

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

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Dear Church Leaders, CTF Representatives, Associates and other Friends

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity served to delight and remind me again of all the lovely Christian people in the town, and the churches of which they are part, being salt and light within our community - keeping it from decaying and being plunged into gloom. It's good to look above our immediate institutional parapets - David Ashby in his address at the Unity Service suggested we should do so more often.

And the next opportunity is upon us - the Farnham Christian Community Trust's 'Love in Action' event at the Maltings on Sunday 12th (details below). Much to my sadness I will not be able to attend, but on the basis of the truly uplifting event last July, I really do recommend it as an opportunity again to be enthused and delighted at the 'salt and light' work going on - and to hear of new initiatives too. Do try it and see!

With very best wishes

Andrew Partridge - Secretary, Churches Together in Farnham

NOTICES

FARNHAM HELP FOR REFUGEES COLLECTION – This will be taking place on Thursday 16 February at Hale Scout Hut, Wings Rd, Farnham, GU9 0HJ from 2.00-7.00pm. Items needed are: Clean sleeping bags and blankets, winter coats and jumpers for adults and children, hats, scarves, gloves, new socks & underwear, toiletries, sanitary towels and nappies. Also money for Easter eggs for refugee families in the UK. For further info speak to Angela Tuck (01252 716119) or Louisa Zouita (07985 413018).

CALLING LOCAL ARTISTS! - Anyone living in or in any way associated with the parishes of Tilford and The Bourne is invited to submit pictures by 18 March for an Art Exhibition to celebrate the **150th Anniversary of All Saints Church, Tilford**. The exhibition will be on view in the church on Saturday and Sunday 1 and 2 April and Saturday and Sunday 8 and 9 April - open to everybody at no charge – donations invited.

Pictures can be of any size or shape and of any subject, but should be framed. There will be an entry fee of £1 per picture for adults or 50p for the children's section. Entry forms will be available soon at All Saints Church, Tilford, and St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church – or email susansmall24@gmail.com for an online version. *Please submit pictures by 18 March.*

The Art exhibition is the first in a series of special events to mark the 150th anniversary of the consecration of All Saints Church on **10 July, 1867**. Next will be an **Organ Recital by Stephen Lacey on 6 May** (see [DIARY](#) below for details), followed by a **Flower Festival on 3 and 4 June**. An illustrated leaflet with the full programme of anniversary events can be picked up at All Saints Church, St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church and other outlets, or by email from Sue Small (address above).

MIDDAY MUSIC FOR CHRISTIAN AID AT ST THOMAS' AND VISITING PREACHERS AT ST MARK'S, BOTH WITH LUNCHESES TO FOLLOW, DURING LENT – The ever popular **Lent Midday Music series at St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church** will be starting on **Wednesday 8 March** and continuing on Tuesdays 14, 21, 28 March and 4 & 11 April. The recitals are followed by soup, bread and cheese lunches in the church rooms - donations for Christian Aid.

At St Mark's Church, Upper Hale, the Fridays in Lent series of Midday Services begins on 3 March. There will be visiting preachers of various denominations, and soup lunches will follow. See more details in [DIARY](#) below. Most churches are planning special activities, including worship, study and other events for Lent. See their individual websites (find links to these on CTF website) for full details

FARNHAM ASSIST'S WILL WEEK – From 27 to 31 March Farnham ASSIST will be holding a Will Week in conjunction with Kidd Rapinet - this is for over 60s only with a 50 percent donation to Farnham ASSIST.

READ ALL ABOUT IT! - An illustrated account of Churches Together in Farnham's much appreciated Christmas Day Lunch for people who would otherwise be on their own and a report of our well-supported Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are now on the CTF website, together with much more news and information. Please have a look.

DIARY [Some special events in the next few weeks. Go to the CTF website via link below for more details of these and other church events, including posters to download for your noticeboard.](#)

Friday 10 February - 8pm - The Cobbett Room at St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church - Farnham RNLI presents 'An Evening with the Mary Rose' – Trevor Sapey of the Mary Rose Trust will speak about this amazing recovery project and the preservation techniques involved. There will be replica artefacts to handle. Tickets £8 each include tea and coffee refreshments. All proceeds to the RNLI. Email rnli.farnham@btinternet.com for tickets.

