



Churches Together in Farnham

WELCOME

Welcome to the CTF E-news for July 2013

Please publicise the events below - and forward to editors for inclusion in church magazines, newsletters and service sheets.

Also do let us know about YOUR forthcoming events so that we can put them on the web: Email to blueswan@tiscali.co.uk

Dear Members, Associates and other Friends

Sadly, the time has come to say goodbye to the Revd Vida Foday as she moves on to take charge of three Methodist Churches in the Romford Circuit later this month. Vida's farewell service is at Farnham Methodist Church on Sunday 14th July. Our prayers go with her.

There was rejoicing on Sunday, 30th June, when the Revd Elaine Collins celebrated the Eucharist for the first time following her ordination as Priest. The congregations of the United Benefice of The Bourne and Tilford joined together for the service at St Thomas, with the choirs of the two parish churches combining for the first time. The Vicar, the Revd Karen Hutchinson, was preacher. Elaine will continue her ministry as an assistant curate in the United Benefice.

This is an exciting month for St Joan of Arc with the Parish Mission taking place from 9th to 14th July. Michael McDonnell writes: "May we ask for your prayers and blessing on this initiative and all our shared endeavours to live and spread the Gospel message of Jesus' love for each one of us." See more about the Mission below.

Tim Visser, of Farnham Pentecostal Church, who was elected to the Steering Committee at the CTF agm last October, has put Churches Together in Farnham on Facebook. There are quotations and personal observations, a list of coming church events, and links to the CTF website. Please have a look at the Facebook site and let us know what you think. Clearly the social networks on the web offer great opportunities for wider engagement. How should we handle this challenge? Are there people in your church who would like to get involved and provide input? The website address is: <https://www.facebook.com/ChurchesTogetherInFarnham> or you can find it with Google.

Churches Together in Farnham Directory has recently been updated. Members, please E-mail me at the above address if you would like a copy - in either electronic or paper form.

All blessings

Mary Clarke

Some Up-Coming Events

St Joan's Parish Mission - 9th - 14th July St Joan's Centre, Tilford Road, Farnham

The Catholic Parish of St Joan of Arc is holding a Parish Mission week, starting on Tuesday 9th July. The aim is to give everyone in the Parish the opportunity to explore and deepen their faith in an inspiring and fun programme. Parishioners will also be encouraged to invite family and friends who may have drifted away from the church, or indeed anyone who is intrigued to find out more about the Catholic faith. Led by Catholic lay people, the daytime and evening Mission talks will present practical ways in which our faith can help us deal with everyday life, families, children and so forth. The week will finish with a Parish celebration day on **Sunday July 14th**. More details are available on the parish website www.stjoanofarcfarnham.co.uk - Home page under "Year of Faith."

Churches Together in Fleet and Crookham invite friends from Farnham to join them at a worship event on July 10th - see attached poster.

Churches Together in Farnham Monthly Ecumenical Prayer Meeting - Tuesday 16th July - 10.30am at St Joan Centre, Tilford Road. Meditative prayer and intercessions, followed by coffee and biscuits. All welcome, just turn up!

Guildford Diocesan Summer School - FAITH-FULL LIVING - 22nd to 26th July. Brochure and booking form on website: cofeguildford.org.uk/go/ss

For regular monthly and weekly events at member churches, links to their websites and other information go to CTF website: www.churchestogetherinfarnham.org.uk