



# LINK-UP

June 2018

*Keeping Churches in Touch*

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## From the Chair

### **Alpha... Ascension... Bandstand... CAB and thanks**

The Alpha course is a an ecumenical course to help everyone learn about Christianity and help them on their journey of faith. At the moment there are courses being run by Trinity Trust Team in Broadwater and Rodborough Schools and also over 100 people in the Catholic Churches in the area!

Ascension Day is a very important day in the Christian calendar now totally overlooked by the secular world. It was celebrated this year In a number of churches. Next year again we plan to hold a CTiGD service - do attend.

The Worship @ The Bandstand will be 10:30 to 11:30 on Sunday 12 August. Please let me know if you can help with refreshments, stewarding etc.

The Citizens Advice Bureau are looking for someone to keep some systems running. They need someone with some computer skills to keep some monitors with basic information, up to date. If you would,like to know more do contact me.

Thank you to Muriel Clark for organising the Christian Aid collecting at Crown Court, which raised £406.75. We would like to collect on more days next year, but we need more people to sign up for an hour. Do consider it next time.

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## Events for your diary

Below is a selection of the many events taking place during June 2018 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 26 May**

08:30 – Churches Together prayer breakfast, Godalming Friends Meeting House, Mill Lane

### **Wednesday 6 June**

10:00 to 12:00 - Managing change as dementia progresses, Godalming Baptist Church

### **Saturday 9 June**

Gospel singing workshop with Anu Omideyi, St Marks Church

### **Monday 11 June**

10:30 to 11:30 - Feba prayer meeting, 42 Minster Road

### **Saturday 23 June**

08:30 to 10:00 – Churches Together Prayer Breakfast, St John's Church, Milford

### **Wednesday 18 July**

4Churches4U outing to Worthing – see Parish of Godalming below

### **Saturday 21 July**

19:00 – Manna Ministries: *Shoeless*, the story of the Prodigal Son, St Catherine's School theatre, Bramley

### **Sunday 12 August**

10:30 to 11:30 – **Worship @ The Bandstand**

# News of the Churches and organisations

## Parish of Godalming

### **Gospel singing workshop with Anu Omideyi, Saturday 9 June**

Public gospel singing workshop with Anu on Saturday 9 June at St Marks. If you would like to come please book a place on [workshops@gcgc.org.uk](mailto:workshops@gcgc.org.uk)

### **4Churches4U outing to Worthing, Wednesday 18 July**

The cost is £5. Booking forms will be available from May 29th until June 25th from the Denningberg Centre, St.Mark's Community Centre, and the Farncombe Booking contact will be Huckleberry Bistro which is in Station Road. Any queries can be directed to Jacky Tickner, 01483-415702.

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

## Busbridge and Hambledon Church

### **Dementia Friends information session, 24 May**

Penny Naylor, Prime Time Befriending Coordinator for Busbridge & Hambledon Church, is running a free 'Dementia Friends' Information Session on Thursday 24 May and is inviting local people to come along. The one-hour Session will take place in the Church Room at Hambledon Church at 19:30. If you'd like to attend, contact Penny at the Busbridge & Hambledon Church Office on 01483 421267 or email: [penny.naylor@bhcgodalming.org](mailto:penny.naylor@bhcgodalming.org) People can also get involved in Dementia Friends through an online video. Go to [dementiafriends.org.uk](http://dementiafriends.org.uk) to find out more.

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

## Godalming Baptist Church

### **Managing change as dementia progresses, Wednesday 6 June**

We have our final life issue session before the autumn on Wednesday 6 June from 10:00 to 12:00 on a subject that touches many lives 'Managing change as Dementia progresses' led by Penny Giles from the Surrey Dementia Navigator Service, Alzheimer's Society. Topics covered will include

- Supporting Carers as well as those suffering from dementia and how to get more support
- Meaningful occupation for someone suffering from dementia
- Care at home or a Care Home?
- Choosing a Care Home and visiting and supporting loved ones

To book a place contact Sally Pollard-pollard3@hotmail.co.uk or Janet [fry-janetfry1@gmail.com](mailto:fry-janetfry1@gmail.com)

### **Gifts to give, Tuesday 10 July**

An advance date if any ladies would like to join us for a summer evening 'Gifts To Give' at CWR on Tuesday 10 July 18:30 to 21:00 where we will enjoy the beautiful grounds of Waverley Abbey and be inspired by hearing how Marianne Needham-Bennett took a leap of faith into the business world when she set up The Christian Gift Company. Please contact Sally asap as tickets have to be purchased in advance. Cost £10 per person.

### **Holiday at Home, Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 July**

Do call in at reception, (open weekday mornings 9:00 to 12:00) for a booking form for Holiday At Home at GBC on Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 July. This year our theme is British seaside holidays, and we have lots of events planned, musical entertainment, a sea-shanty band, craft, bingo, boardgames, quiz and delicious three-course lunches and home-made cakes for tea!

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

## Godalming United Church

### Collection for The Whitechapel Mission

We are holding our annual collection of items for The Whitechapel Mission for the homeless in the East End from 29 June to 9 July. Urgently needed: men's clothing, toiletries, non-perishable breakfast foods.

