

## March Worship

### March 5th Lent 1

- 11.00 am Morning Worship  
Audrey Cox  
6.00 pm Evening Worship HC  
Rev. Derek McLean

### March 12th Lent 2

- 11.00 am Morning Worship  
David Williamson  
6.00 pm Evening Worship  
Dr. Jonathan Wakelin

### March 19th Lent 3

- 11.00 am Morning Worship  
Rev. Derek McLean  
6.00 pm Evening Worship  
Rev. Gill Hulme

### March 26th Mothering Sunday

- 11.00 am Morning Worship  
Rev. Mark Hammond  
6.00 pm Evening Worship  
Rev. Derek McLean

For further information, please contact  
one of our Church Stewards: -  
Mrs. Rita Richardson 01494 785935  
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Please avoid Tuesdays  
except in emergencies.



## Midweek meetings

*In chapel unless otherwise stated*

### Tuesday

- 2.30 pm Well Seasoned (see inside)  
7.00 pm Youth Club (fortnightly)  
8.00 pm Young People's Fellowship  
Weekly at Neil & Kirsty's

### Wednesday (except school hols)

Under 3's @ 10.00 - 11.30 am

### Thursday (during lent)

7.45 p.m. "Test of Faith" series

### Friday

7.30 pm Music practice as necessary

## Other Dates

**Monday 13th March 8.00 p.m.**  
Worship Planning Meeting

**Tuesday 14th March**  
Lunch and daytime study at  
Crabtree 1pm - 3pm

**Monday 27th March**  
Leadership Meeting - details tba

**Friday 31st March 1.00 pm**  
Open the Book @Ley Hill School

## St. George's Dates

**Thursday 2nd** 7.00 pm  
Women's Fellowship in the Bangay  
Rooms, St. George's

**Tuesdays 7th & 21st Feb.**  
Tots on Tuesday 10.00 - 10.30

**Saturday 18th** 10.00 am  
Prayer and Coffee morning

**Morning Prayer**  
7.00 a.m. every Wednesday



# Ley Hill Methodist Church

## MONTHLY DIARY

March 2017

### MUSINGS FROM THE MANSE

I recently visited a member of one of my other churches who talked about a time when things had been very difficult in his life. Each day, he had wondered how he'd got through it. He had tried to pray but it didn't seem to help. Instead, he decided to count his blessings. 'Count your blessings; count them one by one...' It didn't initially feel like prayer, and some days the blessings seemed pretty sparse and small. It was a very long time before things improved and they never returned to the happy situation which he had known when he was younger.

Nevertheless, that simple act of giving thanks had sustained him on that dark path through death's dark vale.

At our February Church Council, we started the meeting by giving thanks, by counting our blessings. Even with very little notice, the people there found much to celebrate and rejoice in as they shared. I'm sure that with longer for reflection they would have come up with an even greater abundance of God's good gifts that we would have wanted to offer back to God in praise.

Personally, I gave thanks for the blessing of being part of this wonderful community, particularly for the way you love and care for one another.

Rev Derek



## Ray Hayter 1945 - 2017

We were sad to hear of the death of Ray Hayter. Ray was a member of our church for quite a few years. He suffered from cerebral palsy and was confined to a wheelchair. We first got to know Ray when he lived in a home in Chalfont St. Giles. Lindsay did some building work there and got to know him quite well. When his mother moved to Chesham, Ray came to live with her, and both attended chapel. Ray was quite a determined character despite his disabilities. He could manage to propel himself along the footpath from Crabtree Farm to the Chapel by pushing himself backwards with his feet. He could communicate, but with difficulty. When his mother passed away, he moved to a home in Harpenden, then to a flat in Milton Keynes and finally to a home near Romsey in Hampshire. Despite his difficulties, Ray had a faith that



God would one day set him free from the limitations of his body. His favourite hymn was "Lord, I come to you" a line of which says;  
"Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me  
Will be stripped away by the power of Your love."  
We can rejoice with Ray, that he is at last set free from the weaknesses and limitations of his body.

### CESHAM

#### Friday March 3rd

Women's World Day Of prayer  
10.30 am at Broadway Baptist Church,

#### Wednesday March 15th

CTFC Steering Committee at Crabtree  
3 pm

#### Rendezvous

every Wednesday 12.15 pm  
at the URC

### VILLAGE

#### Saturday March 4th Village Litter Blitz

Report to the Village Hall between  
9.00-12.00  
to pick up sacks,  
tabards, gloves and  
litter pickers and  
for road allocation



## PRAYER

### Prayer Breakfasts

**Saturday 4th March at Chapel**  
**Saturday 1st April at St. George's**  
Come and join us for prayer and  
fellowship around the breakfast table.  
(Cereal, toast & pastries)

### Topics for prayer:

- ⇒ **The Lent Series "Test of Faith" and the people we might invite**
- ⇒ **The family of Ray Hayter and those arranging his funeral**
- ⇒ **The famine in central Africa**

## ON THE NOTICE BOARD

### *Well Seasoned*

2.30 pm in the Chapel unless stated otherwise  
7th March - Senior Spring Lunch  
2.30pm in Village Hall  
21st March - Music Therapy

### YOUTH CLUB

7.00 - 8.45 pm  
7th & 21st  
in the Chapel  
Contact Rebecca &  
Graham Gorst for full  
programme

## WANTED

### Church Treasurer

- ⇒ to bank received money
- ⇒ to make payments to circuit charities and for upkeep of the church
- ⇒ to oversee and manage the church accounts
- ⇒ to attend meetings and keep church updated re. finance

### OTHER HELP REQUIRED

#### Laptop/Projection operator

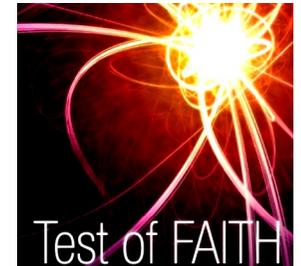
- ⇒ to fill in occasionally with the following:
- ⇒ to arrive early for morning service to set up laptop and projector
- ⇒ to run presentation during the service

#### Sound system operator

- ⇒ to be responsible for the following or organise others to do so e.g. set up rota
- ⇒ to arrive early on a Sunday morning to set up microphones before the service
- ⇒ to make sure that the speaker is equipped with their radio mic and turned on
- ⇒ to operate the controls at the back of the chapel during the service

INSTRUCTION/TRAINING available  
IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CONTACT RITA

### LENT STUDIES 2017



Test of FAITH

### "Science and Christianity Unpacked"

**Thursdays 7.45 p.m.**  
9th March  
16th March  
23rd March  
30th March  
6th April  
At the Chapel

