

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

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Dear friends,

The formation of The Spire Church, Farnham, by the union of Farnham's Methodist and United Reformed Churches, is of interest to all concerned with ecumenism. We move from being two of Farnham's older churches to Farnham's newest church. Please pray for us on the journey ahead.

Yours,

Michael Hopkins (Chair)

NOTICES

HISTORY WILL BE MADE – Farnham's new Spire Church will come into being at the inaugural Service to be held at 10.30am on Sunday 2 September in the present Farnham Methodist Church building. The new church is being created through the joining together of Farnham United Reformed Church and Farnham Methodist Church. The preacher at the inaugural service will be the Right Revd Chris Herbert - the retired Bishop of St Albans who was formerly at The Bourne. Both church buildings will be used by the new church as the various phases of the Pilgrim Project, to enhance and develop the facilities at the former United Reformed Church building, proceed.

CHOIR TO SING IN VENICE – St Thomas-on-The Bourne's acclaimed Choir will be singing in some of the world's most notable churches this month during a summer tour to Venice. The current schedule for the tour is: Saturday 25 August 6.30pm: Santa Maria dei Frari; Sunday 26 August 6.45pm: St Mark's Basilica; Monday 27 August 11am: Basilica Sant' Antonio, Padua. There will be a **Post Tour Choir Concert at 6pm on 9 September at St Thomas'**, featuring the musical highlights from the tour. Free entry with retiring collection in aid of choir tour funds.

TRY YOUR SKILL IN BADSHOT LEA BAKE OFF! - The closing date to enter the competition is Saturday 8 September and there are four categories - entry fee £2. Email alisonstickland@sky.com. The Bake Off takes place at **2pm on Saturday 15 September at St George's Church** - adults £5, children free. All proceeds for St George's heating fund. Poster with more details on the parish website.

MARKING THE CENTENARY OF THE ENDING OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR – It has just been announced that Alton Abbey's Annual Lecture on Friday 12 October will commemorate the end of WW1. It will be given by Dom Andrew OSB and Mrs Lynne Rapson, in the Abbey Church, and will be full of interesting information and many pictures. Taking place at 7pm, the lecture will be followed by supper with wine in the Refectory. Tickets, costing £30 each, are available from: "Tickets", Friends of Alton Abbey, Alton Abbey, Beech, Alton, GU34 4AP. Cheques should be made payable to "Friends of Alton Abbey". Please include an SAE for your tickets, and a telephone number, or an email address, and any special dietary requirements. For more information phone 01420 562126 or email: friendsofaltonabbey@gmail.com.

DO NOT MISS CTF'S LANDMARK ANNUAL MEETING - Our AGM will take place on **Thursday 18 October at St Mark's Church, Upper Hale**. Please take part in this important meeting and encourage everyone at your church to be there as well. The Revd Hannah Moore of Badshot Lea and Hale Parish has been nominated for election as our next Chair. Meanwhile we will be welcoming her to the Steering Committee in September.

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.

Thursday 16 August - 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.

Tuesday 21 August – 11am - CTF Monthly Ecumenical Prayer Meeting – Summer Special - this month only we meet at the home of a member instead of at St Joan's Centre, which is closed in August. Reflective readings, prayers and intercessions - starting with refreshments and followed by a bring and share lunch. Email this address for more details.

Saturday, 1 September 10am till 5pm - Go Vintage for Phyllis! The Phyllis Tuckwell Shop in Downing Street, Farnham invites you to come for their Vintage Day, with Ladies and Gents clothing, Homewares and Linens, Fabric, Haberdashery, Jewellery and bits and bobs of all sorts! Enjoy home made cakes in their themed refreshment room. So do stop inside, browse and buy to help raise funds for our local Hospice Care.

Sunday 2 September – 10:30am - Farnham Methodist Church - Inaugural Service of The Spire Church, Farnham - preacher the Right Revd Chris Herbert. See **NOTICES** (above) for full details.

Monday 3 September – 2.15pm – St Mary's Church Frensham - Organ Recital by Brian Cotterill. Followed by Tea@Three in the church hall. Free admission with retiring collection to offset series expenses.

Saturday - 8 September – Stride and Ride for Churches - pick up entry information in participating churches.

Over two weekends: 8/9 and 13/16 September – Heritage Open Days (HODS) – see Farnham Society website or pick up a copy of the HODS booklet for full details.

Saturday 8 September – 7.30pm – St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham - Last Night at the Proms. Live local acts including Weydon School Band, 'PRS' Alex Forsyth & Friends and Odiham Military Wives choir – live BBC Feed to the Royal Albert Hall at 9pm – FREE of CHARGE. 'Bring your own' drinks / snacks – RSVP to promsinwrecclesham@gmail.com.

Sunday 9 September – 3pm – St Andrew's Church, Farnham - Civic Service for the new Mayor of Waverley.

Sunday 9 September – 6pm – St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church – Post Venice Tour Concert by St Thomas' Choir – featuring the musical highlights from the tour - see **NOTICES** (above) for more about the tour. Free entry with retiring collection in aid of choir tour funds.

Saturday 15 September – 2pm – St George's Church, Badshot Lea - Badshot Lea Bake-off – see **NOTICES** (above)

Sunday 16 September -1pm till 4pm – St Peter's Vicarage, Wrecclesham - Parish BBQ – promising a fun filled afternoon of delicious food, games and fellowship. Contact Pat (794957) or Sue (793888) ASAP to buy tickets (£5 adults; £12 families) and for more information.

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.