



## Petersfield Area Churches Together

Many Churches - many styles of worship - but only 1 God

February 2017 Newsletter

*Hello, may this month bring blessings to you and your families. Blessings, Susanne*

### PACT prayer for Petersfield on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month

**Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2pm-3.30pm (28 Moggs Mead):** Contact [linda.read@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:linda.read@salvationarmy.org.uk)

### Men's breakfast – Zambia's faith speaks

**Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> February, 8-10am (Hurst Barn):** Cuppa, prayer, cooked breakfast, discussion. RSVP [Hurstbarn@aol.com](mailto:Hurstbarn@aol.com)

### Carers' hub – every first Tuesday of the month

**Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February from 10am-3pm (Petersfield Methodist Church):** Come along and create an emergency plan, access carer support and information, access other organisations and professionals, and meet other carers in the area. The cared for are also warmly welcomed. Venue kindly funded by Bluebird Care Petersfield. For further information, please call 01264 835246/835205 or email: [info@carercentre.com](mailto:info@carercentre.com)

### Gathering for those who have been bereaved

**Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February between 2.30 and 4pm (United Reformed Church Hall):** You are warmly invited to friendly and informal gathering for people who have been bereaved. Join us for a cup of tea, some homemade cake and the company of others who have been bereaved. When?... First Tuesday of each month. For further details please contact Lesina Ashfield 07709576907

### Jazz Hymns and Spirituals

**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30pm (Thornden Hall, Chandlers Ford):** This is presented by Tim Daykin, presenter of Radio Solent religious programmes. Tim Daykin will be joined by Chris Walker, Colin Larn and their Deep South Hot Four to invite the audience to sing along to Jazz Hymns and Spirituals. Tickets are £5 each, £2 of which will go to Children in Need. Please see the link below to book on line. The box office phone number is 023 8024 6555. <https://thorndenhall.ticketsolve.com/#/shows/873567390>

### Cafe Church

**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> February from 5-7pm (Costa Cafe):** Cafechurch is a place to discuss big issues, values and beliefs. None of us has the whole truth, so we share what we have. Come prepared to examine Christian and other viewpoints, in a relaxed atmosphere, with honesty, good humour and respect.

### 6<sup>th</sup> PACT Prayer Day

**Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February from 8am to 8pm (St Laurence Catholic Church)** – see [www.pact.org.uk/Prayer](http://www.pact.org.uk/Prayer)

### Reveal Meetings

**Wednesdays, from 8pm (Winton House):** They meet weekly for soup, pastries, chat, music and time for reflection. They want to provide a friendly place in which to ask questions and explore answers together. They are about creating space to explore and discover community with God. For further information, contact: 01730 301 126 or check the website: [www.reveal.org.uk](http://www.reveal.org.uk)

### Christian Arts Group

If you would like to join the group, contact Belinda on 01730 267 471 or e-mail [belindashaw44@gmail.com](mailto:belindashaw44@gmail.com)

### The Egg that shares the Easter story

Deadline for free delivery (if you spend more than £45): **6<sup>th</sup> March**. Schools can apply for a 10% discount on the 150g egg but orders need to be placed **before 28<sup>th</sup> February** and a minimum of 4 cases (24 eggs) ordered. Out of the 80 million chocolate Easter eggs sold each year, The Real Easter Egg is the only Fairtrade one with the Easter story in the box. A new design 24 page Easter story-activity book illustrated by Alida Massari is included in the original and dark eggs. Direct sales are very important for the company to trade. Last year hundreds of churches placed orders directly with them ranging in quantities from 12-1,000 eggs. They recommend churches, schools and groups buy in bulk directly by visiting their online shop: [www.realeasteregg.co.uk](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk) To place a school order, contact [Irene@meaningfulchocolate.co.uk](mailto:Irene@meaningfulchocolate.co.uk). Tesco, Morrisons and Waitrose will have stocks from the middle of February, but only in their larger stores and in limited quantities.

### Coach Holiday to South Devonshire (message from Gordon Churchill)

**Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017 (Sidholme Hotel):** Since 2006 the Methodist Church in Petersfield has arranged a coach holiday for members and friends. As usual, we travel by executive coach from the Methodist Church, Station Road, Petersfield, and further pickups can be arranged from Liss, Alton (All Saints Church), Basingstoke Railway Station, and Dorchester. The price per person for an en suite room is from £657. This includes return travel, seven nights' half board accommodation, and five full day excursions and entry fees. It does not include gratuities. There will be opportunities for some optional walking, and we plan to visit at least one National Trust property, ride on a steam train, and also a boat. The hotel is part of the Christian Guild Hotels and is just a short walk from Sidmouth town centre. The hotel is a majestic Georgian mansion with idyllic grounds and 15 metre indoor swimming pool. More information can be obtained from Gordon Churchill on 01730 260 454. All bookings, stating your preferred type of room, and pickup point, must be made directly with the hotel on 01395 515 104.

### PACT Holiday Club (message from Regi)

**Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> July – Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> August (TPS):** Activities will run from approximately 10am-noon (following registration at 9.15am and prayer and worship at 9.30am). There will be a few changes this year. The Friday will be much like the other days, so I will need additional provision on Friday for groups, especially for the younger ones. Also, there was over-subscription last year with the Juniors, resulting in some children being on a waiting list and not being able to join after the end of registration. We could have had about 38 or 39 Juniors (ages 8-11). So this year I would like to have the Juniors divided into three groups - which again means that I will need to have more activities and providers. Please if you would like to be involved this year, would you get back to me with your available dates? I am so very grateful to all of you who were able to help out at such short notice last year, it was a fantastic week. If you haven't looked at the website, it is at [http://www.pact.org.uk/affiliated\\_groups-holiday\\_club.asp](http://www.pact.org.uk/affiliated_groups-holiday_club.asp) I will also soon be putting out an appeal for volunteers to help organise this event, so if you know of anyone who might be interested in volunteering or gaining some project management experience, please pass along the email address below or let me know. Contact details: [pactholidayclub@outlook.com](mailto:pactholidayclub@outlook.com); Telephone (Life Church Office) 01730 231 400

### Spiritual food for thought

*"Yes, the world's gone darker, but we can still see light coming through the cracks and let this lead us sing a song to God and find love and redemption in this broken world... even in the midst of darkness, there is light; in the midst of death, there is life; even in the midst of hate, there is love, and even with our dying breath we can still sing Hallelujah – that's the power of love to redeem the brokenness of the world."* (Rabbi Jonathan Sacks)

Any items for inclusion in the **MARCH** PACT Newsletter to reach me by **Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017**

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