether Contact lisa.olsworth-peter@bhcgodalming.org

St John's Parish Church, Farncombe

Any Colour You Like, Saturday 7 March

Fundraising concert for The Cellar and CAFOD featuring Any Colour You Like, an 11-piece Pink Floyd tribute band formed in 1994 and based in and around London. This is their 5th show at St. John's Church - all fundraisers which have helped raise thousands of pounds for various charities. This charity concert will see the net proceeds split equally between The Cellar and CAFOD (Catholic Agency For Overseas Development). Tickets: £16 in advance available from Record Corner in Godalming, or £19 on the door. Doors open at 19:00. Show starts at 19:45. For more info see www.julianlewrymusic.com/concerts or call 01483 421520.

www.farncombe.org.uk

Godalming Baptist Church

Overwhelmed: finding balance in a fast-paced world, Saturday 21 March

We are so blessed to have Andy Peck from CWR return to Godalming Baptist Church on Saturday 21 March to lead our Life Issue session 'Overwhelmed-Finding Balance in a Fast-Paced World'.

Living our lives, we can often feel overwhelmed in our church, in our home life and in the workplace. Do come and be encouraged and gain a deeper understanding of what makes us feel overwhelmed, how we respond, our thought patterns and how we can have Spirit-empowered living. Andy is a great speaker, and the morning will be so worthwhile; do come and encourage others to come too!

To book a place, please contact Sally Pollard, pollard3@hotmail.co.uk or Church Office on 01483-422105 Mon, Weds and Friday mornings.

Backpackers holiday club, 7, 8, 9 April, 9:30 to 12:30

We are going on a big adventure Traveling with Jesus into Easter using Scripture Union material. £3 per child per morning. To register, please email candfwgbc@gmail.com

Food for the journey, 2 April

A wonderful day for women to be encouraged and refreshed in the beautiful surroundings of Waverley Abbey led by Revd Margot Spencer and Lisa Olsworth Peter leading our times of worship. Come away from the demands of life and have an opportunity to be still and reflect on our faith journey.

Compassion fatigue, 22 April

This morning, led by Jayne Ellis, promises the opportunity to look at caring for ourselves as we care for others. Are you running on empty? Then this is the morning for you.

To book a place for either of the above events, please contact Sally Pollard, pollard3@hotmail.co.uk or Church Office on 01483-422105 Mon, Weds and Friday mornings.

www.godalmingbaptistchurch.org.uk

Godalming United Church

Pantomime success

Storm Ciara failed to dampen the enthusiasm, or attendance, at our pantomime in February – “The Wizard of Oz”. Another triumph for Barbara Keene and her impressive mixed-age team of actors, musicians and helpers. A true community gathering.

A fond farewell

Also in February we bade farewell to our dear friend Jean Shepherd – a long-standing Godalming resident and local preacher in the Wey Valley Methodist Circuit. Jean is retiring, has put her possessions into store and will be off in her camper-van to visit places “up north” with a long stay in the Outer Hebrides. She will be much missed, and we look forward to hearing of her adventures!

Coming up

You are most welcome to join us for the following upcoming events:

Monday evening Lent Group following this year’s York Course “Superstar”. 19:15 at church in the Chancel Room on March 2, 16, 30 and April 6. Contact 01483 420459 or 01483 421342.

Messy Church, Saturday 4 April 15:00 to 17:00 - Easter egg trail and more: fun for all the family

Our Lent charitable cause this year is for the Red Cross Appeal for the continuing Ebola Crisis in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

www.guc.org.uk

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

Livesimply Award

The focus for February/March is purchasing environmentally friendly cleaning materials, and the team have issued tips on how to use household items such as lemons and baking soda to make homemade products.

<https://stedsgod.com/a-better-world>

Global Caring

This new film commissioned by the Catholic Bishops in England and Wales is the sequel to the *Global Healing* film, which was shown in the Parish during Lent 2019. The film was shown at various locations within the Parish, Elstead, Farncombe, Milford, Witley and Godalming during February, and the DVD is available to download at <https://www.ourcommonhome.co.uk>

World Day of Prayer, Friday 6 March, 14:00

“Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk” – the service this year is prepared by Christian Women of Zimbabwe and encourages us to reflect on the difficulties and unrest that has plagued their country for several years. As we participate in the service, we are part of a great wave of prayer encircling the globe which begins as the sun rises over Samoa and ends some 36 hours later back in the Pacific as the sun sets over American Samoa we will be joining with 130 Countries and islands around the world. Richard and Hillary Grey have kindly offered to host this service of prayer in their Barn at The Old Farm House, Farnham Road, Elstead GU8 6DB. We are inviting all the churches in Godalming and District to participate in this event, particularly if you have any musical instruments, flags maps or crafts from Zimbabwe. The service will be followed by refreshments during which the CAFOD film highlighting the dreadful famine in Zimbabwe and Zambia will be shown. There is ample parking so do put this date in your diary! For further information or with any offers of help please contact angelagilmour181@btinternet.com

<https://stedsgod.com>

Godalming Filling Station

Our next meeting is on Friday 6 March, with guest speaker Tim Bader Our guest speaker this month is Tim Bader, creator of the 4 Steps Prophecy School. He is a writer, author and church leader who trains Christians in the gift of prophecy. His heart is to release people to hear God's voice for themselves and others, so they can prophesy with confidence. Tim's training is rooted in His love for God and helping others to grow in their gifting by focusing on the love of the gift-giver. Come and join us for Holy Spirit inspired fellowship, testimony, worship and prayer. Our events are free and children of all ages are welcome, doors open at 7:30pm. The Barn, Borough Farm, Borough Farm Road, Milford, Surrey, GU8 5JZ. 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. 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>

Items for next month's Link-up

Please send items for the April 2020 edition of Link-Up to Matt Farrow: farrow.matt@gmail.com by Sunday 15 March, for publication on Sunday 22 March.