

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

APRIL E-News

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 above address

May Easter Blessings Be With You All

STOP PRESS: Please note changed venue for CTF Prayer Meeting on 15th April.

Dear Church Leaders, Representatives, Associates and other Friends

Recipients of this newsletter will doubtless be very occupied with events for Lent, Holy Week and Easter at their own churches, but I would like especially to commend two ecumenical events to you:

(1) The Good Friday Walk of Witness in Farnham. More details are below, and a poster is attached to this mailing for your noticeboards. This is a very striking event and makes a big impact in the town. Please publicise within your church and encourage as many people as possible to come.

(2) The 'He is Risen' celebration on Easter Day from 2.30 in Gostrey Meadow. This makes a wonderful counterfoil to the solemnity of the Good Friday Walk. Again, please publicise this enthusiastically: posters will be distributed in due course.

Other events and notices of general interest are given below - well worth a quick scan. How blessed we are in the range of activities at this season! The list of events is also given as a pdf attachment suitable for display on noticeboards.

With very best wishes to you all

Andrew Partridge

Secretary, Churches Together in Farnham

NOTICES

Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice is seeking drivers and other volunteers - go to their website at pth.org.uk for more information. Gardeners will be pleased to know that the hospice's first monthly **Plant Sale** of the season is on **Sunday 6th April** (see 'Diary' below).

Looking further ahead, the popular Christian Aid Annual Plant Sale at St Thomas-on-The Bourne is on Saturday 3rd May from 10am to 12.30pm. This offers plants galore, cakes, jewellery and raffle plus raffle for a painting by a local artist. £2 entry includes coffee and biscuits. 2xA5 posters on A4 are attached - *please display*.

JMECA, the Farnham-based Anglican charity for churches in Jerusalem and the Middle East is inviting support for its 'Good Friday Offering' fund. This supports hard-pressed ministry in the part of the world where Christianity began. Go to the charity's website 'jmeca.org.uk/how-you-can-help' to learn more.

DIARY

Lenten preparation continues with worship, study and sacred music - go to CTF website at churchestogetherinfarnham.org.uk (with links to individual church websites) for full details.

Services for Holy Week and Easter at St Joan of Arc, Holy Family, St Andrew's and St Thomas-on-The Bourne Churches are already on our website and others will be added as available - *please submit details of yours*.

[Some special events in April and beyond:](#)

[TUESDAYS 1st, 8th, & 15th APRIL- 12noon - St THOMAS-ON-THE BOURNE CHURCH:](#)

Midday Music for Lent - Various musicians - see website* for details. Retiring collection for Christian Aid. Followed by soup, bread & cheese lunches in the Cobbett Room. Open to all - just come along!

[SUNDAY - 6th APRIL - 10am to 1pm - Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, Waverley Lane: Plant Sale:](#)

First of season (on first Sunday of each month until October). A large variety of plants at bargain prices – 100% donations to the Hospice. 'We are always very grateful for any plant donations – please bring to the Hospice at any time.'

[PALM SUNDAY 13th APRIL - 6pm - St MARY'S CHURCH, FRENHAM: Stainer's](#)

'Crucifixion', sung by St Mary's Choir and friends. No need to book - just come along.

[PALM SUNDAY 13th APRIL - 6.30pm - St THOMAS-on-The BOURNE CHURCH: The Way of the Cross](#) - a service of choral music, readings and hymns on the theme of the Passion.

[TUESDAY 15th APRIL - 10.30am – 2 Searle Road, Farnham, GU9 8LJ: Churches Together in Farnham Monthly Prayer Meeting for Holy Week.](#) Parking in Searle Road or in driveway of No. 2. Join us for reflective readings, prayers and intercessions, followed by refreshments. ALL WELCOME! ***NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE from St Joan's Centre for this month only.***

[GOOD FRIDAY 18TH APRIL - 11.45am - assemble at top of THE HART: Churches Together in Farnham's Walk of Witness.](#) All Christians are invited to take part. The silent procession will follow as a large wooden Cross is carried through the centre of the town, finishing with prayers and hymn at St Andrew's Church. ***Let's make the 2014 Walk of Witness the biggest yet!***

[EASTER SUNDAY - 20th APRIL - from 2.30pm - GOSTREY MEADOW, FARNHAM: 'HE IS](#)

RISEN' - Easter outreach Event: Presented by Farnham Pentecostal Church with support from other churches - music, praise, thanksgiving and fun for all ages.

[SATURDAY - 3rd MAY - 10am to 12.30pm - St THOMAS-ON-THE BOURNE CHURCH -](#)

Christian Aid Annual Plant Sale: See details under 'NOTICES' above.

[A little further afield:](#)

[SATURDAY - 5th APRIL - 2pm - ALTON ABBEY: Catharsis](#) - A Grand Monastic Clear-Out Sale - teas £3 with cake by the Friends of Alton Abbey. More details on CTF website*.

[SATURDAY 12th APRIL - ALTON ABBEY: Quiet Day Before Holy Week](#) - Anglican Mass 9am, meet in Reception 10.15am, finish 4pm. £25. Please bring a packed lunch; tea and coffee will be available in the Visitor's Centre kitchen. See CTF website* for booking information.

[GOOD FRIDAY 18th APRIL & HOLY SATURDAY 19th APRIL: The Wintershall Passion](#) - This internationally renowned dramatic presentation will again be performed in London's Trafalgar Square on Good Friday and in Guildford High Street on Holy Saturday.

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