



## **WEEKLY NEWS SHEET**

**Sunday 21st November 2021**

### **Christ the King**

**10am Holy Communion  
at St Peter and St Paul's Church  
A warm welcome to Reverend Simon Taylor,  
Area Dean of Godalming**

**10am Service of the Word  
at St Mark's Church**

**The Collect for Christ the King:  
God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory.  
Amen.**

*Our Thoughts And Prayers Are With You*



*Philippians 4:7 "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

Janet Adams, Joseph Adams, Sylvia Boxall,  
Elaine Brown, Christopher Chamberlain,  
Robert Cooles, Steve Daniels,  
Michael Gibbs, Jeffrey Lunn.

Please let the Parish Office know  
if you would like a name added to the list for prayer.

*Rejoice in  
hope,  
be patient in  
tribulation,  
be constant in  
prayer.*



*Romans 12:12*

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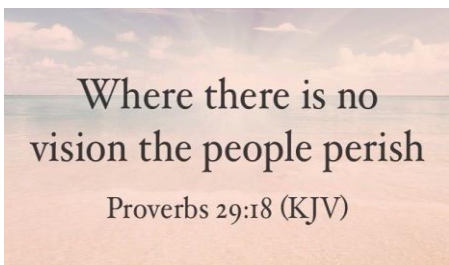
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## A Vision for Godalming

Godalming was once one of the original, ancient Christian Minster Churches which predate the formation of the United Kingdom. It used to be a Minster town with a significant Minster ministry of love, care, proclamation, teaching, worship and presence. Today however, we find ourselves in a different context.



St Peter and St Paul, along with St Mark's, is at an important time in our churches' history. Bishop Andrew, our Diocesan Bishop, has said we cannot remain as we currently are and he is helping us to look to the future by asking us to explore a link with the parish of Busbridge and Hambledon. This is an invitation to work with other Christians to consider what it might mean to deepen our Christian heritage and bring greater good to many through the creation of a United Parish of Godalming.

In recent weeks each Parochial Church Council met to consider the Bishop's request and each unanimously agreed that joining together is worth exploring, with the first step being for a small group to form to co-ordinate the explorations.



This exciting opportunity to share resources could prove a great blessing to all concerned, provided it is prayerfully and carefully discussed and planned. May we all come with open hearts and minds to begin the exploration, asking God to give us clear guidance and a common mind about the future. It would be wonderful and encouraging to see the Kingdom of God continue to grow in Godalming and the surrounding villages. *Canon John.*

## Urgent Support for Afghan Families Required

Support for Afghan families who are resettling in our Deanery is urgently required. The Reverend Diane Peters, who is the Refugee Support Adviser for the Guildford Diocese says, "The first Afghan refugee family is due to arrive in the area this week. They have two young children. Tinei at Waverley Council has said the following are things they need for the family:

Household items, food parcels, toiletries etc. Clothes and toys for children, a boy aged 2 and a girl aged 4.

Any household electricals have got to be new for health and safety reasons. Most families have arrived with very little and would be very grateful for anything our churches could do to help support this family to resettle here in the Deanery. Waverley have really stepped up to the mark and are hoping to welcome another nine families - when they have sourced more properties. If there is anything we can do to help support these families, and particularly the family mentioned above, I would be delighted and grateful to hear from you." Please contact Reverend Diane Peters, Refugee Support Adviser, Guildford Diocese email [Diane.Peters@cofeguildford.org.uk](mailto:Diane.Peters@cofeguildford.org.uk) or telephone 07889638710.

### **Sunday Club and the Nativity Service**

Sunday Club recommences this **Sunday 21st November** in the Octagon and we welcome children from the age of 3 upwards. Our Nativity Service is at 10am on the 19th December, during which the Nativity is acted out by members of Sunday Club, whilst our older children read the story. This is a very relaxed re-enactment and we allocate roles during the rehearsal on the 18th December. This year, we are also encouraging members of our Octot's Toddler Group to dress as a Nativity character and join us at the end for Away in a Manger. If you would like to find out more, or know of someone who would like to participate, please either speak to one of the Sarahs on Sunday or email [godalming.church.office@gmail.com](mailto:godalming.church.office@gmail.com).

### **The Meath Playhouse Toddler Group**



Playhouse is a new Meath session where you can bring your child aged 1 to 4 years to learn more about The Meath residents, epilepsy, learning difficulties and make new friends! It runs in the Octagon on a **Tuesday morning during term time, from 10am to 11am**. They do have space if you would like to join them for a play and sing. To book your place or learn more, please telephone 01483 415095 between 10am and 4pm on Monday to Friday.

## Midweek Holy Communion

Every Tuesday at 12 noon in St Peter and St Paul's Church, we offer a short service of Said Communion with a Thought for the Day homily. This provides an opportunity to sit quietly and engage with God amongst the busyness of the week. All are very welcome.

Thank you to those who are continuing to pray for the current **Alpha Course** on Wednesday evenings and to all those who are providing the delicious food! Our final session is this week and if you would like to find out more about the next course commencing on the **27th April 2022**, please speak with Canon John or Reverend Sheila, or register via the website.



