



# LINK-UP

June 2019

*Keeping Churches in Touch*

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## From the Chair

### **Ascension Day and Communication**

If you are reading this before 20:00 on Thursday 30 May, do come along to the Ascension Day Prayer Service at St Edmund's Church in Croft Road.

Not only is it good to worship together, but there may not be many more opportunities to visit this historic Godalming Church as there are plans to sell it.

### **How well do we communicate.?**

I had a situation recently where I sent out some information and I thought it was clear. I had included quite a lot of information with the thought that people would want to know some of the detail. But I was also asking for people to do things. I discovered the appeal was missed in all the words!

Too much information can be as bad as too little! Also I KNEW what I was talking about and had not run a draft past someone who didn't know the details before it went out. A second pair of eyes is always good.

I shall try to remember that next time.

Regarding Churches Together, how well do we communicate with you? Do let me know on [michaeleashing@aol.com](mailto:michaeleashing@aol.com), including "Seen link up" in the subject line.

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### **Annual outing to Worthing for the over 60s**

The annual outing to Worthing this year, for the over 60s in Godalming and Farncombe is on Wednesday, 31 July and costs £5. Booking forms are available during the month of June from St Mark's Community Centre, the Denningberg Centre or Huckleberry Bistro, Farncombe. Bookings should be made by 28th June. Please contact Jacky Tickner on 01483 415702 if more information is required.

## Events for your diary

Below is a selection of the many events taking place during June 2019 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)

### **Saturday 25 May**

8:30 to 10:00 – Churches Together prayer breakfast, Peper Harrow Church

### **Thursday 30 May**

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

### **Friday 7 June**

19:30 to 21:30 - Godalming Filling Station, The Barn, Borough Farm, Borough Farm Road, Milford GU8 5JY

### **Monday 10 June**

10:30 to 11:30 – Feba prayer meeting, 42 Minster Road, Godalming, [jimdogshome@aol.com](mailto:jimdogshome@aol.com). Come and hear about Feba's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

### **Wednesday 12 June**

10:00 to 12:00 - Living well with dementia, Godalming Baptist Church

### **Wednesday 19 June**

16:45 - Evensong Service with St Edward's School, Hambledon Church

### **Wednesday 24 July and Thursday 25 July**

Holiday at Home, Godalming Baptist Church

### **Saturday 27 July**

14:00 and 19:00 – Manna Ministries show *Legacies*, Frensham Heights, GU10 4EA

### **Wednesday 31 July**

Annual outing to Worthing for the over 60s

## News of the Churches and organisations

### **Busbridge & Hambledon Church**

#### **Simon Taylor appointed Area Dean**

We are very proud that our Rector, Simon Taylor has been appointed Area Dean for the Godalming Deanery. The Area Dean is a coordinating, strategic and pastoral role working with churches across an area.

#### **Busbridge Church closed for three months**

Busbridge Church is now closed for three months while the reordering of the Nave takes place. In spite of the building closure though, it is still very much business as usual, with most services being relocated at the Old Rectory. Please check our website for arrangements regarding specific services. We are all very excited about what possibilities lie ahead in terms of extended use of the church building once the reordering is complete.

#### **Evensong Service with St Edward's School, Wednesday 19 June**

There will be a special Evensong Service at Hambledon Church on 19 June at 16:45 to which all are welcome. The Chapel Choir of King Edward's School, Witley will be joining us so we will see a robed choir in the choir stalls at Hambledon for the first time in many years. This service is to commemorate and celebrate the school's link with the village. A little known fact amongst local residents today is that King Edward's School spent 7 years in exile in Hambledon between 1942 and 1949 when the school buildings were requisitioned by the government for the war effort. Tea and cake will be available prior to the service from 16:15.

