

CHURCHES TOGETHER

IN FARNHAM

April 2018 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 friends,

After the celebrations of Easter Sunday, the season of Easter continues until Pentecost, as we celebrate the good news of new life even in the most hopeless of circumstances, and look forward to the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost. In this period, we have Christian Aid Week, which is an important event when many churches work together to raise fund to support people in the developing world as part of their Christian service. This is one of many agencies working in this way, but it is one "owned" by several churches, and so deserves our support. You will, no doubt, have heard of various scandals affecting some overseas development charities. Our support is vital, not the for the benefit of the charity, but for the benefit of the people in the developing world that the Christian Aid supports, who need our help to eat, to learn, to trade, to receive healthcare. Please give your support to Christian Aid Week.

Michael Hopkins (Chair)

NOTICES

GIVING THANKS FOR CANON HEATHER - Mourners completely filled All Saints Church on 28 March for the funeral of Canon Heather Humphrey, Tilford's much loved Resident Priest, whose tragic death followed a car accident. This was a service to celebrate Heather's life and all she gave in warmth and loving care for others. She was an artist and a poet, as well as being a dedicated parish priest and former teacher, and some of her poems were read at the service. A tribute was made by Canon John Ridout, the Revd John Morris (Vicar of Tilford and The Bourne) gave an address. The Blessing was given by the Rt-Rev'd Andrew Watson, Bishop of Guildford.

THE WARMEST OF WELCOMES TO THE REVD JACQUELINE - The Revd Jacqueline Drake-Smith's collation by The Right Reverend Andrew Watson, Bishop of Guildford and installation by the Venerable Paul Davies, Archdeacon of Surrey, as the new Vicar of St Peter's, Wrecclesham, took place on Tuesday 13th March. The Revd Jacqueline and her family were welcomed by members of the Church and the local community at an uplifting service. We welcome her most warmly to the community of Churches Together in Farnham. Find more about Jacqueline on the CTF website.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! - Highlighting the plight and also the courage of the victims of recent natural disasters, Christian Aid Week (13 - 19 May) takes the theme: 'Together we can be stronger than the storms.' Karen Fewster is appealing for volunteers to help with collections during the Week - and we look forward to a big attendance at the varied range of special events:

- Saturday 12 May - Coffee and cakes at Farnham Methodist Church 10am -12 noon
- Sunday 13 May - Farnham Joint Christian Aid Week Service at 5pm at St Andrews Church
- Sunday 13 to Saturday 19 May - Door to door "red envelope" collection in and around Farnham organised by individual churches.
- Monday 14 to Friday 18 May - Bucket collection at Farnham station. **Volunteers needed.**
- Saturday 19 May - The Big Brunch at the Spire Café, Farnham United Reformed Church. Bacon rolls soup, sausages in a roll, cake and refreshments from 10am- 2pm. Great food at affordable prices.

- Saturday 19 May - Bucket collection in Farnham town centre 10am-4.30pm. **Volunteers needed.**

Contact Karen Fewster for more information on any of the above. Telephone 01252 795169.

BRIGHTEN YOUR GARDEN - PHYLLIS TUCKWELL'S MONTHLY PLANT SALES - Local Hospice Care charity Phyllis Tuckwell has a wide variety of plants on sale at low prices, so if you want to brighten up your garden after those dull winter months, then this is the place to visit! "We hold plant sales on the first Sunday of every month, from April to October, to raise money to fund our care," says Phyllis Tuckwell nurse Linda Bone. "Over the years our stock of plants has grown and we now have a huge variety on sale. From bedding plants and trailing flowers, to larger shrubs, vegetable plants and even trees, there is a vast array, and all at much cheaper prices than you would find in the shops."

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FLEET AND CROOKHAM SCHOOLS - FACCTS (Fleet & Crookham Churches Together in Schools) has the opportunity to develop our work in local schools. We are looking for the right person or people to join our existing team in full- or part-time roles. Please visit <http://www.faccts.org.uk/jobs.html> or contact Sue Fisher (suefisher@ntlworld.com) to find out more.

READ ALL ABOUT IT - The Minutes of Churches Together in Farnham's Annual General Meeting in October 2017 are available on the CTF website, or via this link:

<http://together.ourchurchweb.org.uk/farnham/docstore/448.pdf>

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 the notice board.

Saturday 14 April - 7.30pm - Farnham United Reformed Church - Vivaldi Singers in Stainer's Crucifixion and other works on an Easter-theme - fundraising concert for the URC's Pilgrim Project. Tickets: adults £12; students/under 16s £5; under 5s free from Vivaldi Singers website.

Tuesday - 17 April - 11 am – This month only in the Lower Hall at Holy Family Church, Alma Lane, Hale - 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!

Thursday 19 April - 3pm - Farnham Methodist Church - Farnham ASSIST Silver Service for over 60s - A non-denominational service - followed by tea and cakes provided by the church. Contact ASSIST if transport is needed.

Sunday 22 April - 10am - St Andrew's Church, Farnham - Confirmation Service by the Bishop of Dorking.

Wednesday 2 May - 1pm - Farnham United Reformed Church - Music at Lunchtime - Ariadne Blyth *harpsichord* and Vincent Lindsey-Clarke *guitar*.

Saturday 12 May - 10am till 12.30pm - St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church - Plant Sale to raise funds for extension to the Garden of Remembrance - Plants galore, cake stall - raffles - coffee and Biscuits - free entry.

Saturday 12 May - 2pm - Basingstoke Canal - Boat Trip in aid of Farnham URC's Pilgrim Project. Tickets from Spire Café.

More about these and other activities on the CTF website at

<http://www.churchestogether.org/farnham/>

... where you can also find links to the individual websites of our member churches and associates, with details of their services and other activities.