

# CHURCHES TOGETHER

## IN FARNHAM

### May 2017 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](mailto:web@ct-farnham.org.uk)*

**Dear Church Leaders, CTF Representatives, Associates and other Friends**

I will be enjoying a long break touring round Scotland by the time you read this, but I wish you all very well for Christian Aid week and the coming of the summer season. I will be back by the beginning of June; in the meantime Mary Clarke and John Goodman are kindly holding the fort and monitoring messages sent to [secretary@ct-farnham.org.uk](mailto:secretary@ct-farnham.org.uk).

Very best wishes

**Andrew Partridge - Secretary, Churches Together in Farnham**

## NOTICES

**FARNHAM'S NEW AREA DEAN** – We welcome the appointment of the Revd Jane Walker, Vicar of Frensham, to the additional role of Area Dean of Farnham. She succeeds Canon Anne Gell, former Vicar of Wrecclesham, who has moved to Somerset to become Archdeacon of Wells. Jane was commissioned at a special service at St Mary's Church, Frensham, on 26 April.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK IS FOCUS OF THE MONTH!** – Now celebrating its diamond jubilee, Christian Aid was formed in the aftermath of the second World War to help displaced persons. Karen Fewster writes: 'The stories of the plight of refugees now, as then, are heart- rending. Sadly, little has changed.'

We are all invited to a special service at **St James' Church, Rowledge on Sunday 14 May at 4pm** to mark the start of Christian Aid Week. The Revd Russell Gant (St James') and the Revd David Ashby (Rowledge Methodist) will lead the service and the Revd David Uffindell (St Andrew's, Farnham) will give the address. The family friendly service will be followed by light refreshments. Those who attend are invited to bring along 'the one thing you might take with you if you had to leave your home right now.'

Find feature with full details of the service and other events of the Week, plus downloadable poster, on the CTF website. Contact Karen if you could help with bucket collections at Farnham Station and in central Farnham: phone 01252 795169 or email [karenfew@gmail.com](mailto:karenfew@gmail.com) . Christian Aid Week events are listed in **DIARY** below.

**OBERAMMAGAU PASSION PLAY - 2020** – The Revd Michael Hopkins would like to hear from anyone interested in joining a group to travel to the Oberammergau Passion Play in 2020. Initial indications of interest (no commitment) are needed now to secure a group booking. The trip will probably be in May or June, 2020 for about seven nights, also visiting lakes and mountains in Austria or southern Germany. The indicative cost of £1,268, includes flights, travel, entries and half board accommodation. £150 deposit upon booking, will be fully refundable until 31 January 2019, at which point travel insurance will be available. Inquiries and expressions of interest to be sent to Michael as soon as possible: Phone 01252 711359 or 0771 640 9350 – or email [michael.hopkins@mansfield.oxon.org](mailto:michael.hopkins@mansfield.oxon.org)

**GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS** – Around 200 Christians of many denominations took part in Churches Together in Farnham's silent Walk of Witness through the central streets of the town. With passers by pausing to watch in quiet contemplation, it was, as ever, a prayerful and inspiring occasion. Thank you to everyone who joined in this powerful act of witness and especially to Stewart Dakers who expertly organises the event year after year. Read Andrew Partridge's account and see pictures on the CTF website (follow link below).

**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 9 May – 1.10pm - St Andrew's Church - Music While You Munch Organ recital by Nick Woods** - 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.

**Saturday 13 May – 10am - St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church – Plant Sale and May Fayre.** Plants galore; Cake Stall; Bottle Tombola; Sweetie Jars; Bouncy Castle; Breakfast; Sugar Cove (scarves, etc). Entry: £1 Lucky Programme. In aid of Parish funds. Poster attached.

**Saturday 13 May – 6.45 for 7.30pm - United Reformed Church – Making Music for Marie Curie –** musical evening featuring ukulele bands 'Pure Fluke' and 'Alresford Ukulele Jam' a capella singing from 'Sound Company' and 'In Accord', jazz from 'Mike and Bill' and FAOS Musical Theatre Group previewing songs from their next production, '9 to 5 The Musical'. Tickets £5 from Farnham Herald Office or phone Jill on 07767 107571, email: jillm.channing@gmail.com.

