



# LINK-UP

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*Keeping Churches in Touch*

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## From the Chair

### **Do our deeds outrun our words!?**

Is what we do, in line with our words and are we committed to our faith? Do we use all our heart, mind and strength for God's purposes.? This was part of a sermon recently, and it struck a chord.. Does Christ's love for us compel us to be motivated in all we do?

On the last day of this year - Sunday 31 December (as if you didn't know!) - we are looking into holding a Churches Together event of some sort. We have a possible venue, but need people to offer to be involved. Possibly a service at 18:30 or a party, or a watchnight service... As they used to say answers on a post card (or email or phone would suffice too!).

I would like to Formally Welcome the following Ministers who have arrived recently..

- Father David Parmiter - Roman Catholic Parish of St. Edmund, King & Martyr
- Ian Forsyth - Milford Baptist Church
- Jane Vlach - Godalming Parish (Saint Peter & St Paul and St Mark's)

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

## Christmas Together in Godalming, Saturday 9 December

Christmas Together in Godalming (planned by a small committee headed up by Jacky Tickner, St. Mark's Church), takes place on Saturday, 9 December 2017 from 10:00, ending with the Town Carol Service at 16:00 in the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul. Churches Together will have a stall as last year, with a parcel wrapping service – if you can help during the day please let Michael Stubbs (Chair) or Gillian Martin (Secretary) know. Charity stalls are available at £10 for individuals, charities and churches. Please apply to Gillian for an application form - email [martin2ls@btinternet.com](mailto:martin2ls@btinternet.com)

## Events for your diary

Below is a selection of the many events taking place during October 2017 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)

### **Tuesday 3 October**

19:00 - Surrey Villages in the past, Godalming Baptist Church

### **Thursday 5 October**

19:00 - Human Trafficking life issues event, Godalming Baptist Church

### **Sunday 8 October**

09:00 - *Something Different*, St Peter's Church, Hascombe

10:30 - Harvest Festival family service, Godalming United Church

### **Saturday 14 October**

15:00 - Messy Church "Seed Time and Harvest", Godalming United Church

### **Sunday 15 October**

17:00 - Churches Together 0-30 in 60 minutes, Busbridge Church

**Wednesday 18 October**

19:45 - Churches Together AGM, Godalming Friends Meeting House

**Friday 20 October**

20:00 - The Balfour Declaration: our unfinished business, Godalming United Church

**Saturday 21 October**

19:00 - St Edmund's Church quiz night, St John's Church Room, Farncombe

**Saturday 28 October**

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

**Sunday 29 October**

15:00 - Annual Memorial Service, St John's Church, Farncombe

**Sunday 12 November**

Remembrance Sunday Service

**Saturday 9 December**

19:00 - Raggedy doll performed by Manna Ministries, The Leatherhead Theatre KT22 8DN

**Saturday 16 December**

19:00 - An evening of seasonal gospel music, Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Godalming

**Saturday 9 December**

10:00 - Christmas Together in Godalming

16:00 - Town Carol Service, Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul

## News of the Churches and organisations

### Parish of Godalming

**An evening of seasonal gospel music, Saturday 16 December**

Join us for a very special evening of seasonal gospel music on Saturday 16 December at 19:00 at the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Godalming. Come and hear our amazing gospel choir performing a selection of traditional and contemporary Christmas gospel music. Wine and other refreshments served. Free entry, donations appreciated.

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

### Busbridge Church

**Churches Together 0-30 in 60 minutes, Sunday 15 October, 17:00 to 18:00**

A time to pray for the young people of the town and their leaders, and groups such as Trinity Trust Team and Manna Ministries. Busbridge Church Centre; refreshments provided.

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

### St Peter's Church, Hascombe

At our last *Something Different* service, we had three short films looking at the Syrian refugee crisis, which continues to tear lives apart for many thousands of people. Cushioned here in Surrey from the harsh reality of the situation, it is so easy to think it is someone else's problem. One of the films was staged in Surrey as if it were happening here - very thought provoking!

**Something different, Sunday 8 October**

Our next *Something different* service on 8 October follows on from the 8:00 Holy Communion with a free cooked breakfast from 9:00. And our speaker for the 10:00 service will be Alison Hendry- Diocesan child and family ministry adviser, who will be sharing with us some of the more successful initiatives which are

currently taking place within the Diocese to encourage families to become involved with their local church. All are welcome to come and visit us and enjoy a spot of breakfast!