## Christmas Fayre

The school is holding their Christmas Fayre on **Friday 26th November** from **2.30pm to 4.30pm**. Everyone is welcome to support this event in person, or if you

would rather make a donation, please speak with Reverend Sheila email [curate.godalming@gmail.com](mailto:curate.godalming@gmail.com) about how you can do this. The PTA has already spent much of the funds already raised on much needed school essentials. Your support is much appreciated. We look forward to welcoming you.



## Churches Together Prayer Breakfast

November's monthly Prayer Breakfast is on **Saturday 27th November** at St Mark's Church. Breakfast is from 8.30am with prayer time from about 9.15am until 10am. Donations to be in cash in the basket please.



### Advent Carol Service

All are warmly welcome to mark the start of Advent with our candlelit Advent Carol Service in St Peter and St Paul's Church on **Sunday 28th November at 6.30pm**. The service will include congregational Advent hymns and carols, readings, and music from our choir.

### Christmas Day Lunch

Churches Together in Godalming are holding a Christmas Lunch in the Baptist Church in Godalming for those who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day. There will be safety provisions in place in order to try to



manage the Covid risk. Churches Together are looking for volunteers and guests. At the back of both churches are volunteer forms and a letter to the guests to explain what the arrangements will be. Guests will need to fill in the bottom part and both guests and volunteers should return their forms by the **30th November** so that we know who is coming. If you know of anyone who might like an invitation please pass on the message to them. For further information please contact Gillian Martin (volunteers) 01483 429640 Jacky Tickner (guests) 01483 415702 or Sarah Higgins (Committee Chair) 01483 418454. Thank you.

**Smart Tots** is a new Church led activity for parents and toddlers at St Mark's Church. The group will begin on **Wednesday 1st December from 9am to 11am**. The aim of the activity is to offer a welcoming space for toddlers and parents to socialise and meet new people and make friends. If you would like to support the group by helping with refreshments or welcoming parents, then please speak with Reverend Sheila telephone 01483 913380.

## Men's Group

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 6th December at 8pm**. We meet in the Star Inn in Church Street for a drink and a chat. These relaxed and convivial meetings are open to all men from church and all are very welcome to simply call in and join us. For more information contact John Stevens at [stevens@tuca.co.uk](mailto:stevens@tuca.co.uk).



## Monthly Parish Prayer Meeting via Zoom

Please join us for our monthly time of prayer together, especially so we can pray together about God's vision for the future of our parish. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month, and our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 7th December at 7.30pm** for an hour, led by Canon John. Link details will be sent to everyone in advance.

**The Foodbank** requirement list is updated on a monthly basis. Your Foodbank donations are important and any items you wish to donate should be taken to St Mark's Church and Community Centre. If you would like to donate to the Foodbank by bank transfer, please contact Karen, our Community Centre Co-ordinator, who will provide you with the bank details. Email [stmarkscentre@googlemail.com](mailto:stmarkscentre@googlemail.com).

**Foodbank items for Christmas parcels to be received by Monday 13th December, ready for schools' delivery: batter mix, Christmas cake and other nice cakes/biscuits, cranberry sauce, mince pies, stuffing mix, sweet treats for children and adults. Thank you.**

## St Mark's Foodbank Require Helpers

The Foodbank require volunteers to help on a Monday afternoon from 12 noon until 2.30pm. Helpers provide a warm welcome and hospitality to people needing to use the Foodbank and also assist with stocking shelves and packing parcels. If you would like more information, please speak with Reverend Sheila telephone 01483 913380.

**Acorn Christian Healing Mission** has gone entirely online for the time being, which means all the events are easily available. Visit their **YouTube channel** and click 'Subscribe'. By doing this you will be notified by email each time Acorn starts a live event along with how to tune in and be a part of it.





**Are you a survivor or victim of church related abuse? Could you help the Diocese of Guildford to learn from the past and protect the future?**

The Diocese of Guildford is currently reviewing all its records, across all 162 parishes, to ensure that all safeguarding concerns and allegations have been identified, reported, and appropriately actioned. Critical to this, is the voice of survivors and victims.

The Diocese of Guildford wants to listen to and to learn from your experiences and ensure that your voices are heard throughout this review process.

### **Coming Forward**

Anybody who would like to give information or make disclosures about church-related abuse is asked to contact Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, Jackie Broadfoot email [jackie.broadfoot@cofeguildford.org.uk](mailto:jackie.broadfoot@cofeguildford.org.uk) or telephone 01483 417269.

### **Support Is Available**

The Diocese recognises that coming forward may be extremely difficult and two confidential listening services have been set up, for those people who have experienced church related abuse, but who might want to talk through their experiences and feelings before taking any next step.

### **Building the safest community we can**

Bishop Andrew, Diocesan Bishop for the Diocese of Guildford explains why we are doing this: "It is important we do everything we can to make our churches the safest places they can be. Safe means different things to different people but this review will help us to ensure that the concerns reported to our churches have been dealt with properly, and the care taken and the support given is of the high quality that people rightly deserve. We have learnt from a previous review that survivors and victims' voices are critical, and I would urge you to come forward."