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

### **Godalming Baptist Church**

#### **Living well with dementia, Wednesday 12 June, 10:00 to 12:00**

In June we are delighted that Penny Giles is returning to lead our session *Living well with dementia - understanding and managing different behaviours*. Penny will focus on behaviours that are challenging eg Looking for 'home', refusal to go somewhere, shadowing the main carer or spouse, struggling with personal care. Do you know someone in your congregation, community who is supporting a loved one with memory problems? If so, could you take their loved one for a cup of tea somewhere to enable that person to come? That would be such a precious gift to offer! Please contact Sally Pollard on [pollard3@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pollard3@hotmail.co.uk), Janet Fry on [janetfry1@gmail.com](mailto:janetfry1@gmail.com) or Church Office on 01483 422105 Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

#### **Holiday at Home, 24 and 25 July**

Also we have our Holiday At Home on Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 July at GBC, and this year's theme is Brazil, with samba dancing, music, singing, boardgames, quiz, craft workshop and so much more plus delicious three-course lunches and homemade cakes. Booking forms may be picked up at Reception at GBC.

#### **Visit our library**

Do call in and borrow a book from our library (reception is open weekday mornings). There are some wonderful books to inspire, encourage and equip us on our faith journey.

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

### **Godalming United Church**

#### **Thy Kingdom Come, 1 and 2 June**

As part of the world-wide prayer initiative *Thy Kingdom Come*, our church will be open for prayer and meditation on Sat 1 June from 10:00 to 16:00 and Sun 2 June from 13:00 to 16:00. Come and offer the things on your mind to God with the aid of our prayer stations, or sit for quiet reflection in the sanctuary.

#### **Messy Church, Saturday 15 June**

Family fun for all ages "All At Sea" from 15:00 to 17:00

### **Sing-along programme**

On Saturdays 15, 22, 29 June and 6 July at 19:30, join rehearsals – any or all – for a sing-along programme of varied classical, pop and show songs in preparation for a Musical Evening and Singalong Concert on 13 July at 19:30. Choose a song, play in the band... contact [keithnye@hotmail.com](mailto:keithnye@hotmail.com) or call on 07968 562129.

### **Annual Whitechapel Appeal, Saturday 28 June onwards**

Collection of items for The Whitechapel Mission for the homeless in the East End. Urgently needed: Men's clothing, Toiletries, Non-perishable Breakfast foods. Collection times at Godalming United Church will be as follows:

Fri 28 June 12:00 – 13:30	Tues 2 July 14:00-15:00	Sat 6 July 10:30 – 12:00; 14:00-15:00
Sat 29 June 10:30 – 12:00	Wed 3 July 18:00- 19:00	Sun 7 July 11:45-12:45
Sun 30 June 11:45 – 12:45	Fri 5 July 12:00-13:30	Mon 8 July 19:00 – 20:00

[www.whitechapel.org.uk](http://www.whitechapel.org.uk) For more information ring, ring Ryan 01483 423261 / Janet 01483 527670

### **Rev'd Paul Hulme**

Rev'd Paul Hulme is leaving us at the end of the month. He has been an inspirational minister and will be much missed. We wish him a fulfilling retirement.

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

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

**Churches Together Ascension Day Evening Prayer Service, Thursday 30 May, 20:00 to 20:45**

To be held at St Edmund's Catholic Church, 19 Croft Road, Godalming, GU7 1DB.

### **Sale of St Edmunds & Refurbishment of St Joseph's**

We have viewed the preliminary plans from both sets of architects who have managed to capture our "wish list". The Refurbishment Team with Fr David went to visit the award-winning new Catholic Church Our Lady of Lourdes in Hungerford to meet with their development team to learn from their experience.

### **"The Life of Christ", Tuesday 18 to Saturday 22 June**

This award-winning and epic production will be staged open-air in the stunning countryside on the Wintershall Estate near Bramley. This year it is also possible to camp overnight on 21 June. For more information and to book your tickets online go to [www.wintershall.org.uk](http://www.wintershall.org.uk)

### **Sunday Summer Alpha Programme**

The programme continues until 14 July 2019. Sessions are held from 19:00 to 21:00, with a break for half-term. Each session will include a meal and drink, a video and then some discussion. You can register to attend either the whole programme or just come along to the first three sessions and see how you feel about continuing. Apart from the weekly sessions, there is also an Alpha Away Day. There is NO CHARGE for this course. Venue: St John's Church Hall, St John's Street, Farncombe, Godalming GU7 3EJ to register visit our website <http://stedmundgodalming.btck.co.uk>