## St John's Parish Church, Farncombe

### St Edmund's Church quiz night, Saturday 21 October

The Annual St Edmund's Church quiz night in aid of CAFOD will take place on Saturday 21 October in the St John's Church Room in Farncombe. 19:00 for a 19:30 start. Tickets cost £10, which will include jacket potato with choice of fillings. Please bring your own drinks, and can each team bring a pudding to share? Teams are of up to eight people, so form your own team or come and join one on the night. Quizmaster will be Ian Honeysett. So get your your team together and come and join in the fun. Tickets available from Jo Lewry - call 421520 or e-mail [jolewry@aol.com](mailto:jolewry@aol.com) - or call Mary Waight on 428031. Places are limited so book soon.

### Annual Memorial Service, Sunday 29 October, 15:00

This is our annual service for relatives of those whose funeral services the church has conducted, but it's open to anyone who would like to come and remember a loved one. Just turn up and let us know the name and they will be prayed for. Refreshments are offered afterwards!

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

## Godalming Baptist Church

### Church Vision Sunday

This month we have a range of activities happening at Queen Street. The most important of these is our Vision Sunday led by Revd Mike Stanbrook, our Moderator. After the morning service and bring-your-own lunch, we are meeting together to share and seek God's will for our prospective new pastor as we form our church profile to begin the process. We would value your prayers.

It was such a joy to be at the Ordination of Revd Jane Vlach at St Peter & St Paul last month. How blessed we are that men and women hear God's call for Ministry and give their lives to serve God in this way.

### Transformed Lives

Turning to the autumn, we are starting daytime and evening sessions of *Transformed Lives*, study material from CWR looking at Ephesians.

### Surrey villages - then and now - Tuesday 3 October

On Tuesday 3 October from 19:30 to 21:00 (coffee at 19:00) we will have a fascinating talk with PowerPoint presentation 'Surrey Villages, Then and Now' led by David Rose, back by popular demand after leading on 'Guildford Shops in the Past' earlier in the year. Cost will be no more than £5 depending on numbers. Please contact Sally Pollard on 01483-428646 or e-mail [pollard3@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pollard3@hotmail.co.uk) if you would like to come. Bring a friend or neighbour too!

### Human trafficking, Thursday 5 October

We also have a Life Issue event 'Human Trafficking' on Thursday 5 October from 19:00 (coffee from 18:45) to 21:00 led by Suzette Jones from Guildford Diocese. Human Trafficking has recently been highlighted as a huge problem in our society. Do come and hear more about this tragic life that some are enduring after being enticed to our country with promises of good pay and work when reality is just terrible. Please contact Sally as above.

### Make a Difference Week

At the end of the month we have Make a Difference Week, during which 20 young people will join us and there will be several activities during the week for everyone to join in: Godalming of Old Exhibition, Children's Art Competition, Family Cinema Night, Great Godalming Cake Of Competition, Seaside Holiday Day and yard Bombing, hundreds of poppies have been knitted or crocheted and will be festooned in the High Street!

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

## Godalming United Church

### Building improvements

The "quiet" summer period has been extremely busy on the building front, and our facilities have been hugely

improved. The downstairs River Room has been enlarged and upgraded, with improved access to the Lammas Lands and a new riverside patio, and the kitchen has been totally modernised. Many thanks to John Drake, who has managed this big and complex project.

### **Celebrating 50 years “in the pulpit”**

On Sunday 17 September, we celebrated Reverend Norman Edsall’s 50th anniversary “in the pulpit” – the lessons being read by his two grandsons.

### **Harvest Festival family service, Sunday 8 October, 10:30**

Gifts of non-perishable foodstuffs for the Salvation Army. Bring-and-share lunch – contact 01483 273291 or email [mcwest1@btinternet.com](mailto:mcwest1@btinternet.com).

### **Messy Church “Seed Time and Harvest”, Saturday 14 October, 15:00**

Autumn planting, cooking and crafts for all the family with party tea. Babies’ play area.

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

## **Godalming Quakers**

### **The Balfour Declaration: our unfinished business, Friday 20 October**

On Friday 20 October at 20:00, there will be a talk at Godalming United Church by the historian Mary Grey on the Balfour Declaration. [www.godalmingquakers.org](http://www.godalmingquakers.org)

## **Manna Ministries**

### **Raggedy Doll, Saturday 9 December 2017, 19:00**

Manna Ministries presents *Raggedy Doll*, a show based on the song of the same name by Philippa Hanna, featuring live music from Philippa Hanna. This year’s performance will be at The Leatherhead Theatre, 7 Church St, Leatherhead KT22 8DN. Tickets are £10 per person or £30 for a family or group of 2 adults and 2 children. Carers, disabled and OAPs £7. [www.mannaministries.org.uk/raggedy-doll-2017](http://www.mannaministries.org.uk/raggedy-doll-2017)

### **Cinema M16:15**

Manna Ministries runs movie nights showing thought provoking Christian films to the general public for a donation on the night. Every Cinema M16:15 showing is staged old style, we have classic cinema adverts and usherettes. Next screenings are: 4 November, 2 December, 6 January, 3 February and 3 March.

