

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

August 2015 E-News

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Dear Church Leaders, CTF Representatives, Associates and other Friends

In this short letter I would like to thank everyone who has borne the parish and Rector of St Andrew's in their prayers over the last eighteen months. I have been very grateful for the fellowship of the monthly ecumenical prayer meetings over that period, and I would like in particular to thank Conrad Hicks and the Methodist Church, and Michael Hopkins and the United Reformed Church, for all their help and support. I would ask that you continue to remember us in your prayers as we strive to cope with the aftermath of last month's developments.

With very best wishes to you all

Andrew Partridge - Secretary, Churches Together in Farnham

NOTICES -

CHURCH STATEMENT RE THE REVD SIMON REYNOLDS. A bulletin issued by the Diocese of Guildford states: "We are pleased that the judicial process has now been concluded and that the parishes involved can move on. This has been a saddening and difficult trial, and we continue to hold Simon and all those affected in our prayers." The full statement can be read on the Diocesan website.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE IN 2016. Canon Karen Hutchinson, Vicar of The Bourne and Tilford, will be leading another pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 26th October to 3rd November 2016. For information, brochures and booking forms email revkarenhutchinson@gmail.com or phone The Bourne Parish Office.

FARNHAM'S CHRISTIAN AID WEEK SUCCESS. Chair Karen Fewster warmly thanks all concerned for the exceptionally generous response to this year's Christian Aid Week Appeal. She writes:

Christian Aid Week 2015 has been fantastic for Farnham Christian Aid - we collected just over £22,800 which is £2000 more than last year. This is amazing as many people had already given to Christian Aid Nepal appeal only weeks before. Thank you so much to everyone.

A VICTORIAN VICAR'S STORY. 'Old Julius' is an account of the life and achievements of the Revd Henry Richard Julius (1816 - 1891) during his 40 years as Vicar of St Peter's, Wrecclesham. This new book by John Birch and Roy Waight is published by Farnham and District Museum Society.

SUPPORT FOR ABUSED. A Telephone Helpline Volunteers Training Course for RASASC - Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre (Guildford) will be starting on Sunday 18th October. Interviews of potential volunteers will take place on 20th & 27th September & 11th October. Numbers are limited – female only. The Helpline offers listening and support for women and men who have experienced childhood or adult rape and/or sexual abuse. For more details go to www.rasasc-guildford.org or email Vivien Sale: vivien@rasasc-guildford.org .

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.

Monday 3rd August – 9.30am - St Mark's Church, Upper Hale – Time to be Mindful – monthly free mindfulness sessions (on first Monday) - led by Suzette Jones, the Diocesan Health and Wellbeing Advisor.

Tuesday 11th August - 1.10 - 1.45 pm, St Andrew's Church, Farnham - Music while you Munch. Organ recital in the lunch hour; soup and rolls available or bring your own lunch. Entrance free; retiring collection.

Tuesday – 18th August - 11am – St Joan's Centre, Tilford Road, Farnham – CTF monthly Prayer Meeting. Reflective readings, prayers and intercessions. Refreshments on arrival. All welcome – just come along!

Thursday 20th August - 3pm - Farnham Methodist Church - Farnham ASSIST'S Silver Service for older people - followed by home-made tea and cake.

Thursday 3rd September – Winchester University – 10am to 4pm – SEEFF (South East England Faith Forum) Day Conference on Faith and Education. Keynote speaker Alan Brine (former RE lead OFSTED). Multi-faith panel and workshops. Contact elizabeth.jenkerson@btopenworld.com.

Monday 7th September – 9.30am - St Mark's Church, Upper Hale – Time to be Mindful – monthly free mindfulness sessions (on first Monday) - led by Suzette Jones, the Diocesan Health and Wellbeing Advisor.

Tuesday 8th September – 7 for 7.30pm St Thomas-on-The Bourne Centenary Room – Demonstration of Flower Arranging by Fred Wilkinson – Director of Constance Spry & decorator for Royalty and Embassies world-wide. Cake stall and raffle. Tickets £10 (from Parish Office or St Thomas flower ladies) include tea or coffee on arrival.

Thursday 10th to Sunday 13th September – Farnham Heritage Weekend. Extensive programme of free open days, visits, tours and walks to view historic buildings. Included (among many more) are Farnham United Reformed Church, St Andrew's Church, St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church and Waverley Abbey House. Brochure and full details available on line.

Saturday 12th September – Ride and Stride for a Churches. Visit as many churches as you can to raise sponsorship money for the church of your choice and the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust. Full details on Surrey Ride and Stride website - pick up a sponsor form from church.

Saturday 12th September - 12noon to 4pm - Farnham Parish Church – St Andrew's Parish Fayre. Many attractions, stalls, music, and the opportunity for your teddy to parachute from the church tower.

Sunday 20th September – 2.45pm for 3pm start - Abbots Wood Car Park, Alice Holt – St Peter's Church Fund-Raising Challenge. Walk, toddle, scoot, cycle, run, skip or jog around the forest for an hour. Picnic tea afterwards. This is in aid of St Peter's, Wrecclesham, Restoration and Development Project. Pick up a sponsor form in church or go to parish website for more details.

Thursday 24th September - 8pm, St Andrew's church - Lecture on Faith and Science. The first of two lectures by Andrew Partridge (Lay Minister at St Andrew's and former physics tutor at Farnborough Sixth-Form College) on the relationship between faith and science. The first will be based on Genesis Chapter 1 - Creation; the second on Genesis Chapters 2 and 3 - Adam and Eve.

Saturday 3rd October – 7.30pm - St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Godalming – The Boyan Ensemble of Kiev in a programme of sacred chants and songs of the Ukraine. Well known in the Farnham area from previous tours, this is the opportunity to hear the ensemble perform this year.

Tickets £18 – students and children £10 – from Michael Clarkson Webb 01252 702315 or from Record Corner, Godalming.

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.