

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

February 2015 E-News

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Dear Church Leaders, CTF Representatives, Associates and other Friends

Lent now approaches, with a wealth of opportunities for reflection and study. Rather than trying to add another initiative in parallel with these, I think it would be best to postpone a response to the Town Mayor's call to prayer for our community until after Easter. However, I do think some action along the lines of some cross-church meetings for prayer would be a good idea, following useful comments received in response to the Mayor's initial letter, and concrete proposals will be forthcoming in April or May.

To conclude, I would like to thank the churches of Hale for a stimulating and convivial Unity Service last month. The collection totalled just over £200, and will be distributed half to Ebola / Christian Aid, and half to Water Aid.

Very best wishes to you all

Andrew Partridge - Secretary, Churches Together in Farnham

NOTICES -

FARNHAM CHRISTIAN AID NEEDS A NEW TREASURER - CAN YOU HELP? - If you know of someone who might be interested, please call Karen Fewster on 01252 795169 or email at karenfew@gmail.com. *A poster with full details is attached – please print and display.*

CELEBRATING UNITY IN DIVERSITY - read about the inspiring **CTF United Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, presented this year by North Farnham Churches, on CTF website: www.churchestogether.org/farnham (plus picture).

WHAT IS YOUR CHURCH DOING FOR LENT? - Please send us a copy of your **Lent programme** for the CTF website. This is a great opportunity for members of different churches to get to know each other better by joining in worship or a study course during Lent.

The ever-popular **Midday Music Recitals for Christian Aid** - followed by soup and cheese lunches - will take place at **St Thomas' on Tuesdays during Lent** - while Ministers of five different denominations will speak at **Midday Holy Communion Services at St Mark's on Fridays during Lent**. *See full details of both series on CTF website.*

DAIRY – **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.**

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

Tuesday 3rd February - Farnham United Reformed Church - 1.10pm - Music at Lunchtime - Students from Lord Wandsworth College - retiring collection.

Saturday 7th February - 6pm – St Andrew's Church, Farnham - The Waverley Singers present Come and Sing The Creation by Haydn. Soloists - soprano Galina Averina, tenor Thomas Erlank, bass Michael Mofidian. Registration from 12 noon followed by rehearsals. For further details contact Carolyn Patey at capatey3@gmail.com - Tickets - Singers £10 Audience £7.50

Saturday 7th February – 7.30pm - St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham – 'OUT OF THE SHADOWS' – returning by popular demand for a concert of Sixties music – tickets £15, including refreshments and entry into the raffle, phone 714480. All proceeds go to the church Restoration Fund.

Tuesday 10th February - 1.10pm St Andrew's Church, Farnham - the next in series of **Music while you Munch organ concerts** - no charge but a donation welcome. Hot soup and rolls are available, or you can bring your own sandwiches.

SHROVE TUESDAY 17th February – Enjoy your pancakes!

ASH WEDNESDAY 18th February – follow links from CTF website to individual church websites for details of today's special services. **At St Andrew's Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes** will be celebrated at 8pm when the congregation will be joined by friends from the **Methodist** and **United Reformed Churches**.

From Thursday 19th February onward – during this week Lenten activities – special worship and study courses begin at many churches. Those submitted to us will be featured on the CTF website. Follow links to individual churches for details of more. Sign in for the course of your choice on lists displayed in some churches.

Thursday 19th February – 3pm – Farnham Methodist Church – Farnham ASSIST Silver Service – a friendly and welcoming non-denominational service designed for older people – followed by tea and cakes.

Fridays 20th and 27th February and 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th March – 12 noon - St Mark's, Upper Hale – Lent series of Holy Communion Services with speakers from five different churches. They are the Revds Michael Hopkins (Farnham United Reformed Church); John Edwards (Holy Family Roman Catholic Church), David Ashby (Hale and Rowledge Methodist Church); Patrick O'Ferall (St Andrew's Church) and Bob Skinner (Elder of Weybourne Baptist Church). Lent lunch of home-made soup, with warm fellowship and support for Chase Children's Hospice Care, following each service. All welcome. *Poster with full details on CTF website.*

Sunday 22nd February – The Choir of St Andrew's Church, Farnham, will be singing Services at Winchester Cathedral this weekend. There will be a simple Parish Eucharist at 10am at St Andrew's and an All-Age service at 11.30am at St Francis', Three Stiles Road, for those not wishing to travel to Winchester.

Sunday 22nd February – 6.30pm – St Mark's Church, Upper Hale – Dave Tomlinson will talk about his new book: 'The bad Christian's manifesto, reinventing God (and other modest proposals)'. All welcome – come along and chat to Dave. *Poster on CTF website.*

Tuesdays 24th February and 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st March– 12 noon - St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church – Lent series of Midday Music recitals for Christian Aid – followed by soup and cheese lunches – details of those taking part in each recital and poster for your noticeboard on CTF website.

Wednesday 25th February – 8pm – St Thomas-on-The Bourne – Stations of the Cross.

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.