



Churches Together in Farnham

WELCOME

Please publicise the items below - and forward to editors for inclusion in church magazines, newsletters and service sheets.

Also 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, Representatives, Associates and other Friends

This comes with grateful thanks to all who helped to make the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity such an encouraging event this year. Our thanks to Father Niven and Michael McDonnell, and to Revd Michael Hopkins, for welcoming the daily Unity Prayers at St Joan's and the URC respectively. It was very good to be able to meet people from such a spread of Farnham's churches for regular prayer and reading of Scripture and fellowship. The United Service was an uplifting occasion which brightened the dark days of January. Sincere thanks to Revd Michael Hopkins and Pastor Michael Hall for organising it, to Canon Karen Hutchinson for preaching, and to the large number who contributed in other ways to the service.

Please go to the CTF website on <http://www.churchestogether.org/farnham> for an account of the United Service and the full text of Canon Karen's sermon. The collection was for Christian Aid's Syria Appeal - read Karen Fewster's response below.

Warmest greetings to Canon Heather Humphrey who was licensed and installed as Tilford's Resident Priest on 15th January. Pastor Michael Hall welcomed her on behalf of Churches Together at the inspiring service in a packed All Saints Church.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Thanksgiving Service for the life of the Revd Desmond Parsons this Friday as we remember the crucial part Desmond has played over 50 years in bringing our churches closer together.

Andrew Partridge - Secretary of Churches Together in Farnham

[Karen Fewster - Chair of Farnham and District Christian Aid writes:](#)

[On behalf of Christian Aid, I would like to thank all who attended the Unity Service on Sunday. The offering totalled just over £313 and was sent directly to Christian Aid for its Emergency Syria Appeal. The need in Syria is almost beyond our understanding and the money raised will be sent to Christian Aid partners on the ground to help alleviate the plight of the people of Syria.](#)

Is your Church planning special activities for Lent? Let us have details for the CTF website & March E-News - and please publicise the following items as widely as possible:

- **[Could you manage Farnham ASSIST?](#)**

"An exciting opportunity has arisen, due to retirement, to manage ASSIST - a highly regarded local Christian charity in Farnham. Over the last 11 years, the charity has established a wide range of activities for older people. You must be able to lead a team of highly dedicated staff and volunteers

and have the enthusiasm to shape and expand the organisation for the future. For more information and an application pack for this post (23 hours per week) please email manager@farnham-assist.org.uk or visit www.farnham-assist.org.uk. or call 01252 717710. Closing date for applications 17th February 2014."

- **[The Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice is calling for volunteers:](#)**

Open afternoon: Saturday 15th Feb from 1pm to 4pm at the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, Farnham. 'We need more volunteers to enable us to provide care to families affected by a terminal illness across West Surrey and North East Hampshire. You will help support people emotionally, spiritually and practically, including bereavement support for adults and children. Training and ongoing support is provided for all volunteers. Just come along for a chat, to see if this is something that may be right for you.'

- **[A Special Offer for a Study Day:](#)**

"Pastoral Care at the End of Life" to be held at the Princess Alice Hospice, Esher, on 25th February. A reduction of the course fee from £95 to £20 is offered to faith groups and partner organisations. Please download attached flyer for your Church Noticeboard . For more details email the Hospice Education Administrator on education@pah.org.uk

[CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEK AND FURTHER AHEAD INCLUDE -](#)

[FRIDAY 31st JANUARY - 2.30pm - St ANDREW'S CHURCH, Farnham:](#)

Thanksgiving for the life of the Revd Desmond Parsons. Following the Service, refreshments will be served at the Vineyard Centre, Church House, Union Road. The family has requested that any memorial donations should go to Churches Together in Farnham.

[FRIDAY 31st JANUARY - 12.30pm to 5.00pm - St JOAN'S CENTRE:](#)

The Parish Archives of St Joan of Arc church will be on display. In letters and other documents, publications and pictures, they tell the story of our parish – about Father Matthew Gerin who in 1890 opened St Polycarp's church, in an upstairs room of a former police station in Bear Lane - and Father Etienne Robo who built St Joan of Arc church. You will be welcome to view our precious collection. *Michael McDonnell*

[TUESDAY - 4th FEBRUARY- 1.10pm - FARNHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH:](#)

Music at Lunchtime: Performed by Students from Lord Wandsworth College - Lauren Crowther, Director of Music.

[TUESDAY 18th FEBRUARY - 10.30pm - St JOAN'S CENTRE:](#)

Churches Together in Farnham Monthly Prayer Meeting - ecumenical reflective prayer, readings and intercessions - followed by refreshments and fellowship. ALL WELCOME - just come along

[FRIDAY 7th MARCH - 10.30am - St ANDREWS PARISH CHURCH:](#)

Women's World Day of Prayer 2014. This year's service, lasting approximately one hour, has been devised by the CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF EGYPT and is entitled "STREAMS IN THE DESERT". All who join us will be warmly welcomed. Refreshments will be served.

TUESDAY 11th MARCH - 12noon - St THOMAS-ON-THE BOURNE CHURCH:

Midday Music - Emmanuel Bach - Violin ; Jenny Stern - Piano. First of the weekly series of recitals on Tuesdays during Lent. Retiring collection for Christian Aid followed by a soup, bread & cheese lunch in the Cobbett Room.

SATURDAY 15th MARCH - 9am to 1pm at St DUNSTAN'S CHURCH, WOKING:

'Poverty Amidst Affluence - Churches Together in Surrey Forum

Responding to concern about the effects that financial and social changes are having on some people in the county, Churches Together in Surrey has arranged a forum on 'Poverty Amidst Affluence - the changing face of Surrey and our Christian response', which will be hosted by the Rt-Rev'd Kieran Conry, Bishop of Arundel and Brighton, on behalf of the Roman Catholic Diocese.

Professor Andrew Bradstock, Secretary of Church & Society for the United Reformed Church will be the keynote speaker and there will be sessions on Foodbanks, the Surrey Credit Union and other related subjects. Admission is free but booking is essential. Contact Lorraine Burrows on 01293 651163 or email lorraine.burrows@dabnet.org for more information.

'HE IS RISEN' is coming....

Our Easter outreach in Gostrey Meadow is on Easter Sunday 20th April 2014.

This will be our third year and we are excited about the event. We are looking for churches to join together and outreach to the people of Farnham - it's also a great opportunity to praise God with fellow Christians. If you feel your church or member of your church would like to be involved please contact us:

e-mail farnhamaog.outreach@live.co.uk or call 07528502343

from Martyn Young - Pentecostal Church

For more one-off and regular monthly and weekly events, links to member churches' websites, and other information, go to CTF website:
www.churchestogetherinfarnham.org.uk