

# CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

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

Dear friends,

As we enter May, as well as Christian Aid Week we also have Pentecost Sunday to celebrate as we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit and the ongoing influence of the Holy Spirit in the church and the world. It is very easy for those of us in churches to fall into "functional atheism", planning just as a secular organisation would, and not allowing for the possibility that God will act. The Holy Spirit is how God is at work today, often working through other people. I challenge you to look and listen for God at work today.

With best wishes,

**Michael Hopkins (Chair)**

### NOTICES

**COLUMBA WALK FOR IONA ABBEY** – Grateful thanks to all who responded to our email regarding the need for overnight beds for two of the pilgrims undertaking this Walk. As a result of these generous offers of hospitality, the pilgrims' accommodation has now been arranged. Farnham will be the 6th June staging point on the Columba Walk. Bob Thomas, a Hampshire member of the ecumenical Iona Community, will be tackling the week-long project despite an arthritic knee – the objective: to raise funds for the Iona Abbey Capital Appeal. He and a group of friends plan to walk the entire distance from St Columba's Anglican Church in Fareham to St Columba's Church of Scotland in central London, arriving in time for the St Columba Day Service on Sunday 10th June. Bob, who is a lay minister in the Portsmouth Diocese, has offered to come to Farnham to speak or preach about the Iona Abbey project later in the year.

**FANS YOUNG AND OLD: DON'T MISS LEGO EVENT!** - (see **DIARY** below).

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK IS NEARLY HERE** - Everyone is invited to attend the Farnham Joint Christian Aid Service to be held at **St Andrew's Church on Sunday 13 May at 5pm**. Also please support as many as possible of the other special events which are as follows:

**5th May** – raffle tickets for painting being sold in Gostrey meadows at the Duck Race.

**Saturday 12 May** – coffee and cake morning at Farnham Methodist church 10am -12noon

**Sunday - 13 May** – Speaker at 10am at St George's Church, Badshot Lea

**Monday to Friday 14-18 May** - collection in morning rush hour at Farnham station- volunteers needed 6.15am-9.15am,

**Saturday 19 May** – CAW Big Brunch at URC Farnham from 10-2pm - Bacon rolls, sausage rolls, assorted soups, cakes and hot drinks.

**Saturday 19 May** -street collection in Farnham town centre all day – volunteers needed across the day - hourly slots.

**Sunday 20 May** – Speaker at 9:30am at St John's Church, Hale and 11am at St Mark's Church, Upper Hale

**Sunday 20 May** – Circle the City of London sponsored walk. Fun day out for the family.

**Wednesday 23 June** - Concert at St Martins Church, Lower Bourne, in aid of CA. Anemos Wind Ensemble and Andrew Harrap (organ) will be performing on the evening. The concert begins at 7.30pm and will be followed by refreshments.

Contact Karen Fewster to volunteer or for more information on 01252 795169.

**VISIT GARDENS OPEN IN AID OF PHYLLIS TUCKWELL** – Enjoy the beauty of spring while supporting the wonderful work of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care. A selection of gardens and groups of gardens will be open on dates in May and throughout the summer in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell (see **DIARY** below). A booklet with full details is available from the hospice or on line. A reminder also that you can brighten your own garden with a huge range of plants available at the hospice's monthly plant sales on the first Sunday of every month until October.

**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

***Dates of Christian Aid Week events are listed under NOTICES (above)***

**Tuesday 8 May – 1.10pm – St Andrew's Church – Farnham - Music While You Munch** – lunchtime organ recitals – refreshments available or bring your own.

**Thursday 10 May - Ascension Day** - special services at many churches.

**Thursday 10 May – from 6pm – The Rectory, 25 Upper Hale Road, Hale - Ascension Day BBQ in the Rectory Garden.** Bring your own alcoholic drinks and meat. Buns, salad and soft drinks provided. This is followed at 7.30pm by a short **Communion Service** in the garden for people of all ages.

**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 – 10.30am till 4pm – Farnham Rugby Club, Monkton Lane, Farnham, GU9 9ND – Lego Event in aid of Farnham ASSIST.** Sponsored by Kidd rapinet. Entry £3 or £10 for a family ticket. Young and old are welcome to Farnham ASSIST's fundraising Lego Exhibition featuring displays from AFOL (Adult Fans of Lego), create and play area, Duplo, face-painting and competitions plus stalls selling clothing, toys and beauty products and cafe. Public judging of pre-entered Lego competition.

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

**Sunday 13 May – 9.30am - St John's Church, Hale – and 11am - St Mark's Church, Upper Hale – (also St George's Church, Badshot Lea, on 20 May) – Miracle Play – The Story of Pentecost.**

**Sunday 13 May – Four gardens around the village of Rowledge open in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.** Also two Farnham gardens open on **Sunday 20 and 27 May.** More on dates throughout the summer – see booklet available at the Hospice and on line.

**Tuesday 15 May – 11am - St Joan's Centre – CTF Ecumenical Prayer Meeting** – reflective readings, prayers and intercessions. Refreshments served at the start of the meeting – everyone very welcome, just come along and join us.

**Thursday – 17 May - 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.

**Friday 18 May – 12.30pm – St Thomas-on-The Bourne – Eat and Speak Lunch at St Thomas -** with Dan Wagerfield on his experience of "Round the World Yacht Race." - Tickets: £7.

**Sunday 20 May – The Feast of Pentecost** – churches celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit.

**Sunday 20 May – 10am and 11.30am - St George's Church, Badshot Lea - third and fourth performances of miracle play - The Story of Pentecost** – also see entry for Sunday 13 May (above)

**Saturday 26 May 7.30pm - St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church - Ensemble Nova Luce present Creativity and Surprise Concert** - 'an exciting and inspiring programme of music by Hadyn, Rubbra and Farrenc'. Tickets £15; £12 for students and under 16s from [www.ensemblenoveluce.com](http://www.ensemblenoveluce.com)

**Saturday 2 June – 6pm - St Thomas on the Bourne Church - Summer concert - Andrew Harrap, Organ Scholar,**

**Saturday and Sunday 9 and 10 June – 12noon till 5pm each day – Alton Abbey Open Days** - entrance £3: teas £3. Stall selling items such as beautiful Stationary, second-hand books, plants, and Hadeel Products from Palestine. There will be Lace making, and a display of work. Experience the beauty and peacefulness of the Abbey.

**Tuesday 12 June– 1.10pm – St Andrew's Church – Farnham - Music While You Munch** – lunchtime organ recitals – refreshments available or bring your own.

**Saturday 16 June – 4pm till 7.30pm and 8 till 11.30pm - Farnham United Reformed Church – Farnham's first Fizz Festival** - an afternoon or evening of music, dance, Fizz - cocktails, sparkling wines and prosecco - and Italian-style food. Tickets £15 from the Spire Cafe. All money raised will go towards Pilgrim Project.

**19 – 23 June – 10am till 3.30pm - Wintershall Estate, Bramley** – the famed open-air presentation of **The Life of Christ** – an unforgettable experience, not to be missed. Book on line at [www.wintershall-estate.com](http://www.wintershall-estate.com) or by calling 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.**