



LINK-UP

August 2021

Keeping Churches in Touch

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Message from the Acting Chair

Happy Holidays

A time to reflect and renew our relationships with family and friends and for many of us a time to return to church and a semblance of normality. I have had some magical days out with my grandchildren and am looking forward to many more over the next few weeks. I will be attending a family wedding at the end of the month - all these events we used to just take for granted but they have taken on a new sense of importance in our lives. Our churches are slowly returning to normal, and we now actually sing and praise the Lord in some services. God bless you all and I pray that you have a happy and joyous month.

Zoom Prayer Breakfast, Saturday 28 August at 8:30

We really do hope that this will be the last time we will have to hold a virtual prayer breakfast and that in September we will be able to reinstate this very enjoyable monthly get together, possibly at the Cellar Camino Café in Godalming. Please find the Zoom link and further details below.

CTiG&D Executive Meeting – Monday 13 September at 18.00 via Zoom

Link and Agenda will be emailed prior to the meeting.

Great Big Green Week 18 to 26 September 2021

The Great Big Green Week is a national event. Here is a link to the website to find out how you can get involved <https://greatbiggreenweek.com>. Many of our members are already Accredited Green Churches, and their teams are discussing how to participate during the week. I am sure the Reps will update us on their plans via their monthly reports to *Link-up*.

CTiG&D 2021 AGM

Will be held on Wednesday 13 October at 18:00 at Busbridge Church – please add this date to your diaries.

“Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you”, Ephesians 4:31-32

Angela Gilmour, Acting Chair of Godalming & District Churches Together

Churches Together prayer breakfasts

The August Prayer Breakfast is still by Zoom from 8:30 to 9:15 on Saturday 28 August. The Zoom room is: <https://zoom.us/j/9463914833> Password 2021. Just click on the above and then enter the password when requested. The room will be available from 8:15. The prayers will be led by Rev Margot Spencer.

News of the Churches and organisations

Parish of Godalming

We encourage the use of masks and social distancing for the wellbeing of everyone. There will be a designated, socially-distanced zone for those who wish to continue to distance and refrain from singing. All services 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.

www.parishofgodalming.org.uk

St John's Parish Church, Farncombe

We are following a three-stage process of resuming aspects of our worship depending on how the public health situation unfolds, as we had no enthusiasm for doing everything in one go! We are looking forward to the Village Show on 21 August, revamped and reorganised this year, and welcoming people from the area with their flowers, fruit, cakes, veg and crafts for this community occasion, which of course we had to forego in 2020.

www.farncombe.org.uk

Busbridge&Hambleton Church

Job opportunity

Busbridge&Hambleton Church seeks an experienced manager for its new café at Busbridge Church. Full time (37 hours), starting autumn 2021.

Could you bring the vision for the Yew Tree Café to life, and oversee the delivery of excellent coffee, food and service to our active church and local community?

Please find latest news about the Yew Tree Café at www.bhcgodalming.org/yew-tree-cafe, and see the job role and specification, and complete the application form and submit a covering letter to Karen Hart via: church.office@bhcgodalming.org. Closing date for applications: 24 August 2021.

Archbishop of Canterbury visit to the Diocese of Guildford 24-27 September

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Justin Welby, will visit the diocese from 24-27 September 2021. There will be a number of opportunities for you and your guests to hear and question the Archbishop, and all events are free to attend. Space is limited and places must be booked in advance.

An evening with Justin Welby

Lakeside Country Club near Camberley on Friday 24 September at 20:00. This is our main diocese-wide event with the Archbishop and is intended for clergy and congregations rather than for guests from outside the church. There will be worship, prayer for the weekend, celebration of all that God is doing in our parishes, a key address from the Archbishop on the future of the local church, and an extended time of question and answer session.

Register at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-with-justin-welby-tickets-160856571335

Big questions with the Archbishop of Canterbury – a series of eleven guest events

Godalming – Prior's Field School, Godalming, Sunday 26 September 13:30

Register at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/big-questions-with-the-archbishop-of-canterbury-godalming-tickets-162253385243

The Archbishop will respond to questions from the public at the following major events across the diocese, and speak on how to find security and hope in uncertain times. These events are only for church members bringing guests, or guests booking places on their own.

These events will be followed up with locally run Alpha courses. Busbridge&Hambleton Church is teaming up with Emmaus Road, Guildford and will be hosting the next Alpha in October 2021. Details of all the events from 24-27 Sep, and how to get hold of tickets can be found here:

www.cofeguildford.org.uk/whats-on/events/archbishop-of-canterbury-mission-sept21

Hambleton Festival Service, 29 August at 10:30

As part of the Hambleton Festival 2021, Busbridge&Hambleton Church is delighted to be leading a service on the village cricket green on bank holiday weekend. The service will be for all ages, with activities for children. The topic is Daniel in the Lions' Den, and the congregation is invited to bring a chair, come in fancy dress (lions, Daniels, Kings) and a picnic for afterwards.

