

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

May 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

The major ecumenical initiative this month is Christian Aid week and I congratulate all the church representatives who have delivered collection packs across the town. But, as the item in the Notices section below indicates, more collectors would be greatly welcomed. Please encourage anyone you can think of to contact Karen!

I look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it at the Christian Aid service at the United Reformed Church, South St, next Sunday at 6.30 pm.

With very best wishes to you all

Andrew Partridge - Secretary, Churches Together in Farnham

NOTICES -

PLEASE SOMEONE RESPOND TO CHRISTIAN AID APPEAL! Sadly there was a nil response to Karen Fewster's plea last month for more volunteers to help with the Christian Aid Week collection. Disasters like the Nepal earthquake underline the desperate need for funds. Could you or someone you know spare an hour? Contact Karen on 07977 561567 or karenfew@gmail.com. Find full details of Christian Aid Week in **DIARY** below.

FARNHAM ASSIST WEEK has just ended but it is not too late to support the splendid work it does to enrich the lives of older people in many different ways. Go to www.farnham-assist.org.uk or follow the link from the CTF website for full details.

LATER START FOR CTF MONTHLY PRAYER MEETINGS – Please note that the starting time of our monthly ecumenical Prayer Meetings has now changed from 10.30 to **11am** - (from May onwards). This month's meeting is on 19th May. These friendly and informal meetings for reflective readings, prayer and intercession are held at St Joan's Centre, Tilford Road, on the third Tuesday of each month. Everyone is welcome – just turn up!

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 5th May – 6pm - 7pm - St Andrew's Church Pavilions - Craft Sale by the Sisters of St Elisabeth Convent, Belarus, with items from their workshops to support their local orphanage and homeless shelter. This will take place in the pavilions inside St Andrew's Church.

Thursday 7th May - Election Day.

Saturday 9th May – 10am – St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church – Christian Aid Plant Sale
– from 10am – see poster for details.

Saturday 9th May – 12 to 2pm - Farnham Methodist – Soup Lunch, cakes and refreshments for Christian Aid Week

Sunday 10th May - 6.30pm - United Reformed Church, South Street - Farnham Service for Christian Aid Week - led by Rev. Howard Sharp, former moderator of United Reformed Church in Merseyside, previous joint ministries in Pontypridd with Baptist church and Winchester with Methodist church, Christian Aid organiser in Pontypridd and long time supporter of Christian Aid.

Tuesday 12th May – 11.30am - St James' Church – Rowledge – Midweek Service for Christian Aid Week – speaker Imogen Hardman, a Christian Aid intern – followed by **Ploughman's lunch at Rowledge Methodist Hall** – joint event - all welcome.

Tuesday 12th May - 1.10pm - St Andrew's Church – Music While You Munch - Enjoy listening to organ music while eating your lunch. There is no charge for these monthly concerts. Donations welcome.

Thursday 14th May - ASCENSION DAY - Special Services at many churches - including a pre-service BBQ at Hale. Go to churches' individual websites for details.

Saturday 16th May 7.30pm - St Andrew's Church - Tilford Bach Society Concert with Pegasus Chamber Choir - Handel's Dixit Dominus and Bach. Full details from www.tilbach.org.uk or call Sue on 01252 613130. Tickets £15 on the door or £13.50 (members £12.50) in advance.

Tuesday 19th May – 11am - St Joan's Centre – CTF monthly Prayer Meeting – reflective readings, prayer and intercessions – coffee and biscuits served at the beginning of the meeting - **new starting time of 11am from this month onwards.**

Thursday 21st May – 3pm – Farnham Methodist Church – Farnham ASSIST Silver Service for older people – followed by tea with home-made cakes.

Sunday 24th May – PENTECOST – go to Churches' individual websites for details of Services – *and see outdoor event below.*

Sunday 24th May – 5pm - Elstead Village Green - Churches Together in Elstead invite everyone to celebrate **PENTECOST PRAISE** – family friendly service lasting about 45 minutes. Bring your own seating. *See poster on website.*

Monday 1st June – 9.30am - St Mark's Church, Upper Hale – Time to be Mindful – monthly free mindfulness sessions

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.