

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

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During the current Corona virus pandemic, our services, prayer meetings and other events have either been cancelled or gone on line.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

Unprecedented

Dear Friends

We endure ongoing Lockdown – and face unprecedented situations and challenges, personal to each one of us. We are wholly aware too of other people's unprecedented difficulties and challenges. But we see in people's responses great courage and self sacrificing, way beyond a call of duty. We try to help each other personally and we try to support those on the front line – Farnham Assist, Farnham Foodbank, Christian Aid and our local Farnham and Villages Coronavirus Helpline.

Some of us can help directly, some help with donations. We all want to help.

At Pentecost 2000 years ago, the events were unprecedented and the challenges life changing for the Apostles and others. May we be filled with the Holy Spirit.

A verse from St Francis of Assisi's famous prayer says: *"Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness only light, and where there's sadness only joy."*

Blessings

Michael McDonnell

Chair of Churches Together in Farnham

NOTICES – Lockdown restrictions are gradually easing and many of our churches have opened or are preparing to open for private prayer. Please consult their individual websites for details as times of opening will be limited and special arrangements may apply. Next month it may be possible for some congregational worship to resume.

In the meantime anyone with online access or even just a telephone can enjoy an amazing variety of services, prayer meetings, etc, both locally and further afield via Zoom or equivalent technology. If you need help in joining in, please contact the church involved for advice.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM MONTHLY ECUMENICAL PRAYER MEETING – This takes place on Zoom on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m, when we get together virtually to chat and then take part in prayers, meditations, reflection and intercessions. Everyone is very welcome!

Just contact organiser Bob Skinner on bobskinn@aol.com so that he can send you a Zoom invitation to join us.

CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE IN FARNHAM – If you need help during the COVID-19 emergency and have no access to family, friends and neighbours, call the **FARNHAM AND VILLAGES HELPLINE** at the Farnham Co-ordination Centre on **01252-745446** (9:00 a.m to 8:00 p.m) or e-mail help@farnhammaltings.com. There is a recorded message on the phone line outside hours.

DIARY – Our regular monthly E-News includes a Diary Section giving notice of some special events in the following weeks. The CTF website provides more details of many of these activities.

During the current COVID-19 virus pandemic, the vast majority of church and other local activities are not taking place, but the Diary Section will return as the emergency eases and we are again able to start enjoying these events.

The CTF website is at:

<https://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.