

CHURCHES TOGETHER

IN FARNHAM

May 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

Dear Church Leaders, CTF Representatives, Associates and other Friends

Mary Clarke has done her usual splendid work in assembling details of events and initiatives in our local churches - do check out the list below. To this I would like to note, with great delight, a couple of events coming later in the year: firstly, the installation of Russ Gant (currently curate at St Paul's, Camberley) as Vicar of Rowledge on August 4th; and secondly, the arrival of David Uffindell (currently Vicar of Holy Trinity, Sunningdale) as the new Rector of Farnham sometime in the autumn - the date of his installation is not available at time of going to press. It will be very good to have a full complement of Anglican clergy in the Farnham region again.

With very best wishes for the approaching summer season

Andrew Partridge - Secretary, Churches Together in Farnham

TRIBUTE TO PAULINE CALLARD – Churches Together in Farnham shares in giving thanks to God for the life of Pauline Callard, former Secretary of Farnham Council of Churches / Churches Together in Farnham, and a leading supporter of ecumenism in Farnham and beyond.

Pauline died on 29 March, in Easter week, aged 98, and a Service of Thanksgiving for her life of Christian service was held on 20 April at Farnham Methodist Church. *To read full tribute, click here: <http://together.ourchurchweb.org.uk/farnham/inmem/inmempc/>* or go to CTF website

NOTICES -

JOIN PENTECOST WAVE OF PRAYER– We are all invited to join in 'Thy Kingdom Come', a national wave of prayer in the week leading up to Pentecost. This involves 'dynamic and multi-sensory ways of engaging with the Lord's Prayer'. Local churches taking part include St Thomas-on-The Bourne and St Martin's, Lower Bourne – see prayer times on attached poster - and St John's Church, Hale. St John's is hosting an art installation from 8-15 May based around the Lord's Prayer. All are welcome to visit the church on any day 9am-5pm to see the artwork and pray if they wish. In addition, from 2-4pm on 8, 14 and 15 May there will be scones and teas provided and local musicians will play.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15 – 21 MAY- *Karen Fewster writes:* 'This year Christian Aid Week highlights the plight of the people in Bangladesh. Every year, when the snow melts on the Himalayas, the Brahmaputra River swells and sends water into homes, spoiling crops and ruining families' possessions. Homes can be destroyed, children swept away in rapid water and the land on which poor communities' lives are built, washed away. In Bangladesh, climate change is a present reality, not a future threat. Sea levels are rising and flooding is becoming more and more frequent.' This year the Christian Aid Week United Service will be held at St Mary's Church, Frensham at 6.30pm on Sunday 15 May. All are welcome. There will be door to door envelope collection during the Week plus bucket collections at Farnham Station in the morning rush hour. If you would like to be involved in Christian Aid Week or would like more information on Christian Aid Week please contact Karen Fewster on 01252 795 169. See list of the Week's events in **DIARY** (below)._

GARDENERS PLEASE NOTE - The ever-popular annual Christian Aid Plant Sale at St Thomas-on-The Bourne is on **Saturday 14 May** – more details in **DIARY** (below).

INCREDIBLE EDIBLE GOES AHEAD IN HALE - Incredible Edible is a food growing movement that started in Todmorden in west Yorkshire in 2007. People started growing food that was free for all to take and it transformed their community. A group of residents have decided that we should spread this magic to Hale and so look out for planters and free food! The Revd Lesley Crawley writes: 'There are a number of groups involved in this, Farnham in Bloom, Hale Community Project, The Bungalow, Transition Farnham, Farnham Local Food and St Mark's Church. However, everybody and anybody can get involved. If you want to know more, just contact me.'

FREE MINDFULNESS DAY - St Mark's Church Upper Hale, is offering a free Mindfulness Day on Saturday 11 June, 10:30am - 3pm, run by the Health and Well-being Advisor for the Diocese of Guildford, Suzette Jones, who has much experience in running Mindfulness groups. St Mark's also offer free sessions that are run on the morning of the first Monday of each month. Mindfulness is simply paying attention to our experience in the present moment with an attitude of kindly acceptance. Spaces are limited so please register your interest to: lapislezuli@hotmail.com tel: 01252 314703. Bring a packed lunch, drinks are provided.

STIMULATING SPEAKERS AT 2016 GUILDFORD DIOCESAN SUMMER SCHOOL - Speakers confirmed so far include retired Major General Tim Cross (a licensed lay minister in the diocese); the former Attorney General, the Rt. Hon Dominic Grieve MP (his subject being the way ahead for Britain in the aftermath of the EU referendum); and leading theologian Mike Ovey, Principal of Oak Hill College. Find details on line.

HAVE YOU PUT THIS DATE IN 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 for more details of these and other church events, including posters to download for your noticeboard.

Saturday 7 May – 10am till 4pm – St Mary's Church, Frensham – Jigsaw Festival – Try & Buy. Entrance £2; children free. Refreshments, tombola and bookstall.

Saturday 7th May- 11am till 2pm – The Spire, Farnham United Reformed Church - Souper Soup lunches in aid of Christian Aid

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 for more information.

Tuesday – 10 May - 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 10 May – 7.30pm -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.

Saturday 14th May - Farnham Methodist Church - Coffee morning for Christian Aid Week - cakes and refreshments

Sunday 15 May – THE FEAST OF PENTECOST – celebrating the outpouring of the Holy Spirit – special services at many churches.

Sunday 15th May – 6.30pm – St Mary's Church, Frensham - Farnham Christian Aid Week Service - all welcome.

Tuesday 17 May - 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 17 May – 7.30pm - St Mark's Church, Upper Hale – Prayer series 4) Christian Meditation.

Thursday 19 May – 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 24 May – 7.30pm - St Mark's Church, Upper Hale – Prayer series 5) Journalling.

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.