

CHURCHES TOGETHER

IN FARNHAM

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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,

In this season after Trinity Sunday, the more liturgical elements of the church year die down until Harvest Festival. There are a great many social and fundraising activities. I do hope you will be able to support them, and of course I have vested interest in some of them!

With best wishes to you all,

Michael Hopkins (Chair)

NOTICES

BIRTH OF A NEW CHURCH - Farnham United Reformed and Methodist Churches have decided to unify into a single church in Farnham town centre. First announced in July 2016, discussions to explore the possibility of uniting the churches have now reached an important milestone. It was decided last month that the name of the new church will be **The Spire Church, Farnham (a Methodist and United Reformed Church)**. The new church will be born on 1 September 2018. For some time, The Spire Church will use both buildings, particularly during the planned major remodelling and refurbishment of the URC building. The major work in the URC building is being undertaken as the Pilgrim Project. Consultation, planning and fund-raising has been in progress for more than a year. At the present time, the project has completed feasibility study and project design. The work will take place in a sequence of separate projects.

UNDERSTANDING DEMENTIA BETTER – Alastair Shanks writes: At Monday's meeting for Farnham Dementia Action Alliance, we discussed how Dementia Friends sessions would be a great training tool for those in community and pastoral roles within our local churches. Can I encourage you to think about anyone from your church who might benefit from attending and to pass on our invitation? The workshops are open to any one – including all ages, and people with some or no current understanding of dementia. If you haven't attended one before, then I'd really recommend them as a fantastic resource for finding out a bit about dementia and how we can all make small changes to make our town (and churches) more dementia friendly. It's a one hour interactive workshop where you'll have an introduction to dementia, how the disease can affect people and think about a few simple steps that can improve the way that we interact with people who might have the disease. The next one is **next Wed 20 June, 6.30pm-7.30pm** with another on **Wed 11th July, 10am-11am at Farnham Maltings** (which I am running!). If you have a group of people that would benefit from a session, then I would also be able to run a session at your church. Just let me know if you'd like to come along or if you have any questions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PRAISE AND WORSHIP TEAMS - Farnham ASSIST is currently seeking volunteers to join its Praise and Worship teams. These teams lead short (30-minute) monthly seasonal services at several care homes in the town and at the Gostrey Day Centre. Each service is prepared in advance by the office and sent to the team with the rota for the coming months. Volunteers would be part of a small team. They give the office their date availability in advance; and can offer to help as much or as little as they are able. Phone ASSIST's office on 717710 for more information.

CTF DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE ON LINE - The Churches Together in Farnham Directory, containing a useful list of CTF officers, member churches and associated organisations, with contact details, is now available on the CTF website.

LOVE IN ACTION – AND SHARING OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH - The Love in Action Campaign, supported by churches throughout the Farnham area, is an invitation to all Christians to make a difference by working together. Stemming from this is a course entitled *Confident Prayer*. The next two sessions take place at **Farnham Baptist Church on Sunday 24 June from 4 till 5.30pm** and at the same time on **Sunday 22 July at Bethel Baptist Church**. Register for the Love in Action Campaign via Farnham Christian Community Trust Love in Action website.

VISIT GARDENS OPEN IN AID OF PHYLLIS TUCKWELL – Enjoy the beauty of local gardens while supporting the wonderful work of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care. A selection of gardens and groups of gardens will be open on dates this month and throughout the summer in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell, including the hospice's own garden on 14 July. A booklet with full details is available from the hospice or its website. 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.

Friday 15 June - 4 pm till 7pm - St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church - Help For Refugees Collection - Clothing, toiletries and medical supplies for refugees in the UK and abroad. Check the list of items required on St Thomas' website.

Saturday 16 June – Hollowdene Recreation Ground - Frensham Fayre followed at **10.30am on Sunday 17 June** by **“Songs of Praise” Service** in the Marquee on the Recreation Ground.

Saturday 16 June till Saturday 23 June – 10am till 4pm daily - St John's Church, Churt – Marking the 150th anniversary of the church - an artistic celebration of Churt's history in art and flowers – free entrance – everyone welcome.

