



Churches Together in Farnham

WELCOME

Welcome to the CTF E-news for December 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

No doubt all recipients of this news-sheet have multiple engagements and commitments lining up over the Christmas period, but I hope that nonetheless you will find something from the list of events given here - festivals, concerts and a message of peace from Angola - that will add positively to your experience of Christmas this year. Do please pass on details of any of the events to people you feel might be interested.

I can conclude this short message with the splendid news that **Revd Liz Powell**, curate at St.Thomas-on-the-Bourne, is now **Revd Liz Lane**, following her marriage to **Richard Lane** on 16th November! Hearty congratulations to you both!

Andrew Partridge
Secretary, Churches Together in Farnham

Church events in the next few weeks include:

Saturday 30 November - 10am to 12.30pm:

St Thomas-on-The Bourne CHRISTMAS FAIR in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice

£2 entry (includes coffee and biscuits) - children free. Selling: jewellery and gifts, cakes, books, toiletries, toys, preserves, bird food, Christmas decorations, etc. Tombola, guess weight of Christmas cake, raffle and silent auction.

Monday 2nd December - 2.30pm:

Farnham ASSIST CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE at Farnham Baptist Church

All over 60s welcome.

Join us to celebrate Christmas with a traditional carol service, followed by tea, coffee and mince pies.

Tuesday 3rd December - 1.10pm:

MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME at 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.

Tuesday 3rd December - 7.30 for 8pm:

Christian Aid - 'CAROLS AND CONVERSATION'

at **St Mary's Church, Quarry Street, Guildford, GU1 3UA.**

An evening of carols and conversation with **Padre Jacinto Pio**, President of the Association for Building Communities. Padre Pio has been at the forefront of building peace in Angola, following the brutal civil war that raged for 26 years. He will speak about his experiences working for peace, and how we can try to do the same.

Light festive refreshments served - **please book in advance** so we can cater accordingly!

Find out more: to book tickets or for more details, call **Laura Mead** on **020 7523 2110** or email L.Mead@christian-aid.org

Saturday and Sunday - 7th December from 11am to 6pm; and 8th December from 11am to 5.30pm:

FRENSHAM CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL at St Mary's Church

Festive trees will fill the church for the third Frensham Christmas Tree Festival.

Admission is **£3** for adults; **50p** for 5-16 year olds, and **free** for children under 5. Entries will comprise traditionally decorated trees, trees decorated to reflect groups or businesses, and themed trees based on a play on words, such as 'Vest-Tree', 'Electrici-Tree', and lots more. In all there will be 40+ imaginatively decorated trees on show.

Light refreshments will be served in the newly-opened church hall, and will include mince pies and gingerbread Christmas trees. Proceeds from the Festival will be split 50/50 between church (to fit out the new hall) and charities nominated by the decorators of the most popular trees. More information from **Harry** and **Liz Glover** on **01252 797827**.

Saturday 7th December: 3pm and 6.30pm:

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT at All Saints, Tilford

Tilford Bach Society's traditional Christmas celebration. Carols sung by the **London Handel Singers**, directed by **Adrian Butterfield**, and seasonal readings. In the afternoon there will also be singing by children from local schools. Mulled wine and mince pies will be available.

Entrance: £7; students £3. Pay at the door or book on line via Tilford Bach Society website.

Saturday 7th December: 6.30pm:

'ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT' - Christmas Concert and CD launch at St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church

A feast of carols from the **Choirs of St Thomas** - Director: **Robert Lewis**; Organist **Julian Cooper**. Tickets: **Adults £8**; children free - from parish office or on the door.

7th December: 7.30pm:

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT at St Andrew's Church, Farnham

Waverley Singers present Christmas music, readings and audience carols. The programme includes works by Gardner, Holst, Sargent, Wilcocks, Wickes, Matthias. Conductor **Richard Pearce**; Organist **James McVinnie**. Tickets: **Adults £12.50; under 18s £5** - from Lloyd and Keyworth or Waverley Singers' website.

19th December: 7.30pm:

'WELCOME YULE' at St Andrew's Church, Farnham

The Wessex Choir - director **Richard Stevens** - presents a concert with a variety of seasonal music and readings. The actor, **William Whymper**, will be taking part. There will also be mulled wine, mince pies and stollen to add to the festive atmosphere. Tickets on the door, or from choir members, for **£12.50**.

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