

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

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Dear Friends,

As we journey towards Easter, I find myself reflecting that many people seem to be living in 'Good Friday world'. They are worried, sad, or disillusioned. It is often hard to find any hope in tomorrow because today is so very hard. From my own perspective, without the hope that my faith provides, I would find the challenges of each day hard to face. However, it is important to remember that the sun rose on that first Easter morning, the stone was rolled away, and Jesus risen from the dead. Let us hang on to this good news and the hope it offers, and by doing so we can live as Easter people, as beacons of hope in a Good Friday world.

Every Blessing,

Hannah

NOTICES

TILFORD'S NEW PRIEST TO BE LICENCED IN MAY – We greatly look forward to welcoming the Revd Neil Fairlamb who will be licenced for his new ministry at All Saints Church, Tilford, at 6.30pm on 15 May. His final service as Rector of Beaumaris and Vicar and Ministry Area Leader of Bro Seiorl in Anglesey is on Easter Sunday and Neil and his wife, Yvonne, will be moving into the Vicarage at Tilford shortly afterwards. Neil has many interests. As well as trekking to Santiago de Compostela in Spain on various pilgrim routes, he has made regular trips to India, as Chair of the Grail Trust which supports disadvantaged children in South India. He is also a wine expert with special interest in the wines and spirits of Spain and Portugal. He has written books on local history and has stood for election to the Welsh Assembly and UK Parliament on numerous occasions. Before entering the Ministry he taught at Dulwich College, South London, for more than 20 years. Neil will be licenced to serve in the United Benefice of The Bourne and Tilford by the Archdeacon of Surrey, the Venerable Paul Davies, who was formerly Neil's archdeacon in the Diocese of Bangor, which includes Anglesey.

JOIN WALK OF WITNESS - Churches Together in Farnham's Walk of Witness will take place on **Good Friday 19 April**. All Christians are asked to join in this silent procession through the town centre. Assemble at the top of The Hart, starting with prayer, to walk through the streets of the town in silent procession, following a large wooden cross. We finish in St Andrew's Churchyard with a Good Friday hymn. Participants may like to bring a palm cross to carry.

ALPHA COURSES AT ST JOAN'S – Two parallel Alpha Courses are starting at St Joan's Centre in Tilford Road. The first begins on Thursday 25 April at 10am and continues weekly till 18 July. The second begins on Sunday 28 April at 6.45pm and continues weekly till 21 July. Each two-hour session is in three parts: Food; DVD Talk designed to engage and inspire; and Conversation. Both courses will share in Holy Spirit Day on Saturday 15 June. To register, email alastaireblem@yahoo.co.uk or go to St Joan's website for link.

SUPPORT CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – Karen Fewster writes: 'We will be raising money in Farnham to fund a project to improve prenatal and maternal health care in Sierra Leone. This is one of the most dangerous countries in the world to become a mum. Every day 10 women die giving birth, and one in nine children do not live to see their fifth birthday. With their partners, RADA (Rehabilitation and Development Agency) Christian Aid are working in rural areas to ensure that mothers and babies will have the chance of life. Through our gifts and prayers we can all help make childbirth safer for mums and babies in Sierra Leone. Please encourage your congregation to get involved.'

Events for Christian Aid Week are:

- 12 to 18 May:** Door to door collection in Farnham and surrounding villages.
- 12 May:** Special Christian Aid Service followed by refreshments at St George's Church, Badshot Lea, starting at 5pm.
- 13 to 17 May:** Early morning rush hour bucket collection at Farnham Station.
- 18 May:** Soup lunches, cake and more at The Spire Cafe, South Street – all proceeds to Christian Aid.

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.

Good Friday 19 April – 11.45am for 12 noon – The Hart, Farnham – Churches Together in Farnham

Walk of Witness - All are invited to gather at the top of The Hart and join in a silent procession through the streets of the town, following a large wooden cross. We begin with prayer, and finish in the churchyard of St Andrew's Church with the singing of a Good Friday hymn. It is suggested that participants may like to carry a palm cross.

Sunday 21 April – EASTER DAY – all our churches will be celebrating Christ's Resurrection. Please go to individual church websites for details.

Saturday & Sunday 27 and 28 April – 12 noon till 5pm – Open Days at Alton Abbey – Mosaic demonstration, beautiful stationery, Hadeel products from Palestine, second-hand Books. Entrance £3, Teas £3,.Organ and Piano Recitals at 3pm.

Saturday 27 April – 7.30pm – Guildford Cathedral, GU2 7UP. Performance of Haydn's Creation by a group of talented young musicians. Conductor Max Todes; Choral Director Hannah Dienes-Williams; soloists Millie Saba Davies, Harry Ross and Thomas Humphreys. Tickets £15 (under 10s free) from the Cathedral Box Office. Retiring collection in aid of Guildford Cathedral.

Friday 3 May – 12 noon – Oak Park Golf Club, Crondall – Arctic Epic – Ladies' Lunch in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice – with guest speaker Victoria Humphries who was part of the first all-women relay expedition to the North Pole. 20 women took part in this epic challenge in 1997, braving freezing winds, shifting ice and temperatures of nearly -50 degrees Fahrenheit, as they took on the 416 mile distance from Arctic Canada to the North Pole. Includes raffle and silent auction. £40 or £380 for a table of 10. Call Fundraising on 01252 729446 for table booking.

Saturday 4 May – 7.30pm – St Mark's Church, Upper Hale – Caravan Jazz – Music of Django Reinhardt, Nat King Cole, Ella Fitzgerald, Glenn Miller and many more – Teddy's Cafe Bar Jazzmen, Wendy Edwards, guest singers and musicians. Donations for Kitty Milroy Murals. Phone 07740 082460 to book.

Thursday 9 May – 6pm – St Andrew's Church, Farnham – Special Service to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. Music from Shuffletunes. Refreshments served after the Service. All welcome.

Saturday 11 May – 10am to 4.30pm – St Mary's Church Hall, Frensham – The Bible in a Nutshell – walk through the Old Testament Live – interactive, engaging and memorable day. Arrive from 9.30am. Bring packed lunch; hot and cold drinks provided. Adult admission £14 including workbook. Free for 11 to 16 year olds if accompanied by an adult. Phone organiser Jon Savage 01252 910681.

Saturday 11 May – 10.30am to 4pm – Farnham Rugby Club, Moncton Lane, GU9 9ND – Lego Exhibition in aid of Farnham ASSIST. Sponsored by Kidd Rapinet, solicitors. Tickets from Eventbrite.co.uk or buy at the door £3.

12 to 18 May – Christian Aid Week – see [NOTICES](#) for more details.

Tuesday 14 May – 11am – St Joan’s Centre – Churches Together in Farnham ecumenical prayer meeting. Hot drinks and biscuits followed by reflective readings, prayers and intercessions. All welcome – just come along.

Thursday 16 May – Silver Service – 3pm – Farnham Methodist Church – Silver Service for Over Sixties. Followed by tea and cake. Contact Farnham Assist if transport is required.

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.