



Churches Together in Farnham

WELCOME

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 Church Leaders, CTF Representatives, Associates and other Friends

Greetings to the Revd Conrad Hicks whose Welcome Service at Farnham Methodist Church took place yesterday evening, 29th August. Conrad has been appointed Minister of Farnham (and Aldershot) Methodist Churches following the Revd Vida Foday's move to Romford in July. The Revd David Ashby will have pastoral charge of Hale and Rowledge Methodist Churches.

Congratulations to the Revd Karen Hutchinson, Vicar of The Bourne and Tilford, who is being made a Canon of Guildford Cathedral. One of six new honorary canons appointed in recognition of their long and dedicated service, Karen will be installed on Sunday, 8th September. The appointments include two **Ecumenical Associates**, Bishop Kieran Conry, Roman Catholic Bishop of Arundel and Brighton, to be installed at the same service, and the Revd John Hellyer, Chair of the Methodist South East District, who will be installed later in the year.

Another ecumenical event: **The choir of St Thomas-on-The Bourne** sang Mass at Westminster Roman Catholic Cathedral on 24th August. They also sang Evensong at Christchurch Cathedral, Oxford, on the 28th.

'Learning to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ our Saviour', was the aim of the recent **Parish Mission at St Joan of Arc Church**. This process of learning will be further encouraged by an Autumn series of studies on the Church's Sacraments – details to follow.

The Annual General Meeting of Churches Together in Farnham will be on Thursday, 10th October (proposed venue awaiting confirmation). We will need to elect a new secretary and there are vacancies on the committee. **Your support and nominations are vital!**

Anyone looking for a versatile camera may be interested in the following message from Jenny Floyer:

For Sale in order to finance Spiritual Direction training: Samsung NX11 camera. As new, very little used. Includes new 4.5X Super Telephoto lens, camera case, battery and charger, instruction booklet and 1-year extended warranty (worth £60). Whole package worth £600, offers in the region of £400. Jenny, phone 01252 714946 or email jenny.floyer@talktalk.net

All blessings
Mary Clarke

Some other up-coming events are noted here - for full details of these and more one-off and regular activities see CTF website 'What's On' and 'Calendar' pages - just google 'Churches Together in Farnham' or use address below.

Tuesday 10th September at 7pm - 'Healing and Rebuilding our Communities' a talk by Edith Kaze, Peaceworker in Burundi - at Quaker Meeting House, 36 Tilford Road, Farnham. All welcome (admission free), refreshments afterwards.

Saturday 14th September from 12 to 3.30pm - Farnham Annual Parish Fayre in St Andrew's Churchyard, featuring teddies parachuting from the tower and many other attractions.

Tuesday 1st October at 3pm - Farnham ASSIST invites all over sixties to 'Songs of Praise' Service to celebrate the International Day of Older Persons - followed by a delicious tea - at Farnham United Reformed Church.

Tuesday 1st October at 7.30pm - Helen Ledger, from Farnborough, will talk about her work with Action AWE (Atomic Weapons Eradication) on a campaign to oppose the replacement of Trident - at Quaker Meeting House, 36 Tilford Road, Farnham.

Saturday 5th October at 7.30pm - Cindylou Turner-Taylor will present a Quaker Story Telling Session in her own dramatic and engaging fashion - at Quaker Meeting House, 36 Tilford Road, Farnham.

Finally, the launch of a new counselling service for young people in Farnham is announced in this extract from the Surrey Faith Links September Newsletter:

Open House Counselling Service (part of Guildford YMCA) is now offering a drop in counselling service for young people at the 40-Degreez youth centre in the centre of Farnham. A recent needs assessment conducted by the young people who use the centre identified a need for a counselling service. This coincided with an approach by a local counsellor who was concerned about the lack of accessible counselling for young people in the area. Life can seem difficult and confusing for young people with issues such as family break up, parent's redundancy, family financial difficulties, exam stress, relationships, drugs, sexuality and bereavement among the factors affecting them. Thanks to the support of Guildford YMCA, Surrey County Council and the 40-Degreez charity, a drop in service is now being offered on Tuesday evenings from 7pm to 9pm during term time. For more information, DROP IN or call 07817 280117.

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