

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

September 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

We at St Andrew's are looking forward with great delight to the installation of David Uffindell as our new Rector at the end of this month, when he returns from the pilgrimage to the Holy Land which he is about to lead. We are already very much enjoying getting to know him and his wife Kathryn. We have been 'ticking over' at St Andrew's for several years now, and it is exciting to feel that we are at a point of being able to move forward on the path that God has for us.

I feel that Churches Together in Farnham has similarly been 'ticking over' for the past few years - largely thanks to the efforts of dear Mary Clarke. I feel it does have a role and that its collapse would send a rather negative message about the church of God in this town - and that it, too, could do with an injection of new life.

The AGM is coming up - on Wednesday 12th October. In recent times this event has been also on tick over, with modest attendance especially from ordained clergy. Please do bring Churches Together in Farnham to our Lord Jesus in your prayers, asking that he show us the steps that we should take for the future and that he may raise up labourers to serve the unity of his body here in Farnham.

Very best wishes

Andrew Partridge - Secretary, Churches Together in Farnham

NOTICES -

FAREWELL BLESSINGS AND A WARM WELCOME – Our blessings go with Canon Karen Hutchinson, Vicar of The Bourne and Tilford, who is leaving later this month to take up her appointment as Archdeacon of Norwich and Warden of Readers. On 25 September, Karen's final Sunday as Vicar of The Bourne and Tilford, the congregations of both parishes will come together at St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church for a farewell Family Eucharist followed by a harvest festival fun afternoon with bring-and-share lunch, jazz band and a bouncy castle. See **DIARY** below.

Then, in the same week, we look forward to the installation of the Revd David Uffindell as Rector of Farnham at St Andrew's Parish Church, on Thursday 29 September at 7:30pm. See *Andrew's letter above and **DIARY** below.*

PLEASE REMEMBER! – Churches Together in Farnham's 2016 AGM will be on **Wednesday 12 October at Farnham Pentecostal Church**. The business meeting will start at 7.45pm but do come from 7.15pm onwards for light refreshments beforehand. A poster is attached to the email version of this newsletter. Please print and display copies – also encourage people to come along. ALL ARE WELCOME! See *Andrew's letter above and **DIARY** below.*

COULD YOU BE A SUPERHERO? – The hospice writes: "Phyllis Tuckwell is looking for superheroes to join its team of awesome volunteers, who help it to raise millions of pounds every year through retail sales - money which is vital in funding the care which the charity provides for patients and families who

are living with a terminal illness, such as cancer. " All kinds of skills and talents are needed from volunteers with a few hours a week to spare. Find out more on the hospice website.

In addition, the Phyllis Tuckwell thanks everyone who supported its recent Night Nurse Appeal. This has raised almost £34,000 – as a result of which a new nurse has been recruited and has joined the team, enabling the hospice to provide care for more patients in their own homes through the night.

NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEKEND – During the past weekend a wide variety of notable buildings in and around Farnham have been welcoming visitors free of charge. Among several ecclesiastical buildings involved were St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham, newly re-opened after seven months of renovation and development work, St Andrew's Church, Farnham, with its architecturally innovative interior Pavilions, and St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church, with its striking 20th and 21st Century architecture and stained glass windows.

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.

Tuesday – 13 September - 1.10pm - St Andrew's Church, Farnham - Music While you Munch - the next in series of free organ concerts. Refreshments available or bring your own sandwiches.

Thursday 15 September - 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.

Saturday 17 September - 7.30pm - Alton Abbey – 'Not All About Pooh' - Susan Morris and Alfred Bradley present a talk with readings about A. A. Milne. Tickets £15 for the evening, to include wine and finger food in the Cloister Garden, available from: "Tickets", Friends of Alton Abbey, Alton Abbey, Abbey Road, Beech, Alton, GU34 4AP. Cheques should be made payable to "Friends of Alton Abbey". Please include SAE and phone number, plus an email address if possible. For further information - email: friendsofaltonabbey@gmail.com or phone 01420 562126.

Tuesday 20 September – 11am – St Joan's Centre, Tilford Road - Churches Together in Farnham's Monthly Prayer Meeting – reflective readings, prayers and intercessions Refreshments served at the start of the meeting. All very welcome.

Wednesday 21 September – 10.30am – St Andrew's Church – next in Bach to Baby Concert series - come at 10am for coffee - tickets £10 per adult, children and babies free.

Sunday 25 September - 10am - St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church – Canon Karen Hutchinson's last Sunday as Vicar of The Bourne and Tilford – Family Eucharist for the congregations of both parishes, followed by bring and share Lunch - a Harvest Festival celebration with bouncy castle and jazz band. See **NOTICES** above.

Thursday 29 September – 7.30pm – St Andrew's Church – Installation of the Revd David Uffindell as Rector of Farnham – see *Andrew's letter* and **NOTICES** above.

Friday 30 September – 3pm – Farnham United Reformed Church, South Street – Farnham ASSIST'S 'Songs of Praise' – Join this service of celebration for the International Day of the Older Person. Enjoy singing the favourite hymns of some of Farnham's older citizens and stay for a delicious tea afterwards.

Sunday 2 October – 10am till 1pm – Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice – Final Monthly Plant Sale of the Season. Bumper supply of plants, sold on special 2 for 1 offer. All proceeds for hospice care.

Monday 3 October – 9.30am -St Mark's Church, Upper Hale – Mindfulness sessions continue.

Sunday 9 October - 6pm - at St Thomas- on-The Bourne Church – Choir Concert - recently returned from their successful German tour, this is an opportunity to hear some of the pieces the choir performed. Free entrance, with retiring collection in aid of church and choir tour funds.

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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM – light refreshments served from 7.15pm so please come early - **ALL WELCOME**. See *Andrew's letter*, **NOTICES** and attached poster.

Wednesday 19 October – 2pm - Farnham Vineyard Centre, Union Road – Farnham ASSIST 'Down Memory Lane' afternoon – come along for a cream tea, music & singing, sharing stories and looking at artefacts from Farnham Museum - £3 on the door - call 01252 717710 for more information.

Friday 21 October 7pm – Alton Abbey - 14th Annual Lecture 'Modern Christian Pilgrimage' by the Revd Canon John Draper - tickets £25 to include supper with wine in the Refectory after the Lecture – Tickets available from: Friends of Alton Abbey, Alton Abbey, Abbey Road, Alton, GU34 4AP - please include SAE and phone number or email address

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.