### **Breakfast Alpha on Friday Mornings**

Sessions continue until 19 July from 9:15 to 11:00, with a break for half-term. Each session will include breakfast, a video and then some discussion. If you have children who need looking after during the programme, please bring them along. You can register to attend either the whole programme or just come along to the first three sessions and then see how you feel about continuing. Apart from the weekly sessions, there is also an Alpha Away Day. There is NO CHARGE for this course. Venue: Four Elms, Grosvenor Road, Godalming, Surrey GU7 1PA to register visit our website <http://stedmundgodalming.btck.co.uk>

### **"Ask Fr David Sessions"**

These give Parishioners a chance to talk to Fr David about any aspects of faith and the church. They may be useful to people who have recently attended Alpha and would like to fill in some gaps in their understanding of their faith. The first of four sessions is from 20:00 to 21:00 on Thursday 13 and 27 June and on 11 and 25 July. It would be helpful if you could email your question to Fr David in advance – [stedmundschurch@outlook.com](mailto:stedmundschurch@outlook.com) the sessions will be held at the Presbytery in Croft Road, Godalming.

### **St Andrew's Day**

Scottish dancing and fish and chip supper on Saturday 30 November at 20:00 at Milford Village Hall.

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## Godalming Filling Station

The Godalming Filling Station gathers together on the first Friday of every month. Our next meeting is on Friday 7 June. Fellowship, teaching, worship and prayer at The Barn, Borough Farm, Borough Farm Road, Milford, Surrey, GU8 5JY. Please visit our website for further details:

<https://thefillingstation.org.uk/station/godalming> or go to our Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/GodalmingFillingStation>

## Godalming Prayer Walkers

An open/public group "Godalming Prayer Walkers" for people to meet walk and pray, usually once a month, no set day/time. Look out for scheduled events on our Facebook page and feel free to join us:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/248847602431786>

## Manna Ministries

### **Legacies – Silence the voices, rebuild the walls, Saturday 27 July**

Join Manna Academy Surrey in a moving musical re-enactment of the story of Nehemiah, seen through the eyes of a group of evacuees in WW2. Performances at 14:00 and 19:00. Tickets £7 for adults, £6 for children and £20 for families (2 adults and 2 children).

### **A change of scene**

Thank you for praying for us as a ministry. God has moved our family to the North, just outside Solihull in the West Midlands, where we are pioneering another academy for children in the City. Being given openings into schools for workshops in this city much in need of His love and healing.

We have already seen an increase and children's lives being touched and changed. We have had opportunity already to minister in some churches up here as a family, and God seems to be opening some doors into Coventry as well. As a family, we continue to look after and lead Guildford by travelling down weekly, which is growing and changing. God is so good, and again we have the honour of working with Pete Barringer, who takes our song compositions and turns them into amazing numbers for the stage. Thank you, for your financial support and prayers, you can see more of what we are up to by visiting our website.

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

## Trinity Trust Team

'Tis the season of Transition as we prepare to deliver our Year 6 Moving On workshops to local Junior and Primary schools and Retreat Days we lead for Barrow Hills and St Edmund's children. We are also planning for our annual summer activities programme that we run in the first full week of the school summer holidays, this year from Monday 29 July until Friday 2 August. We expect the full programme to be ready for publication/distribution early in June.

### **Looking for a new Chair**

After many years of faithful support, Alan Lion, of St Edmund's parish, is stepping down as Chair of the Trinity Trust Team (Godalming and area's ecumenical youth ministry team) in July 2019. Consequently, the Trust is looking for a successor to fill this role. TTT has governance delivered from a management team made up of representatives from local stakeholder churches, a number of whom already fulfil key roles within the charity. If you have a passion for Christ and a heart for young people and would like to hear more, please contact us about the role by email on [info@trinitytrustteam.co.uk](mailto:info@trinitytrustteam.co.uk)

Please pray for:

- successful funding bids to local organisations in order to subsidise all the places on the summer activities programme thus attracting children from disadvantaged backgrounds who will be able to access the wide range of activities the programme has to offer.
- the right candidate to come forward to take the role of Chair of the charity, to work with church representatives and the youth ministry team to continue to deliver a vision to take Christ to young people in our local schools and communities and to support church based youth ministry.
- all those who currently donate to TTT (both corporately and individually) for new opportunities to bid for funding, for those currently supporting our fundraising efforts and for bids in the pipeline.

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

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