Sunday 12 February - 4 – 5.30pm - Farnham Maltings - Love in Action Prayer Event. Last summer over 300 people from 12 churches gathered to pray for some of the exciting collaborative inter-church projects in our town, such as Foodbank, Farnham Schools Work, Farnham Parenting and ASSIST. The overwhelming response was 'We need to do it again!' - so here it is. To book your free place, go to www.fcct.support/register or call 01252 444343.

Tuesday 14 February 1.10 – St Andrew's Church - Music While You Munch - Organ recital by Will Nisbett - Organist, St Lawrence's, Alton.

Thursday 16th February – 12.30pm – St Thomas-on The Bourne - Eat and Speak Lunch - Brian Kurton 'Tools with a Mission' an amazing story, Tickets £7 available from Yvonne Bryant (713671) and Gail Kyle (714709).

Thursday 16 February – 3pm – Farnham Methodist Church – Farnham ASSIST Silver Service for Over Sixties – followed by home-made cakes and tea. Contact Farnham ASSIST for help with transport.

Tuesday 21 February - 11am - St Joan's Centre, Tilford Road - Churches Together in Farnham's Monthly Prayer Meeting – light refreshments at the start – followed by reflective readings, prayers and intercessions All very welcome.

Friday 24 February - 3.15pm-5pm – St Andrew's Church – Family Fun Children's Party. These parties will take place on the last Friday of each month until June. Details from the Parish Office (Tel 715412).

Ash Wednesday 1 March – marking the start of Lent - with special services at many churches including Ashings. From now until Holy Week many churches will be offering a programme of worship, study and other activities, continuing into Holy Week, Good Friday, with Churches Together's Walk of Witness through Farnham Town Centre, and culminating in the joyful celebration of Easter.

Friday 3 March 10.30 am – Farnham United Reformed Church - Women's World Day of Prayer – all are welcome to a thoughtful service written by women of the Philippines. Refreshments follow.

Friday 3 March – 12 noon – St Mark's Church, Upper Hale – beginning of Fridays in Lent series of midday services with visiting preachers from local churches of various denominations – followed by hot soup lunches. The schedule is: 3 March the Revd Michael Hopkins; 10 March The Revd John Edwards; 17 March Bob Skinner; 24 March the Revd Patrick O'Ferrall; 31 March the Revd John Innes; 7 April the Revd John Evans.

Wednesday 8 March - 10am -St Andrew's Church - Bach to Baby - starting with coffee - the concert begins at 10.30am. Tickets £10 per adult, children and babies free.

Wednesday 8 March – 12 noon – St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church – Midday Music for Lent in aid of Christian Aid – followed by soup, bread and cheese lunches in the church rooms, and then on successive Tuesdays until 11 April.

Saturday 11 March – 8.30am - David Lloyd pitch, Monkton Lane – Five-a-side Football Tournament for over-16s in aid of Farnham ASSIST- £40 per team – contact ASSIST on 01252 717710 to book or download a form from their website, under 'events'.

Friday 24 March – 7.30pm – Vineyard Centre, Union Road – Quiz Evening for Farnham ASSIST – jacket potato with filling and salad will be served – cost £10 per person. Call ASSIST on 01252 717710 to buy tickets.

Saturdays & Sundays 1 & 2 April and 8 & 9 April – All Saints Church, Tilford, - Art Exhibition to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the church's consecration – open to all at no charge (donations invited). Artists with any link to the parishes of Tilford and The Bourne invited to submit their work for hanging by 18 March. Entry fee £1 per picture for adults. Entries for children's section 50p per picture.

Saturday 6 May – 6.30pm - All Saints Church, Tilford – Organ Recital by Stephen Lacey celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the consecration of the church. Tickets £12.50, inclusive of wine and canapés, from The Village Shop or Dorthe Quelch - Dorthe@hotmail.co.uk – tel. 01252 782314. All proceeds for the maintenance and renovation of the church.

Saturday 20 May – 3pm - Wells Cathedral – Installation of Canon Dr Anne Gell as Archdeacon of Wells.

[More about these and other activities on the CTF website at http://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.](http://www.churchestogether.org/farnham/)