Collection times at Godalming United Church will be as follows:

Fri 29 June	12:00 – 13:30	Fri 6 July	12:00 – 13:30
Sat 30 June	10:30 – 12:00	Sat 7 July	10:30 – 12:00 14:00 – 15:00
Sun 1 July	11:45 – 12:45	Sun 8 July	11:45 – 12:45
Tues 3 July	14:00 – 15:00	Mon 9 July	19:00 – 20:00
Wed 4 July	18:00 – 19:00		

For further information on the charity: [www.whitechapel.org.uk](http://www.whitechapel.org.uk). Any queries, ring Ryan 01483 423261 or Janet 01483 527670.

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

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

### Parish Pilgrimage to Aylesford – Tuesday 8 May

30 Parishioners joined Fr David for this day with prayer and reflection held in the beautiful grounds of Aylesford Priory. We are looking at possibly going to Walsingham Abbey in 2020. As it would require an overnight stay and the accommodation is fairly booked up, we wondered if we could make this an ecumenical event and if other churches would be interested in joining us?

### Divine Renovation Parish Development

Fr David has now appointed a DR team, who joined him in London on 9 May to attend the DR *Where to Start* conference. There were 700 attendees, including 11 Priests with their teams from our Diocese so rather like the "Thy Kingdom Come" initiative, this is an initiative that is reaping rewards. We were blest to hear the author Fr James Mallon speak and to hear testimonies from Priests and parishioners who had embarked on this renewal programme and the effects the changes were having in their parishes.  
<https://www.divinerenovationuk.org>

### Parish Prayer Group

Monday 4, 11, 18 and 25 June, 20:00 at The Old Farmhouse, Elstead (opposite the Golden Fleece). Contact Richard Grey 01252 702230

### Bible Study

Tuesday 5, 12, 19 and 26 April, 10:30 @ St Joseph's Room, Milford.

### Parish Alpha

Wednesday Mornings, 10:30 to 12:30 and Sunday Evenings 19:00 to 21:00 continues through June. 100 Parishioners have signed up. There is also a Holy Spirit Day on 16 and 23 June from 10:00 to 16:00. If you are interested in these events contact: [alion@btinternet.com](mailto:alion@btinternet.com)

### St Edmund's Spa Day for Busy Parents, 7 July

At Burton Pavilion, Milford Cricket Club, Haslemere Road, Milford. A quiet and reflective day enhancing the benefits of prayer and meditation and new developments from the field of positive psychology giving a greater understanding of the opportunities presented to us as Christians – target audience young Christian parents of school children – open to all denominations. Cost £10. bring a packed lunch. Contact [angelagilmour181@btinternet.com](mailto:angelagilmour181@btinternet.com)  
[www.stedmundgodalming.btck.co.uk](http://www.stedmundgodalming.btck.co.uk)

## Manna Ministries

### **Shoeless, the story of the Prodigal Son, 21 July**

Manna would like to extend an invitation to all Ministers and Pastors and their congregations to see our show in July. It is a musical we have written based on the Story of the prodigal son. It is full of 70 children from all different churches from Guildford, Godalming and wider into Epsom and Crawley all who are aged 4 to 18.

They will present the story in a vibrant and musical way to include many dance numbers, chorus and solo numbers by children and young people that will be sure to delight all ages. The story is powerful and will show the Love of our Father God and his forgiving heart towards all prodigals. We would love to bless you with tickets to see the show and ask if you may please encourage your congregations to attend and to come and see what Manna Academy is all about. If you would like some donated tickets, please email [info@mannministries.org.uk](mailto:info@mannministries.org.uk). The show will take place on Saturday 21 July at 19:00 at St Catherine's School theatre, Station Road, Bramley. Tickets are available at [www.mannministries.org.uk](http://www.mannministries.org.uk).

### **Fifth year anniversary celebration, Saturday 11 August**

Barn dance, music, live band, food, games. Celebrations start at 15:00. Tickets are £10 per family and include entrance, barn dance and food. Drinks, sweets and snacks will be available to purchase all day. Farley Hall Field, Shophouse Lane, Farley Green GU5 9DN. Tickets are available from [www.mannministries.org.uk](http://www.mannministries.org.uk)

## Trinity Trust Team

In June we visit a number of local primary and junior schools with our Year 6 Moving-On Workshop ahead of the secondary schools Intake Day that takes place in early July, where TTT is invited by the staff at Broadwater and Rodborough schools to form part of that intake team.

Moving up from Year 6 to Year 7 is a huge step, educationally and emotionally, and we have designed a workshop that engages the pupils in various activities that each has a learning point around organisation, orienteering (finding their way around a campus) opportunity and ownership; providing the pupils with a range of practical tools and advice to help equip them for this key transition.

For the students at Barrow Hills, their transition is from Year 8 (leaver's) to Year 9 at their next school so we run an interactive day retreat based at Ladywell to support students in maintaining their Christian faith as they face the potential pressures of high achievement and to encourage them to remember how Jesus will walk with them every step of the way in their lives and that He is the key to our salvation.

This month we will also ramp up preparations for our annual Summer Activities Programme that will run from 23 to 27 July and will feature a raft of outdoor and outward bound activities – so expect to see booking forms in the hands of your children after the May half term break.

Please pray for:

- All the local children, young people and teachers who are preparing to transition from Year 6 or welcome them in as perspective Year 7s and for the part we will play in supporting this process.
- For those children whose privileged backgrounds might detract from their reliance on Christ as saviour – that they may not grow to seek salvation in status, careers, financial gain and material possessions.
- 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.

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

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

Please send items for the July 2018 edition of *Link-Up* to Matt Farrow: [farrow.matt@gmail.com](mailto:farrow.matt@gmail.com) by Friday 15 June for issue on Friday 22 June.