

# CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

## July 2018 E-News

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Dear friends,

As we continue to enjoy warm weather, we can look forward to a number of events. Do put the date of the AGM in your diary and your church diary. I wish you refreshment during the summer.

Yours

Michael Hopkins (Chair)

### NOTICES

**NEW SHAPE FOR CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM** - An innovative proposal for a new Chair of CTF to be nominated annually by different groups of churches on a rota basis has come to fruition. We are delighted to announce that the **Revd Hannah Moore of Badshot Lea and Hale Parish** has been nominated by the Anglican churches to serve as our next Chair. Unanimously adopted at the 2017 AGM, the proposition put forward by the current Chair, the Revd Michael Hopkins, at that meeting was as follows:

“In view of the difficulties of securing nominations of people to chair Churches Together in Farnham, the Steering Group propose an informal pattern of rotation to encourage nominations. Such a nominee will still need to be elected at the AGM, and the meeting remains open to receiving other nominations. The pattern proposed is the Free Churches, the Church of England, and the Roman Catholic Church should each be asked in turn to find from within their number a person (lay or ordained) to be nominated to the AGM to serve as Chair for one year...We would be looking for a Church of England nominee as Chair for the 2018 AGM, a Roman Catholic nominee for the 2019 AGM, and another Free Church nominee for the 2020 AGM etc. No changes to the constitution, which permits longer terms of office and makes no commitment to any pattern, are proposed. What is proposed is an informal mechanism to try to secure nominations for Chair, in view of the difficulties in finding such nominations.”

If Hannah's nomination is approved at the 2018 AGM on 18 October (see below) she will take over the office of chair following that meeting. In the meantime we will be warmly welcoming her to the Steering Committee at our next meeting which is in September.

**CTF's 2018 AGM will take place on Thursday 18 October at St Mark's Church, Upper Hale, Please put the date in your diary now!**

**VIEW THE PILGRIM PROJECT PLANS** – The proposed plans for Farnham United Reformed Church's £1.5m Pilgrim Project will be on public view at the URC in South Street. The exhibition will be open on Friday 13 July from 10am until 2pm and then from 7pm until 9pm; also on Saturday 14 July from 10am until 12noon. The project will begin to be implemented following the merger of Farnham URC with Farnham Methodist Church on 1 September to form the new Spire Church. The Spire Church will continue to use both buildings for sometime, particularly during the planned major remodelling and refurbishment of the URC building.

**HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES WITH A CHRISTIAN SLANT** – For children's holiday fun with a difference, Farnham Methodist and United Reformed Churches are presenting the **Teambuilders Christian Holiday Club**. Offering stories, songs, crafts, games and loads of fun for five to eleven-year-olds, this will be held at Farnham URC during the week - Monday 30 July till Friday 3 August, from 9.30am till 12 noon. The cost is £3.50 per morning or £15 for the week. To book a place phone 726306 or email [office@farnhamurc.org.uk](mailto:office@farnhamurc.org.uk)

**[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.

**[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 11 July – 10am - Farnham Maltings – One Hour Dementia Workshop run by Alastair Shanks** - Open to all. An introduction to dementia, how the disease can affect people and how a few simple steps can improve the way that we interact with people who might have the disease.

**Saturday 14 July – 1pm until late – Tilford Fete and Raft Race – plus Tilford Garden Club's Summer Flower Show at the Institute** – church raffle – dancing displays, dog show, tug of war, duck race and much more – free entertainment continues through the evening.

**Saturday 14 July - Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice – The Hospice's own garden open to the public.** A selection of beautiful gardens throughout the area will be open in aid of the Phyllis Tuckwell on dates throughout the summer. Check the hospice website or pick up a booklet with full details.

**Saturday 14 July – 7.30pm – St Andrew's Church, Farnham - Bastille Day Concert.** A French organ concert.

**Saturday 14 July – 5pm - St George's Church, Badshot Lea - Outdoor Celtic Service with cheese and wine.** Inside if wet.

**Tuesday 17 July - 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 19 July - 3pm - Farnham Methodist Church - Farnham ASSIST Silver Service for Over-Sixties** - with traditional hymns, followed by tea and cake. Contact Farnham ASSIST if transport is needed.

**Sunday 22 July – 11am – The Bourne Green, Lower Bourne - Open-air United Benefice Service followed by a picnic.** Involving the congregations of all the churches in the parishes of the Bourne and Tilford. Everyone welcome, bring friends, chairs and your picnic. This will be held on the day after the Bourne Show and in case of poor weather the service and picnic can take place inside the Show marquee.

**Saturday 28 July – 11.30am till 4.30pm - Chawton House, Alton - Farnham ASSIST Fund-raising Special –** Enjoy a guided tour of the beautiful gardens led by the Head Gardener, explore the house, then sit down to a traditional cream tea, while listening to the music of a concert band. Contact Farnham ASSIST to book – phone 717710

**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.

**Monday 6 August - 2.15pm – St Mary's Church, Frensham - Organ Recital by Mike Smith. Followed at 3pm by Tea in the church hall.** Free admission with retiring collection to offset series expenses.

**Monday 13 August – Basingstoke Canal - Farnham ASSIST Fund-raising Special – a cruise along the canal on board the John Pinkerton, with cream tea.** Tickets £12 from Farnham ASSIST and let them know if you need transport. Call 717710.

**[More about these and other activities on the CTF website at http://www.churchestogether.org/farnham/](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.**