

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

March 2018 E-News

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Dear friends,

As we look forward to Easter, we've read the book, we know the ending, there can be no "spoiler". Our hearts go out to the family of Heather Humphrey and the church family in Tilford, and we offer them the hope that comes with Easter. We share the good news of Jacqueline's Induction at St Peter's, and pray that they may all experience the Easter hope in this new ministry. Please do note that the re-scheduled Women's World Day of Prayer service is going ahead this Friday, 9 March. It is organised by women, but open to all.

May the joy of Easter be yours,

Michael Hopkins (Chair)

NOTICES

IN MEMORIUM – It is with deepest sadness that we record the passing of Canon Heather Humphrey, beloved Priest of All Saints' Church, Tilford, part of the United Benefice of The Bourne and Tilford. Heather died suddenly at The Vicarage on 23 February. Our prayers are with her family, congregation, clergy colleagues and all her other friends.

A WARM WELCOME TO THE REVD JACQUELINE - This month the Revd Jacqueline Drake-Smith will become the new Vicar of St Peter's, Wrecclesham. Bishop Andrew will conduct her Collation, Induction and Installation Service on Tuesday 13 March at 7.30pm.

NEW DATE FOR WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – Postponed because of the weather, this annual service, to be held this year at Farnham Methodist Church, will now take place on Friday 9 March at 10.30am. For 2018 the service has been prepared by the women of Suriname and is entitled 'All God's Creation is Very Good'. Refreshments will be served following the service, which will last for about an hour. There will be a crèche and facilities for children. Contact beth.davenport22@yahoo.co.uk for more information.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS - All Christians are urged to join in Churches Together in Farnham's Walk of Witness through the streets of the town on Good Friday 30 March, starting at the top of The Hart at 12 noon and finishing at St Andrew's Church

GOOD FRIDAY OFFERINGS FOR THE HOLY LAND? - Farnham-based charity JMECA supports the work of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. Shirley Eason, Secretary to the Trustees, issues this annual appeal: "At this time of an unprecedented level of suffering in many of the countries, our church family in the Middle East needs your ongoing support. Once a year we call on parishes across the UK and Ireland to prayerfully and financially support their Christian brothers and sisters in the dioceses of Jerusalem and the Middle East by allocating collections taken at services over the Easter period. JMECA provides a simple and efficient means to send your donations to the region... Thank you for your prayers and support." Visit the JMECA website at www.jmecca.org.uk/how-you-can-help/good-friday-offering to find out how to give.

READ ALL ABOUT IT - The Minutes of Churches Together in Farnham's Annual General Meeting in October 2017 are now available on the CTF website via this link: <http://together.ourchurchweb.org.uk/farnham/docstore/448.pdf>

[DIARY](#) - Some special events in the next few weeks. Go to the CTF website via link below for more details of these and other church events, including posters to download for your noticeboard.

Friday 9 March – 10.30am – Farnham Methodist Church – Annual Service for Women's World Day of Prayer (postponed from previous Friday due to bad weather) This year's service has been written by the women of Suriname with the theme: 'All God's Creation is Very Good!' Everybody (men as well as women) very welcome. Refreshments to follow.

Saturday 10 March – 10am till 1.30pm – Farnham United Reformed Church – March Fayre – postponed from 3 March. Books, CDs, DVDs, Bric-a-brac, Chocolate Tombola, Bottle Tombola, Cakes and Jams, Gifts, Games and more - plus special performance by Potters Gate Taiko Drummers.

Saturday 10 March – 7 for 7.30pm - St Andrew's Church, Farnham – Annual Fosta (Friends of St Andrew's) Quiz – teams of 8 required. Tickets £10, available from the Parish Office. Meal included. Bring your own drinks.

Saturday 10 March – 7.30pm - St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham – Spring Quiz Night - Join us for an evening of quizzing. Tickets £10, including light supper, available Tickets available from Vanda Bolton (01252 712656) and Christopher Ellis (01252 714480).

Sunday 11 March – Mothering Sunday – special family services at many churches – go to CTF website for links.

Tuesday 13 March – 12 noon – St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church – Lent Midday Music – Andrew Harrap piano - followed by soup, cheese, bread and coffee lunch – donations to Christian Aid.

