

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

September - October 2019 E-News

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Dear Friends,

I love this time of year, it is a time of new beginnings and of endings. Many of us are returning to work and school after a summer break, reinvigorated and refreshed. For many children returning to school there is the excitement of new stationery, shiny shoes, white school shirts and new things to learn. Alongside all these new beginnings, around us in the natural world are signs of endings, the leaves are changing colour and falling off the trees. As my grandmother would have said, “the nights are drawing in..” This season of beginnings and endings brought to mind the verse from John 12:24, “Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.” I wonder, what are the things in our lives we need to put down in order that they or we might be more fruitful in the future? My prayer for each of us is that God will reveal how we can help in his work here in Farnham to reap a great harvest for his kingdom.

Every Blessing,

Hannah

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

NOTICES

A VERY IMPORTANT DATE! - We can now announce that this year's Annual General Meeting of Churches Together in Farnham will be held at **St Mark's Church, Upper Hale, on Thursday 24 October**. Please come yourself and encourage as many as possible to be there as well. This is the opportunity for members of all our churches and Christian organisations to meet together to share what we have been doing and what we would like to do as well as enjoying the fellowship of meeting old and new friends over refreshments.

WELCOME TO THE REVD SANDY CLARKE – Sandy, a native of Chicago Illinois, has recently joined the clergy team of the parish of St Thomas-on The Bourne. In no way a newcomer to Surrey, she has been serving as the Senior Families Minister at St Bartholomew's and St Christopher's Churches, Haslemere for the last 14 years. Before this she lectured on computing, statistics and business for 15 years at Leyton Sixth Form and then Guildford College. Sandy felt called to ordained ministry five years ago. She trained at St Mellitus and was ordained deacon at Guildford Cathedral. Her daughter Alex who is finishing her degree in philosophy at Leeds University and her son Adam who is currently taking a year out, came with her to the Bourne.

ST JAMES 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS BEGIN SOON – An exciting year lies ahead for the Parish of Rowledge, marking the 150th anniversary of the completion of St James' Church and the creation of Rowledge as a parish in 1869. The opening event, on **30 November in Rowledge Village Hall**, will be a talk on the parish and its church by local historian Roy Waight – tickets £15 from Hands The Butcher. Celebrations continue with a Christmas Tree Festival in December and a full programme is planned for 2020, including a flower festival and the opportunity to 'dance the night away' at a Village Ball.

HERITAGE DAYS ARE NOT TO BE MISSED! This year Farnham's Heritage Open Days will run over two consecutive weekends in September, Saturday 14 till Sunday 15, and Thursday 19 till Sunday 22. This is a fantastic opportunity to step back in time and explore Farnham's roots, including its Christian heritage - all free of charge. The theme of 'People Power' will commemorate some of the famous sons, daughters and residents of Farnham who have made an impact locally or nationally – as well as celebrating what has been achieved by the people of Farnham at grass roots level. For example, this is the 50th anniversary of Farnham Maltings, saved by local action. Go to the Farnham Town website for full details.

CELEBRATING SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE - Bluebird Care, providers of assistance for people in their own homes, is hosting a three-hour event in the main hall of the Spire Church, South Street, from **10am till 1pm on Friday 20 September** 'celebrating services for older people'. This will include stalls with information from a broad range of services, charities and community groups including Age UK Surrey, Farnham Assist, Surrey Fire and Rescue Service, Wiltshire Farm Foods, Bakerlaw Solicitors, Healthwatch Surrey, TGA Living, Brightwells Gostrey, Bluebird Care Guildford & Waverley and Crossroads Care Surrey. The organisers' invitation: 'Free refreshments and entertainment will be on offer so why not come along and enjoy the music, food and opportunity to talk to lots of different charities and groups working hard to support older members in our community.'

TWELVE YEARS TO SAVE THE PLANET – 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).

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 27 August – 1pm – St Mary's Church, Frensham – Organ Recital by Stephen Lacey. This will be preceded by a light lunch in the hall, available from 12 noon. 'There is no charge for anything but donations to offset expenses would be most welcome.'

