

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

December 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 web@ct-farnham.org.uk

Dear Church Leaders, CTF Representatives, Associates and other Friends

I am sure you are all very busy with Christmas preparations, but I hope you will be able to display the attached list of activities in the Farnham area in the weeks running up to the festival itself.

Many thanks to those who have responded to me about the Mayor's letter. The message I am getting so far is that a less specific prayer would be more appropriate - maybe along the lines that we be stirred as a community to seek to serve our community and to find ways to improve our communal quality of life.

I would be very grateful for all further observations and suggestions before I get back to the Mayor in the New Year.

May Christmas truly be a season of great joy to you all

Very best wishes

Andrew Partridge - Secretary, Churches Together in Farnham

NOTICES -

JOINT RECTORS LICENSED - From Badshot Lea and Hale Parish - 'Alan and Lesley Crawley will be Licensed as Joint Rectors on **Monday 5th January at 7:30pm at St George's Church, Badshot Lea** by the Archdeacon of Surrey, the Venerable Stuart Beake. This is the last official thing that needs to happen now that the Parish is no longer suspended. After the service we will have some refreshments and some fun. Please do come.'

CHRISTMASTIDE AT YOUR CHURCH – Some of our member churches have sent us details of their Christmas services and activities for a page on the CTF website. If you would like to do the same please email to web@ct-farnham.org.uk

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH FOR THOSE WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BE ON THEIR OWN – Full details about how to apply for a place or volunteer to help are on the CTF website, plus posters to download. Responses by Friday 12th December please.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION TRAINING COURSE 2015 – An ecumenical course at the Catholic Bible School at Nutbourne near Chichester starting in January - last interview date for candidates **Wednesday 17th December** ... A few places left. Contact catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com for more information.

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DIARY - Some special events in the next few weeks. Go to the CTF website www.churchestogether.org/farnham for more details of these and other church events, including posters to download for your noticeboard.

Tuesday 2nd December – Farnham United Reformed Church – 1.10pm - MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME – piano recital by Emilie Capulet.

Friday 5th December – 11.30 am at St Andrew's and 7.30 pm at Farnham United Reformed Church - Heather Golding launches her new CD of MUSIC FROM THE HEART.

Saturday 6th December - St James Church Centre - Rowledge – 9.45am till 12.30pm - CHRISTMAS FAYRE AND CLOTHES SALE. New and nearly new clothes, handbags, jewellery, perfumes, books and toys. Christmas gifts including home-made cards and wooden gifts. Carol singing. Italian coffees, mince pies, mulled wine and cakes. Proceeds in aid of Addenbrooke's Liver Unit, the Ebola Crisis Appeal and Octave Children's Choir.

Saturday 6th December – St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church – 10am till 12.30pm - CHRISTMAS MARKET - in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. £2 entry includes coffee and biscuits – children free. Jewellery, gifts, cakes, books, toys, bird food and much more. Tombola, raffle and silent auction.

Saturday 6th December – 1pm – TREE PLANTING in the newly created Community Orchard at St Mark's, Upper Hale.

Saturday 6th December – All Saints Church, Tilford – 3pm and 6.30pm – Tilford Bach Society Carols by Candlelight. Carols and readings – with newly formed Tilford Bach Choir and medieval Christmas music by The Artisans. Free event with collection for Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, Farnham Foodbank and Tilford Church. Organ prelude played by Martin Knizia, **starting 30 minutes before each concert.** Enjoy a glass of mulled wine while you listen.

Saturday 6th December – 7.30pm – St Andrew's Church – WAVERLEY SINGERS' CHRISTMAS CONCERT with readings and carols - Edgeborough School Choir taking part. Tickets £12.50. Students and under 16s - £5. See Waverley Singers' website for details.

Tuesday 9th December – St Andrew's Church – 1.10 to 1.45pm – MUSIC WHILE YOU MUNCH – the third in the series of organ recitals by Stephen Lacey.

Saturday 13th December – 2pm till 5pm – St George's Church, Badshot Lea – CHRISTMAS FAYRE. This is a new community event in Badshot Lea. As well as cake stall, tombola, etc, it is planned to feature craft work of various kinds. Crafters wishing to buy a table from which to sell their wares should email lucy-cynina@hotmail.co.uk.

Saturday 13th December- 2.30pm – Sainsburys, Water Lane – CAROL SINGING FOR CHRISTIAN AID. Christian Aid supporters from churches in Farnham will be singing carols to the shoppers outside Sainsburys, Water Lane and collecting for the Christian Aid Christmas Appeal Fund from 2.30 pm until 4.30pm. **Join us and deliver hope this Christmas.**

Tuesday 16th December – St Andrew's – 1.10 pm - Lunchtime Carols – 45 minutes of carols. Come and sing or listen. Soup and bread rolls with tea available, or bring your own lunch.

For more about these and other activities, go to the CTF website 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.

Please email any events for the newsletter and the website to web@ct-farnham.org.uk . If you have any comments or queries please email to secretary@churchestogetherinfarnham.org.uk .