

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM

May 2014 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 and activities - email to above address.

Dear Church Leaders, CTF Representatives, Associates and other Friends

In the joy of Easter we now look with anticipation to the coming events of spring and summer. Christian Aid week is the next major ecumenical event and details are given below.

At St Andrew's we said goodbye on 27th April to our curate, **Joy Lievesley**, who has served in our parish with devotion for 14 years. She was greatly loved and will be greatly missed, but she departs with all our gratitude and best wishes for a very well-earned break before the next phase in her ministry.

On behalf of Churches Together in Farnham we also bid farewell to **Brian Kurton** who steps down as Manager of Farnham ASSIST at the end of April. What a lot of marvellous things ASSIST does in our community! Brian departs with our grateful thanks, and we are delighted to welcome **Gill Gibson** as the new manager.

With very best wishes

Andrew Partridge - Secretary, Churches Together in Farnham

Great Support for Good Friday Walk of Witness

Hundreds of Christians from churches in and around Farnham joined in Farnham's Good Friday Walk of Witness. Clergy and laity of the various denominations walked together in silence, following a large wooden cross.....

Go to CTF website at www.churchestogether.org/farnham to read full report with sequence of pictures.

NOTICES

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2014 - 11th to 17th MAY - please support and publicise the following

Saturday 3rd May - Plant sale in aid of Christian Aid at St Thomas on the Bourne (see details in **DIARY below).**

Sunday 11th May - Special Christian Aid Week Service at St Thomas on the Bourne at 6.30pm.

Thursday 15th May - Short service at St James, Rowledge, at 11.30am, followed by a walk to Rowledge Methodist Church for a Christian Aid Lunch. Everyone welcome.

This year as well as raising money with the familiar red envelope door to door collection, Christian Aid Farnham will also be collecting at Farnham railway station during the morning commuter rush. For more details of the above events or if you would like to get involved with Christian Aid Week in the Farnham area please contact Karen Fewster (Chair, Farnham and District Christian Aid) - email karenfew@gmail.com - or phone 07977 561567.

FUN AND COMPANIONSHIP FOR OLDER PEOPLE - Farnham ASSIST offers a varied programme. This includes bus trips to Winchester and Godalming with an organiser, making use of participants' free bus passes; pub lunch get-togethers; and computer introductory courses. Download the programme from Farnham ASSIST website.

THE BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP is launching a pilot series of free study classes for men from 7.30pm on Thursday 1st May. These will run for four weeks, hosted by St Saviour's in Woodbridge Rd, Guildford, to complement their respected women's classes, which draw support from a wide radius. The BSF operates interdenominationally in at least 38 countries. For more information about the fellowship, go to their website.

DIARY

Wednesday 30th April - St Joan's Centre, Tilford Rd - 7.45 for 8pm - 'Finding New Life in the Spirit'. Second of seven weekly sessions and last chance to enrol for the full course.

Saturday 3rd May - St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church, Frensham Road - 10am - Annual Plant Sale for Christian Aid. Plants galore, cakes, jewellery and gifts; Raffle and raffle for a painting by a local artist; Entry - £2 to include coffee and biscuits.

11th to 17th May - CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - see separate entry above

Thursday 15th May - Farnham Methodist Church, South Street - 2.30pm - Silver Service. This is one of a series of non-denominational afternoon services for older people throughout the year which are organised by Farnham ASSIST (for more activities see entry in **NOTICES** above).

Friday 16th May - Farnham Baptist Church, The Hart - 8pm - Farnham and District Bible Society Action Group invite you to 'A Taste of China'. Come and meet our guests from the China Partnership and hear about the impact of the Bible in China today. Refreshments of Chinese nibbles will be served after the meeting.

Tuesday 20th May - St Joan's Centre - 10.30am - CTF Prayer Meeting. Monthly ecumenical meeting with reflective readings, prayers and intercessions, followed by refreshments. All welcome - just come along!

Thursday 29th May - ASCENSION DAY.

Sunday 8th June - The Feast of PENTECOST.

For full details of these and more events, go to the CTF website www.churchestogether.org/farnham/ where you will also find links to our member churches' and associates' individual websites, with details of services and other activities.

If you have events for the CTF website or any comments or queries please email the secretary on c-t-fsecretary@networkfarnham.org.uk or reply to this Email address.