

## **CTF May2013 E-News - keep abreast of what is going on!**

The Churches Together in Farnham web site is now hosted by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. The URL is: [www.churchestogetherinfarnham.org.uk](http://www.churchestogetherinfarnham.org.uk) or just search for Churches Together in Farnham on Google.

Dear Members and Friends

Welcome to the CTF E-news for May 2013. Please publicise these events - and forward as necessary for inclusion in church magazines, newsletters and service sheets.

Also do let us know about YOUR forthcoming events so that we can put them on the web: Email to [blueswan@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:blueswan@tiscali.co.uk)

### **Upcoming Special Events**

**Saturday 27th April - Pro-Life Chain** 11:00am-1:00pm, Farnham, Hickleys Corner. Local members of the Pro-Life movement are inviting supporters to stand with them in Silent Vigil at Hickleys Corner, Farnham. This will be part of a nationwide Pro-Life Chain to remind people of the reality of abortion. The vigil takes place on the anniversary of the Abortion Act - 27th April 1968. Questions? contact Madeleine on 01252 794854. (From Michael McDonnell).

**Saturday 27th April - Concert at St Andrews** 8:00pm. Tilford Bach Society Concert with Pegasus Chamber Choir who will be performing sacred and secular pieces by Purcell, Faure, Debussy, Poulenc, Vaughan Williams etc. Bookings 01252 716084.

**Saturday 4th May - Movement in Worship Dance Day** - 10:00am-4:00pm, St.Peter's church hall, off School Hill, Wrecclesham, Farnham, GU10 4PY. To reserve a place please e-mail me at [purplejudith@googlemail.com](mailto:purplejudith@googlemail.com). Cost £10, PAYABLE ON THE DAY. (Judith Scott).

### **Christian Aid Week (12th to 18th May)**

**Sunday 12th May - Christian Aid Week Service** 6:30pm Farnham Methodist Church heralds a week of activities - door to door collections, the popular Plant Sale and Coffee morning at St.Thomas-on-The Bourne, and (further a field) Circle the City Sponsored Walk: Hungry for Justice (details below). Contact Karen Fewster on 01252 795169 if you would like to be involved or for more details.

**Tuesday 14th May - Annual Plant Sale** and Coffee Morning for Christian Aid 10:30am-12:30pm, St.Thomas-on-The Bourne - A must for gardeners and anyone who supports Christian Aid. Entry is free.

**Sunday 19th May - Circle the City Sponsored Walk** for Christian Aid City of London. Christian Aid Week event. Explore some of the hidden churches in the City of London and raise money by sponsorship. The walk is suitable for pushchairs and is between three and four miles in length.

**Tuesday 21st May - Churches Together in Farnham Ecumenical Prayer Meeting** - 10.30am St Joan's Centre, Tilford Road. Reflective prayer and intercession, followed by coffee and biscuits. All welcome - just come along. These meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month.

**9th-14th July - St Joan's Parish Mission** - St Joan's Centre, Tilford Road, Farnham. The Catholic Parish of St Joan of Arc is holding a Parish Mission week, starting on Tuesday 9th July. The aim is to give everyone in the Parish the opportunity to explore and deepen their faith in an inspiring and fun programme. Parishioners will also be encouraged to invite family and friends who may have drifted away from the church, or indeed anyone who is intrigued to find out more about the Catholic faith. Led by Catholic lay people, the daytime and evening Mission talks will present practical ways in which our faith can help us deal with everyday life, families, children and so forth. The week will finish with a Parish celebration day on Sunday July 14th. More details are available on the parish website [www.stjoanofarcfarnham.co.uk](http://www.stjoanofarcfarnham.co.uk) - Home page under "Year of Faith."

**Book now for Wintershall 'Life of Christ'** - Tuesday 25th - 30th June - Wintershall, Bramley, Guildford, GU5 0LR "A unique religious experience. The production appeals to all ages and brings to life the remarkable events surrounding the life of Jesus. With a cast of over 200, it is a multi-sensory experience and is packed full of excitement, joy, laughter and wonder."