### **Encounter**

Come and join us for a time of intimate worship, prayer and word at Farley Hall, Shophouse Land, Farley Green GU5 9DN. Upcoming times are 1 October, 29 October, 12 November and 17 December, from 19:00 to 21:00.

### **Godalming academy**

Manna Ministries’ Godalming academy runs on Tuesdays at Godalming Baptist Church from 16.15 for an hour for children aged 5 to 9 years It is going strong and would love new members.

### **Fundraising for microphones**

Manna Ministries needs your help. Every show we need microphones to give children the best possible platform. At present, and for the last 9 shows, we have had to hire these, which is costly. If we had our own microphones, these funds could be put back into the charity to help us reach out to more children. If you would like to make a donation please visit: [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/manna-academy](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/manna-academy)

We also are trying to raise funds for an outside office space for us as a family, as we are still using a bedroom to run the whole ministry, and it is crowding out our home.

### **Looking for volunteers**

Can you spare an hour of your time every week? Manna Ministries is looking for volunteers aged 18+ in Eastbourne, Reigate and Guildford who have a heart to serve children aged 4 to 16 and see them share Jesus through the power of performing arts.

### **Sponsoring of Manna Ministries**

If you are, or were going to, sponsor Manna Ministries, please can you do it through the Stewardship scheme and whether anonymously or named can you mention ‘Godalming Churches’ and if possible agree to sponsor

them for a stated period of time? It makes their accounting easier and helps landlords have more confidence with their rent. I have some paper copies of the sponsor forms, or you can go on the Manna Ministries website. If you have any queries, please contact Michael Stubbs.

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

## Trinity Trust Team

### Outreach in Aarons Hill

We have enjoyed some really positive engagement with young people in the Aarons Hill and central Godalming areas over the summer whilst on outreach; a group of young people have been eagerly awaiting our arrival at Aarons Hill each Friday evening for games of rounders, football and to talk about how their week has gone, so we are looking for ways to build on these relationships through our local schools work.

### Loseley Fields Youth Café

Over in Farncombe we have enjoyed an extremely busy start to the Loseley Fields Youth Café term, with lots of new faces joining familiar ones on Monday nights.

### Work in schools

October will see the launch of the new youth Alpha course run at Rodborough Christian Union by Matt and Arianna, whilst Andy is leading a six-week series on Jesus encounters at Broadwater CU. Both Andy and Matt are currently leading Social Studies sessions in Broadwater to Year 11 students on social media and staying safe online. It is such a privilege to be able to engage with local young people in such a wide variety of contexts and support them in so many different ways.

Please pray for:

- All the young people we engage with, whether within a school, church or community context and that we continue to receive opportunities to role model Christ through our presence in their lives
- The new programmes run in our Christian Union's and discipleship groups that they will touch the lives of those young people who are furthering or just beginning their walk with Jesus
- All those who currently donate to TTT (both corporately and individually) and for grant applications in process, for new opportunities to bid for funding and for those currently supporting our fund raising efforts.

We continue to thank all those who play a part in and support the youth ministry of the Trinity Trust Team. Our thanks and blessing all.

[www.trinitytrustteam.co.uk](http://www.trinitytrustteam.co.uk)

## Diocese of Guildford

### Hearing Champions: hearing aid maintenance training

Hearing Champions: hearing aid maintenance training sessions will take part on Tuesday 12 September and Tuesday 14 November at the Diocesan House, Quarry Street, Guildford GU1 3XG from 10:00 to 16:00. Sandwich lunch and refreshments are provided. There will also be an opportunity to purchase a basic maintenance toolkit.

### Read my lips: lipreading courses

These will take place on Thursday afternoons from 14:00 to 16:00 at The Octagon, Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Godalming GU7 1ES. Classes are £5 per session, payable termly in advance. The first class is a taster session and will be free. Classes are limited to 10 people, completion of a booking form is required. 14 September to 30 November 2017 (half term 26 October). 11 January 2018 to 20 March 2018 (half term 15 February).

To find out more, please contact Tracey Wade, Sensory Inclusion Adviser in the Diocese of Guildford Communities Engagement Team. Tel: 01483 790327 or 18001 01483 790327. Mob: 07531 268476. Email: [tracey.wade@cofguildford.org.uk](mailto:tracey.wade@cofguildford.org.uk)

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

Please send items for the November 2017 edition of *Link-Up* to Matt Farrow: [farrow.matt@gmail.com](mailto:farrow.matt@gmail.com) by Friday 21 October for issue during the week commencing Monday 23 October.