

# CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

## July 2016 E-News

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### **Dear Church Leaders, CTF Representatives, Associates and other Friends**

Two congratulations to cheer our less-than-blazing summer. Congratulations to Karen on her appointment as the future Archdeacon of Norwich! - see below for more details. And congratulations to FCCT for the prayer event at Weydon School last Sunday, 4th July! We were treated to expositions of the wonderful cross-church work that is done in the town - primary school assemblies and secondary school lessons, parenting courses, the ASSIST programmes for over-60s and Farnham Foodbank - and given opportunities to pray for each in a variety of different styles. It was truly uplifting. Watch out for future events!

I hope you all have a thoroughly enjoyable summer, with some time off to enjoy it, too,

Very best wishes

**Andrew Partridge - Secretary, Churches Together in Farnham**

### **NOTICES -**

**CANON KAREN WILL BE LEAVING US IN THE AUTUMN** - The **Revd Canon Karen Hutchinson**, Vicar of The Bourne and Tilford is to become Archdeacon of Norwich, it was announced this week.

Karen has been Vicar of The Bourne and Tilford since 2012, before which she was Vicar of Crondall and Ewshot. She is Diocesan Adviser in Women's Ministry, and was elected to General Synod in 2013.

Karen will be collated and installed as Archdeacon of Norwich and also Warden of Readers at 3.30pm on Sunday 13 November in Norwich Cathedral.

Karen said: "I will be sad to leave the people in my current benefice and in the Diocese of Guildford, but am very much looking forward to working with new colleagues and parishes in Norwich and taking forward the renewed mission strategy."

Bishop Andrew said: "Karen has contributed hugely to the life of the diocese over the past ten years, both through the excellence of her parish work, as a member of General Synod and in her wider contribution, notably as Adviser on Women's Ministry. Her warmth, wisdom, spiritual depth and unflappability will be greatly missed, and I have no doubt that she will make an outstanding Archdeacon of Norwich".

The Rt Revd Graham James, Bishop of Norwich, said: "Karen has a rich experience of parish and diocesan ministry, as well as her legal training and practice, to bring to the role. She has won the hearts of the people of her present benefice by her strategic leadership and pastoral imagination. I am confident she will soon come to love this diocese and its people and be greatly appreciated for the gifts she will bring."

**MEANWHILE WE WILL BE WELCOMING THE NEW VICAR OF ROWLEDGE AND THE NEW RECTOR OF FARNHAM** -

The **Revd Russ Gant** will be installed at St James Church, Rowledge, on Thursday 4 August and the **Revd David Uffindell** will be installed at St Andrew's Church, Farnham, on Thursday 29 September at 7:30 p.m.

**HAVE YOU PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY?** – Churches Together in Farnham's 2016 AGM will be on **Wednesday 12 October at Farnham Pentecostal Church.**

**DIARY** - Some special events in the next few weeks. Go to the CTF website via link below for more details of these and other church events, including posters to download for your noticeboard.

**Saturday 9 July – 1pm till late - Tilford Green – Tilford Annual Village Fete – 'Life is a Carnival' –** dress up and take part in opening ceremony with parade led by Surrey Dance Fitness – programme includes school displays, circus workshop, dog show, family challenge, tug-of-war, duck race, raft race on the river, and in the evening children's disco and games, followed by family picnic and music and dancing till late. Plus Tilford Gardening Club Summer Show opens at 2pm in Tilford Institute.

**Saturday 9 July – 7.30pm – St Mark's Church, Upper Hale - An Evening of Kipling by Jonathan Jones, the Farnham Town Crier –** presenting the story of Rudyard Kipling's life, based on his autobiography and interspersed with dramatic readings of his poetry. It covers his traumatic childhood, his early years in India and the tragic loss of his son in the Great War. The evening is to raise money for the restoration of 'Emily' the pipe organ. Entry free but donations very welcome!

**Tuesday – 12 July - 1.10pm- St Andrew's Church, Farnham - Music While you Munch** - the next in series of free organ concerts. Refreshments available or bring your own sandwiches.

**Thursday 14 July - 7.30pm – St Andrew's Church, Farnham - To Celebrate Bastille Day - Organ Concert of French Classical Music** - including works by Faure, Massenet, Charpentier, and Vierne. French cheese and wine will be served during the interval. Retiring collection - suggested donation £10.

**Tuesday 19 July – 11am – St Joan Centre, Tilford Rd, Farnham - CTF monthly ecumenical Prayer Meeting –** reflective readings, prayer and intercessions – starting with refreshments – all welcome.

**Thursday 21 July– 3pm - Farnham Methodist Church - Farnham ASSIST Silver Service –** with traditional hymns and prayers for over sixties - followed by home-made cakes and tea provided by the church. Contact Farnham ASSIST if transport is needed.

**Friday 29 July - 7.30pm – Alton Abbey - Hymns & Pimm's -** Sing your favourite hymns, accompanied, as in past years, by the voices of St Lawrence's Church, Alton, Church Choir - followed by Pimm's & Nibbles in the Abbey Cloisters. Tickets £5 for the Pimm's after the hymns. For booking and ticket information go to CTF website on link below.

**Please note different venue for next month: Tuesday 16 August – 11am – CTF Ecumenical Prayer Meeting will be a summer special, held at Vine Cottage, 19 Mount Pleasant, Farnham, GU9 7AA** – reflective readings, prayers and intercessions – followed by bring-and-share lunch. All very welcome.

**More about these and other activities on the CTF website at**

**<http://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.**