

PDFs of new Unity Week poster and of this newsletter are attached, to print for your noticeboard

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

Mid-January February 2019 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

Dear Friends,

Psalm 133 says "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell in unity!" As we meet together as Christians in Farnham during the week of Christian Unity to pray for our community, our country and our world how "good and pleasant" it will be. It is a wonderful opportunity to present and celebrate a united Christian presence in town. I would like to encourage you to attend some of the prayer meetings and the Unity Service.

Every Blessing,

Hannah

NOTICES

HOW FARNHAM WILL CELEBRATE UNITY WEEK - Churches Together in Farnham's Annual United Service will take place at St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church on Sunday 20 January at 6pm, hosted by the Revd John Morris. We look forward to seeing you all there, congregations included, as well as members of the wider community. **Everyone** is welcome. The service will be followed by a get-together over bring and share refreshments. There will also be daily prayer meetings at various churches throughout **Unity Week (18 to 25 January)**. *Please announce these events in your church, include in news-sheets and print and display the attached new poster. This now includes full details of the week's programme. Details are also available on the CTF website.*

Friday 18th	9.30am	Mass at St Joan's, Tilford Rd
Saturday 19th	10.30am	Meeting at Quaker Meeting House, 36 Tilford Rd
Monday 21st	8.30am	Morning Prayer at St Andrew's, Church Lane
Tuesday 22nd	9.15am	Morning Prayers at St George's, Badshot Lea
Wednesday 23rd	10am	Unity Prayers at Farnham Vineyard, Union Rd
Thursday 24th	10am	Unity Prayers at St Thomas-on-the-Bourne
Friday 25th	11.30am	Pause for Thought at the Spire Church, South St

There is also an invitation to the regular ecumenical **Bible Study** at St Mark's Church, Upper Hale, at 9.15am on Thursday 24th.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUPERMARKET CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION - Collectors are needed for a bucket collection in aid of Christian Aid outside Aldershot Tesco's between 9am and 5pm on Friday 25 January. If you can help please contact Karen Fewster on 07977 561567

COME – EVERYTHING IS READY! - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Everyone is invited to join in this global event at St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church on Friday 1 March at 10.30am. Formerly known as Women's World Day of Prayer, the change of title this year emphasises the fact that this special service is for all – men, women and children alike. A fresh presentation is devised each year by different groups of women around the world. The 2019 event has been prepared by women from Slovenia on the theme 'Come -

everything is ready!'. It is based on Jesus' parable of a great feast that was prepared for important guests, But when the meal was ready, the invited guests were all too busy to come. So instead the party was thrown open to outsiders. The weak, the poor and the marginalised were welcomed in. Now in 2019 we are all invited to take part in this striking new presentation, 'encircling the world in a wave of prayer'. *More details on Churches Together in Farnham's website where you can download a poster.*

QUIET DAY WITH THE RECTOR OF FARNHAM – The Revd H. David Uffindell will be joint leader of a **Quiet Day at Ascot Priory on Thursday 7 March from 10am to 3.30pm**. The cost of £18 includes tea, coffee and lunch. The Day will be led by David and the Revd Paul McLaren-Cook (Warden of the Priory). To book a place, please contact office@standrewsfarnham.org

HOSPICE CELEBRATES ITS 40th ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR – The Phyllis Tuckwell is 40 years old this year and to mark the anniversary the hospice is inviting everyone to take part in a host of exciting challenges to raise money for the magnificent work it does. These range from walking on the wing of a flying aircraft to trekking Mount Blanc or abseiling down the Spinnaker Tower plus many opportunities of a slightly less gruelling nature, like going to a music festival or walking your dog in the park. Look at the Phyllis Tuckwell website to find out more.

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.

Sunday 13 January - 7pm St Andrew's Church, Farnham - 'Just as I am' The African Children's Choir in Concert. The "Just as I am" tour combines traditional hymns with African cultural sounds and a visual story of God's faithfulness. A collection will be taken in aid of Music for Life, including the continued education of the children you see in concert. Tickets £7 adults, £4 children, £20 family available from the Parish Office on 01252 715412 or office@standrewsfarnham.org

Tuesday 15 January – 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!

Thursday 17 January - 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.

Thursday 17 January – 7.30pm – Hale Rectory – 'Moving on' – first session of a course to explore some aspects of Christian faith and how we live it out. Contact Lesley on 01252 820537 or email lesley@badshotleaand hale.org to find out more.

18 to 25 January – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Daily prayer meetings at various churches – see full details in [NOTICES](#) (above).

Saturday 19 January – 7 for 7.30pm – The Sands Golf Club – Burns Night Supper with Ceilidh led by Rough Folk – in aid of the Spire Church Pilgrim Project. Ticket price £40 available from the Spire Cafe at the Spire Church, South Street or the Church Office.

Sunday 20 January – 6pm – St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church, Frensham Road – Churches Together in Farnham Annual United Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, followed by bring and share refreshments. **ALL WELCOME** - see full details in [NOTICES](#) (above).

Saturday 2 February – 7pm – St Thomas-on-The Bourne – Quiz Night with fish and chip supper, pudding auction, raffle and bar. This is a fun evening to help two choristers with fundraising for charity trips and project work in Sri Lanka and Ghana. Tickets £12.50 – see St Thomas' website for more details.

Saturday 16 February – 7.30pm - St John's Church, Hale Road, Farnham, GU9 9RP - Blackwater Valley Wind Quintet and other performers will present a classical concert in aid of Christian Aid and Badshot Lea churches. The programme will include pieces by Mozart, Schumann, Vaughan Williams and Gordon Jacob. Tickets £10 (concessions £8) including refreshments. For tickets call Gerry on 07730 009317 or Carolyn on 07519 740607 or email g.weston321@btinternet.com . Tickets can also be bought at the door subject to availability.

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Thursday 7 March from 10am to 3.30pm – Ascot Priory – Quiet Day – led by the RevdH. David Uffindell (Rector of Farnham) and the Revd Paul McLaren-Cook (Warden of the Priory) - see more details in [NOTICES](#) (above).

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.