



LINK-UP

January 2019

Keeping Churches in Touch

www.godalmingchurches.org

From the Chair

More Prayer? More Unity? NEW YEAR!! NEW RESOLUTIONS!!

There was an amazing evening at The Inn on The Lake when Trinity Trust Team led a large group of people from a number of churches in singing carols. Staff and guests joined in so we made a joyous sound!

Churches Together again organised the Christmas Day lunches held at Godalming Baptist Church. Over 80 people sat down to a wonderful meal, followed by singing and carols and The Queen and a visit from Father Christmas. If you know of anyone who might be on their own (single or couple) and would like to attend this very enjoyable occasion, do keep an eye out for the notices in the autumn or let someone know earlier.

We have a number of events in early 2019 - some new and some traditional. There are prayer breakfasts at 8:30 on the fourth Saturday of every month, do look out for the venue. The next prayer breakfast will be on Saturday 26 January at The Barn, Old Farm House, Farnham Road, Elstead GU8 3DB. It's on the right as you go down the slope towards the bridge out of Elstead. There is plenty of parking in the grounds, but if we can car share that would be good!

The website of ctbi.org.uk has information on The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. During that week on Sunday 20 January we have a Joint Service at 10:30 at Godalming United Church. Do attend, it's a good way to start the year together.

On Saturday 30 March there is a Special Joint Churches event at Godalming Baptist Church from 19:00 to 21:00 entitled *Comedy, Curry with Compassion*. A family-friendly comedy and curry demonstration while learning about how Compassion changes children's lives. Tickets are £5.

Keep looking at our website: www.godalmingchurches.org as we plan to use it more in 2019.

Happy New Year.

Michael Stubbs, Chair of Godalming and District Churches Together, michaeleashing@aol.com

Events for your diary

Below is a selection of the many events taking place during December 2018 and beyond. More detail can be found in the sections below and on the Churches Together website: www.godalmingchurches.org/calendar

Sunday 30 December

18:30 - 5th Sunday Churches Together Evening service at Busbridge Church, led by Trinity Trust Team

Wednesday 9 January

19:00 to 21:15 – Alpha Course introductory dinner, Busbridge Church

Sunday 20 January 2019

10:30 – Churches Together United Service, Godalming United Church

Saturday 26 January

08:30 – Churches Together prayer breakfast, The Barn, Elstead GU8 3DB

9:30 to 12:30 – *Refreshing your spiritual life*, Godalming Baptist Church

Saturday 30 March

19:00 to 21:00 – Comedy, Curry with Compassion, Godalming Baptist Church

Thursday 30 May 2019

20:00 – Churches Together Ascension Day service, St Edmund's Catholic Church

News of the Churches and organisations

Parish of Godalming

www.parishofgodalming.org.uk

Busbridge and Hambledon Church

Alpha Course

Busbridge & Hambledon Church will be running an Alpha course starting in January. Alpha is a chance to explore life and Christian faith in a friendly, informal and open environment. The course will be on Wednesdays with supper from 19:00 and finishing around 21:15. It is open to anyone wanting to think about what really matters in life, and begins with an introductory dinner on Wednesday 9 January. For further information and to watch a special locally filmed Alpha video visit www.bhcgodalming.org or contact alpha@bhcgodalming.org.

www.bhcgodalming.org

St John's Parish Church, Farncombe

Fundraising success for Trinity Trust Team

Thank you to those who attended Farncombe Music Club's charity fundraising concert for the Trinity Trust Team by the Pink Floyd tribute band, *Any Colour You Like*. An audience of just over 200 at St John's Church enjoyed a spectacular sound, light and video show, which raised over £2,300 for TTT.

Introduction to the Bible course

We hope to be starting a midweek evening course giving an introduction to the Bible, which will run for six weeks from 16 January.

Messy Church

Our next Messy Church is on Saturday 12 January.

www.farncombe.org.uk

Godalming Baptist Church

Welcome to Revd Sandra Platford

We welcome Revd Sandra Platford, Bryan and Liona as Sandra takes up her ministry at the beginning of January and pray that they will be richly blessed in the months ahead. Sandra's Induction Service will be held at the beginning of February.

Refreshing Your Spiritual Life

Turning to January, we have a wonderful way to start the New Year! On Saturday 26 January 9:30 to 12:30, Andy Peck from CWR is leading a session *Refreshing Your Spiritual Life*. The session is for both men and women who are looking to review their walk with God or who feel weary in service and life and long for God to refresh and renew them. Details are on the attached flier. To book a place please contact Sally Pollard-pollard3@hotmail.co.uk or the Church Office on 01483 422105 Monday Wednesday or Friday morning.

Cookery demonstration and talk

For something completely different, Philip Friend will return to GBC on Thursday 24 January from 19:00 to 21:00. Philip will lead a cookery demonstration and also talk about his experience on television as he was a finalist in the BBC TV programme *Britain's Best Home Cook* Cost £5 per person. Please contact Sally using the details above.

We send greetings and a very Happy New Year to you all from all at GBC.

www.godalmingbaptistchurch.org.uk

Godalming United Church

Upcoming events

Sunday 6 January, 10:30 – Covenant Service, our annual new year service of commitment and rededication

www.guc.org.uk

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

Parish Prayer Group

Every Monday (except Bank Holidays), 20:00 at The Old Farmhouse, Elstead (opposite the Golden Fleece)
contact Richard Grey 01252 702230

Know your neighbour weekend, 6 January

Once a month, we invite parishioners to arrive earlier to collect a name badge and to sit next to somebody they don't know. Our wish is to help us to relate to those around us in church in a more prayerful way. Praying for each other is a way of fulfilling our Christian calling as Jesus said "This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you" (Jn 15:12).

Divine Renovation Book Groups

These will continue through January with small groups who attended the Alpha programmes in 2018 meeting to read and discuss Fr James Mallon's book *Divine Renovation*.

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Items for next month's Link-UP

Please send items for the February 2019 edition of *Link-Up* to Matt Farrow: farrow.matt@gmail.com by Tuesday 15 January for issue on Tuesday 22 January.