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# CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

## Mid-June July 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](mailto:web@ct-farnham.org.uk)*

Dear Friends,

As I look through the list of activities on the go in the Churches in Farnham, I am struck by how busy our churches are. Sometimes our doing for God overtakes and overshadows our being with God. Psalm 46.10 encourages us to “Be still, and know that I am God”, I pray we do not lose sight of the opportunities to be still in God’s presence. With this in mind, I would encourage you to attend the inter-church prayer event, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June and engage with the opportunity to be with God.

Every Blessing,

Hannah

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

### **NOTICES**

#### **FAREWELL TO FARNHAM’S METHODIST MINISTER - & NEW MINISTRY ARRANGEMENTS TO FOLLOW**

Sadly, we will soon be saying goodbye to the Revd Conrad Hicks. Everyone will be welcome at his farewell service (see below). *The Revd Michael Hopkins writes:*

Dear friends in Churches Together,

I write to inform you of updated ministry arrangements from 1 September. You will be aware that Revd Conrad Hicks is leaving Farnham. His replacement at the Spire will be the Revd Philip Simpkins, whose details you already have as he is minister of Hale and Rowledge Methodist churches. In addition, I will be joining Philip in offering ministry at Hale and Rowledge Methodist Churches. This means that from 1 September Philip Simpkins and I will be sharing ministry as a team across the three churches of Hale Methodist, Rowledge Methodist, and The Spire (URC/Methodist LEP). Philip will continue to be based in Alton and remain as minister of Alton Methodist Church, and I remain also Minister of Elstead URC.

There will be a farewell service for Conrad at 6.30 pm on Sunday 14 July in the Methodist building, preceded by tea from 4.30 pm. Everyone will be welcome.

Michael

**CELEBRATING ST JOHN’S CHURCH BIRTHDAY WITH ART AND CRAFT** - An enticing series of events to mark the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St John’s Church, Hale, continues this month with an Art and Craft Exhibition ‘celebrating creativity and community life’. This takes place from 10am till 4pm on Saturday 22 June and from noon till 4pm on Sunday 23 June. Both professional and amateur work will be on show - ceramics, quilts, paintings, willow-weaving, photography, millinery, and more, with art groups, charities, Scouts, care homes and individuals also involved. Among those taking part will be the Ahmadiyya Muslims, not only exhibiting but also selling tasty Asian snacks. As well as food and drink to buy, there will be musical entertainment by local musicians. The next anniversary event is a big Party with Music in the Churchyard on 20 July with more celebrations yet to come. Check the parish website (link from CTF website) for more details.

**‘A DIFFERENT SORT OF INTER-CHURCH PRAYER EVENT’** - **‘Love in Action’ writes:** ‘It is 3 years since the first Love in Action Family Prayer Event event gathered 300 people in Farnham together to pray for our town, our community and the amazing ways we collaborate together. We are shortly to have another on **Sunday 23rd June, 2.30pm – 4pm at Farnham Maltings** which will now run just once a year, in the summer term and to try and gather as many folk to pray as possible. The Farnham Signposts Schools Team

will gather the primary school age kids and provide some high-energy age-appropriate games and prayer activities in a nearby room. While this is happening, the adults will be inspired by a mixture of prayer, inspirational updates on different collaborative projects, along with testimonies of the life-changing difference made as a result of God's Love in Action.' Anyone wishing to be involved is invited to register now. Go to FCCT (Farnham Christian Community Trust) website for more details.

**ADVANCE NOTICE** – The title of this year's Annual Conference of South East England Faiths Forum is **"We have 12 years - (to save the planet)"**. The conference will be held on Monday 16 September at the University of Surrey, Guildford, from 10.30am till 3.30pm (registration and refreshments from 9.30am). More details available soon.

**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 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 – 12.30pm – St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church – Eat and Speak Lunch – a soup, bread and cheese lunch with Speaker Frances Garland on "Aid with Dignity."** Contact Parish Office.