**Sunday 14 May – 4pm – St James' Church, Rowledge, – Special Thanksgiving Service marking the start of Christian Aid Week,** followed by refreshments - see **NOTICES** (above) for full details.

**15 till 19 May - from 6.30am till 9am - Farnham Station – Christian Aid Week Bucket Collection -** volunteers needed for these collections - see **NOTICES** (above).

**Tuesday 16 May – 11am – St Joan's Centre – Tilford Road – Churches Together Ecumenical Prayer Meeting** – refreshments, followed by meditative readings, prayers and intercessions. All welcome, just come along.

**Wednesday 17 May - from 10am till 12 noon - St Martins by the Green – Christian Aid Coffee Morning.**

**Thursday 18 May - 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 20 May – from 10am till 12 noon - Farnham Methodist Church – Christian Aid Coffee Morning.**

**Saturday 20 May - 7.30pm - St Andrew's Church, Farnham - Tilford Bach Society Concert with Pegasus Choir** - JS Bach Mass in G, Sanctus, & two Cantatas. Tickets £16 on door or £14.50 in advance - details from TBS website.

**Saturday 20 May - 10am till 4.30pm - Central Farnham – Christian Aid Bucket Collection.** Volunteers needed – see **NOTICES**

**Sunday 21 May - 3pm Starting in St Andrew's Church - "Our June's Wedding" - a play in partnership with The Maltings.** Begins in church for the start of a special celebration for the happy couple ... and finishes up at The Maltings for afternoon tea. Tickets £10. Suitable for all. Please do invite family and friends. Tickets from Farnham Maltings.

**Wednesday 24 May - 10am for 10.30am – St Andrew's Church - Bach to Baby music** - starting with coffee - the concert begins at 10.30am. Tickets £10 per adult, children and babies free.

**ASCENSION DAY Thursday 25 May.**

**25 May till 4 June – St John's Church, Hale - Thy Kingdom Come! Praying the Psalms - Art Installation** – finishing with a Pentecost Party - see entry for 4 June.

**Thursday 25th May - 7.20pm– Alton Abbey - Ascension Day Concert by the Maria Magdalena Chamber Choir from Stockholm** - come at 6:45pm for a glass of wine in the Green Room beforehand. Donations at least £5 - no ticket reservations.

**Saturday 27th May - from 9am – Alton Abbey - Friends Quiet Day** - 9am Mass - 4pm Tea. Go to Friends of Alton Abbey website to contact them for more details.

**Saturday & Sunday 3 & 4 June – All Saints Church, Tilford - Flower Festival to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of the Parish Church.**

**Saturday 3 June – 6pm – St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church – Summer Concert** - Andrew Harrap (St Thomas' Organ Scholar) will play piano works by Bach, Fauré and Debussy; and a Quartet from the Girls' Choir will perform a variety of sacred and secular songs by Fauré, Mendelssohn, Sullivan, Elgar, Novello and others. Free entry, with retiring collection for church and choir funds. Light refreshments will be provided afterwards.

**PENTECOST Sunday 4 June.**

**Sunday 4 June - 3pm – St John's Church, Hale – Pentecost Party** – Art, music and refreshments.

**Saturday 10 June – 7.30pm - St Andrew's Church – Tilford Bach Society Poetry, Prose, and Music Evening with Graham Fawcett, Elizabeth Cooney and Grace Mo.** Readings from the work of famous writers with local connections, including Jane Austen, Tennyson, William Cobbett, Keats, Edward Thomas and Gilbert White and violin and piano pieces by Elgar, Mozart, Vaughan Williams and others plus Persian folk music and Celtic airs. Book on TBS website £9, or £12 at the door.

**Sunday 11 June – starting at Waverley Abbey School, Tilford – Walk for the Wards** – annual sponsored walks of 5 and 10 miles in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. Cream tea at the finish. Enter on line at [www.pth.org.uk](http://www.pth.org.uk) or pick up an entry form.

**20 till 24 June – Wintershall Estate, Bramley – 'Life of Christ' performances** – an unforgettable experience – book tickets on Wintershall website.

*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.*