

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013

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CTF Good Friday Walk of Witness - 2013

Stewart Dakers' report was presented by Mary Clarke in his absence, engaged in voluntary work -

Stewart writes: 'The event remains as easy to organise and impressive in its impact as ever.'

He would like to thank all who supported the event - especially Angus Cleaver (loudspeaker), Bob Skinner who led prayers at the starting point in the Hart, the Revd John Edwards (jackets), and the Revd Simon Reynolds, who led the closing prayers at St Andrews, - also Mavis Leach for driving the back-up car, and the police, who escorted the procession.

On behalf of everyone here, may I thank Stewart for organising this act of Christian witness so effectively year after year. It is indeed an inspiring event. Also a particular word of thanks to the Revd Simon, who as Rector of Farnham, was taking part for the first time.

The Farnham Herald sent a photographer and published the report we sent them in full, with their own picture. Our account of the event is also on the CTF website together with our own sequence of pictures.

A photograph we took of the 2011 Farnham Walk of Witness, with Adam North carrying the cross, is featured in "Days and Rites", a book of Christian ceremonies by Mark Lewis which was published earlier this year. A copy of the book is displayed on the table.

Christmas Day Lunch for older people who would otherwise be on their own

Report by Michael McDonnell -

Last Christmas once again, the Christmas Day lunch was over subscribed - by both guest applications and by volunteers offering to help. Around 80 Farnham people were guests at the Lunch and transport was provided for around 50 of these guests. It's extraordinary how generous people are with their time on Christmas Day and the coordinators of the lunch are - yes - eternally grateful to the volunteers - many of whom are not church goers. We were blessed, once again, to have an amazing wonderful chef - Chris Smith - we are most grateful to him. An additional treat for the guests was a visit by the Mayor and Mayoress of Waverley - Tony and Cathy Gordon-Smith and the Mayor and Mayoress of Farnham, Stephen and Helen Hill. and they didn't just pay flying visits - they really engaged with guests and helpers.

But now another perspective. There has never been a problem attracting volunteers to help on the day or help set up - but finding volunteer drivers has not been easy. However the small steering committee - five people - has not changed for a number of years and it's important new people come through to ensure the Christmas Day Lunch continues. At one time the coordinating was passed on each year - from one church to another and the present steering group formed when no one church came forward. However the present steering group cannot go on for ever and so I am making a special appeal. Consider coming to a steering group meeting with a view to being a part of the steering group next year. It is essential people come forward if the lunch is to continue - you will be made most welcome and shown what we do - you may well have better ideas than we do. I will be happy to take names after this meeting.

Christmas Crib at Farnham Library

Report by Michael McDonnell -

Last Christmas the Nativity scene in Farnham Library was created by pupils at Pilgrims Way School. This year it will be created by pupils at a Farnham nursery school, but I am unable to announce the name of the school at this stage. The crib will be set up at the beginning of December and will be in place until after Christmas. It's important that visitors to the Library - if they like the crib - make known their thoughts to Library staff. It's important we give positive feedback. The Nativity scene in Farnham Library is a Christian statement in a public place and is therefore of importance to us all. I hope to send a picture of the crib and a press release to the Farnham Herald - as another Christian statement in a public place. I have been the link person for this initiative for over ten years. If anyone else here or other church would like to take over from me, they would be very welcome to do so and I would be grateful if they spoke to me after this meeting. Thank you very much.

CTF Website and E-News

Report by Mary Clarke -

I took over as administrator of the CTF Website from Richard Wimbush before he left Farnham in May, with the Chair's approval. I also took over from Richard as editor of the CTF Monthly E-News. So this report begins with a tribute to his service.

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Richard gave hours of his time in the early part of this year to setting up the new CTF Website – which is provided free of charge by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. Having worked out its complexities for himself, he spent further hours training me how to use it before he and Brenda moved to their new home. Even now Richard is ready to help if problems arise.

In addition, last autumn he printed all the Golden Jubilee booklets, printed and prepared pictures for the Jubilee Exhibition and took part in setting this up.

He has given incalculable service to CTF over many years and we greatly miss him.

In a recent email, Richard wishes us well and said that both he and Brenda would be praying for Churches Together in Farnham and its annual meeting.

Turning to the present, both the CTF Website and E-News are currently going strong. Please keep looking at the website and above all, do continue to send me material for it – future events, accounts of your activities, etc., including pictures and posters. I try to keep the site as up to date as possible and it provides a great source of free publicity for your church events – so keep it coming!

Such items can also be included in the CTF monthly E-News. Although retiring as Secretary, I will be continuing to administer the CTF Website and edit the E-News until further notice so please keep sending your contributions to my email address – blueswan@tiscali.co.uk

I have recently updated the Churches Together in Farnham Directory. I will email a copy to members in the near future. Please check this and let me know of any errors or omissions. This is a handy leaflet to print out and keep by for reference. It is for members use so is not publically available.

Christian Aid Farnham

Report by Karen Fewster -

2013 is my first full year as Chair of Christian Aid Farnham and I would like to record my thanks to the many people who have helped me settle into my new role and to Sadie Blankley who stood down in October 2012 after eight years co-ordinating the churches across Farnham and its surrounding villages.