Tuesday 13 March – 1.10pm – St Andrew's Church - Music While You Munch – free organ recital – refreshments available or bring your own lunch.

Tuesday 13 March – 7.30pm – St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham – Collation, Induction and Installation of the Revd Jacqueline Drake-Smith as Vicar of Wrecclesham (see NOTICES above).

Thursday 15 March– 3pm – Farnham Methodist Church – Farnham ASSIST Silver Service for over 60s – a non-denominational service - followed by tea and cakes provided by the church. Contact ASSIST if transport is needed.

Saturday 17 March – 7.30 for 8pm - Farnham United Reformed Church – Pilgrim Project Fundraising Quiz Night. It's St. Patrick's Day, so expect a hint of Ireland, too. Tickets cost £6 and include a buffet dinner. Make a team of 6-8 or come on your own or join a teams on the night. Tickets are now on sale from the Spire Café or by e-mailing the office at:office@farnhamurc.org.uk.

Tuesday - 20 March - 11 am - St Joan's Centre, Tilford Rd - Churches Together in Farnham Ecumenical Monthly Prayer Meeting reflective readings, prayers and intercessions - refreshments served at the start of the meeting. Everyone welcome - just come along!

Tuesday 20 March – 12pm – St Thomas-on-The Bourne - Lent Midday Music – Music Students from King Edward's School, Witley – followed by soup, cheese, bread and coffee lunch – donations to Christian Aid.

Wednesday 21 March – 6pm - St Andrew's Church - Celebrating Life in Sacred Spaces – a new initiative – an occasional gathering of people to experience shared food, creative gifts and skills, music, song and story, art dance, spoken word and silence.

Saturday 24 March – 7pm – Farnham United Reformed Church – Belles Piece Charity Concert – Farnham Music and Drama – tickets £10 adults; £5 under 18s. Contact jennifer.daniels@leonardcheshire.org or 01252 748005.

Saturday 24 March – 7.30pm - St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church - VOX, Farnham Chamber Choir presents 'IN FLANDERS FIELDS' a powerful and moving concert of music and poetry to commemorate the end of WW1. Conducted by Robert Lewis, with guest cellist Mikhail Lezdkan and organist Julian Cooper, featuring music by Howells, Jenkins, Bach, Haydn among others. Tickets £15 on the door (under 18s free). More details on St Thomas' or Vox websites.

Palm Sunday 25 March – 6.30pm – St James' Church, Rowledge – The Crucifixion by Sir John Stainer – performed by the combined Choirs of Rowledge Community Choir and St James' Church Choir. Soloists Matthew Palfreyman (tenor) and James Topping (bass). Free entry.

Palm Sunday 25th March - 6.00 pm – St Mary's Church, Frensham - St John Passion by Bob Chilcott sung by St Mary's choir and friends.

Tuesday 27 March – 12 noon - St Thomas-on-The Bourne - Lent Midday Music - Nicola Sharkey *soprano* and Brian Cotterill *piano and organ* – followed by soup, cheese, bread and coffee lunch – donations to Christian Aid.

Good Friday 30 March - 12 noon - The Hart, Farnham - start of CTF Walk of Witness through the streets of the town to St Andrew's Church. Please take part if you can.

Easter Sunday 1 April - Christ is Risen! Services of praise and thanksgiving in all our churches - check for details via links on CTF website.

Monday, 9 April - 2.15 pm St Mary's Church, Frensham - Organ Recital given by Will Nisbet (St Lawrence, Alton). Admission free/retiring collection. Followed by Tea at Three.

Tuesday 10 April – 1.10pm – St Andrew's Church - Music While You Munch - free organ recital – refreshments available or bring your own lunch.

Wednesday 11th April – 2 till 4pm - Farnham Vineyard Centre - Take a Trip down Memory Lane - informative afternoon with Farnham Museum's curator in aid of Farnham ASSIST. A cream tea will be served with music afterwards. Tickets, £5 can be booked with Farnham Assist.

Saturday 14 April – 7.30pm – Farnham United Reformed Church – Vivaldi Singers in Stainer's Crucifixion and other works on an Easter-theme – fundraising concert for the URC's Pilgrim Project. Tickets: adults £12; students/under 16s £5; under 5s free from Vivaldi Singers website.

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