

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

September/October 2018 E-News

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Dear friends,

At this time of year we are all occupied with the resumption of activities and programmes after the summer break, and looking forward to many things. Many churches will be celebrating a Harvest Festival in the coming weeks.

I particularly draw your attention to the AGM of Churches Together in Farnham, at which there will be an opportunity to meeting the new chaplaincy team lead at Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, and hear about the work of the chaplaincy there.

Yours etc.

Michael Hopkins (Chair)

NOTICES

HOSPICE CHAPLAIN TO SPEAK AT CTF ANNUAL MEETING – We are delighted that the Revd Dr Jill Thornton, Chaplaincy Team Leader at Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, has accepted our invitation to speak at CTF's Annual Meeting, to be held at **7.30pm on Thursday 18 October at St Mark's Church, Upper Hale**. We will also be welcoming a new Chair. The Revd Hannah Moore has been nominated by the Anglican churches under the new system agreed last year by which groups of member churches will take it in turns year by year to choose a candidate for election. Please take part in this important meeting and encourage others to come along as well. Refreshments will be served after the meeting, providing a welcome opportunity for fellowship. Would you or anyone you know like to be more involved with Churches Together? We would be pleased to receive nominations for election to the Steering Committee.

WELCOME TO THE NEW SPIRE CHURCH! – History was made on Sunday 2 September with the birth of Farnham's Spire Church at the inaugural service, held in the Methodist Church building. The new church has been created through the merger of Farnham United Reformed Church and Farnham Methodist Church. 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. Details of the inaugural service and the address by Bishop Chris Herbert can be found on the Spire Church website: office@spirechurchfarnham.org.uk.

BRINGING FLOOD RELIEF & ELECTRIFYING POOR COMMUNITIES – HOW £1 CAN EQUAL £5 FOR CHRISTIAN AID - Farnham Christian Aid organiser Karen Fewster invites support for two major appeals this month.

'In what is said to be the worst rains in more than 100 years', Karen writes, 'over a million people have been affected by the unprecedented flooding in Kerala, southern India – with the loss of more than 400 lives during the monsoon season. Kerala's floods and landslides have left ruin so terrible that around 200,000 people will be unable to return home for at least six months, Christian Aid estimates. Many people have lost everything they had. Right now, Christian Aid and its local partners are on the ground responding to urgent needs of shelter, food and clean water for those affected. Please pray for the peoples of Kerala and give to the **Kerala Floods Appeal**.' *On line donations can be made via Christian Aid's website.*

Remarkably, money given to Christian Aid's **2018 Harvest Appeal** this autumn will be worth five times more, thanks to funding by the European Union. The **Harvest** project is transforming the lives of women in poor rural communities across the world by introducing them to solar power. For example, Karen writes, Aster, in Ethiopia, refused to be beaten by poverty. She got together with other women in her village and, with training from Christian Aid's partner, they set up a thriving shop that benefits the whole community. Solar energy has given them not just the electrical power their village lacked but also the power to these women to change their own lives. 'With your support this Harvest, we can expand on our solar energy initiatives across Ethiopia, Malawi, Burkina Faso and Honduras. This Harvest, your gift goes further. Every £1 you give will be worth £5, thanks to funding from the European Union. That's five times the number of lives you can transform this year.' *Donations via Christian Aid website – also see concert in support of this appeal at St Martin's on 29 September in [DIARY](#) (below).*

[FARNHAM ASSIST INVITES YOU...](#) - October will be an extra busy month for Farnham ASSIST with no less than three different special events for all to enjoy. Following the ever popular Annual Songs of Praise with afternoon tea on the 4th comes a Quiz Night with fish and chip supper on the 12th and finally a showing of 'My Fair Lady' with sing-along plus afternoon tea on 17th. All funds raised will help to support ASSIST's fantastic work with older people. Find full details of these events and how to book in [DIARY](#) (below).

[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.**

Tuesday 18 September – 11am – St Joan's Centre, Tilford Road - CTF Monthly Ecumenical Prayer Meeting – Reflective readings, prayers and intercessions following refreshments. All welcome – just come along and join us!