#### **Monthly Events at Farnham Churches:**

**Thursday 16th May - Farnham ASSIST Silver Service** - 2:30pm-4:00pm, Farnham Methodist Church, South Street, Farnham, GU9 7RN. You are invited to our special non-denominational services for older people, which are jointly organised with Farnham Methodist Church. After each service a delicious tea is served. There are facilities for wheelchairs, a disabled toilet and a hearing loop. Please come along and share this time of worship together. We hold a Silver Service most months, on the third Thursday afternoon, 2:30pm at Farnham Methodist Church (next to the council offices in South Street). (Note: No service in October and December.) All over 60s are welcome.

**Friday 17th May - Filling Station** 7:30pm-9:30pm, Farnham WM&C Club, Ivy Lane, Farnham, GU9 7PQ. At various times we have met over the years to pray and worship at Farnham Castle, and it feels as if God is leading a number of people to do this again! Loosely linked to the Filling Station [www.thefillingstation.org.uk](http://www.thefillingstation.org.uk), a number of people, mainly from the more traditional churches are looking to create a space for worship, teaching and ministry on an occasional mid week basis to supplement what they are already getting. You would be very welcome to join us for this time of filling and spiritual refreshment: we're not sure where God wants to take it but confident that He wants it to begin. Its future shape and direction will be decided by the participants.

**Sunday 19th May - Worship The LORD with Joy** - 6:30pm-7:30pm, Farnham Pentecostal Church, Red Lion Lane, Farnham. We have the freedom to pray; read scripture; to praise. So let us join together and Worship The LORD with Joy (Good News, Psalm 100). Starting at 6:30-7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us on the third Sunday of each month. Please join us at Farnham Pentecostal Church, Red Lion Lane, Farnham. For further details please contact us: [www.farnhamaog.btik.com](http://www.farnhamaog.btik.com) / [Farnhamaog@live.co.uk](mailto:Farnhamaog@live.co.uk). (Michael Hall 0752 850 2343).

**Tuesday 21st May - Quiet Meditative Prayer Meeting** - 7:45pm-8:45pm at St. Andrew's Church (via vestry door) third Tuesday - info from Mandy Marshall 01252 714987

#### **Weekly Events:**

**Thursdays - Messy Toddlers** 10:00-11:30 a.m, Farnham Methodist Church, South Street, Farnham, GU9 7RN. An exciting new parent and toddler group with a focus on messy play.

**Thursday evenings: "Life In The Spirit" Prayer group.** 8:00pm-9:00pm, St Joan of Arc Catholic Church, Tilford Road, Farnham. Everyone is welcome. The group meets either in the Church for quiet meditative prayer and taize style music or in the foyer of the Centre, next to the church, when the meetings include more contemporary praise and worship and intercessory prayer. To check venue and type of meeting, please phone Alastair Emblem on 01252 714809.

**Mondays - Christian Meditation** at St Joan's 10:30-11:15 a.m, St.Joan's Centre, Tilford Road, Farnham. This ecumenical meditation group, meeting weekly in St.Joan's Foyer Meeting Room, follows the tradition/discipline of the WCCM. Contact/more information: Jan McGrory 01252 712152.

### **More items**

**Surrey Faiths May Newsletter** is available on line at [http://surreyfaithlinks.org.uk/fileadmin/content/information/2013\\_Newsletters/SFL\\_Newsletter\\_May\\_2013.pdf](http://surreyfaithlinks.org.uk/fileadmin/content/information/2013_Newsletters/SFL_Newsletter_May_2013.pdf)

**The Bible Reading Fellowship** has a conference 'Who Let The Dads Out?' on 15th June at Cowplain, Hampshire. Info on [www.wholetthedadsout.org.uk](http://www.wholetthedadsout.org.uk) . They write that this would be ideal for anyone wishing to find out more about this ministry to children and dads or other male carers. The following link will also allow people to book a place <http://www.brfoonline.org.uk/wltdo/>