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# CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

## September 2014 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 above address.*

### **Dear Church Leaders, CTF Representatives, Associates and other Friends**

After some rest and recuperation for most of you, I trust, over our splendidly warm and sunny summer, a flurry of activities mark the return to 'normal life' and the start of a new academic year. Mary Clarke has assembled an extensive list below, from events with harvest and environmental themes to events focussing on interfaith relationships and mental health issues. Something to catch everyone's eye! I am most grateful to Mary for her tireless efforts in maintaining our diary and website.

Very best wishes to you all

**Andrew Partridge - Secretary, Churches Together in Farnham**

## **NOTICES –**

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM AGM** The date is **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October** – time and place to be advised. Please put the date in your diary NOW (if not there already) and be sure to come.

**NEW NAME FOR PARISH** The Parish formerly known as Hale with Badshot Lea has changed its name to the **Parish of Badshot Lea and Hale**. Also **St Mark's Church, Upper Hale, is now available for weddings in addition to St John's, Hale, and St George's, Badshot Lea**. Go to the CTF website to read an explanatory article from the parish about the change of name and restructuring that has taken place.

**ENVIRONMENT AND FAITH FESTIVAL** Churches Together in Fleet & Crookham are running their third Environment & Faith festival, from **21<sup>st</sup> September to 5<sup>th</sup> October, entitled 'A Climate of Hope'**. This year's festival will include an open air Songs of Praise, multi-sensory prayer event, training for Sunday School teachers, a Fairtrade cinema, and a range of talks. See **DIARY** below and CTF Website for programme information and to download a poster.

**CHURCH HOSPITAL IN GAZA STILL NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT** Despite a generous response to Farnham-based charity JMECA's appeal last month on behalf of the **Al-Ahli Hospital, Gaza, much more help is still urgently needed**. One of the Church-run hospital's own nurses was recently killed in the bombardment. At home after finishing a spell of night-duty, she was protecting her two little daughters, who survived. The medical staff continue to work tirelessly treating the numerous casualties of the conflict. For full details and how to donate, go to CTF website.

## **DIARY - Some special events in the next few weeks.**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August – 10am - St Andrew's Church, Farnham - Service commemorating World War One** – Farnham British Legion's new Standard dedicated.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Farnham ASSIST bus pass outing to Winchester.**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September – 12 noon - Hale Rectory, 25, Upper Hale Road – Church-Fete** - bouncy slide, games, face-painting, BBQ, refreshments, stalls for plants, cakes, toys, etc.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September – St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church - 2.30pm – 'Gardeners' Questions' with John Negus and Charles Wisden offers to solve your horticultural problems.** To pose your questions in advance ring 722161. The afternoon includes cream teas, plant sales, free seeds and children's miniature garden competition. Tickets £5 from Parish Office (715505). In aid of The Bourne Parish 'where youth work is central to our Ministry.' For more details and to download a poster go to CTF website.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September – St Andrew's Church, Farnham, - 12 noon – St Andrew's Parish Fayre** – with the popular 'Ted Devils' parachute drop (of teddy bears), best-dressed Ted competition, musicians and singing, cream teas, games, stalls, etc – go to CTF website to download poster.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Ride and Stride for Churches** – sponsored event to visit as many participating churches as you can in the day. Details from participating churches or website for Ride and Stride Surrey.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September – 6pm - St John's Church, Hale - World War One Service.**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September – 10.30am - St Joan's Centre, Tilford Road - CTF Ecumenical Prayer Meeting** – reflective readings, prayers and intercessions. Coffee and biscuits to follow. ALL WELCOME – just turn up!

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September - 2.30pm - Farnham Methodist Church, South Street – Farnham ASSIST Silver Service for over 60s.**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September – 7.45 for 8pm – Centenary Rooms, St Thomas-on-The Bourne – 'Mary Magdalene. A woman much maligned'** an illustrated lecture by the Rt Revd Dr Christopher Herbert. Tickets £10 from Bourne Parish Office (715505).

**Sunday 21st September - Farnham United Reformed Church - Harvest Fun and Thanksgiving** - Tea and ECO Games from 4.30pm followed by Songs of Praise at 6.30 pm. Everyone, including children, very welcome.

**Sunday 21st September to Sunday 5th October – Churches Together in Fleet and Crookham Ecological and Faith Festival** – more information under **NOTICES** (above) and go to CTF website for programme details and to download a poster..

**Monday 22nd September – 9.30am – St Mark's Church, Upper Hale – 'Mindfulness' Taster session.**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.30pm – The Friends' Meeting House, 3 Ward Street, Guildford, GU1 4LR – Guildford & Godalming Interfaith Forum hosts a discussion on "How Can Religions Foster Peace?".** Speakers from different faiths will take part. Refreshments available from 7pm. For more information tel. 01483 424257 or 01483 415773.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September – 10am – St Mark's Church, Upper Hale – 'Are You Being Heard'** – about helping those with hearing problems.

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September – 7pm – St Mark's Church – 'The Real Me'** – talk on mental health.

#### **AND A LITTLE FURTHER AFIELD**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Alton Abbey – 'The Beauty of Holiness and the Holiness of Beauty'** - a Retreat Day on iconography led by Dom Anselm OSB - followed by an evening lecture on the same subject. Go to CTF website calendar for details.

**3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> October – Alton Abbey -Weekend Retreat 'Enemies of Alice'** – led by Dom Anselm OSB 'in company with Lewis Carroll's dreamchild as she confronts folly, irrationality and cruelty.' - see CTF website calendar.

***For full details of these and more events, go to the CTF website [www.churchestogether.org/farnham](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.***

***If you have events for the CTF website or any comments or queries please email [secretary@churchestogetherinfarnham.org.uk](mailto:secretary@churchestogetherinfarnham.org.uk) or reply to this Email address.***