



LINK-UP

November 2017

Keeping Churches in Touch

www.godalmingchurches.org

Christmas Together in Godalming

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

Churches Together event, 31 December

We are hoping to hold a Churches Together event on Sunday 31 December. If you'd like to volunteer, please let us know this month; we NEED people to come forward if this is to go ahead.

Churches Together news

Michael Stubbs has been re-elected as Chairman of Churches Together in Godalming and District. The two Vice Chairs for this year are Rev Maggie Stirling-Troy and Andy Poulson.

Events for your diary

Below is a selection of the many events taking place during November 2017 and beyond. More detail can be found in the sections below and on the Churches Together website: www.godalmingchurches.org/calendar

Wednesday 8 November

16:00 – Choral Evensong Service, Busbridge Church

Sunday 12 November

10:45 – Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

11:15 – Service of Remembrance at the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul

Sunday 26 November

10:30 – Cellar café roadshow, Godalming United Church

Saturday 2 December

Away in a Manger for adults, Ladywell Convent – see Godalming Baptist Church below

Saturday 9 December

10:00 - Christmas Together in Godalming

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

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

19:00 - *Any Colour you Like* (Pink Floyd tribute band), St John's Parish Church, Farncombe

Saturday 16 December

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

Saturday 20 January 2018

10:00 to 13:00 – Seven Laws for Life, Godalming Baptist Church

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

Busbridge and Hambeldon Church

Choral Evensong Service, 8 November, 16:00

Come and join us for a Choral Evensong service celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Busbridge Church and 150 years of King Edward's School being at its current location in Witley.

The Chapel Choir of King Edward's School Witley will be joining us for this event. This flourishing choir is much in demand, and we are very grateful to the staff and the students for making time to join us for this celebratory Evensong service. During the course of this academic year, the choir will be singing in Southwark and Winchester Cathedrals and the Chapel Royal at Hampton Court Palace in addition to undertaking a choir tour in Rome; so we are delighted that they have agreed to add Busbridge Church to such a prestigious list of venues to sing in!

Immediately preceding the service there will be a short presentation about the history of Busbridge Church, commencing at 16:15. Tea and cake will be served from 16:00, with the service commencing at 16:45.

Following the service, there will be a retiring collection for The Bridewell Foundation. This charitable trust provides bursaries for children from a background of disadvantage to attend and flourish in King Edward's Witley. Over 100 pupils are supported this way every year.

This event is hosted by our Prime Time group, but it is an occasion for the whole community to enjoy. Please do come and join us – all welcome!

www.bhcgodalming.org

St John's Parish Church, Farncombe

Any Colour you Like, 9 December, 19:00

Saturday 9 December sees the welcome return to St John's Church, Farncombe of the fabulous 10-piece Pink Floyd tribute band, Any Colour You Like. The net proceeds of the concert will be donated to the Trinity Trust Team youth project. The aim is to raise over £1,000 as has been done on Any Colour You Like's previous Farncombe shows for this charity. Advance tickets at £14 each available from Record Corner or by contacting Julian Lewry on 01483 421520 or e-mail julianlewrymusic@aol.com . £17 on the door. Doors open at 19:00, show starts at 19:45.

www.farncombe.org.uk

Godalming Baptist Church

Make a Difference Week

During half-term, Make a Difference (MAD) Week came to Godalming Baptist Church. Activities included a children's art competition, Godalming Cake Off, family cinema, crafts, a café, a popular seaside holiday fun day and some fascinating talks on the history of Godalming. Most noticeable of all was the 'yarn bomb' event that saw thousands of crocheted and knitted poppies displayed around the town – particularly on the Pepperpot. We also organised litter picking and gifting of plants to shops and new houses. This was a great opportunity to interact with young people (a team of 20 came to help), with our community and to show God's love to all. You can find out more at: www.seba-baptist.org.uk/mad-makeadifference.htm

Away in a Manger for adults, Saturday 2 December

Now our thoughts are turning to Christmas and beyond! We have an opportunity to get away from the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations on Saturday 2 December when Pam Thorogood is leading our day at Ladywell entitled 'Away In A Manger for Adults'. This is a great opportunity to step aside at the beginning of Advent for quiet reflection. To book a place please contact Sally Pollard - pollard3@hotmail.co.uk, Janet Fry - janetfry1@gmail.com or the Church Office: 01483-422105 Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings.

Seven laws for life, Saturday 20 January 2018, 10:00 to 13:00

This lively three hour seminar, led by Lynette and Mike Brooks from CWR, considers the seven key elements of a dynamic Christian life. Through Biblically based teaching, discover ways of cultivating an effective prayer life, keeping your faith alive through difficult circumstances, helping others, and overcoming doubt and fear. Tickets cost £7. Please reserve a place by Friday 12 January by contacting Sally Pollard or Janet Fry as above.

www.godalmingbaptistchurch.org.uk

Godalming United Church

Harvest Festival

On 8 October the church was decked out in truly festive style for our café-style Harvest Festival, led by Rev'd Clive Chase, Chaplain of Charterhouse School, a long-standing friend of our church. The Lammas Handbell ringers provided an unusual and enjoyable musical interlude between the courses of the bring-and-share lunch.

Looking ahead you are invited to join us for:

Cellar roadshow, Sunday 26 November, 10:30

Find out more about The Cellar, Godalming's Christian café. Dr Chris Jagger, former local GP and charity Trustee will help to lead our Morning Service.

Anniversary candlelit supper, Saturday 2 December, 18:00

Cost £15 per person, tel 01483 416592

Hosanna Rock, Sunday 3 December, 10:30

Short children's musical to mark the first Sunday in Advent. Family Service with offerings of toys for the less fortunate in our community (distributed by The Cellar café).

www.guc.org.uk

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

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 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

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

Trinity Trust Team

This month you will begin to see some TTT Christmas cards appear for sale in local churches. The design features a traditional nativity scene with the banner 'The Inn Crowd' and inside there is the wonderful quote from Isaiah 'For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given.' We decided to produce these for three key reasons, in no particular order: to continue to raise the profile of TTT; to continue to raise funds for TTT and, most importantly, to offer a card that bears witness to the wonderful, humbling and life changing events of that first Christmas. The cards will be priced at 50p each (envelopes included) and can be purchased simply by taking the quantity you require and putting the money in a box that will be found with the cards. We would really appreciate it if you would consider supporting this initiative.

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;
- inspiration and opportunity as we again seek fresh ideas in order to convey the essence of the Christmas message to children, students and staff of local schools through assemblies;
- all those who currently donate to TTT (both corporately and individually) for new opportunities to bid for funding and for those currently supporting our fundraising 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.

Diocese of Guildford

Hearing Champions: hearing aid maintenance training

Hearing Champions: hearing aid maintenance training sessions will take part on 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@cofeguildford.org.uk

Items for next month's Link-UP

Please send items for the December 2017 edition of *Link-Up* to Matt Farrow: farrow.matt@gmail.com by Friday 24 November for issue during the week commencing Monday 27 November.