

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

March 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

Please note a change to 12th March – climate change discussion – entries below

Dear Church Leaders, CTF Representatives, Associates and other Friends

Do give the list of activities below a scan - there is a wealth of items on offer at all times of day: concerts and recitals, lectures and reports from the West Bank, studies of prayer and climate change discussions, and a professional drama giving a different perspective on the Passion during Holy Week.

One of our major ecumenical events of the year is the Good Friday Walk of Witness, starting from the Hart car park at 12.00 and being organised again this year by Stewart Dakers, to whom we are most grateful. Do encourage as many as possible to attend, to make this a growing statement of faith. And please remember, too, the celebration in Gostrey meadow on Easter Sunday afternoon - 'He is Risen' - let us join together to make a joyful noise unto the Lord on the day of his resurrection.

With very best wishes to you all

Andrew Partridge - Secretary, Churches Together in Farnham

NOTICES -

JOIN CHURCHES TOGETHER GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS - We walk in silence through the streets of Farnham from The top of The Hart to St Andrew's Church. ALL Christians who are able please take part! See more details in **DIARY** below and please display attached poster.

CLIMATE CHANGE EVENT ON 12TH MARCH – *Since this newsletter was published we have been informed that due to unforeseen circumstances the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt, MP, will not be able to attend this meeting, though it is hoped he will meet with those involved at a later date to discuss questions raised. See **DIARY** (below) and church website for full details.*

'THE DEVIL'S PASSION OR EASTER IN HELL' – **at St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church on 23rd March.** An opportunity to see this professional production, written & performed by Justin Butcher and directed by Guy Masterson. See attachment and entry in **DIARY** below.

HYMN BOOKS FREE TO A GOOD HOME! - St George's Church in Badshot Lea has two different hymn books to give away. If you would like one just pop in and collect one – the church is open every day from 10am to 4pm except for school holidays and Sundays. The Revd Lesley Crawley said: "At St George's we realised that it was time to buy some new hymn books. We were using two hymns books and some hymns were in one, some in another and other more modern hymns that we sing were in neither! We can't sell the hymn books because they are out of date, but if anyone would like one they are free to a good home!" When 300 out of date hymn books were given away at St John's, Hale, last year "it was lovely because people left messages thanking us and it was great to think that the books will continue to be used and loved by members of the community."

HELP CHRISTIANS IN JERUSALEM & THE MIDDLE EAST. Farnham-based Anglican charity **JMECA** appeals to local churches to follow the tradition of giving their Good Friday or Easter offering to support Episcopal churches in Jerusalem and the Middle East. Go to JMECA's website for more information.

IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY! – Churches Together in Farnham's 2016 AGM will be on

Wednesday 12th October at Farnham Pentecostal Church.

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.

Friday 4th March – 1.45pm for 2pm - Farnham Baptist Church – A Service to celebrate Women's World Day of Prayer – organised this year by women of Cuba. ALL welcome.

Friday 4th March – 7.15 for 7.30pm – St Mary's Church Hall, Frensham - Eye witness stories from West Bank and Israel – Come and hear first-hand from Ann Davison, recently returned from the South Hebron Hills. Tickets £5. Phone 792609 or email mayonne@coldicott.me.uk

Saturday 5th March – 9.30am to 1.30pm - Farnham United Reformed Church – Spring Fair.

Saturday 5th March - 7.30pm St Peter's School Hall Wrecclesham - Barn Dance. Tickets £12.50 (children £5) now available tel. 714480 or 794957.

Saturday 5th March – 7.30pm - St Thomas-on-The Bourne - 'Songs of Love & Longing' sung by Vox Chamber Choir - some jazzy, some classy, some humorous, some serious - tickets £12 - see Vox Chamber Choir on Facebook.

Monday 7th March 9.30 – 10.30am – St Mark's Church, Upper Hale -Time to be Mindful? Free Mindfulness sessions.

Monday 7th, 14th and 21st March – 8pm - Leverton Hall, Beales Lane, Wrecclesham – Exploring Prayer - St Peter's Lent Group – everyone welcome – come to as many as you wish.

Tuesday 8th March - 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.

Tuesday 8th March – 8pm, with refreshments from 7.40pm – St Andrew's Church, Farnham – second of Lent lecture series - Jesus and the woman caught in adultery: is there no one left to condemn you? - by the Revd Canon Dr Julie Gittoes, Residentiary Canon, Guildford Cathedral.

Tuesdays 8th, 15th and 22nd March – 12 noon – St Thomas-on-The Bourne - Midday Music for Lent - recitals followed by soup and cheese lunches – donations for Christian Aid.

Wednesdays 9th and 16th March – 8pm - St Thomas-on-The Bourne – Stations of the Cross – quiet reflective service, denoting the stops along the journey of Christ.

Friday 11th March – 7 for 7.30pm - St Andrew's Church – Friends of St Andrew's Annual Quiz Night. Tickets £10, to include hot supper.

Saturday 12th March – 9.30am to 1 pm - St George's Church, Badshot Lea, GU9 9LD – Climate Change discussion . Everyone in the South West Surrey Constituency is invited. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt, MP, will be unable to attend but it is hoped he will meet with those involved later to discuss questions raised. The Revd Lesley Crawley, Joint Rector of the parish, who is also the Diocesan Environmental Advisor, is organising the event.

Saturday 12th March – 7.30pm – Alton Abbey - Special Concert of opera favourites and cabaret surprises, given by soprano Patricia Casement and pianist Martin Dack. Tickets £15, to include wine and light refreshments; available from "Tickets", Friends of Alton Abbey, Alton Abbey, Abbey Road, Alton, GU34 4AP Cheques should be made payable to "Friends of Alton Abbey". Please include a SAE, and a telephone number, or an email address. For more information - email: friendsofaltonabbey@gmail.com or phone 01420 562126 or 01428 712938.

Tuesday 15th March – 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!

Tuesday 15th March – 8pm, with refreshments from 7.40pm – St Andrew's Church, Farnham – last of Lent lecture series - Martha and Mary: whose is the better part? - by the Revd Mark Heather, Chaplain to the Bishop of Guildford.

Thursday 17th March– 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.

Holy Week and Eastertide - Go to individual church websites for details of special services and ceremonies throughout this period.

Wednesday 23rd March - 7.30pm - St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church – 'The Devil's Passion or Easter in Hell.' 'By turns comic, gripping, poetic, pungent and heart-stirring, *The Devil's Passion* offers a radically fresh perspective on the timeless narrative by renowned satirist, playwright and actor Justin Butcher, an audacious hells-eye view of the Passion of Christ from a master storyteller.' Tickets: £15/£10. See attached notice for full details or go to St Thomas' website.

GOOD FRIDAY 25th March – 11.45pm for 12 midday start - Churches Together in Farnham Walk of Witness – Assemble at the top of The Hart for silent procession through the town to St Andrew's Church.

EASTER SUNDAY 27th March – afternoon event in Gostrey Meadow (weather permitting) - 'He is Risen' – a celebration of the Resurrection in words and music. Arranged by Farnham Pentecostal Church with support from other churches.

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