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Message from the Chair

We give thanks for further co-operation between our member churches – the Ascension Day service of Evening Prayer at St John’s Farncombe was jointly led by Rev James Rattue and Fr Jonathan How, and was followed by a bring-and-share supper. And we look forward to the Jubilee and Pentecost Songs of Praise at Godalming Bandstand at 10.30am on Sunday 5 June, after which all are warmly invited to partake in refreshments at the Cellar Café.

The Council of Churches Together meets at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8 June. Please pray for those taking part as we review our programme of events and look ahead to the autumn.

James Toon, Chair of Churches Together in Godalming and District

Christian Aid collections

The Christian Aid High Street collectors braved the rain on Friday 20 May and collected £230.85. Many thanks to them.

News of the Churches and organisations

Parish of Godalming

St Peter & St Paul

- Sunday 5 June, 10.30am – Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Songs of Praise Service at Godalming Bandstand
- Sunday 12 June, 10.00am – Holy Communion Service
- Sunday 19 June, 10.00am – Holy Communion Service
- Sunday 26 June, 10.00am – Holy Communion Service

Every Tuesday at 12.00pm we offer a short, said Holy Communion service with a Thought for the Day homily.

A Vision for Godalming

The parish of St Peter & St Paul (including St. Mark’s Church) is continuing to explore with Busbridge and Hambledon Churches the possibility of creating a single Anglican parish for Godalming. St Peter & St Paul would become a Minster Church, and Godalming previously had a significant Minster ministry of love, care, proclamation, teaching, worship, and presence. We continue to seek God’s guidance and wisdom as we move towards the decision for this Vision to progress, which will be made in July.

Children’s ministry

Sunday Club is an all-age group for children aged 3 to 13 years. Our group meets during the 10.00am Holy Communion service in term time. We learn about the Bible with a combination and weekly variation of stories, chat, games, drama and craft. We finish each week in time to join our families in church as the children come up for a blessing during the sharing of communion. In order to keep us all safe, we will be wearing masks and keeping the room

ventilated. For more details of our activities please contact Sarah Bryans at godalming.church.office@gmail.com.

New Baby Group

The baby group (newborn to crawlers) has got off to a great start at St Peter & St Paul on Wednesday mornings from 10.00am to 11.00am during term time. The group is led by Vickie Nye, our Children and Families worker. We hope to welcome and support some new families, and there will be space for up to eight families. For more details, please contact Vickie at godalmingparishoctots@gmail.com.

Alpha Course

The current Alpha Course began in the Octagon at St Peter and St Paul's Church on Wednesday 27 April 2022 at 7.30pm. Please contact Reverend Canon John Harkin at canonjohngodalming@btinternet.com or Reverend Sheila Samuels at curate.godalming@gmail.com if you would like to join us for our next Alpha Course which will begin in the Autumn Term – <https://parishofgodalming.org.uk/alpha-course>

St Mark's

All services start at 10.00am. There is a balance of services each month including an all-age service on the first Sunday, and Holy Communion and different Bible-based acts of worship on the other Sundays. The services are set in a small, informal and friendly setting, including prayer, music and activities with something for everyone.

Smart Tots

This is church-led activity is for parents and toddlers at St Mark's. The group meets on Wednesdays, running from 9.00am to 11.00am. The aim is to offer a welcoming space for toddlers and parents to socialise and meet new people and make friends.

Foodbank

The Foodbank requirement list is updated on a monthly basis on the website. 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 Milton, our Community Centre Co-ordinator, at stmarkscentre@googlemail.com, who will provide the bank details.

We need volunteers to help out on a Monday afternoon from 12.00pm until 2.30pm. Helpers provide a warm welcome and hospitality to people needing to use the foodbank. Helpers also help with stocking shelves and packing parcels. If you would like more information, then please contact Reverend Sheila Samuels.

www.parishofgodalming.org.uk

St John's Parish Church, Farncombe

The church's annual Spring Fair on 7 May was different this year. The team decided to relocate the event from its former location on the Burys Field to the church and churchyard. We wondered how it would all work and whether people would turn out to take part, but in fact it was a runaway success. Bands played, choirs sang, and the children of Farncombe Infants were even able to dance inside the church. Thank you so much to everyone who planned, organised, contributed, and laid on entertainment for no cost, or came along and took part.

www.farncombe.org.uk

Busbridge&Hambleton Church

New Hearing Aid Clinic at Godalming Library

3rd Mondays of the month, 10.30am to 12.30pm at Godalming Library

Busbridge&Hambleton church's hearing aid champions have started an additional clinic at Godalming Library on the 3rd Mondays of the month. Drop in between 10.30am and 12.30pm for free NHS hearing aid maintenance and batteries. This is in addition to the clinic at the

Busbridge Old Rectory on the 2nd Fridays of the month from 2.00pm to 4.00pm when visitors are also welcome to stay for a chat and tea and cake. For all the dates see www.bhcgodalming.org/hearing-aid-clinic.

