

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

November 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

Dear Church Leaders, CTF Representatives, Associates and other Friends

The Churches Together Annual Meeting is this month - Wednesday 22nd (see Notices below).

New ecumenical activities - support for the bereaved, support for those with money problems - and future plans within FCCT will be reported as will be a full line-up of longer-established activities.

Printed reports will be available to delegates on arrival to allow a shorter meeting and time for fellowship afterwards.

Please do come and be encouraged by all that is going on!

With very best wishes to you all

Andrew Partridge

NOTICES

DON'T MISS CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM'S NEW LOOK AGM! With a new Chair to elect and a streamlined new look to the agenda, please take this once-a-year opportunity to share news of the exciting things Christians are doing in and around Farnham. We will also be hearing from the new Minister of Hale and Rowledge Methodist Churches. The meeting will close by about 9pm to enable everyone to renew old friendships and form new ones over a glass of wine and light refreshments. **The AGM will be held at Farnham United Reformed Church on Wednesday 22 November, starting time 7.15pm for 7.30pm.** All very welcome.

SING CAROLS FOR CHRISTIAN AID - Karen Fewster wants to hear from anyone who would like to join the 'choir' of Christmas carollers for Christian Aid's 'Big Sing' outside Farnham United Reformed Church from 2pm on Saturday 9 December or to help with the bucket street collection between 10.30am and 3pm. You can also support Christian Aid by visiting the Spire Café at URC on the 9th when they are holding a 'Souper Soup' day, proceeds to Christian Aid. Please contact Karen on 07977 561567 if you can help in any way.

"AN EVENING OF INSPIRATION CELEBRATING ST ANDREW'S DAY" is another special Christian Aid event. Part of the 'Enough to Eat' Campaign, this will be held at St Mary's Church, Quarry Street, Guildford, at 7.30pm on 30 November - doors open a 7pm - refreshments provided. The speaker, Abraham Mwangi, who works with mothers and children in Kenya as a project co-ordinator, will also be performing some of his own music. A collection will be taken for Christian Aid. A car lift from Farnham may be available - email us to inquire. There will be a collection for Christian Aid (with the Government matching every pound given to double the sum).

SANTA AND RUDOLPH FUN RUNS WILL HELP HOSPICE CARE - three fun runs of varying lengths - at the Devil's Punchbowl, Hindhead, Broadwater Park in Godalming and Queen's Avenue Playing Fields in Aldershot, - take place on 26 November, 9 December and 10 December respectively - raising funds for the Phyllis Tuckwell. Everyone, including dogs, will be welcome and you can walk, jog or run at whatever pace suits you. Registration details are available on line.

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 November – 1pm – Farnham United Reformed Church – Music at Lunchtime – Richard Watts (trumpet) and Catherine Watts (soprano).

Sunday 12 November – Remembrance Sunday – Commemorative Services, Parades and Acts of Remembrance at many local churches and War Memorials – go to individual church websites via CTF website for details.

Tuesday – 14 November – 1.10pm – St Andrew's Church, Farnham - Music While You Munch – organ recital by Jane Palmer. Bring your own lunch or sample the goodies on offer. Retiring collection.

Thursday 16 November – 3pm - Farnham Methodist Church – Farnham ASSIST Silver Service. All over 60s welcome. A short non-denominational service with well-known traditional hymns followed by tea and cakes. 'We look forward to seeing you!' Contact ASSIST if transport is needed.

Saturday 18 November - 5pm - Farnham United Reformed Church - The Rock Choir rocks for Farnham URC. A free fund-raising concert for the Pilgrim Project - there will be a retiring collection.

Saturday 18 November – 7.30pm – St Andrew's Church, Farnham – Vivaldi Singers celebrate their 30th birthday with a special Anniversary Concert. Joined by the Quartzette String Quartet, the Singers will perform some of their greatest hits, the Hallelujah Chorus, Vivaldi Gloria, and much more. 'Enjoy a glass of bubbly and cake to celebrate 30 years of great music.' Tickets - Adult £15, students/under 16s £5, under 5s free - available from www.vivaldisingers.com or at the door on the night.

Saturday 18 November – 7pm – All Saints Church, Tilford – Tilford Bach Society celebrates the 150th birthday of the church with a performance of J S Bach's Christmas Oratorio by London Handel Orchestra with international soloists and Pegasus Choir. Tickets £35, £30 and £20 from www.tilbach.org.uk.

Sunday 19 November – 6pm till 8.30 pm - Brasserie Blanc – Farnham ASSIST fund-raising Acoustic Evening – live music night with Nathan Churchill. £20 per person with two course dinner. To book call 01252 717710 or email info@farnham-assist.org.uk

Tuesday 21 November – 11 am - St Joan's Centre, Tilford Rd – Churches Together in Farnham Ecumenical Monthly Prayer Meeting – reflective readings, prayers and intercessions - refreshments served at the start of the meeting. Everyone welcome – just come along!