Sunday 8 September – 1-3pm - in Vicarage Garden, 2 Kings Lane, Wrecclesham - Parish BBQ. Cost: £5 including BBQ, sausages and burger, choc ice and soft/hot drinks. Salad contributions welcome. Please bring your own alcohol, cutlery/plates/glasses – as before. Please sign up on the notice board at the back of church.

Tuesday 10 September – 1.10pm – St Andrew's Church – Music While You Munch – free organ recital at lunchtime. Refreshments provided or bring your own lunch.

Friday 13 September – 12.30pm – St Thomas-on-The Bourne – Eat and Speak Lunch – Richard Walker will talk about Elizabeth Fry 'the greatest prison reformer of the 19th century'. Tickets £7, available from the Parish Office.

Saturday 14 September – Surrey Churches Ride and Stride – Choose your route and pedal or walk to as many participating churches as you can to raise money for your own church and the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust.

Tuesday 17 September – 11 am – St Joan's Centre, Tilford Rd – CTF Ecumenical Prayer Meeting – starts with refreshments, followed by reflective readings, prayers and intercessions. Everyone welcome – just come along and join us!

Thursday 19 September – 3pm – Spire (formerly Methodist) Church – Farnham ASSIST Silver Service for older people. Interdenominational service with hymns followed by tea and cake. Contact ASSIST if transport is needed.

Friday 20 September – 10am to 1pm – Spire Church – South Street – free event featuring services for older people – hosted by Bluebird Care with many local organisations taking part. See **NOTICES** (above) for more details.

Saturday 21 September – 7.30pm – St Martin's Church, Lower Bourne – Harvest Concert for Christian Aid - Anemos Wind Ensemble. Tickets £10 (including refreshments), available from the Bourne Parish Office.

Wednesday 25 September - 7.15pm for a 7.30pm – St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham – Alpha Course begins. To register your interest: Email: vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk or phone: 01252 716431 or 07806 775974.

Saturday 28 September - Spire Church, South Street - Pilgrim Project Dinner Event - including launch of own cookbook and close of silent auction. Buy a ticket and bring your friends - buy a cookbook - bid at the auction.

Thursday 3 October – 3pm - Spire Church, South Street - Farnham ASSIST Songs of Praise service.

Join the celebratory service for the International Day of Older Persons, led by the Rev Liz Lane, with a delicious tea afterwards. All welcome. Contact 01252 717710 or email info@farnham-assist.org.uk if you would like more information.

Friday 11 October – 7pm – Farnham Vineyard Church – Farnham ASSIST Quiz Night with fish & chip

supper. All proceeds will go towards the work of ASSIST, supporting anyone over 60 living alone, with the aim of preventing isolation and loneliness. Eight to a team but tables will be arranged to suit individuals. Cost £15pp, bring your own drinks and do contact us concerning dietary requirements. For more information or to book tickets please call 01252 717710 or visit the Farnham ASSIST offices at 7 St Georges Yard, Farnham GU9 7LW.

Friday 11 October - Alton Abbey – 17th Annual Abbey Lecture to be given by Revd Alan Hodgetts

OSB - "Freeing the incarcerated from prisons of their own making". Supper with wine in the Refectory after the lecture. Tickets £30.

Sat 12 October – Spire Church – Rushmoor Oddfellows Charity Concert – a free event, donations for the Pilgrim Project welcome.

Tuesday 15 October – 11am – St Joan’s Centre – Churches Together in Farnham Ecumenical Prayer

Meeting. Beginning with refreshments, there will be reflective readings, prayers and intercessions. Everyone welcome – just come along and join us!

Wednesday 16 October – 2.30pm – Farnham Vineyard Church, Union Rd, GU9 7PT – Farnham ASSIST

Daytime Quiz. Come along to a light-hearted daytime quiz for the over 60's. The cost is £5 which includes a cream tea. For more information or to book tickets please call 01252 717710 or visit the Farnham ASSIST offices at 7 St Georges Yard, Farnham GU9 7LW.

Wednesday 23 October – 10.30am – St Martin's Church - Macmillan Coffee Morning. 'Come and support us in raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support as part of the world's biggest coffee morning.'

Thursday 24 October - St Mark’s Church, Upper Hale – CTF AGM. See [NOTICES](#) for more details. All are welcome.

Saturday 26 October – St Mary’s Church, Frensham – Waverley Singers Concert.

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.