

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

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Dear Church Leaders, CTF Representatives, Associates and other Friends

As we pursue our individual Lenten journeys this season, let us see if we can each make a link with another church this Lent by visiting it for one of the numerous events listed below, or by another means.

In conclusion, I look forward to joining you for our Walk of Witness on Good Friday.

With very best wishes to you all.

Andrew Partridge - Secretary, Churches Together in Farnham

NOTICES

CHANGE OF DATE FOR TILFORD ANNIVERSARY ART SHOW - Originally billed for the first two weekends in April, the Art Exhibition in celebration of the 150th birthday of All Saints Church, Tilford, has had to be postponed because the main organiser is undergoing surgery. It will now take place alongside the **Photographic Exhibition on the two weekends 23rd and 24th September and 30th September and 1st October**. This is a unique opportunity for anyone living in or in any way associated with Tilford or The Bourne to display their artistic talents – with plenty of time to put brush to paper or canvas in preparation! Entry forms for both exhibitions will be available shortly in All Saints, Tilford, and St Thomas-on-The Bourne Churches or email susansmall24@gmail.com. Closing date for submissions is **9th September**.

Joyfully launched with a feast of pancakes after morning service on 5th March, the year-long programme of special events to celebrate the anniversary is otherwise unchanged, beginning with an **Organ Recital by Stephen Lacey (organist and choirmaster at St Andrew's) on 6th May** and a **Flower Festival on 3rd and 4th June**. Leaflets with the full programme and entry forms for the Art and Photographic Shows will be available at All Saints and St Thomas' Churches or from susansmall24@gmail.com

OBSERVING LENT - Most churches are currently engaged in special Lenten activities, culminating with Holy Week. There will be worship, study, music and other events to which all are welcome. See churches' individual websites (find handy links to these on CTF website) for full details.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS – On Friday 14th April **all** are invited to join in Churches Together in Farnham's Walk of Witness. The assembly point is at the top of The Hart at 11.45am, where Christians of all denominations gather for prayer before the silent procession, following a cross through the centre of the town, to finish in St Andrew's Churchyard with a short service and singing of a Good Friday hymn. Posters will be available soon.

FARNHAM ASSIST'S WILL WEEK – From 27th to 31st 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.

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.

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. Go to St Thomas' or CTF websites for full programme.

Friday 10 March – 12 noon – St Mark's Church, Upper Hale – Fridays in Lent series of midday services continues with visiting preachers from local churches of various denominations – followed by hot soup lunches - 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.

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'.

Saturday 11 March – 7.30pm – St Thomas-on-The Bourne – Farnham and Bourne Choral Spring Concert - including Vaughan Williams' five mystical songs and Stainer's Crucifixion. £13 for advance tickets on line or £15 on the door.

Tuesday 14 March – St Andrew's Church - Music While You Munch Organ recital by Rob Goldfinch. Enjoy listening to the music while eating your lunch. There is no charge for these concerts. Home-made soup with rolls are normally on offer, in addition to tea or coffee. Donations to a fund for development of music activities at St Andrews welcome

Thursday 16 March – 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 18 March – 7.30pm - St Thomas-on-The Bourne – Farnham-based Vox Chamber Choir presents a concert for spring - "Take Two" - two different composers' takes on one set of text, from ancient to modern. Tickets £12 on the door. Under 18s free.

Tuesday 21 March - 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 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.

Saturday 25 March – 7.30pm - St Mary's Church, Frensham - "A Celebration of Psalms" - the Octavian Singers spring concert in aid of church funds.

Saturday 25 March – 7.30pm – Farnham United Reformed Church – Collection of Spring Songs - directed by Valerie Hoppe, pianist Alan Whiting – special guest: Farnham Music and Drama Saxophone Quartet directed by Ben Capon.

Saturday 1 April – 2pm – Alton Abbey - Easter Concert "At the Foot of The Cross" - a concert of Early Lent Music performed by Vox Lucis capella group - tea and cake served after the concert - tickets £7.50 from "Tickets", Friends of Alton Abbey, Alton Abbey, Abbey Road, ALTON GU34 4AP (cheque & SAE).

Sunday 2 April – 10am - St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham – Canon Dr Anne Gell's last service as Vicar of St Peter's. Her leaving party will be held on the previous evening. A coach is being organised to take members of St Peter's congregation to Wells Cathedral for Anne's Installation as Archdeacon on 20 May.

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 6 May - 7.30 pm – Alton Abbey - "An Evening with Rudyard Kipling" - by Philip Geddes and Friends - the story of Kipling's life with readings from his poetry and prose – wine, soft drinks and light refreshments served - tickets £15 from Friends of Alton Abbey (see above).

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.