

September 2017



Inside Ladywell



Godalming Town Mayor - Cllr Simon Thornton seen here with Angela, Latanee and Pavlinka when he visited our Staycation event at Ladywell on Tuesday August 8th. He took a full tour of the Convent, Chapel and grounds before enjoying a freshly made Strawberry Cream Tea.

News, Views & Photos for everyone in Ladywell



A message from Rona

So here we are heading into Autumn, a most beautiful season for so many reasons. It is one of my most favourite times of year. It is a season of transition, ie from Summer into Winter. The arrival of night becomes noticeably earlier and the arrival of day noticeably later. It is also known as the season of harvest so a gathering begins, whilst elements of nature begin their shedding phase too. It's quite interesting to notice how gathering and shedding naturally live in harmony.

Charlie Chaplin

I was looking for some inspirational words and came across a poem he read on his 70th birthday (written by Kim McMillen).and so I thought I'd share it wider...

As I began to love myself I found that anguish and emotional suffering are only warning signs that I was living against my own truth.

Today, I know, this is "AUTHENTICITY".

As I began to love myself I understood how much it can offend somebody if I try to force my desires on this person, even though I knew the time was not right and the person was not ready for it, and even though this person was me.

Today I call it "RESPECT".

As I began to love myself I stopped craving for a different life, and I could see that everything that surrounded me was inviting me to grow.

Today I call it "MATURITY".

As I began to love myself I understood that at any circumstance, I am in the right place at the right time, and everything happens at the exactly right moment. So I could be calm.

Today I call it "SELF-CONFIDENCE".

As I began to love myself I quit stealing my own time, and I stopped designing huge projects for the future. Today, I only do what brings me joy and happiness, things I love to do and that make my heart cheer, and I do them in my own way and in my own rhythm.

Today I call it "SIMPLICITY".

As I began to love myself I freed myself of anything that is no good for my health – food, people, things, situations, and everything that drew me down and away from myself.

At first I called this attitude a healthy egoism.

Today I know it is "LOVE OF ONESELF".

Rona



SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES - LOOKING AHEAD SOME CHAPEL SERVICES

Tues 3rd October 5.30pm - 'The Transitus' or commemoration of the death of St Francis.
Wed 4th October - Feast of St Francis Mass 9.00am.
Wed 13th December - Crib Building Service 5.00pm
Wed 20th December - Staff Carol Service with Long Service Awards, 2.30pm.

GOING, GOING GONE
I HAVE SOME NEW EPSON INKJET CARTRIDGES - No 29 AVAILABLE - BLACK XL AND COLOURS
Email or ph Ext 227 (office hours)

Your comments, stories, articles of news and photos are all very welcome please send to:
Sister Frances Hall in St Clare's
or email: frances_hall@hotmail.com Thank you.

Sister Anne Kavanagh with Isabella Price who made her first Holy Communion in our Chapel on Sunday 3rd September.



News from La Verna

Nice to see Srs Chiara & Clare out and about in Godalming accompanied by Issa Rentea & Sr Oneng



Welcome to Ladywell



Susan Wakefield
Executive Secretary in St Francis

Welcome to our World



Heather Burst's newest grandson Reggie at 7 weeks old named after his great grandfather. *Beautiful*

STAYCATION - 8TH AUGUST 2017

Once again Ladywell opened her doors to a record number of local people for tours and cream teas



Godalming Town Mayor Cllr Simon Thornton is welcomed by Sr Jane



Sr Valerie on car park duty



Sister Marie Grogan organised a plant stall this year.



The Lavender bags sold out quickly.

Srs Mary Jean, Sixtus, Mary Liz and Teresa Mitchell plus many others (it was all hands on deck) served the many guests. To complete the Cream Tea experience, delicious, juicy strawberries were kindly donated by Tuesley Home Farm. Thank you ++



We sincerely thank David Malcolm - Chef in Charge, all our wonderful staff and the visiting sisters for their generous help and hard work with this popular event which expresses hospitality so beautifully.



Above: Sister Angela Clare - the oldest sister in our congregation and Sister Bridget Veale - the longest serving FMDM with 192 years of living between them. Sister Bridget came from Ireland for her retreat recently.

On 27th August we celebrated the anniversary of the Dedication of Ladywell Chapel, and as Sr Bridget read the prayers she remembered the very day of dedication in 1959.

Advertisements

Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood

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Ladywell Convent, Ashstead Lane, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 1ST
www.fmdminternational.co.uk



Vacancies

Ladywell is a lovely atmosphere in which to work. This is an excellent opportunity for the successful person to gain a variety of experience in a caring Christian organisation.

WE REQUIRE:

CARERS FOR LA VERNA

Hours: Bank workers - Part-time or Full-time (35 hours) posts - various shifts - weekend working

We are looking for caring and compassionate staff. Duties will include all aspects of assessing, planning, implementing and care of elderly sisters that will promote their health and wellbeing – Subject to Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

These vacancies are restricted to females under S7(2) of the Discrimination Act.

For further details and an information pack please contact:

Silvana Robu on 01483 419267

or email – silvanarobu@lady-well.org.uk



Operations Assistant

Full-time - 40 hours per week - Mon to Fri

£19,000 - £21,000 per annum 28 days holiday per year

Duties will include all aspects of maintenance required for the management of the buildings and grounds of Ladywell Convent; responsible for the maintenance, plumbing, grounds and gardening of the living accommodation, office premises and equipment. The site is to be kept clean, secure and well maintained. This is 'hands on' work with heavy lifting and working at height as part of this varied role, for someone who has a practical approach and a proactive, respectful attitude to the community. You will easily be able to prioritise your work load by managing your time effectively.

A practical knowledge of gardening and equipment, painting, plumbing and general maintenance would be highly desirable. To be able to undertake training as required.

For further details and an information pack please contact: Rona Tyler on 01483 425775

or RonaTyler@ladywell.org.uk

“ In Ladywell we seek to create a hospitable Franciscan place with a peaceful atmosphere, rooted in Gospel values and which nurtures life for everyone.”