

# CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

## January 2018 E-News

*Please publicise the items below - and forward to editors for inclusion in church magazines, newsletters and service sheets. Also let us know about YOUR forthcoming events and activities - email to [web@ct-farnham.org.uk](mailto:web@ct-farnham.org.uk)*

**Dear friends,**

I am pleased to write to you at the time of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Please do consider coming to some of the weekly meetings, and to the united service at 5.30pm at St. Andrew's on Sunday 21st January. Farnham is also privileged to have a visit from Christian writer Dave Tomlinson, coming to speak in Hale on 4th February. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity happens every year. What kind of unity are we praying for? Do we pray for unity at other times? How do our prayers affect our actions?

**With good wishes to you,**

Michael Hopkins (Chair)

### **NOTICES**

**NEW VICAR FOR ST PETER'S** – We greatly look forward to welcoming the Revd Jacqueline Drake-Smith who is to be the new Vicar of St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham. Jacqueline is currently the Curate at St John the Evangelist, Merrow, and is due to be inducted and installed at St Peter's in the Spring

**MEET BEST SELLING WRITER AND INNOTATIVE CHRISTIAN THINKER DAVE TOMLINSON** - The author of 'How to be a Bad Christian' and other ground-breaking books, Dave Tomlinson will be giving a talk on his new book, 'Black Sheep and Prodigals' at St Mark's Church, Alma Lane, Farnham, GU9 0LT on 4 February at 6:30pm. After the talk there will be a book sale and signing. Farnham URC has already cancelled their Sunday evening service on that date to enable members to attend the event, and it has been suggested that other churches may wish to do the same.

**GETTING TOGETHER IN UNITY WEEK** CTF's annual United Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place at **St Andrew's Church at 5.30pm on Sunday 21 January**, with fellowship over refreshments to follow. Please come along and encourage everyone in your church and the wider community to attend. There will also be morning prayer meetings on the other days of Unity Week (18 to 25 January) at various venues. See details in **DIARY** below. Please print the attached poster for your noticeboard, plus also some flyers.

**PLUS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO WORSHIP TOGETHER IN UNITY WEEK** - Alastair Emblem writes: You are warmly invited to "Magnify the Lord! Let us exalt His name together.", an hour of informal Inter-Church PRAISE AND PRAYER FOR FARNHAM, hosted by the charismatic prayer group at St Joan's Catholic Church. This takes place at 8pm on Wednesday 24 January in St Joan's Centre, next to the Church, at 19 Tilford Road, with fellowship over coffee and cakes to follow. A poster is available via the CTF website.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH BRINGS YULETIDE JOY TO MANY** - Once again, a festive lunch took place on Christmas Day at the Gostrey Centre, where some 60 guests who would otherwise have spent this special day on their own, were royally entertained. A delicious traditional meal was served by the volunteers, including roast turkey with all the trimmings, plum pudding and wine. Guests received a great welcome and constant attention from the volunteers, and mayoral visitors came round the tables to chat. The event was made possible by extremely generous donations from businesses and organisations and the work of 60 plus volunteers who gave up their time on Christmas Day. To all involved go our very warmest appreciation and thanks. Please also read report with fuller details (attached and also going on the CTF website).

**UNDERSTANDING COMPUTERS FOR OVER SIXTIES** - A reminder from Farnham ASSIST that Understanding Computers runs regularly on Wednesdays at the Farnham Methodist church between 10am and 12pm. This is individual tuition and problem solving suitable for the over 60's of all abilities. Contact Farnham ASSIST to book a

space 01252 717710 or email [info@farnham-assist.org.uk](mailto:info@farnham-assist.org.uk). Also ASSIST will be serving tea and cakes at Music at the Vineyard on Sunday 28 January while 'Sixties' music is played – billed as an antidote to winter blues. Plus, ASSIST is holding a beetle drive at the Vineyard on 21 February – these in addition to their regular programme of activities, including Silver Services on the third Thursday of the month at Farnham Methodist Church.- see detail in [DIARY](#) below,

**[DIARY](#)** Some special events in the next few weeks. Go to the [CTF website](#) via link below for more details of these and other church events, including posters to download for your noticeboard.

**Tuesday 16 January– 11 am - St Joan's Centre, Tilford Rd – Churches Together in Farnham Ecumenical Monthly Prayer Meeting** – reflective readings, prayers and intercessions - refreshments served at the start of the meeting. Everyone welcome – just come along!

**Wednesday 17 January – 7pm - Guildford Cathedral - God and the Big Bang - exploring the interaction of science and faith** . Join Professor Andrew Halestrap, Amy Johnson and Hannah Malcolm for a thought provoking evening with interactive workshops. For more information contact Charlotte Potter [charlottep@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:charlottep@guildford-cathedral.org) Tickets £10 (£7 for students) To book visit the Cathedral box office website.