Saturday 16 June – St Andrew's Church, Farnham – Tilford Bach Festival – 12.30pm - Solo works for violin and cello by J.S. Bach - and at 7.30pm – Concert celebrating the music of Henry Purcell. Festival continuing tomorrow. See *Tilford Bach Society website for details*.

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.

Saturday 16th June - 7pm - St Thomas-on-The Bourne - Waverley Singers' Summer Concert - 'A New Song' - choral works by Purcell, Mathias, Tallis, MacMillan, Weelkes, Jackson, Holst, Byrd and Schütz - tickets £15 from 01420 83962.

Sunday 17 June – 7pm - All Saints Church, Tilford – Tilford Bach Festival Concert – Bach's B Minor Mass dedicated to the memory of Canon Heather Humphrey. See *TBS website for more details*.

Sunday 17 June - 11am and 1pm - Merrist Wood College, Worplesdon – Bubble Rush for Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice - a foam-filled fun run - Registration £18 includes a Bubble Rush t-shirt, medal, goody bag and bottle of water. For more details and to register, visit www.pth.org.uk/event-diary or call Phyllis Tuckwell's Fundraising team on 01252 729446.

Tuesday 19 June - 11am - St Joan's Centre, Tilford Road - CTF Monthly Ecumenical Prayer Meeting - Reflective readings, prayers and intercessions - starting with refreshments - all welcome - just come along!

Thursday 21 June - 3pm - Farnham Methodist Church - Farnham ASSIST Silver Service for Over-Sixties - with traditional hymns - followed by tea and cake - contact ASSIST if transport needed.

Thursday 21 June – 7.15pm - St Andrew's Church - Would You Adam and Eve It – the first 90 chapters of the Bible in 90 minutes. This dramatic presentation by the Searchlight Theatre Company from last year's Edinburgh Fringe is touring the country - tickets on line at <http://www.searchlighttheatre.org>.

Saturday 23 June – 5.30pm – St Thomas-on-The Bourne - Midsummer Choir Concert - selection of sacred and secular music. All welcome, admission free. Drinks and nibbles provided in the interval. Retiring collection in aid of church and choir funds.

Saturday 23 June – 7pm - St Andrew's Church – **Voices Together Community Choir Summer Concert** – with performance by Farnham Taiko Drum Club – No tickets but retiring collection for Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Sunday 24 June – Wrecclesham Recreation Ground – Wrecclesham Village Fete - St Peter's is holding a Tent Service at the Recreation Ground at 10am. The Fete opens at 2pm.

Saturday 30th June 7.30pm - at Crondall Village Hall - **Farnham ASSIST Hog Roast** - The Original Plan B Band playing blues and rock - raffle and cash bar - tickets priced at £20 from Farnham ASSIST office, 7 St Georges Yard, GU9 7LW. 01252 717710

Saturday 30 June – 7.30pm – St Thomas-on-The Bourne – **Vox Concert** - celebrating the centenary of the women's vote through the music of women over the last 900 years - tickets £15 on the door, or £12 in advance from the parish office - u/18s free. For more go to Vox website.

Sunday 1 July – 9.30am – starting at More House School, Frensham – **Phyllis Tuckwell's Annual Sponsored Walk for the Wards.** - 5 and 10 mile routes and free cream tea for all participants. More information from Phyllis Tuckwell website.

Saturday 7 July – from 5.15pm - **Farnham United Reformed Church Pilgrim Project – Supper followed by Ride on the Watercress Line's Real Ale Train** – tickets £25 per head, include pre-ride supper and first pint – phone 07557951305 or email suelang@hotmail.com.

Saturday – 28 July - at 7.30pm – Alton Abbey Church - **Desert Island Discs featuring Dom Timothy Bavin OSB FRSCM, retired Bishop of Johannesburg and of Portsmouth, Monk of Alton Abbey, in conversation with Oblate Christopher Pluck.** Followed by wine and light refreshments. Tickets - £15 from: "Tickets", Friends of Alton Abbey, Alton Abbey, Abbey Road, Alton, GU34 4AP. Cheques should be made payable to "Friends of Alton Abbey". Please include a SAE. for your tickets, and a telephone number, or an email address.

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.