

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

October 2015 E-News

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Dear Church Leaders, CTF Representatives, Associates and other Friends

First of all - congratulations to Jane Walker (see announcement below) on this new development in her ministry! We wish her and the parish of Frensham all the very best for the future. Secondly, a reminder that the Annual Meeting of Churches Together in Farnham is on 13th of this month (details below). It would be very good to have representatives from as many churches as possible at the meeting, to hear about Christian work in the town and to consider the way ahead for Churches Together.

Very best wishes to you all

Andrew Partridge - Secretary, Churches Together in Farnham

NOTICES -

A NEW ERA DAWNS FOR FRENHAM PARISH & THE REVD JANE. The Parish has regained its independence following a unanimous vote of the Parochial Church Council in May. This took effect on 25th September upon the retirement of the Revd Clive Richardson as Vicar of the United Benefice of Rowledge and Frensham. The Revd Jane Walker who was formerly Frensham's house-for-duty priest now becomes Vicar of the Parish of Frensham. A Service to install the Revd Jane as Vicar is being arranged. May this new way forward be enriched with many blessings!

ST PETER'S 'MOVING ONWARD TOGETHER' PROJECT GETS UNDERWAY. Prayers are asked too for the Parish of Wrecclesham as work on this important project for the improvement of St Peter's is poised to begin this autumn. Read Canon Dr Anne Gell's letter about the project 'an inspiring vision' on the parish website: cofewrecclesham.org.uk .

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.

Thursday 1st October - 3pm - Farnham United Reformed Church - Farnham ASSIST celebrates the International Day of the Older Person with a Songs of Praise Service - followed by afternoon tea. Dr Terry Boyle will be the speaker and the Town Mayor Cllr Pat Frost will be there.

Thursday 1st October – 7.30pm – Church on the Heath, Fleet – 'Baked Alaska' – a new and entertaining look at climate change by the Riding Lights Drama Company. Go CTF website for more details.

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.

Sunday 4th October – 3pm – St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church – Performance by Osiligi Troupe of Maasai Warriors. Tickets £10 adults; £5 children under 12. Go to the Bourne Parish Website for full details.

Tuesday 6th October – 1.10pm - Farnham United Reformed Church - Music at Lunchtime - River City Saxes with a programme of arrangements of classical music through to swing and blues.

Thursday 8th October – 8pm – St Andrew's Church, Farnham – Second lecture on Faith and Science 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 second lecture relates to Genesis chapters 2 and 3 – Consciousness and Original Sin.

Saturday 10th October – 7.30pm – St Andrew's Church, Farnham – Friends of St Andrew's Concert - featuring Farnham Brass Band and Voices Together Community Choir. Tickets £10 for adults, under 16s free.

Sunday 11th October - 10 till 11am - St Mark's Church, Upper Hale – Celebrating the first fruits of the Community Orchard at first Apple Day. The eleven trees in the orchard were each adopted by different community groups in Hale and have all thrived since they were planted in December.

Tuesday 13th October – 1.10 to 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 13th October – 7.45pm – Farnham Pentecostal Church, Red Lion Lane - Churches Together in Farnham AGM. Refreshments served from 7.15pm. Come and find out what CTF and our associate organisations are doing. ALL WELCOME!

Friday 16th October – 7pm – Alton Abbey – Friends of Alton Abbey 13th Annual Lecture - 'Perspectives from Palestine' - to be given by Tim and Mayonne Coldicott, from Frensham. Tickets £25 to include supper with wine in the Refectory after the Lecture. Find more details via link on CTF website 'Notices' page. For more information phone; 01420 562126 or email: friendsofaltonabbey@gmail.com.

Saturday 17th October - 6.45 for 7pm start - Weydon Christian Centre, Upper Way, GU9 8RL - Farnham ASSIST Quiz Evening. Tables of 6 or 8. Jacket potato, fillings and salads; raffle. Please bring your own glass and drink. Tickets £10 available from Farnham ASSIST 01252 717710.

Saturday 24th October - 9am till 9pm - St Mary's Church, Frensham - Music Marathon - music from choirs, groups, soloists and schools; **at 7.30pm 'Hymns & Pimms'** - refreshments, stalls, tombola. Entrance £5 (come and go all day). In aid of St Mary's Tower Fund.

Friday 30th October – Alton Abbey – 7.30pm - 'The Abbey's Got Talent (allegedly)'– an evening of fun & frivolity produced by the monks and members of their congregation.' Tickets £15. Follow link on CTF website 'Notices' page for poster with details.

12th November at the Rectory, 25 Upper Hale Road, Hale, GU9 0NX – New Book Group run by the Revd Alan Crawley – looking at books that are 'spiritual but not religious'.

14th November - 7.30pm - St Mark's Church, Upper Hale - Musical Evening to help save 'Emily' the organ – with organ recital by Stephen Lacey, resident organist and director of music at St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, a choral repertoire by the Sedici Choir with musical director Valerie Hoppe, and a performance from the Sedici recorder consort, plus readings from a varied range of authors by Rosemary Wisbey. Refreshments will be available during the interval.

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.

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