**Thursday 18 January – 3pm – Farnham Methodist Church – Farnham ASSIST Silver Service for over 60s –** a non-denominational service - followed by tea and cakes provided by the church. Contact ASSIST if transport is needed.

**18 to 25 January – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** - Daily prayer meetings at various venues as follows - .

**Thurs 18:** Farnham Baptist Church; **Fri 19:** St Joan's (after 9.30 Friday Mass); **Sat 20:** St Thomas-on-the-Bourne; (**Sun 21:** Unity service at St Andrew's, 5.30pm – see below); **Mon 22:** Farnham United Reformed Church; **Tues 23:** St Andrew's (before 11.30am Tuesday Communion); **Weds 24:** Farnham Vineyard; **Thurs 25:** Farnham Pentecostal Church. All sessions are from 10.30 to 11am, followed by refreshments, aiming to finish by 11.30am. Also see inter-church praise event on 24th (below).

**Saturday 20 January – 6pm - St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church - Choristers Joe Edwards & Eliza Craig invite you to a Charity Music Concert** - to raise funds towards their charity trips to Ghana & Sri Lanka in 2018. Musical extravaganza including vocal and instrumental pieces past and present by local music students and members of St Thomas's Choir. Admission free - retiring collection & licensed bar.

**Saturday 20 January – 7 for 7.30pm - The Sands Golf Club – Burns Night Supper and Ceilidh in aid of Farnham URC Pilgrim Project.** Tickets £40 from Spire Cafe at the church or on line from the church office.

**Sunday 21 January – 5.30pm – St Andrew's Church, Farnham – Churches Together in Farnham's Annual United Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** – followed by fellowship over refreshments. Everyone is invited to join together in worship on this special occasion (also see [NOTICES](#) ).

**Wednesday 24 January – 8pm – St Joan's Centre, Tilford Road - "Magnify the Lord! Let us exalt His name together." An hour of informal inter-church praise and prayer for Farnham** - hosted by the charismatic prayer group at St Joan's Catholic Church. Followed by fellowship over coffee and cakes. All welcome.

**Saturday 27 January – 7.30pm - St Andrew's Church, Farnham, Curry Night Magician and Illusionist Steve Price** Tickets will be available shortly from the Parish Office for £15. Bring your own drinks.

**Saturday 27 January – 7.30pm – Guildford Cathedral – Waverley Singers and Romsey Choral Society in Verdi's Requiem** - Clare Tunney – soprano; Hannah Poulson – alto; Frederick de Tommaso – tenor; Michael Mofidian – bass; Brandenburg Sinfonia; Richard Pearce – conductor.. Contact Cathedral box office.

**Sunday 28 January – 3pm till 5pm – Vineyard Centre, Union Road – Music at the Vineyard with refreshments provided by Farnham ASSIST** – 'a great opportunity to get out an beat the winter blues whilst eating cake and listening to Out of the Shadows play hits from the 60s'.

**Wednesday 31 January – 1pm - Farnham URC – Music at Lunchtime – Students from Lord Wandsworth College with their Director of Music, Lauren Griffin.**

**Thursday 1 February, 12.30pm at St Thomas-on The Bourne Church - Eat and Speak Lunch with the Revd John Morris, Vicar of The Bourne and Tilford** – his subject: "All at Sea - some insights into my previous life as a Chaplain RN". Tickets £7 from Yvonne Bryant or the Parish Office.

**Friday 2 February – 7 till 10.30pm - St George's Church, Badshot Lea - Annual Parish Barn Dance** – adults £12 under 16 £6 Family £30. Supper included but bring own drinks.. Tickets available from me 01252 314703 robert.shatwell@ntlworld.com or in all the parish churches Bob Shatwell .

**Saturday 3 February - 9:30am till 12:30pm - Farnham Methodist Church - Action for Children Charity Market.**

**Sunday 4 February – 6.30pm - St Mark's Church, Upper Hale – Best-selling Christian writer Dave Tomlinson will talk about his new book 'Black Sheep and Prodigals', followed by a book sale and signing.** All welcome. Please display a poster, available on the Badshot and Hale Parish website.

**Thursday 15 February – Farnham Methodist Church - Farnham ASSIST Silver Service for over 60s** a non-denominational service - followed by tea and cakes provided by the church. Contact ASSIST if transport is needed.

**Weekly during Lent from Tuesday 20 February - St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church - Midday Music for Christian Aid** – Recital by a variety of talented singers and players.- with a soup, bread & cheese lunch to follow in the Cobbett Room at 12.45-2pm. Donations to Christian Aid. Full details on St Thomas website and in CTF E-News next month

**Wednesday 21 February at 3pm – Vineyard Centre – Beetle Drive arranged by Farnham ASSIST** - £5 per person with refreshments - all welcome for this fun game..

***More about these and other activities on the CTF website at <http://www.churchestogether.org/farnham/> where you will also find links to our member churches' and associates' individual websites, with details of services and other activities.***