

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

January 2015 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

Hard on the heels of Christmas and its numerous services comes the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year the Unity Service is at the start of the week, on Jan 18th, and is kindly being hosted by Alan and Lesley Crawley at St Mark's, Hale. Do please encourage people to come along - it is a great opportunity to meet others from the wider church community. Full details are on the poster attached to this mailing.

Prayers for Christian Unity are held through the week, from Monday to Saturday 19th - 24th January, at several Farnham town centre venues (the poster gives details). The sessions last about half an hour, followed by refreshments. These are attended by members of a faithful - but small - band. Please do consider joining them for one of the meetings and contributing to the ministry of prayer across our town.

This latter point serves to remind us of our Mayor's letter, which I shall report on in the next issue of the CTF newsletter.

Very best wishes for 2015 to you all!

Andrew Partridge - Secretary, Churches Together in Farnham

NOTICES -

Farnham ASSIST'S NEW HOME - Farnham ASSIST has moved to 7, St George's Yard, Farnham, GU9 7LW (between Castle Street and Bear Lane); tel.: 717710. Office hours are Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 12.30pm. See *CTF website for access details*.

'STRENGTH TO STRENGTH' – Course on Prayer - Wednesday 7th January till 11th February – 8pm at St Joan's Centre, Tilford Road - six-weeks DVD course in the CaFe (Catholic Faith Exploration)) series made by David Payne and his team. No booking needed and no charge – just voluntary donations - and an optional £5 course book. 'Inspiring teaching ...Very accessible for anyone, young or old, Catholic or not.'

WHAT IS YOUR CHURCH DOING FOR LENT? - Please send us a copy of your Lent programme for the CTF website.

SURREY FAITH LINKS NEWSLETTER January 2015 – can be downloaded from the 'CTF Associates' page of the CTF website.

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 13th January – St Andrew's Church, Farnham – 1.10pm – MUSIC WHILE YOU MUNCH – Timothy Parsons, organ scholar at Winchester Cathedral. As these concerts have proved successful, Stephen Lacey is running a further series at St Andrew's on the second Tuesday of each month up till June.

Sunday 18th January – St Mark's Church, Alma Lane, Upper Hale GU9 0LT – 4pm - Churches Together in Farnham's Annual UNITED SERVICE for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – followed by Bring and Share Tea - ALL WELCOME! *Please print copies of the attached poster and display.*

Wednesday 21st January – St George's Church, Badshot Lea – 7.30pm - 'THE REAL ME – a fascinating and uplifting talk on mental health and how to be inclusive' by Suzette Jones, the Health and Wellbeing Advisor for the Diocese.

Sunday 25th January – St Thomas-on The Bourne - 6.30pm - BURNS NIGHT AT ST THOMAS' – with supper and dancing. Tickets from Vanessa Horne 725098.

Friday 30th January – St George's Church, Badshot Lea – 7.30pm – Annual BARN DANCE with meal – 'a great family event'. Tickets £10 adults; £5 children; available from Bob Shatwell – Robert.shatwell@ntlworld.com .

Monday 2nd February – St Mark's Church, Upper Hale – 9.30 till 10.20am – 'TIME TO BE MINDFUL - take time out and breathe'. No need to book and completely free of charge.

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 .