Wednesday 19 September 8pm - Farnham Pentecostal Church - One in the Spirit - an hour of informal Inter-Church praise and prayer for Farnham, followed by fellowship over coffee and cakes. Contact Michael Hall 07528 502343 for more details.

Thursday 20 September - 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 23 September – 6.30pm – St James' Church, Rowledge – Talk by Richard Walker on Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, philanthropist, Christian. Entry free - wine and nibbles to follow.

Thursday 27 September at 12.30pm – St Thomas-on-The Bourne - Eat and Speak Lunch at St Thomas' - Bishop Chris Herbert on "Eccentrics, detectives and collars". Tickets £7 from the Parish Office.

Saturday 29 September – 10am till 1pm – St Andrew's Church, Farnham – Confident Two – training and equipping event about faith sharing - part of Farnham's Love in Action Campaign. Please register via FCCT website if you would like to attend.

Saturday 29 September – 7.30pm – Farnham URC – A Night of Variety – tickets £10 including buffet supper, in aid of the Pilgrim Project, from the Spire Cafe or email office@spirechurchfarnham.org.uk

Saturday 29 September – 7.30pm – St Martin's Church, Lower Bourne - Concert for Christian Aid's Harvest Appeal - Petersfield Brass Quintet with Andrew Harrap. Tickets £10 inc. Refreshments. Contact Janet Hughes (794702) or Nan Walton (711658). See [NOTICES](#) (above) for more about **Harvest Appeal**.

Tuesday, 2 October - 1pm – United Reformed Church – Autumn season of lunchtime music begins with a recital by Nicola Sharkey soprano and Brian Cotterill organ. Admission free with donations for the church and performers' expenses.

Thursday 4 October - 3pm - Farnham URC building - Farnham ASSIST Annual Songs of Praise celebrating the International Day of the Older Person. All welcome. Enjoy a delicious tea with friends following the service. Contact Farnham ASSIST for more details 01252 717710.

Friday 5 October - 3 till 9pm - St George's Church Hall, Badshot Lea Farnham - Help for Refugees' next collection. See a list of the items needed in the Lantern at St Thomas-on-The Bourne. Volunteers wanted to help with sorting. For more details contact Angela Tuck on 716119

Friday 12 October - 7pm - Farnham Vineyard Centre, Union Road - Farnham ASSIST Quiz Night with fish & chip supper. Tickets £15 per person - tables of 8 or come along and we will add you to a table. BYO drinks. Great prizes plus raffle. Call 01252 717710 for more info or tickets.

Friday 12 October – 7pm - Alton Abbey – The Annual Abbey Lecture will mark the Centenary of the end of World War One. Dom Andrew OSB and Lynne Rapson's vivid account of those days will be illustrated with many photographs. Followed by supper with wine in the Refectory. Tickets, £30 each, available from: "Tickets", Friends of Alton Abbey, Alton Abbey, Beech, Alton, GU34 4AP. Cheques payable to "Friends of Alton Abbey". Please include 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.

Saturday 13 October, 10.30am till 4.30pm & Sunday 14 October 2pm till 4pm - St Peter's Church - Jigsaw Puzzle Festival. Puzzles on display and for sale, boxed games, refreshments and raffle of a special edition Dr Who puzzle. Free Entry.

Tuesday 16 October – 11am - St Joan's Centre, Tilford Road - CTF Monthly Ecumenical Prayer Meeting – Reflective readings, prayers and intercessions following refreshments. All welcome – just come along and join us!

Wednesday 17 October - 1.15pm – Vineyard Centre, Union Road - Farnham ASSIST showing of 'My Fair Lady' to sing-along plus afternoon tea. All welcome - tickets £8 - **must** be pre-booked. Contact Farnham ASSIST on 01252 717710 or email info@farnham-assist.org.uk.

Saturday 20 October – 10am - St Mary's Church, Frensham – Jigsaw Puzzle Festival. Entry Adults £2; children free.

Saturday 20 October – United Reformed Church - Quiz Night. Details later.

Sunday 28 October – 4pm till 5.30pm – St Andrew's Church – Love in Action Campaign - calling Christians in Farnham to pray together and continue to make a positive difference in our community – 'come to a different sort of inter-church prayer event'. Please register on FCCT website if you would like to attend.

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.