This year as in previous years, some church reps and collectors have 'retired' and finding volunteers to fill these gaps has been and continues to be one of the biggest challenges that Christian Aid in Farnham faces.

Despite this and the continuing tough financial climate, Christian Aid Farnham has raised over £22,000 this year to date, with over £18,000 collected door to door throughout Christian Aid Week in May. The year's accounts will be reported in full at the annual meeting on 28th October.

Christian Aid Week began with a special service at Farnham Methodist Church. Laura Mead from Christian Aid South East Office gave a passionate account of the important work funded by Christian Aid around the world through partners in each country. The service was an inspirational beginning to the week of door to door collections.

Apart from Christian Aid week collections, other fund raising activities throughout the year included carol singing outside Sainsbury's, Water Lane on a bitterly cold day in December, the excellent Lent recitals at St Thomas-on-The Bourne, a sponsored walk around City of London churches, plant sales, coffee mornings and a raffle of an original oil painting to name just a few.

Christian Aid's partners around the world are very grateful for the funds we raise across the country, which allow them to continue their work to eradicate poverty, fight injustice and highlight the effects of climate change on agriculture and the wider world.

Nationally Christian Aid came together with more than 200 organisations in 2013 under the 'Enough Food For Everyone IF' banner in the hope that G8 will act and focus on tackling one of the world's toughest challenges - hunger. The campaign was very successful and has most definitely raised the profile of these issues at governmental level.

Our Annual Farnham Christian Aid meeting will be held at URC Farnham on 28th October from 7.15pm and everyone is welcome to join us. We would love to see old friends and new faces as we plan for the coming year.

We currently have 11 churches represented by church reps and it would be wonderful if we could include more congregations within the Farnham area going forward into 2014.

Christian Aid will be **singing carols** and collecting outside Sainsburys, Water Lane on **Saturday 7th December** from 10.30am - 4.30m. Please speak to me after the meeting if you would like to join us.

Christian Aid Week 2014 is from 11th - 17th May and the service will be at St Thomas-on-The Bourne. More details in the New Year.

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Farnham Foodbank

Report by Rose Williamson (Project Manager) -

Foodbank is continuing to see numbers rise, in the last 12 months approximately 1000 local people have been fed. A big thank you goes out to all who donated their Harvest Festival collection to us. Harvest is a really important time for us & I'm pleased to report that our stocks are now looking much healthier.

In April of this year we opened a distribution centre in Ash Vale enabling us to cover Ash, Ash Vale, Ash Green & Normandy. We are now open 11am – 1pm on Monday & Friday in Church House, Wednesday in St. Mark's Church, Upper Hale & on Tuesdays in The Chapel, Ash Vale.

Due to needing to maintain our food intake more evenly through the year we are asking churches to consider keeping a box at the back of church on a weekly basis. If a church would like a box or more info please get in touch.

St. Joan of Arc have been very generous in allowing us to use their garages, we are grateful for their support. That said, we could do with a larger space to help us meeting the growing demand. We would be very keen to hear from anyone who might be able to help us find somewhere.

We currently have some core team vacancies to be filled by people from the local churches. We are looking for: A PR volunteer, a Churches Liaison volunteer and a Deputy Manager for the warehouse – must be able to drive.

Thank you to all those who support us by donating time, food or money. We couldn't do it without you!

Farnham Christian Community Trust

The Revd John Edwards' report was presented by Andy Marriott as John was away -

John writes: 'FCCT continues to explore and re-develop its role in Farnham. We have moved into a new office in Upper Church Lane where office support is available. We continue to offer support to projects around Farnham predominantly through Policies, procedures and financial management. Unfortunately we are unable to offer direct financial support. (Financial support may be available through Catalyst.) Currently we are looking for new trustees. If you would like to visit the office or further information please ring the office on 01252 714414.'

Andy also reported on the related work of Signpost – a team of volunteers from Farnham churches who present lessons and assemblies at local schools.

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Churches Together in Farnham

Accounts for 2012-2013

Income and Expenditure Account 1 September 2012 - 31 August 2013

GENERAL FUND

2010/2011		Income	Expenses	Net	Balance
193.63	Brought forward at 1st September 2012				£142.63
0.00	Subscriptions	165.00			
85.00	Donations	64.14			
-30.00	Administration		-151.64		
-106.00	Public Liability Insurance		-106.00		
<u>-51.00</u>	Total Income less Expenditure	<u>£229.14</u>	<u>-£257.64</u>	<u>-£28.50</u>	
142.63	Balance CTF General Fund at 31 August 2013				£114.13

SPECIAL FUNDS

178.51	Holding Account for Christmas Lunch	790.00	-594.50		£374.13
133.05	Holding Account for Jubilee Debt Campaign	0.00	-133.05		£0.00
<u>454.19</u>	Bank Account Total	<u>£1,019.14</u>	<u>-985.19</u>		<u>£486.26</u>

Notes

Subscriptions were requested in 2013, and 11 received

The funds held for Jubilee Debt have been transferred to the National group in Sept 2012

Mr. Andy Marriott
(Treasurer)