

# CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

## Mid October-November 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,

We are entering a busy period of the year, not least as the nation turns to the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One. May we all use that opportunity to engage at a significant time. We also have our CTF AGM coming up very soon, where we have a very interesting speaker about the chaplaincy at Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. Thank you, also, for your support of me as Chair, and I ask your prayers for Hannah Moore proposed for election as the next Chair.

Yours etc

**Michael Hopkins (Chair)**

### NOTICES

**HEAR ABOUT THE WORK OF OUR HOSPICE CHAPLAINS AT CTF ANNUAL MEETING** – The Revd Dr Jill Thornton, Chaplaincy Team Leader at Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, is the special speaker 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 electing 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 take it in turns year by year to choose a candidate. Please take part in this important meeting and encourage others to come along as well. Refreshments will be served after the meeting, providing a great opportunity to meet friends from other churches and Christian organisations. Would you or anyone you know like to be more involved with Churches Together? We would welcome nominations for election to the Steering Committee. *AGM poster attached or downloadable from the CTF website <http://www.churchestogether.org/farnham> – please display.*

**BELLS WILL RING OUT AROUND THE WORLD ON REMEMBRANCE DAY SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER** - to mark the Centenary of the Armistice which ended the First World War. Falling as it does on the actual day of the centenary, Remembrance Sunday commemorations will be particularly significant this year. Check with individual church websites for details. - links available from the CTF website

**RETHINK FARNHAM** – offers an exciting week-long programme that will bring a number of notable thinkers to Farnham and deserves the attention of everyone of us. Details can be found on the FCCT website: <https://www.fcct.support/diary> but a list of the titles gives some idea of the range covered. Taking place between **19 and 25 of November**, these include **Rethink Meaning** - a dialogue between members of Farnham Humanist Society and the local Christian Community. **Rethink History** – what can history tell us about Jesus? **Rethink Science** – has science buried God? **Rethink Youth** - a 'no question off limit' gathering for 11 to 18 year olds. **Rethink faith** – a chance to ask your big questions around faith. **Rethink Business** – where's the line in good business? **Rethink Suffering** - proof against a loving God? **Rethink Beauty** – about the wonder of creation.

**NEW MID MONTH PUBLICATION DATE FOR E-NEWS** - Readers may have noticed that this newsletter is now published in the middle of each month (a little later than previously). We aim to include as many coming events as possible for the remainder of the current month and the whole of the following month. Hopefully this will enable us to encompass a slightly wider range of dates but we DO need your help in letting us know what you planning. Then we can all benefit from the free publicity throughout our Christian community and also on the web that the CTF newsletter provides. Thank you!

**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.

**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 marks the Centenary of the end of World War One. Dom Andrew OSB and Lynne Rapson's vivid account of those days illustrated with many photographs.** Followed by supper with wine in the Refectory. Tickets £30 each had to be pre-booked.

**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.

**Sunday 14 October – St Andrew's Church – Celebration Service in memory of Mike Hawthorn.** This is the beginning of an event to celebrate the 60th anniversary of his winning the Formula One World Championship, the first British driver to do so. The service will be followed by a parade of 120 vintage cars around the centre of the town.

**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](mailto: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 – 7.30 for 8pm – Spire Church (URC building) - Quiz Night in aid of Pilgrim Project** – form a team or come on your own – tickets £5 per person from the Spire Cafe or the Spire Church Office.

**Saturday 20 October – 7.30 – St Mark's Church, Upper Hale - Presentation Evening on Kitty Milroy's Murals.** New information about the murals which decorate the Chancel of the church, the text that they are based upon and information from the restorers. See the Badshot and Hale parish website for more details.

**Sunday 28 October – 4pm till 5.30pm – St Andrew's Church – 'Confident' - 'come to a different sort of inter-church prayer event'. Please register on FCCT website if you would like to attend.**

**Tuesday 6 November – 1pm – Spire Church (URC building) – Music at Lunchtime – Recital by international violinist Fumi Otsuki and his piano accompanist Georgios Vardakis.**

**Sunday 11 November – Remembrance Day Centenary of Armistice Day** – commemorated at churches and war memorials everywhere. Contact individual church websites for details. **Church bells to be rung to mark the Centenary.**

**Tuesday – 13 November – 1.10pm – St Andrew's Church – Music While You Munch** – free organ recital – refreshments available or bring your own lunch.

**Thursday 15 November - 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.

**Friday and Saturday 16 and 17 November – 10am till 5pm - St Andrew's Church – Winterfest - Art and Craft with Music.** Festival with Pop-up Cafe

**Saturday 17 November- Spire Church (URC building) – Rock Choir Christmas Lights Switch on Concert** – Join the Rock Choir for a free concert straight after Farnham Christmas Lights are switched on.

**Sunday 18 November – 3pm - St Andrew's Church – Winterfest Concert followed by afternoon tea.**

**19 to 25 November – various venues - Rethink Farnham** - a major series of events to explore and expand our understanding. See **Notices** above and go to FCCT website: <https://www.fcct.support/diary> to find out more.

**Tuesday 20 November – 10am until 3pm – Aldridge Theatre, Frensham Heights School, Rowledge, GU10 4EA - Phyllis Tuckwell Christmas Gift Fair & Adult Craft Sessions.** Over 40 stalls selling gifts for the home, fashions, cosmetics, fine foods, art, jewellery, books, candles and more. Refreshments available, Rock Choir will be performing and there is free parking. £3 entry, children free. This year there will also be adult craft sessions of cracker making (£25) and Napkin Ring making (£20) run by Escape2Art. Profits go to the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. Contact [fundraising@pth.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@pth.org.uk) or phone 01252 729446 to pre-book and avoid disappointment. Susan Griffiths Jewellery Designs will also be running jewellery workshops throughout the day on a drop in basis.

**Tuesday 20 November – 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!

**Monday 26 November – 6.30pm - Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, Waverley Lane - Light Up a Life Service** - To remember loved ones and to celebrate their lives. Readings, carols and prayers. All welcome. Outdoors at the Christmas Tree so you are advised to bring a torch and wrap up warm. More details from the hospice if required.

**Thursday 29 November – 7.30pm – St Andrew's Church – St Andrew's Day Concert** - The Friends of St Andrew's will be presenting Operatic singer Diana Vivian, accompanied by Claire Tester. Diana is a celebrated singer and has performed extensively throughout Europe. The programme will also include gifted students from Farnborough Sixth Form College. The evening will include an interval with refreshments and canapés. Tickets £10 available from The Friends of St Andrew's - contact 01252 716170 or email [bemdem35@gmail.com](mailto:bemdem35@gmail.com).

**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.**