



June 2021

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## Message from the Acting Chair

### May Celebrations

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the CTiG&D Celebrations of Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday so very special. How wonderful it was to be able to come together both in Church at St John's in Farncombe, with the lovely organ playing for our Evening Prayer Service and to be able to sing and praise the Lord on Pentecost Sunday in the grounds of GUC overlooking the River Wey. Our prayers were answered and despite rain for much of the day it was dry for our open-air service.

### Our Last Zoom Prayer Breakfast, Saturday 26 June

We are hopeful that this will be the last time we have to hold a virtual prayer breakfast and that in July we will be able to reinstate this very enjoyable monthly get together. The Prayers will be led by the Rev Hannah Moore.

### Staycation – Sunday 8 August, 10:30

We will have yet another opportunity to come together to pray and praise the Lord at the Godalming Band Stand on Sunday 8 August at 10:30. The Rev Margot Spencer is co-ordinating this event, so if you would like to participate please email [margotspencer@btinternet.com](mailto:margotspencer@btinternet.com)

### Godalming Big Green Week Worship Service on Sunday 26 September, 10:30

Please would you add this date in your diary? We have yet to find out further information from GTC on the venue for this worship service, to mark the end of the "Godalming Big Green Week" Further details will be available in the coming weeks.

### Replacement Chair for CTiG&D

The Ministers are meeting on 9 June and will discuss the replacement of a Clergy Chair for CTiG&D, following the resignation of the Rev Sandra Platford. The CTiG&D constitution has been circulated to the Executive Team who will meet on 14 June to discuss the feedback from the Ministers' Meeting and hopefully resolve this situation. Please pray for a successful outcome.

*"You did not choose me; no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name" John 15.16*

*Angela Gilmour, Acting Chair of Godalming & District Churches Together*

## Churches Together prayer breakfasts

This month's prayer breakfast is on Saturday 26 June at 8:30 via Zoom at: <https://zoom.us/j/9463914833> using the password 2021. The room will be available from 8:15. The prayers will be led by Rev Hannah Moore of Elstead, Thursley, Shackford and Peper Harow.

## News of the Churches and organisations

### Parish of Godalming

We said goodbye to Rev Jane Vlach in May. Rev Canon John Harkin will this month be installed as Priest-in-Charge for the period to December 2022.

We are continuing to meet in the church buildings for services. All services require the wearing of face masks and strict adherence to social distancing, and are safeguarding-compliant.

### **St Peter & St Paul**

- First Sunday of the month – 8:00 Holy Communion Service (BCP) , and 10:00 All-age Service.
- Other Sundays – 10:00 Holy Communion Service.

### **St Mark's**

- First Sunday of the month – 10:00 All Age Service.
- Second and Fourth Sunday – 10:00 Holy Communion Service.
- Third Sunday – 10:00 Morning Worship

### **Other news**

The Friends of St Peter & St Paul: a small committee is raising the profile by holding events. There was a successful quiz evening, and a private art studio has been opened. Looking ahead, there will be a garden event on Saturday 31 July from 11:00 to 13:00, and a Harvest Supper and Quiz on Saturday 2 October.

Farncombe & Godalming Mothers' Union are holding an open evening on Wednesday, 30 June 2021 at 19:00 in St. Mark's Church & Community Centre. There will be a talk from Leighton Carter on "Understanding the Autistic Spectrum"; he will be accompanied by a service user. Cheese and Wine / Fruit juice (free) and a range of MU cards will be available for sale. All welcome.

### **Parish website**

This has been re-designed. The new website, using the same address, is scheduled to go live this month.  
[www.parishofgodalming.org.uk](http://www.parishofgodalming.org.uk)

## **St John's Parish Church, Farncombe**

We are delighted that some of our hirers have been able to resume activities at St John's, including the Conservatoire Concerts, whose season began at the end of May. We held a hybrid remote- and in-person Annual Meeting on 22 May and are beginning to think about a revised pattern of worship that incorporates what we've experienced of remote services over the last year. We intend to keep our weekly audio services going until the end of the Government's roadmap, whenever that turns out to be.

[www.farncombe.org.uk](http://www.farncombe.org.uk)

## **Godalming Baptist Church**

### **Sunday services**

GBC continues to be open for Sunday services. These start at 10:00 and must be booked beforehand due to COVID guidelines. The services are also livestreamed on our [YouTube channel](#) for those not able to attend.

We have now restarted the following groups:

### **Little Lights**

Little lights is a parents' and children's group (0 to 4 years), which aims to 'Share God's love' with craft, interactive storytelling and singing (when allowed). Due to COVID restrictions, you will need to book to let us know you are coming. Email [catherine@lawtonfamily.net](mailto:catherine@lawtonfamily.net) or phone 07973 927233.

### **The Ark**

The Ark mother and toddler group is looking at the Beatitudes with Attitude the Bee who has attitude! Just a 10-minute story time and then singing time outside. Please do contact Catherine Lawton [catherine@lawtonfamily.net](mailto:catherine@lawtonfamily.net) or phone 07973 927233 if you wish to join us / go onto a waiting list, but do not just turn up due to COVID restrictions.

