

# CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

## November 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](mailto:web@ct-farnham.org.uk)*

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

There is a wealth of activities listed below for the run-up to Christmas, ably compiled by Mary Clarke, to whom I am very grateful.

One early item to which I would like to draw your attention is a prayer vigil for refugees from Syria, to be organised by Laura Mead of Christian Aid in St Andrew's on 28th November. I hope to send out a poster for this shortly. The idea arose at the Churches Together AGM in October.

And a post-Christmas item: I am most grateful to Father Niven for offering to host the Christian Unity service next year at St Joan's, as reported in the notices below.

With very best wishes to you all

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

## NOTICES -

**UNITED SERVICE FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY.** We are delighted to announce that the 2016 Service will be held at St Joan of Arc's Church by kind invitation of the Revd Fr Niven Richardson on Sunday 24th January. Please put the date in your diary and encourage everyone in your congregation to attend. There will also be daily ecumenical prayer meetings throughout Unity Week - 18th to 25th January. The 2016 theme is 'Salt of the Earth' and stems from the Christian churches of Latvia. More details in December E-News.

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, FARNHAM.** This new event takes place over five days from 2nd until 6th December. Featuring exhibits from more than 60 local charities, groups, individuals and flower clubs – a spectacle not to be missed. See **DIARY** (below) for more details.

**CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH FOR THOSE WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BE ON THEIR OWN.**

**Volunteers:** If you are able to help please contact: Jo Rendall on 01252 737162/ [joanna.rendall@btclick.com](mailto:joanna.rendall@btclick.com) as soon as possible and before Friday 11th December. **To book a place,** please ring: Michael McDonnell 01252 712600 or Margaret Skinner 01252 329976 before Friday 11th December.

**DIARY** - Some special events in the next few weeks. Go to the CTF website [www.churchestogether.org/farnham](http://www.churchestogether.org/farnham) for more details of these and other church events, including posters to download for your noticeboard.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November – 9.30am till 3pm – Farnham Methodist Church – Charity Market.** Cakes, preserves, bric-a-brac, books, toys & more. Coffee, tea & light lunches.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November – 7.30pm -St Andrew's Church, Farnham – Charity Concert for Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice** – featuring Alder Valley Brass from Aldershot with Ashstead Singers and Organist Andrew Storey. Tickets £10 available at the door or in advance from Alder Valley Brass - call 01420 487534 for more information.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Day** – Services of commemoration at many churches and war memorials.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November – 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.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November – 1.30pm - Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice – Bridge Tea** - £40 per table including afternoon tea. Phone 07717887487 or email helengould@hotmail.co.uk for details.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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'.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November - 7.30pm - St Mark's Church, Upper Hale - Musical Evening to help save 'Emily' the pipe 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.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November – 7.30pm – St Thomas-on-The Bourne – Farnham and Bourne Choral Society Remembrance Concert** – Rossini – Petite Messe Solennelle.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November – 11am - St Joan's Centre, Tilford Rd, Farnham - CTF Ecumenical Prayer Meeting** - – Hot drinks and biscuits on arrival followed by reflective readings, prayers and intercessions. ALL WELCOME – just come along!

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November – 3pm - Farnham Methodist Church – Farnham ASSIST Silver Service for older people** – with traditional hymns. Followed by tea and home-made cakes.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November – 10am – 4pm – Guildford Cathedral Winter Fair.** In heated marquee. Gifts of all kinds, decorations, festive fare, featuring more than 50 exhibitors. Special bus service. See CTF website for full details.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November – 11am to 5pm - Aldridge Theatre at Frensham Heights School – Christmas Fair for Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.** Over 40 quality stalls selling new gifts of many kinds. £3 entry.

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November – 10.45am till 1.30pm - St Joan's Centre, Tilford Rd, Farnham – St Joan-of-Arc's Christmas Bazaar.**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November - 3pm - St Andrew's Church, Farnham - Prayer Vigil for Syrian Refugees organised by Christian Aid.**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Farnham United Reformed Church - Christmas Fayre.**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November – 6.30pm – Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice – Light up a Life** – outdoor service of thanksgiving and remembrance with lighting of the Christmas Tree. Free admission. Mulled wine and mince pies at South Farnham School afterwards. Make your own dedication to 'light up a life' on the tree with a small donation (see hospice website).

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December - 1.10pm - Farnham United Reformed Church - Music at Lunchtime** – Michelle So *cello*, accompanied by Miwako Miki.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> till Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December - 9.30am till 7pm; Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30am till 5pm;- & Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December – 12pm till 5pm - St Andrew's Church, Farnham – Christmas Tree Festival** – exciting display by more than than 60 exhibitors – traditional and modern designs, trees small and big, in many colours - music throughout the day and refreshments available – entrance free.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December – St Thomas-on The Bourne Church – 10am till 12.30pm – Christmas Market for Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.** £3 entrance includes refreshments.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December – 7.30pm – St Mark 's Church, Upper Hale - Farnham Town Crier Jonathan Jones' dramatised reading of Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'**. Admission free with retiring collection for 'Emily' the pipe organ fund.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December – 3pm - St Joan of Arc Church – Vivaldi Singers Celebrate the Glory of Christmas** – a feast of traditional and contemporary Christmas music. Tickets available from Vivaldi Singers website or on the door: adults £10; under 16s £5; under 5s free.

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December – 7.30pm – Alton Abbey – Concert of Advent Music by the Rose Belles.** Tickets £15 from Friends of Alton Abbey, Abbey Rd, Alton, GU34 4AP, enclosing SAE & phone number or email address. Phone 01420 562126 or email [friendsofaltonabbey@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofaltonabbey@gmail.com) for more details.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December – 3pm and 6.30pm – All Saints Church, Tilford - Tilford Bach Society Carol Concerts.**

**Saturday 12th December - Farnham Christian Aid will be collecting outside URC in South Street from 10am to 5pm and singing carols from 2pm to 3.30pm.** If you would like to sing or rattle a bucket for Christian Aid - please contact Karen Fewster on 01252 795169.

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