

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

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Dear Church Leaders, CTF Representatives, Associates and other Friends

This month is a month of welcomes! We warmly welcome three new ministers this month - at Hale and Rowledge Methodist church, at Farnham Baptist church, and at St Thomas-on-the-Bourne - see Notices below for full details.

We are also delighted to welcome Michael Hopkins as the new chairman of Churches Together, following his co-option at a recent meeting of our steering committee. He will formally stand for election at our AGM on Weds 22nd November.

In joyful welcome and with best wishes to all

Andrew Partridge

NOTICES

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME THREE NEW CHURCH LEADERS THIS MONTH –The **Revd Philip Simpkins** has joined us as the new Minister for Hale and Rowledge as well as Alton Methodist Churches. Philip and his wife Angela have moved from near Bristol, where Philip was the Minister at Keynsham Methodist Church. On Saturday 7 October the **Revd Graham Culver** will be inducted as Senior Minister of Farnham Baptist Church. Then on Wednesday 18 October the **Revd John Morris** will be inducted as Vicar of the United Benefice of the Bourne and Tilford. Our warmest greetings to them all.

TWO FESTIVALS CELEBRATED THE TALENTS OF THE WHOLE COMMUNITY- A **Music Marathon** at St Mary's Church, Frensham, and an **Art and Photographic Exhibition** at All Saints Church, Tilford, last month revealed a galaxy of local talent. These two events involved the creativity of the whole community – musicians, singers, artists and photographers of all ages and abilities - delighting hundreds of visitors to both festivals. What a lovely way this proved to foster community spirit and to make all comers welcome! We now look forward to another exciting festival of local talent. '**Arts at St Marks**', Upper Hale, will take place over the weekend of 20/22 October. *See more details in [DIARY](#) below.*

HOSPICE APPEAL - CAN ANYONE HELP? Are you looking for a meaningful way to spend some spare time? If so, Phyllis Tuckwell could do with your help in one of its 19 charity shops spread around the area. Income from these helps the hospice provide medical and nursing care, therapies, counselling, social work advice and practical support to over 250 patients, relatives and carers every day. But the shops depend on the volunteers who work in them – and more are needed. Please contact your local shop or email voluntary.services@pth.org.uk for information.

PROMOTING DEAF AWARENESS - Dawn Hoskins writes: Dot Sign are a community Not-for-Profit organisation devoted to raising Deaf Awareness and are also avid promoters of British Sign Language as a legitimate language in its own right. We are dedicated to raising Deaf Awareness and are working tirelessly in the community to do this. We visit as many groups as we can - running Q&A assemblies and go to schools and Sunday schools, brownies, rainbows, cubs, scouts and give talks to every philanthropic group out there. British Sign Language Taster sessions have been running in Guildford and Woking. If you would like us to run a session in your venue - please let us know. To find out more, go to their website: www.dotsignlanguage.co.uk/our-work-in-the-community/ or contact Dawn directly at Hoskins.DotSignLanguage@gmail.com.

THE AGM OF CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM will be held at Farnham United Reformed Church on Wednesday 22 November, at 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Please stay for refreshments and fellowship after the meeting. All very welcome. *Please note the revised date!*

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.

Saturday 7 October – 2.30pm - Farnham Baptist Church, The Hart – Welcome and Induction Service for the new Senior Minister, the Revd Graham Culver.

Saturday 7 October – 7pm – St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church, Frensham Rd – Quiz Night with Fish and Chip Supper, Pudding Auction, Raffle and Bar. Tickets £12.50 – see St Thomas' website for details.

Sunday 8 October - 4pm till 5.30pm - Farnham Maltings - Love in Action Prayer Event Celebrating the success of The Gathering, this summer, in raising Jesus up in Farnham. Book your free place on www.fcct.support/register or call 01252 44434.

Saturday 14 October – 3pm - St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church – Organ Recital by Julian Cooper - fundraising for the church with music by Bach, Mendelssohn, Langlais and Dupré.

Tuesday 17 October – 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 – 18 October – 7.30pm - St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church - Service of Induction of the Revd John Morris as Vicar of the United Benefice of The Bourne and Tilford.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday 20/21/22 October – St Mark's Church – Upper Hale – Arts at St Mark's – a free festival of arts and music – including a concert, workshops, exhibitions, a ceilidh, and an all-sung Sunday Service (even the gospel reading) – find fuller details on the Badshot Lea and Hale Parish website.

Friday 20 October – 7pm – Alton Abbey, Abbey Road, Beech, GU34 4AP - 15th Annual Abbey Lecture - 'An Englishman in the Eastern Orthodox Melting Pot' - to be given by Dr. Nicholas Fennell Ph D, Visiting Research Fellow, University of Winchester, author of "The Russians on Athos", A teacher of Russian and French at Winchester College from 1973; and Head of Russian, he retired in 2014. Tickets £25 for Lecture followed by Supper with wine from Friends of Alton Abbey, Alton Abbey, Abbey Road, Beech, Alton, GU34 4AP. Cheques payable to "Friends of Alton Abbey". Please include SAE, telephone number or email, and information about dietary needs. For further information - email: friendsofaltonabbey@gmail.com or phone 01420 562126.

Sunday 29 October – 10am – All Saints Church, Tilford – Patronal Festival marking the 150th anniversary of its consecration. The Bishop of Guildford, the Rt Revd Andrew Watson, will be joining the celebrations.

Tuesday 31 October – 7.30pm - St Joan of Arc Church, Tilford Road, Farnham - Farnham United Reformed Church and St Joan of Arc Roman Catholic Church are having a joint service: "What does God have to say to our everyday lives? Catholic and Reformed share common ground 500 years after the Reformation began". The service will be followed by refreshments. While this is of particular interest to the two traditions, anyone who wishes to attend will be warmly welcome.

Friday 10 November - 7.30 for 8pm - St Thomas' Church - 'Sailing around the world' - RNLI Farnham branch invite you to an illustrated talk given by a local couple who recently completed a circumnavigation in their own yacht. Tickets in advance, £15 each include supper. Bar, raffle & Christmas cards. All proceeds to RNLI. Please call Nigel: 01252 719650 or David 01252 711596 or email rnli.farnham@btinternet.com

Saturday 11 November – 7.30pm – Farnham United Reformed Church – Concert by Octavian Singers - Vivaldi's Gloria and other sacred music. Entry free with retiring collection for the Pilgrim Project. Refreshments available.

Tuesday 14 November – 1.10pm – St Andrew's Church, Farnham - Music While You Munch – organ recital by Jane Palmer . Bring your own lunch or sample the goodies on offer.

Tuesday 21st November, 10am-3pm - Aldridge Theatre, Frensham Heights School - Phyllis Tuckwell Christmas Gift Fair - £2 entry (kids go free). 'The perfect place to find gifts for all the family at the same time as supporting Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care'. Over 40 stalls selling new gifts for the home, fashions, cosmetics, fine foods, art, jewellery, books, candles and much more... Refreshments available. Free parking. For more info: www.pth.org.uk, or 01252 729446.

Thursday 30 November - 7.30pm - St Andrew's Church, Farnham - To celebrate St Andrew's Day Friends of St Andrew's (Fosta) will be holding a Gala Concert with counter-tenor Joao Paulo Ferreira and his invited guest musicians, piano accompaniment by Claire Tester. Tickets £10 (under 16s £5) can be reserved by sending a cheque, with a note stating number of tickets, to the Parish Office, St Andrew's Church, Farnham GU9 7PW, or telephone on 01252 715412

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.