

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

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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

Firstly - many congratulations to Anne Gell on her appointment as Archdeacon of Wells!

Secondly - the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and associated Unity Service is now upon us.

Please do consider coming to one of the daily prayer meetings from 10.30 - 11.30. Let us make the week a genuine movement of prayer in Farnham!

With all very best wishes for 2017.

Andrew Partridge - Secretary, Churches Together in Farnham

NOTICES

ANNUAL UNITY SERVICE: - Churches Together in Farnham's United Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18 to 25 January) will take place at Farnham Methodist Church at 6pm on **Sunday 22 January**. *Do please come yourself and encourage everyone at your church to attend – also please include on Sunday service sheets and display attached poster.* The 2017 theme for Unity Week is '**Crossing Barriers**'.

There will also be **daily prayer meetings** at 10.30am throughout the week as follows:

WEDNESDAY 18 TH JAN.	ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, UPPER CHURCH LANE
THURSDAY 19 TH JAN.	ST JOAN'S CENTRE, TILFORD ROAD
FRIDAY 20 TH JAN.	ST JOAN'S CENTRE, TILFORD ROAD
SATURDAY 21 ST JAN.	ST JOAN'S CENTRE, TILFORD ROAD
MONDAY 23 RD JAN.	ST JOAN'S CENTRE, TILFORD ROAD
TUESDAY 24 TH JAN.	ST JOAN'S CENTRE, TILFORD ROAD
WEDNESDAY 25 TH JAN.	FARNHAM PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, RED LION LANE

NEW POST FOR CANON ANNE GELL - The Revd Canon Anne Gell, Vicar of St Peter's Wrecclesham and Area Dean of Farnham, will be the next Archdeacon of Wells and Residentiary Canon of Wells Cathedral. She will take up her appointment after Easter.

The Rt Revd Peter Hancock, the Bishop of Bath and Wells, said: "It is with great joy that I announce Anne's appointment. She is coming to the diocese at an exciting time and will bring warmth and enthusiasm, pastoral skills and prayerfulness to this post."

The Right Reverend Andrew Watson, Bishop of Guildford said: "Anne will be greatly missed here in Guildford, where her warmth, wisdom and pastoral gifts have been hugely appreciated. She will make an outstanding Archdeacon of Wells, and we wish her and Simon God's richest blessing as they move".

Anne said she felt very privileged and deeply humbled by the appointments. "I will, of course, be very sad to leave my current parish and colleagues and friends both there and in the wider Diocese of Guildford. But I'm very much looking forward to moving to Somerset and getting to know the people and parishes of the Wells archdeaconry and the Cathedral community."

CHANGE OF DAY AND VENUE FOR 'LIFE IN THE SPIRIT' WEEKLY PRAYER MEETINGS – *Alastair Emblem writes:* From 25 January we will be meeting at 8pm on WEDNESDAYS in the Wright Room (large meeting room) in St Joan's Centre. The meeting on 25 January will be an ecumenical Praise and Prayer Meeting for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Everyone very welcome.

On the first Wednesday of each month there will be an Evening of Renewal in St Joan's Church 8pm till 9pm. This will either be a Healing Service or Holy Hour. On Wednesday 1 March there will be no meeting (Ash Wednesday Mass).

PLEASE HELP ABUSE SUPPORT CENTRE RECRUIT FOR HELPLINE TRAINING COURSE - RASASC (Rape and Sexual Abuse Survivors Support Centre) in Guildford is offering a training course for female volunteers for its helpline. The closing date for applications is 19 February. It is requested that church offices print and display the attached poster on their notice boards, plus a mention in Sunday news sheets, pointing readers to the flyer.

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 17 January - 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.

Wednesday 18 January till Wednesday 25 January – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Daily Prayer meetings at 10.30am at various churches (see NOTICES above for details) with United Service at 6pm on Sunday 22 January at Farnham Methodist Church – refreshments to follow. - **EVERYONE WELCOME** – poster attached.

Thursday 19 January – 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.

Saturday 21 January - 7 for 7.30pm - The Sands Golf Club, Farnham GU10 1PX - Burns Night Supper in aid of Farnham United Reformed Church's Pilgrim Project. Ceilidh led by Roughditch Folk. £40, including dinner and ceilidh. Visit The Spire Cafe at Farnham URC, contact the church office on 01252 726306, or email office@farnhamurc.org.uk for tickets..

Sunday 22 January – 6pm – Farnham Methodist Church - United Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – followed by refreshments. Everyone welcome!

Wednesday 25 January - 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 25 January – 8pm – St Joan of Arc Church - 'Life in the Spirit' Ecumenical Prayer and Praise Meeting for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Everyone welcome.

Friday 27 January - 3.15pm-5pm – St Andrew's Church - Children's Party. These parties will take place on the last Friday of each month until June. Details from the Parish Office.

Friday 27 January – 7pm till 11pm - St Thomas-on-The Bourne – Burns' Night – welcome drink, Scottish Piper, Ceilidh, supper and raffle. Buy drinks at the bar. Phone 725098 for tickets.

Sunday 5 February - 3.30pm – St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham - Concert with music for oboe and piano played by Sylvia Ellison and Jakob Rothoff. Tickets £10 on the door. Retiring collection in aid of The Simon Trust, a local charity supporting adults with autism. The trust is now working alongside SCC to help them provide a long-term home for some of these disabled people, near their families in Surrey. Their aim is to provide facilities and on-site activities and thus improve the quality of their lives.

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.

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.