

CHURCHES TOGETHER

IN FARNHAM

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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,

I have been reflecting on how stressful waiting can be. As a country, we have been waiting for Brexit to be sorted out for a long time and as a nation we are stressed and frustrated. In my own life, I have been waiting for a particular email to arrive in my inbox for seven days and during that time I have been anxious, stressed and feeling quite frustrated. I then started to think how difficult it must have been for the disciples to wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit and how they, at times, must have felt lost and anxious. However their waiting was over at Pentecost and our faithful God “showed up in a big way!” I pray for each of us that God will show up in a big way, may the Holy Spirit come upon us all as a gentle dove bringing peace in our lives, in our homes and in our world.

Every Blessing,

Hannah

(Revd Hannah Moore – Chair of Churches Together in Farnham)

NOTICES

CELEBRATION OF A NEW MINISTRY – A large congregation warmly welcomed the Revd Neil Fairlamb to his new ministry at All Saints Church, Tilford, on 15 May. Neil was licensed and installed by the Archdeacon of Surrey, the Ven. Paul Davies, who had also been Neil's archdeacon in his last parish in Anglesey before moving to the Guildford Diocese. The Parish of Tilford is part of a United Benefice with St Thomas-on-The Bourne, whose Vicar is the Revd John Morris.

Clergy and congregation were involved in a joyful service whose theme was partnership – ‘between God and the Church, the whole people of God – and between the ordained ministry and the lay members, each with their individual gifts’. Ceremonies at the font, the lectern and the altar symbolised aspects of Neil's new ministry, the Call to Discipleship, to Mission and to Worship. Then Neil and his wife Yvonne, were welcomed by the Area Dean, the Revd Jane Walker, on behalf of the local clergy, and by representatives of the church and community in Tilford. The evening ended with fellowship over drinks and delicious canapés.

Neil grew up in North Wales and after six university years in Wales, Oxford and Cambridge, he was a teacher at Dulwich College for 21 years. He was ordained as a deacon and then priest in Southwark Cathedral in 1993 and 1994. He has been a full time priest in three areas of Wales for 24 years. Yvonne and Neil celebrated the day of their 21st wedding anniversary by moving to Tilford Vicarage and ‘are very much looking forward to meeting all parishioners and playing a full part in the life of Tilford and the Bourne.’

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, HALE, IS 175 YEARS OLD – Celebrations of St John's 175th anniversary began with a riot of scent and colour. The opening event was a weekend flower festival on 18th and 19th May, which proved a huge success, enjoyed by hundreds of visitors. Striking a more sombre note, the next event, on Wednesday 22nd, was a talk by Suzette Jones, Diocesan Health and Wellbeing Adviser, on the subject of modern slavery and human trafficking – and what we can do to prevent it. This commemorated a link with slavery abolitionist William Wilberforce through his relative, Bishop Charles Sumner, who founded St John's Church.

Anniversary treats to come include a talk by the Rt-Rev'd Christopher Herbert (former Bishop of St Alban's) on ‘Art, Architecture and Christianity in Victorian England’ on 5th June (more details in **DIARY** below); an Art and Craft Exhibition on 22nd and 23rd June; a big Party with Music in the Churchyard’ on 20th July; and

Afternoon Tea with Singing and Reminiscing on 3rd August. Finally, Bishop Andrew will preside at a Celebration Service on 24th November, followed by St John's 175th Birthday Cake!

People are also invited to write about what St John's means to them in 175 words and email it to news@badshotleaandhale.org.

[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 26 May – from 2pm – Royal British Legion, Elstead – [Surrey Blues Festival](#) - raising funds for Oakleaf and Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. Stalls, pop up art gallery, BBQ food available. Tickets £7 pre-booked, £10 on the door.

Thursday 30 May Ascension Day – from 6pm – Hale Rectory – [Barbecue in the Rectory Garden](#) – bring own alcoholic drinks and meat – buns, salad and soft drinks provided. This will be followed by a short Communion Service at 7.30pm in the garden for people of all ages. There will be services for Ascension Day at many churches. Check parish websites for details.