**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 and Sunday 23 June – St John's Church, Hale – Art and Craft Exhibition celebrating 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary** – see NOTICES (above) for more details.

**Saturday 22 June and Sunday 23 June – 10am to 6pm – Churches of Seale, The Sands, Puttenham and Wanborough - 'Village Life' Four Churches Flower Festival.**

**Saturday 22 June – 12 noon – St Marks Church, Alma Lane, Hale – Mike Twiddy singing songs from the shows, including Anything Goes, My Fair Lady, & Brigadoon and more.** The performance will be free but donations to The Kitty Milroy Murals would be appreciated. Part of Farnham Flash Festival.

**Saturday 22 June – 6pm - St Mary's Church, Frensham – Vivaldi Singers Concert – baroque to Beethoven.** Tickets available from Vivaldi Singers' website.

**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.

**Saturday 22 June – 7.30pm - St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church – A Glorious Day in Music' Vox Concert** - with music specially chosen to celebrate each moment of the day, and featuring Vivaldi's 'Gloria'. Tickets £15 (under 18's free) on the door, or £12 in advance from the Parish Office 715505 or contact [voxchamberchoir@outlook.com](mailto:voxchamberchoir@outlook.com)

**Sunday 23 June, 2.30pm – Farnham Maltings – Love in Action - 'a different sort of family prayer event** – see **NOTICES** above for more details.

**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.

**Tuesday 25 June – 1pm – St Mary's, Frensham – Organ Recital in St Mary's by Linden Innes-Hopkins (St Albans).** Home-made soup and rolls available from 12 noon. Entrance is free, retiring collection to cover expenses. All welcome.

**Friday 28 June – 11am - St Andrew's Church – The Bridgefield Consort: Banquet of Music** – Baroque and 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Saturday 6 July – 6pm – St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church - A Summer Evening Concert** - Featuring Andrew Harrap and choristers from St Thomas' Choir. Including Chopin's Balade No 1 and solos and duets by Elgar, Ireland, Mendelssohn, Purcell and Schubert – and much more. Free entry with retiring collection in aid of Church and Choir funds. Light refreshments will be served during the interval.

**Tuesday 9 July – 1.10pm – St Andrew’s Church – Music While You Munch – free organ recital** – refreshments provided or bring your own lunch.

**Sunday 14 July – 6.30pm – Farnham Spire Church (Methodist building) - Farewell Service for the Revd Conrad Hicks, preceded by tea from 4.30 pm.** Everyone welcome. See [NOTICES](#) (above).

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**Saturday 20 July – 12 noon till 2pm - St John’s Church, Hale – Music in the Churchyard** – big party to celebrate 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St John’s. ‘Free of charge for the whole community. There will be music, food and lots of cake. All are invited, please let us know that you are coming so we can get the catering right. Email [pamelaanne.m@btinternet.com](mailto:pamelaanne.m@btinternet.com).’ Also see [NOTICES](#) (above).

**Saturday 20 July – 7.30pm – St Mark’s Church, Upper Hale – Come and celebrate the restoration of ‘Emily’ the pipe organ.** Come and hear her play again!

**Tuesday 23 July – 1pm – St Mary’s, Frensham – Organ Recital by Brian Cotterill (Farnham).** Home-made soup and rolls available from 12 noon. Entrance is free, retiring collection to cover expenses. All welcome.

**Friday 26 July – 7.30pm – Alton Abbey Church – In Accord Concert with Sue Lampard and her 14 piece a cappella choir.** As part of the performance, the audience will learn how ‘A Cappella’ (singing without instruments) works, and hear how the parts build up to make the harmonious sound of the full chorus. There may even be some audience participation in harmony singing. The Concert will be followed by wine and light refreshments in the Cloister garden. Tickets £15 - available from "Tickets", Friends of Alton Abbey, Alton Abbey, Beech, Alton, GU34 4AP. Cheques should be made payable to “Friends of Alton Abbey”. Please include SAE & telephone number or email address. More information from [friendsofaltonabbey@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofaltonabbey@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.**