



Churches Together in Farnham

WELCOME

Welcome to the CTF E-news for November 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 Church Leaders, CTF Representatives, Associates and other Friends

We are delighted to announce that in response to urgent appeals for a new Secretary, **Andrew Partridge** agreed to stand and was elected unanimously at the Annual General Meeting of Churches Together in Farnham on Thursday, 24th October.

Pastor Michael Hall was re-elected Chair and **Andy Marriott**, Treasurer. **Mary Clarke** retired as Secretary and was elected to the Steering Committee. **Tim Visser** was elected to the committee last year for a three year term. With the help of this team, Churches Together will continue to promote and co-ordinate inter-church Christian action throughout the community. However this is the minimum to keep us going - we still need to find more volunteers.

In an extra item at the start of the meeting, **David Savage**, of Farnham Humanists, presented the group's proposal to join with Churches Together in Farnham in hosting the next General Election Hustings. Members expressed their views both for and against when the issue was debated later in the meeting.

In the vote that followed the proposal for Churches Together in Farnham and Farnham Humanists to jointly host the next General Election Hustings was rejected by a majority of the CTF members present. The voting was six in favour to 14 against the proposal, with one abstention.

A Vote of Thanks to **Richard Wimbush** for outstanding Service as Secretary, Treasurer and Webmaster was passed by unanimous acclaim. Richard and Brenda Wimbush left Farnham in May and are sadly missed.

The **Revd Michael Hopkins** volunteered to host the **United Service** for the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on **Sunday 19th January 2014** at **Farnham United Reformed Church**. It was decided that the next **Annual General Meeting** should be held on **Tuesday 7th October 2014**. Please make a note of these dates in your diary now!

The Minutes of the 2013 AGM and Appendix, with the reports on CTF's and our associated organisations' activities during the year will be circulated to members and posted on the CTF website as soon as possible.

If you presented a report to the meeting, please would you email it to the above address as soon as possible?

Among several requests for support, there were invitations to join the steering group coordinating the **Christmas Day Lunch** and an appeal for help in arranging the **Christmas Crib display** in Farnham Library. For details of both please contact **Michael McDonnell** 01252 712600 - <mjmcdonnell2004@yahoo.co.uk>

Pastor Michael Hall appealed for more churches to get involved in the '**He is Risen**' event in Gostrey Meadow on Easter Sunday afternoon.

Church events in the next few weeks include:

Tuesday 5th November:

Music at Lunchtime - 1:10 p.m at the Farnham United Reformed Church.
Milena Simovic violin and Alissa Tavdidishvili piano. Born in Belgrade, Milena has performed in many different countries.

Saturday 16th November:

Christmas Fair - 10am to 2pm at Farnham United Reformed Church.

Tuesday 19th November:

Churches Together in Farnham Prayer Meeting - 10.30am at St Joan's Centre, Tilford Road, Farnham on third Tuesday of each month.
Readings, prayers and intercessions - with coffee and biscuits to follow. All welcome - do join us.

Saturday 23rd November:

ROCK for Farnham ASSIST! - 7:30pm - Farnham Baptist Church, The Hart
TWO ROCK CHOIRS in CONCERT
Come and enjoy a wonderful evening whilst supporting Farnham ASSIST's work with older people in Farnham.
Tickets now available from Farnham ASSIST, 12 Borelli Yard - or call 01252 717710 - £10 each.

Saturday 30 November:

St.Thomas-on-The Bourne Christmas Fair - 10am to 12noon
in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice

Tuesday 3rd December:

Music at Lunchtime - 1:10pm - Farnham United Reformed Church.
Classical Folk - Andrew Wickens violin, Sylvia Akagi voice and flute and Peter Golden guitar - their repertoire explores the blending of classical and folk music.

**For links to member churches' web sites, with more one-off and regular monthly and weekly events, Service times and other information, go to the CTF website:
www.churchestogetherinfarnham.org.uk**