Muddy Church, starting October at Busbridge&Hambleton Church

BHC is one of the churches in the diocese to pilot a new outdoor service for families. Muddy Church (which comes under the Messy Church umbrella) is outdoors, with a focus on creation and caring for the environment. Muddy will stand in place of the all-age services on the first Sunday of the month, starting 6 October at 10:30 in the Old Rectory Gardens at Busbridge. Muddy will also build on the success of the outdoor Children's Worship at Busbridge Church last term, for families with 0-11s. Parents stayed with their children, and the feedback was really positive. Services took place in all weathers, and parents and children experienced real value in worshipping together and teaching each other.

www.bhcgodalming.org

Godalming Baptist Church

Sunday services

Sunday services at GBC start at 10:00 and should be booked beforehand if possible. The services are also live streamed on our [YouTube channel](#) for those not able to attend. We are now able to sing with our masks on, and hope to start offering refreshments after the service later on in August.

Sing for Fun

Our Sing for Fun group for those with dementia and other conditions has now started up again. This takes place on Tuesdays from 14:00 to 15:00. Families and carers are welcome. Please call Janet on 01483 414019 for more details.

The rest of our groups are taking a well-earned break during August, but they will be back in September and are already planning lots of inspirational activities!

We wish you all a blessed and peaceful August.

www.godalmingbaptistchurch.org.uk

Godalming United Church

As a further relaxation after Lockdown, we have reopened our kitchen - so coffee after Sunday morning service has resumed, and our popular weekly Friday lunches will return on 3 September, every Friday in term-time from 12:00 to 13:30.

www.guc.org.uk

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

Parish Family Day on the Feast of the Assumption 15 August

Richard & Hillary Grey have invited the Parish to join them for an open air Mass followed by a picnic lunch and family games in the grounds of their lovely old farmhouse in Elstead.

The Great Big Green Week

The *livesimply* Parish Group are planning their response to "The Great Big Green Week" and the call of Pope Francis to celebrate "The Season of Creation" from 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 October (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) each year.

This ecumenical season is dedicated to prayer and action for the protection of creation. It is a time to renew our relationships with God our Creator, and with all creation, as we join together in prayer.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Season-of-Creation>

The sisters at Ladywell have invited the parish to hold a Creation Mass in the beautiful grounds of Ladywell on Sunday 5 September at 10:30, followed by refreshments and cake

September Arrangements

We will be returning to pre-COVID Mass times and stopping the live streaming of the weekend Mass. Livestream Services will still be available within the Deanery via St Joseph's in Guildford. We will continue to wear masks and gradually reintroduce singing into the services.

Children's Liturgy

Resumes on 12 September at St John's in Farncombe at the 8:45 Mass and the Bumps and Babes – baby and toddler group also resumes from Monday 6 September, 10:30 at St John's.

Sycamore

We will be running a series of Sycamore films followed by a shared discussion group this autumn. In addition to a Tuesday evening Zoom option, we will be hosting small house groups to share the films, discussion, fellowship and hospitality – rather like the Alpha model.

Surrey Churches Ride & Stride

This year's fundraiser to help preserve local church buildings takes place on Saturday 11 September. We will follow our usual ride from Farncombe to Godalming via local villages. All are welcome to take part. Contact Ian Honeysett on honeysett@btinternet.com for further information.

Wintershall Stations of the Cross

These are on the first Friday of every month at 7:00. All are welcome to join us.

Baby Loss Matters Week 24 -31 October

There will be a memorial set up in St Edmunds Parish throughout the month of October and a special Service for all who have been affected by baby loss, to which everyone is welcome. I will update you on the date of the service over the coming months.

Gardening Services

The grounds at St Edmund's and St Joseph's need regular maintenance, and we are looking for a new local contractor. Please contact Sarah in the Parish Office godalming@abdiocese.org.uk

Redundant iPads & laptops

These are desperately needed by GDWG (Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group) to enable the detainees to communicate with friends and family and access English Language tuition and support services. If you can help, please contact josie@gdwg.org.uk

<https://stedsgod.com>

Items for next month's Link-up

Please send items for the September 2021 edition of *Link-up* to Matt Farrow: farrow.matt@gmail.com by Friday 3 September, for publication on Friday 10 September.