Saturday 1 June – 7.30pm – Aldridge Theatre, Frensham Park School, Rowledge – [Farnham and Bourne Choral Society Festival Concert](#) – three works by Haydn – tickets £15 (£5 for under 16s) from Society's Box Office, from a choir member, or, if still available, on the door.

Sunday 2 June – from 9.30am – starting and finishing at More House School, Frensham – [Walk for the Wards](#) – raising funds for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. Enjoy a leisurely ramble through stunning countryside, choosing from 5 or 10 mile route – and be rewarded with a free cream tea at the end! Registration £15 adults; £7 under 14 on the hospice website.

Sunday 2 June – 3pm – St Andrew's Church – [Live Reggae with Ijay, the Messenjhas and Heather Golding](#) – a colourful 90 minute musical celebration with vocals, saxophone, drums and percussion. Local artist Heather Golding will also be singing and playing her native American flute.

Wednesday 5 June – 7.30pm – St John's Church, Hale, - [175th Anniversary talk by the Rt-Rev'd Christopher Herbert \(former Bishop of St Alban's\) on 'Art, Architecture and Christianity in Victorian England'](#). Donations welcome. Refreshments available.

Sunday 9 June – 1 to 5pm – [Dockenfield Gardens open in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice](#). Visit all four gardens for £10 or £4 for each. All proceeds to the hospice. Details of all the gardens across the region that will be open on various dates throughout the summer in support of the Phyllis Tuckwell are available on the hospice website or from reception.

Tuesday 11 June – 1.10pm – St Andrew's Church – [Music While You Munch – free organ recital](#) – refreshments provided or bring your own lunch.

Friday 14 June – 11am – St Andrew's Church – [The Bridgefield Consort: Banquet of Music](#) – Baroque and Renaissance music for recorder, lute, viol, voice and harpsichord.

Saturday 15 June – 12 noon – St George's Church, Badshot Lea – [Parish Fete with gardening broadcaster and writer John Negus](#) - at the plant stall to answer any gardening questions visitors have.

Friday 14 June to Sunday 19 June – St Andrew's Church – [Art Exhibition in the gallery](#) – opening at 4.30pm on Friday, 10am on Saturday and 12 noon on Sunday. Admission free but donations to Creative Response welcome.

Saturday 15 June – 1pm – St Andrew's Church – [Tilford Bach Festival – Adrian Butterfield and Kath Sharman](#) – J. S. Bach works for violin and cello. Tickets £10 unreserved; cash on door only. Under 26 years free.

Saturday 15 June – St Andrew's Church – 7.30pm - [Tilford Bach Festival – London Handel Players](#) – Baroque Concert. Tickets from Tilford Bach Society website - £15 unreserved, £14 for members; or £17.50 on the door. Under 26 years free.

Tuesday 18 June – 11 am – St Joan’s Centre, Tilford Road – CTF Ecumenical Prayer Meeting (third Tuesday of each month) – refreshments served, followed by reflective readings, prayer and intercessions. All welcome – just come along and join us!

18 to 22 June – 10am daily – Wintershall Estate, Bramley, GU5 0LR – The Life of Christ – renowned open air performance – truly unforgettable. Tickets from the Wintershall website.

Thursday 20 June – 3pm – Spire (formerly Methodist) Church – Farnham ASSIST Silver Service – interdenominational service with hymns for over 60s, followed by tea and cakes. Contact Farnham ASSIST if transport is needed.

Saturday 22 June – 7.30pm – St Andrew’s Church – Voices Together Concert – includes extracts from Oklahoma and The Lion King. Guest performers: the Lydian Singers. No tickets but retiring collection for the Alzheimer Café UK charity.

Sunday 23 June – 3pm – St Andrew’s Church – Heather Golding: A Celebration – Heather Golding will be playing her native American flutes with friends in a colourful 90 minute celebration in music, poetry and story telling.

Friday 28 June – 11am - St Andrew’s Church – The Bridgefield Consort: Banquet of Music – Baroque and 20th Century music for recorder, lute, viol, voice and harpsichord.

Saturday 29 June – 7.30pm – St Andrew’s Church – Hart Male Voice Choir – in varied programme of voices singing in Harmony – tickets £10.

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.