

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

June 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

Our new Town Mayor, Councillor Pat Frost, will mark the start of her term of office with a Civic Service at St Andrew's, Farnham at 3.00 pm on Sunday, 14th June which will be attended by representatives of several town churches and to which everyone is welcome.

I regret that I still have not responded to you all following the request for community prayer made by our now ex-mayor, Jeremy Ricketts, but I will do so over the next couple of months.

Very best wishes to you all for the summer season

Andrew Partridge - Secretary, Churches Together in Farnham

NOTICES -

Calling Lego fans! - St Mark's Church is embarking on a new project and wants volunteers. "There is growing excitement amongst therapists about the benefits of structured LEGO clubs for building social and communication skills amongst children, especially children who struggle in this area. St Marks has decided to give this a go, but volunteer helpers are needed to make the project a success." Go to CTF website for more about this exciting new venture from the Revd Lesley Crawley, Joint Vicar of Badshot Lea and Hale, or contact Jane Voakes, who heads the 'Families Matter Project' in North Farnham – phone: 07827 567 014; email: jane.voakes@cofeguildford.org.uk .

Are there any churches that use the "Membership coordinator" software from Data Developments? One of our member churches is looking for someone who can help them get the best from it. *Please email to this address if you can assist.*

Guildford Diocesan Summer School 2015 'FINDING FREEDOM' will run over a three week period from 6th to 24th July - exploring the themes of freedom and service, with a wide range of different speakers. Sessions are for adults of any age and open to all. Brochure with booking form available from local churches or on line at the diocesan website. Bookings and payment due by 22nd June.

Christian Aid Week - Karen Fewster writes:

'A very big thank you to all those who participated in Christian Aid Week both as organisers and collectors and also to those who actively supported the week through giving and through prayer.

The people of Farnham and the surrounding villages have once again been very generous. The monies is all being collected in and counted. We should have a Farnham total to announce in July.

'God bless you all.'

[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.

Saturday & Sunday 6th & 7th June – 2pm to 6pm - St Mary's Church, Upper Froyle, GU34 4JZ – Display of 18th Century Vestments – coincides with NGS Froyle Gardens Open Weekend.

Saturday & Sunday 6th & 7th June – 12 noon to 5pm - Alton Abbey GU34 4AP – Open Garden & Plant Sale. Lace-making & display of work, 2nd hand books & Palestinian craft sale; admission £3; tea and cake £3; **Organ recital at 3pm.**

Tuesday 9th June - 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.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 12th 13th, & 14th June – All Saints Church, Tilford – Tilford Bach Festival - ending with St Matthew Passion dedicated to the memory of Founder Denys Darlow – full details on TBS website: www.tilbach.org.uk/12-14-june-2015-tilford-bach-festival.

Saturday 13th June – 9.30am to 1.30pm – Farnham United Reformed Church – Summer Fete. Farnham Rock Choir, Farnham Taiko, BBQ, stalls, games and tombola.

Saturday 13th June – 7.30pm – St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church – Vox Chamber Choir. From Byrd to The Beatles – celebrating English Music. Tickets £11 at the door (under 18s free).

Sunday 14th June – 3pm - St Andrew's Church, Farnham – Civic Service to mark the start of the new Town Mayor's term of office - see Andrew's letter above.

Tuesday 16th June – 11am - St Joan's Centre – CTF monthly Prayer Meeting – reflective readings, prayer and intercessions – coffee and biscuits served at the beginning of the meeting - *note new starting time of 11am.*

Thursday – 18th June – 3pm - Farnham Methodist Church - Farnham ASSIST Silver Service for older people – followed by tea with home-made cakes. For more detail, or if you need transport, call Farnham ASSIST 01252 717710.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 19th, 20th & 21st June – St Martin's Church, Lower Bourne – Flower Festival – 'In His Footsteps' – the Life of Our Lord in flowers. Church open Fri: 2 to 6pm; Sat: 10am to 6pm; Sun: 12 to 6pm. **Saturday 20th June - 7.30pm - Festival Concert with Anemos Wind Quartet** – tickets £10 (including wine) phone 711658. In aid of church funds and Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.

Tuesday to Sunday 23rd - 28th June – 10am to 4pm - Wintershall, Bramley, Surrey GU5 0LR - 'The Life of Christ' – famed open air re-enactment of the Gospel story – visit www.wintershall-estate.com for full details and booking information.

Wednesday 24th June – 7.30pm – St Andrew's Church, Farnham – Summer Gala Concert by Voices Together Community Choir. Music from opera to stage and screen, with operatic singer Nicola Wydenbach, who has performed with The English National Opera and throughout Britain and Europe. The concert is free of charge with retiring collection in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.

Sunday 28 June - 11am – Parish of Wrecclesham - to celebrate St Peter's Day - an all age service in a marquee on the Recreation Ground, where the village fete will take place in the afternoon.

Monday 6th July – 9.30am - St Mark's Church, Upper Hale – Time to be Mindful – monthly free mindfulness sessions. The sessions are led by Suzette Jones, the Diocesan Health and Wellbeing Advisor.

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