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

## **Godalming United Church**

### **Annual collection for the Whitechapel Mission for the Homeless, 25 June to 5 July 2021**

The Mission is entirely dependent on public support, and its need has never been greater – the number of clients, mostly men, has doubled during the Pandemic.

### *Items needed*

*Non-perishable breakfast foods:* Peanut butter, Nutella, baked beans, plum/chopped tomatoes, sugar, runny honey, instant hot chocolate, bottled water, porridge, pot noodles, biscuits, squash (also tea, coffee, breakfast cereals)

*Men's Clothing:* Underpants/boxers, jeans 28-36", trainers, shoes (also trousers 28-34", woollen scarves, winter coats & jackets, jumpers, black woollen hats, baseball caps, t-shirts, padded shirts)

*Toiletries:* Hand cream, body wash, body lotion

*Other items:* Blankets, small rucksacks (also sleeping bags)

*Collection times* at Godalming United Church, Bridge Road GU7 3DU

Fri 25 June, 12:00 to 13:30      Tues 29 June 14:00 to 15:00      Sat 3 July, 10:30 to 12:00 and 14:00 to 15:00

Sat 26 June, 10:30 to 12:00      Wed 30 June 18:00 to 19:00      Sun 4 July, 11:45 to 12:45

Sun 27 June, 11:45 to 12:45      Fri 2 July, 12:00 to 13:30      Mon 5 July, 19:00 to 20:00

Any queries, contact Ryan 01483 423261 or Janet 01483 527670

[www.guc.org.uk](http://www.guc.org.uk)

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

### *livesimply*

The *livesimply* Parish Group have raised £1,500 towards a solar borehole water pump for the Kasanka School Community in Zambia. The School is run by the FDM Sisters at Ladywell Convent.

### **Sycamore**

A new series of Sycamore sessions on Zoom will start on Tuesday 8 June and run weekly for 5 weeks. Participants are asked to join from 19:45 so that we can start the session at 20:00. It will finish between 21:00 and 21:30. Anyone is welcome to join – you don't need to have attended the first 5 sessions. The format of the evening will be: introduction; video (all through – no breaks this time); discussion groups (just one rather than 3 short discussions as before) and then feedback and summary. The themes this time will be: The Bible; The Gift of Faith; The Power of Prayer; Finding True Freedom & The Meaning of Love. To join, please email Ian Honeysett at: [Honeysett@btinternet.com](mailto:Honeysett@btinternet.com)

### **Walking the Parables of Jesus at Wintershall**

Public booking is open for 2 and 3 July: tel 01483 892167 or visit: [www.wintershall.org.uk](http://www.wintershall.org.uk)

### **Praying with the Scriptures**

Each Wednesday evening continues at 19:30 to 20:45. Everyone is welcome to join us on Zoom 845 7892 5944 password 2021

<https://stedsgod.com>

## Trinity Trust Team

June sees us transition fully from online to in-person sessions for the first time in over 14 months, so we are delighted to be able to welcome back the young people who attend our Loseley Fields Youth Café, Little Noise group and Fuse group (run in partnership with the team at GBC). We have also a full half term ahead in terms of our delivery of Year 6 Moving On workshops into local primary and junior schools, Retreat Days and supporting the Year 7 Intake in our local secondary schools. All this plus a Summer Activities week, the first since the summer of 2019, so we are thrilled to be able to ramp up our activities to their usual levels over the summer.

There have been some personnel changes: Matt Blake, after five great years with us, has relocated with his family to the Isle of Wight. We'd like to thank Matt for his faithful contribution made these past years and ask the Lord to bless Matt, Emily, David and Linda as they begin a new chapter on the west side of the island. Karen Taylor, a church-based Youth & Children's worker from Guildford has joined us for the remainder of the term and will be supporting our return to in-person groups and summer workshops.

Please pray for:

- those children and young people who are struggling with anxiety as we return to the 'old normal' and for the emotional wellbeing sessions we will be delivering in Rodborough alongside the team from CAMHS;
- wisdom when considering a replacement for Matt and for the right candidate to be made clear to us by the Lord to join us in this next chapter of our ministry to local young people;
- all those who currently donate to TTT (both corporately and individually).

We continue to thank all those who play a part in and support the youth ministry of the Trinity Trust Team, particularly in these challenging times. Our thanks and blessings, all. Andy and the team.

## Feba

Feba prayer group will meet in person at 42 Minster Road, Godalming, on Monday 14 June from 10:30 to 11:30. If you would like to join in prayer for this media organisation with partners in many of the world's newsworthy places, please contact Shelagh Godwin on [jimdogshome@aol.com](mailto:jimdogshome@aol.com) (01483 417725): if you cannot come but would like to pray, Shelagh can also provide prayer fodder.

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

Please send items for the July 2021 edition of *Link-up* to Matt Farrow: [farrow.matt@gmail.com](mailto:farrow.matt@gmail.com) by Friday 2 July, for publication on Friday 9 July.