Tuesday 21st November, 10am-3pm - Aldridge Theatre, Frensham Heights School - Phyllis Tuckwell Christmas Gift Fair - £2 entry (kids go free). 'The perfect place to find gifts for all the family at the same time as supporting Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care'. Over 40 stalls selling new gifts for the home, fashions, cosmetics, fine foods, art, jewellery, books, candles and much more... Refreshments available. Free parking. For more info: www.pth.org.uk, or 01252 729446.

Wednesday 22 November – 7.15 for 7.30pm – Farnham United Reformed Church – Churches Together in Farnham AGM – come to this new-style meeting and share news of all that is going on in the Christian community – meet the new Minister of Rowledge and Hale Methodist Churches – followed at about 9pm with wine, refreshments and fellowship – everyone warmly welcome!

Saturday, 25 November - 7.30pm - St Andrew's- Church, Farnham - Carl Orff's Carmina Burana performed by Luminosa (formerly Holybourne Singers). Tickets: £15 (Under 12s £5) from Waterstones, Alton and Farnham or from boxoffice@luminosamusic.com.

Monday 27 November – 6.30pm – Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, Menin Way, Farnham – Light Up a Life Service at Christmas Tree in the grounds. Anyone who would like to remember a loved one is invited to attend. Tea and mince pies afterwards at South Farnham School. Details from PTH shops or hospice reception.

Thursday 30 November - 7.30pm - St Andrew's Church, Farnham - To celebrate St Andrew's Day Friends of St Andrew's (Fosta) hold a Gala Concert with counter-tenor Joao Paulo Ferreira and his invited guest musicians, piano accompaniment by Claire Tester. Tickets £10 (under 16s £5) can be reserved by sending a cheque, with a note stating number of tickets, to the Parish Office, St Andrew's Church, Farnham GU9 7PW, or telephone on 01252 715412.

Saturday 2 December – 10am till 12.30pm - St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church - Christmas Market in aid of the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. 'Fabulous new stalls, delicious home-made fare, unusual Christmas gifts and decorations, lots of craft materials and be assured of a warm and friendly welcome.'

Saturday 2 December - 9.30am till 12.30pm – Farnham United Reformed Church - Christmas Fayre. Stalls include tombolas, Xmas decorations, cards, books, DVDs, cake stall, etc.

Saturday 2 December – 7.30pm - St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church - “Shining Light” celebrated in musics from the renaissance till today - Vox Chamber Choir with Punchbowl String Quartet. Tickets £12 at the door (under 18s free)

Monday 4 December - Farnham Baptist Church – Farnham ASSIST Carol Service – traditional service followed by tea, coffee and mince pies. All over 60s welcome – transport available.

Wednesday 6 till Sunday 10 December - St Andrew's Church - Christmas Tree Festival 2017- open, free of charge from 10am till 5pm from Wednesday to Saturday and from 12 noon till 5pm on Sunday. Music and refreshments. 'Even bigger and better than 2015's festival.' More than a hundred trees provided by charities, schools and members of the community – ranging from traditional to highly contemporary in style.

Saturday 9 December – Farnham United Reformed Church – Christian Aid fund raising day - 'Souper Soup' served for the cause at the Spire Café – bucket collections outside the church and carol singing in the afternoon. Volunteers wanted (see **NOTICES** above).

Saturday, 9 December – 2pm - Alton Abbey – Vox Lucis sing “NE TIMEAS MARIA” - with a programme of mainly early music. Tickets: £7.50 (including refreshments) from Friends of Alton Abbey, Alton Abbey, Abbey Road, Beech, Alton, GU34 4AP - cheques payable to “Friends of Alton Abbey” with SAE and telephone number and/or email address.

Saturday 9 December – 10am till 4pm - and Sunday 10 December – 11am till 4pm - All Saints Church, Tilford - 150th Anniversary Christmas Tree Festival. 12 or more large Christmas trees donated by Lance Trevelyan will each be decorated by a different group within the village, in addition to the church's own big tree. The display of illuminated trees representing the various activities of the whole community will be open free of charge during the festival weekend. A warm welcome - plus hot drinks and home-made cakes - awaits visitors. The display will then remain in church throughout the Christmas period.

Sunday 10 December – 10am till 4pm – Castle Street, Farnham – Farnham Christmas Market – more than 150 stalls selling gifts, plus seasonal treats including hot roasted chestnuts and mulled wine, with a Nativity presentation, festive music and Farnham ASSIST carol singing.

Wednesday 13 December to Sunday 17 December - Holly Barn, Wintershall, Bramley – The Nativity - 11 performances of the 2017 production of this much acclaimed re-enactment of the real Christmas story. Tickets from www.wintershall-estate.com or call 01793 418299

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.