ABC toddler group

ABC toddler group runs on Tuesdays from 9.30am to 11.15am in the Old Rectory and is open to all parents and carers with pre-school babies and children. With the warmer weather, ABC is making great use of the lovely garden and outside area in the Old Rectory.

Yew Tree Café

The Yew Tree Café at Busbridge Church welcomes all visitors from 8.30am 4.00pm on weekdays, and 10.00am to 2.00pm on Saturdays. The takeaway hatch and terrace are open until 4.30pm too. It's a wonderful space serving barista coffee and delicious handmade cakes and snacks, with a team of volunteers available to chat and make visitors feel at home. There is a reader offer in the May/June edition of the Busbridge Bridge magazine (copies available in Busbridge Church): buy a hot drink between 10.00am and 2.00pm and get one for a friend for free.

www.bhcgodalming.org

Godalming Baptist Church

Jubilee coffee morning, Saturday 4 June, 10.00am to 1.00pm

A warm invite to join us at our Jubilee coffee morning at Godalming Baptist Church on Saturday 4 June from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Come and enjoy homemade cakes, a display of memorabilia from the Queen's reign and an opportunity to enjoy boardgames from the past. All monies raised will go towards Ukraine and also the Food Bank.

Life issue session: Autism, Saturday 25 June, 10.00am to 12.00pm

Our next life issue session at GBC is on Saturday 25 June from 10.00am to 12.00pm (coffee from 9.30am) led by Suzette Jones who will focus on autism. Please do come and gain an understanding of autism, recognising the signs, where to get help and what we can all do to encourage and care for those living with autism.

Please contact Sally Pollard on 01483 428646 or e-mail pollard3@hotmail.co.uk to book a place. The cost is £5 per person. It promises to be such a worthwhile morning.

Outing to Chichester, Thursday 28 July

On Thursday 28 July please join us for a summer outing to Chichester to explore the many historic buildings, gardens, shops, cafés and Chichester Cathedral. After lunch, the coach will take us to Bosham, a lovely village on Chichester Harbour. Please do call into GBC any weekday morning (not school holidays) from 9.00am to 12.00pm to pick up a flyer and booking form for friends, relatives and neighbours too!

www.godalmingbaptistchurch.org.uk

Godalming United Church

Online services: <https://guc.online.church>.

Service recordings: www.guc.org.uk, <https://bit.ly/GUCYouTube>

Annual collection for the Whitechapel Mission for the Homeless, 1 to 11 July

The Mission is entirely dependent on public support, and the pandemic and cost of living crisis mean that its need has never been greater - www.whitechapel.org.uk.

Items needed

Non-perishable breakfast foods: Peanut Butter, Nutella, Ketchup, Brown Sauce, Baked Beans, Plum/Chopped Tomatoes, Sugar, Instant Hot Chocolate, Chocolate Spread, Coffee, Biscuits, Squash, Honey, Jam (also Breakfast Cereals, Bottled Water).

Men's Clothing: Underpants/boxers, jeans 28"-36", trainers, shoes, trousers 28"-34", socks (also woollen scarves, winter coats, jumpers, woollen hats & scarves, baseball caps, t-shirts).

Toiletries: Razors, Shaving Foam, Shower Gel, Spray/Roll-on Deodorant, Shampoo.

Other items: Blankets, Small Rucksacks, Bath/Hand Towels.

Collection times at Godalming United Church, Bridge Road GU7 3DU

Fri 1 July, 12.00pm to 1.30pm

Sat 2 July, 10.30am to 12.00pm

Sun 3 July, 11.20am to 12.30pm

Tues 5 July, 2.00pm to – 3.00pm

Wed 6 July, 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Sat 9 July, 10.30am to 12.00pm, 2.00pm to 3.00pm

Fri 8 July, 12.00pm to 1.30pm

Sun 10 July, 11.30am to 12.30pm

Mon 11 July, 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Any queries, contact Ryan 01483 423261

www.guc.org.uk

Roman Catholic Parish of St Edmund, King & Martyr, Godalming with St Joseph's Milford

Preparing for Pentecost with a Novena to the Holy Spirit

As we approach the feast of Pentecost, our attention turns to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and in preparation we are invited to commit to a novena (9 days of prayer), a short prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit, each day from 27 May to 5 June. The novena prayer, plus the diocesan 'Invited' mission videos, are available at <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited>. This prayer campaign also seeks to nourish and restore our personal lives, our parish communities and the wider society in which we live.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

At all Sunday Masses on 4 and 5 June, we will pray for Her Majesty the Queen to mark her Platinum Jubilee by including an intention in the Prayer of the Faithful and by reciting at the end of Mass (after the Prayer after Communion and before the Final Blessing) the Prayer for the Queen.

Celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi – Sunday 19 June

We look forward to celebrating this Feast with a whole-parish Outdoor Mass at 10.30am in the grounds of Ladywell Convent, with an opportunity to stay afterwards for a picnic lunch.

Fr Michael Perry's Diamond Jubilee – 21 June

Fr Michael, former parish priest for 20+ years until his retirement in 2016, is a much-loved and well-known figure in our parish and we will be marking his special 60th anniversary of his priestly ordination this month.

Mass times and regular parish events and activities:

Weekend Masses are celebrated at St Edmund's Godalming (6.00pm Vigil Mass) on Saturday evening; and on Sundays at St John's Farncombe at 8.45am (with Children's Liturgy every Sunday, and coffee after Mass on Sunday 5 June); and St Joseph's Milford at 10.30am.

Weekday Masses: the dates, times and venues of these vary and can be found on the calendar on our website: www.stedsgod.com

We offer a warm welcome to newcomers at our regular parish gatherings during June:

- Bumps & Babes on Mondays at 10.30am at St John's, Farncombe
- SVP Afternoon Tea on Wednesday 15 June at 2.30pm at the United Reformed Church, Elstead (to book phone Janet on 07990 717067)

- Prayer Group on Monday evenings at the later time of 7.45pm (phone Richard on 01252 703830)
- Live Simply Group meets on Monday 13 June at 7.30pm (email: jolewry@aol.com).

If you would like help with getting to Mass or attending parish events, please get in touch with Alan on 01483 420859.

Wintershall Life of Christ 21 to 25 June

This is James Burke-Dunsmore's last time playing the role of Jesus and, as always, this production is not to be missed. They are also looking for new cast members (no experience needed) and 3 babies to take part as baby Jesus, aged 3-9 months; volunteers to help guide the audience; and Assistant Stage Managers - a great CV opportunity for over 16s interested in drama. <https://www.wintershall.org.uk>
<https://stedsgod.com>

Hascombe St Peter

We are delighted to announce that Rev Rutton Viccajee has been appointed interim Minister for Dunsfold and Hascombe for a two-year period. He will continue living in his own house and working part-time with three days a week devoted to his ministry in our parishes.

This will allow a period of healing to take place and it will give us an opportunity to concentrate on mission and discipleship, and the space to reflect on just what future ministry here might look like. The intention is that at the end of that time a new resident priest will be appointed.

Trinity Trust Team

The summer term is when we get out into local schools for our Year 6 Moving On workshops, Year 7 Intake Days, and retreat days. This summer we will be hindered somewhat by Andy rupturing his Achilles tendon and being on crutches, so will have to be creative as to how we deliver our regular and seasonal programmes. We are delighted that Annette Davies (volunteer with children's work at Jubilee Church in Farnham) has recently joined us to support our children's after school offer, but we are still looking for additional youth workers ahead of the autumn term.

Flexible hours/opportunities within the team

We would love to hear from anyone who has the experience and passion for youth ministry, or knows someone who has, and might be interested in joining the team. We will be happy to work with the hours that you might be able to offer as we have a flexible approach to recruitment to reflect the world of work around us. Do get in touch if interested: andytrinitytrustteam@hotmail.co.uk

Please pray for:

- Continued opportunities to prosper the gospel in schools and communities and for plans to support children in the important transition from junior to secondary school.
- Creative solutions when delivering our summer term programme with Andy being less able to deliver from the front and for understanding and cooperation from all the organisations we support.
- The right individuals to come forward to seek to join the team and wisdom and discernment when recruiting new team members.
- All those who currently donate to TTT (both corporately and individually).

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 to you all. Andy & the team.

www.trinitytrustteam.co.uk

Feba

Feba is a media organisation with partners in most of the world's trouble spots: their work in Ukraine is alive and well despite tremendous difficulties. There is an opportunity to pray online

for Feba's work on Wednesday 1 June at 7.00pm. Go to www.feba.org.uk/prayermeeting and follow the links to this Zoom call.

Items for next month's Link-up

Please send items for the July 2022 edition of *Link-up* to Matt Farrow: farrow.matt@gmail.com by **Friday 24 June**, for publication on Friday 1 July.