

# CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

## April 2016 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**

Again we were blessed with a lovely day for our Good Friday Walk of Witness through the centre of Farnham (sadly not, though, for the Easter celebration in Gostrey meadow). John Goodman of Farnham Christian Community Trust, who helps Mary Clarke with the Churches Together website, has done a superb job of capturing the spirit of the day on the website - it really is worth a look. Here is the link - <http://together.ourchurchweb.org.uk/farnham/news/news16ww/> . Whilst you are at it, have a browse of the site - and do let me or Mary have any comments or suggestions.

Very best wishes to you all

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

### **NOTICES -**

**CHRISTIANS BEAR WITNESS ON GOOD FRIDAY** – Follow this link for full story and picture sequence: <http://together.ourchurchweb.org.uk/farnham/news/news16ww/>

**CHANGE OF NAME** – *Elder Bob Skinner writes:* 'From Sunday 3 April Weybourne Baptist Church will be renamed "Weybourne Community Church". We meet on Sundays at 10.30am in the Meeting Room at William Cobbett Primary School (Junior site), Weybourne Road, Farnham.'

**YEAR OF MERCY SPECIAL SPEAKERS** – In response to the Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis, the Parish of St Joan of Arc is hosting four inspirational talks upon different aspects of God's mercy, to be held at St Joan's Parish Centre, beginning on 6 April. Popular speaker David Payne will bring a varied approach to "Experiencing the joy and peace of God's Mercy"; Deacon John Edwards from Holy Family Church in Heath End will talk about the Church's healing ministry and show how we can all participate in this; conference speaker and author John Vaughan-Neil will share his insights into how we can respond to the call to evangelise; and Bishop Richard Moth will show how we can experience God's mercy through Lectio Divina – silent prayerful reflection on the Word of God in Scripture. These are stand-alone sessions. You are welcome to attend as many as you can. There is no charge, though collections will be taken. See dates in **DIARY** (below). Contact Alastair Emblem on 01252 714809 for further information.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY SOME DIFFERENT METHODS OF PRAYER?** From the end of April, St Mark's Church, Upper Hale, is hosting a five week course on prayer. Each week a specialist practitioner will talk about a particular form of prayer and then help people to try it out. Guest speakers include Linda Scrivener, an Ignatian trained spiritual director who has led quiet days and individual guided retreats, based at St Columba's house; Diane Rutter, a Companion in the dispersed Christian Community, Contemplative Fire; and Jan McGrory, a member and Oblate of the World Community of Christian Meditation. See dates and topics in **DIARY** (below). Contact the Revd Alan Crawley on 820537 to find out more.

**PHYLLIS TUCKWELL HOSPICE IS LOOKING FOR STRONG VOLUNTEERS** – They are wanted to help at its Farnham Donation Centre which sells furniture such as sofas, wardrobes, bookcases and tables. They need to be fit and strong as there is a lot of lifting and carrying to be done, when donated items are sorted and prepared for sale.

**GARDENERS ALL!** - Please note the date for the popular annual Christian Aid Plant Sale at St Thomas-on-The Bourne is Saturday 14 May – more details in **DIARY** (below).

**IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!** – Churches Together in Farnham's 2016 AGM will be on **Wednesday 12 October at Farnham Pentecostal Church.**

**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.

**Wednesday 6 April – 8pm to 9.30pm – St Joan's Centre, Tilford Road - “Experiencing the joy and peace of God's mercy”** - David Payne. See **NOTICES** (above).

**Tuesday 12 April - 1.10pm- St Andrew's Church - Music While you Munch** - the next in series of free organ concerts. Refreshments available or bring your own sandwiches.

**Saturday 16 April – 7.30pm – St Andrew's Church, Farnham – Tilford Bach Society present: Guildhall Ensemble and Ensemble Tocando Baroque evening** – go to TBS website for more details.

**Tuesday 19 April – 11am – St Joan's Centre, Tilford Road, Farnham – Churches Together in Farnham monthly Ecumenical Prayer Meeting** – reflective readings, prayers and intercessions – following refreshments. Everybody welcome – just come along!

**Wednesday 20 April – 8pm to 9.30pm – St Joan's Centre, Tilford Road - “Experiencing God's mercy through healing”** - Deacon John Edwards.

**Thursday 21 April – 3pm - Farnham Methodist Church - Farnham ASSIST Silver Service** – with traditional hymns and prayers for over sixties - followed by home-made cakes and tea provided by the church. Contact Farnham ASSIST if transport is needed.

**Tuesday 26 April – St Mark's Church – Upper Hale – 7.30pm – Start of five week course on different forms of prayer. 1) Introduction and the Daily Office.** See **NOTICES** (above).

**Wednesday 27 April – 8pm to 9.30pm – St Joan's Centre, Tilford Road - “Announcing God's mercy”** - John Vaughan-Neil.

**Tuesday 3 May St Mark's Church, Upper Hale – Prayer series 2) Ignatian Meditation.**

**Thursday 5 May – St Joan's Centre, Tilford Road - “Experiencing God's mercy through Lectio Divina”** - Bishop Richard Moth.

**Saturday 7 May – 2pm – Alton Abbey – Car Boot Sale** – teas with cake £3. Cars £7 each if booked in advance or £12 on the day. Contact [friendsofaltonabbey@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofaltonabbey@gmail.com) for more information.

**Tuesday 10 May – St Mark's Church, Upper Hale – Prayer series: 3) Body Prayer.**

**Saturday 14 May – 10am to 12.30pm – St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church, Frensham Road – Christian Aid Plant Sale** – plants galore, coffee & cake, raffles – free entry

**Tuesday 17 May – St Mark's Church, Upper Hale – Prayer series 4) Christian Meditation.**

**Tuesday 24 May – St Mark's Church, Upper Hale – Prayer series 5) Jounalling.**

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