



# LINK-UP

July 2018

*Keeping Churches in Touch*

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## From the Chair

### How do you eat an Elephant?

A question that Compassion asked a few years ago; I will explain at the end of my item.

Put the date Sunday 12 August in your diary (or phone!). It's Worship@The Bandstand 10:30 to 11:30 - an outdoor united service open to everyone. If you can offer to help in any way, set up, stewarding, refreshments, clear away etc please let me know.

We are body mind and spirit. If one is out of line it affects the others. At the recent Open Meeting there was a discussion on mental health work as a Church Ministry, led by Dr Jenna Brown. If you would like to know more, do get in touch.

The answer to the first question: one bite at a time! Perhaps that's how we should change the world!

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## Events for your diary

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

### **Wednesday 27 June**

19:15 – Churches Together in Godalming and District Open Meeting, St Mark's Church

### **Sunday 15 July**

17:00 to 18:00 - Prayer for young people in the area, Busbridge Church Centre. Refreshments available.

### **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

### **Saturday 28 July**

08:30 – Churches Together Prayer Breakfast, Church Room, St John the Evangelist, Farncombe

### **Saturday 11 August**

16:00 to 22:00 – Tennis themed fundraising event, Busbridge Recreation Ground (see Trinity Trust Team)

### **Sunday 12 August**

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

## News of the Churches and organisations

### Parish of Godalming

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

The cost is £5. Booking forms will be available from 29 May until 25 June 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.parityofgodalming.org.uk](http://www.parityofgodalming.org.uk)

## Godalming Baptist Church

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

July beckons with our annual Holiday At Home now in its tenth year - for those in our local community. The theme this year is the British Seaside Summer Holidays with musical entertainment, quiz, craft, bingo, boardgames, delicious three-course lunch and home-made cakes for tea, Punch and Judy, a donkey and much more beside! A great team of loyal and supportive folk from the fellowship give our guests a very happy two days and it is such a worthwhile event.

### ***Fusion* getaway**

This is closely followed by *Fusion* Getaway for the youngsters, again run by such a great team and providing great fun and enjoyment over a weekend of great events.

### **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.

### **Visit our library**

Just a reminder for the summer holiday that everyone is warmly invited to browse through our books in the library at GBC and borrow any that are of interest. There is a great selection of books to encourage, equip, challenge and inspire us on our faith journey and also books on life issues such as depression, singleness, bereavement, eating disorders, finances and so much more. Do call in any weekday morning when Reception is open and the Library is available.

### **Life issue session on depression, 29 September**

A date in advance: Doctor Martin Brunet from Binscombe Medical centre is leading a life issue session on depression on 29 September 29 at GBC. Doctor Brunet also leads a monthly 'Art Space' on a Saturday morning - do call in for a flier. It is a very relaxing morning of arts and crafts so do spread the word!

### **Boardgames afternoons**

We also have a monthly light-hearted boardgames afternoon on a Friday and a warm welcome awaits!

Please continue to pray for our fellowship as we seek a new Pastor. We wish you a very happy summer. God bless.

[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

### **Divine Renovation Parish Development**

The DR team meet every two weeks and are developing a programme for the next few months to support Fr David and to build on the success of the Parish Alpha programme. The team have an awayday on 29 June at Ladywell convent. The prayer group meet before each service to pray for the success of the project [www.divinerenovationuk.org](http://www.divinerenovationuk.org)

### **Parish Prayer Group**

Monday 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 July 20:00 @ The Old Farmhouse, Elstead (opposite the Golden Fleece) contact Richard Grey 01252 702230

### **Bible Study**

Tuesday 3, 10, 17 and 31 July 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 until 4 July. 100 Parishioners signed up and the majority have continued to attend. The two Holy Spirit Days on 16 and 23 June were a great success. We plan to hold more Alpha courses in the Autumn which will be open to CTiG members.

### **Elstead House Mass**

Wednesday 4 July, 20:00 at Burford Lodge – everyone welcome.

### **Flourishing Day, 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) or text on 07549 522338 ASAP.

### **Share the Journey, 8 July**

Join the St Edmund's Justice and Peace Group at 14:30 @ St Joseph's Catholic Church, Portsmouth Road, Milford for a walk around Milford for families with a stop at the playground and back in time for afternoon tea at 15:15. There will be cards to sign to the Prime Minister outlining our concern for the plight of refugees for more information contact Mary Waight on 01483 428031 or [jolewry@aol.com](mailto:jolewry@aol.com).

### **Special Collections for Godalming Foodbank**

The SVP have organised collection boxes for gifts of packet and canned foodstuffs to help families over the summer holidays when free school meals are not available a list of items required are attached to the boxes.

### **Ride & Stride, Saturday 8 September**

A Parish Bike Ride & Walk around local churches to raise money to keep Surrey churches repaired and open to all. contact Ian Honeysett – [Honeysett@btinternet.com](mailto:Honeysett@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.mannaministries.org.uk](http://www.mannaministries.org.uk)

### **Trinity Trust Team**

This month we will deliver our annual Summer Activities Programme that will run from 23 to 27 July (first week of school summer holidays) and will feature a raft of outdoor and outward bound activities for those aged 11+ kindly subsidised by Waverley Borough Council. For booking forms go to [www.trinitytrustteam.co.uk](http://www.trinitytrustteam.co.uk)

On Saturday 11 August, from 16:00 to 22:00, we are running a tennis themed fundraising event at Busbridge Rec followed by a BBQ hosted by the Jaggers to be led by Alan Lion and Chris Jagger, two well-known local tennis lovers and fundraisers for worthy causes. Tickets will go on sale in early July and will be priced £15 to include the tennis, BBQ food and a drink. More details will follow, and the event will be publicised through local churches. Players of all ages and standards will be welcome and other games will also be organised for the day.

If you are going to be in the area over the weekend of 11/12 August, please do support this event and we can all then join in for praise and worship at the bandstand the following morning!

Please pray for:

- all the local young people who will be joining us on our annual activities week from 23rd-27th July, for safety over all the activities and for deeper relationships to be formed between the young people and the team.
- the weekend of 11/12 August – that we'll have a well-attended tennis and BBQ event followed by praise and worship at the bandstand that will unite believers and reach out to non-believers in the town.
- 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 new bids being prepared for the autumn.

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 August 2018 edition of *Link-Up* to Matt Farrow: [farrow.matt@gmail.com](mailto:farrow.matt@gmail.com) by Sunday 15 July for issue on Wednesday 22 July.