



Petersfield Area Churches Together

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

March 2017 Newsletter

*Hello, there are many prayer opportunities you can join in in the coming months.
Blessings, Susanne*

Advance notice: Praying for others to know the transforming love of Christ

Thursday, 25th May to Sunday, 4th June: Is this the time to persist in prayer for more people to know the transforming love of Christ? Justin Welby thinks it is: "We are invited to make a lasting difference in our nations and in our world, by responding to his call to find a deep unity of purpose in prayer." For more information, visit <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> or #pledge2 pray.

PACT prayer for Petersfield on 1st Thursday of every month

Thursday, 2nd March, 2pm-3.15pm (43 Lower Wardown): For further information please call Linda on 01730 262 820 or 07872 407 403

Men's breakfast

Saturday, 4th March, 8-10am (Hurst Barn): Cuppa, prayer, cooked breakfast, discussion. RSVP Hurstbarn@aol.com

Women's world day of prayer: Am I being unfair to you?

Friday, 3th March at 1.30pm (St Laurence Catholic Church) Prepared by women in the Philippines.

Carers' hub – every first Tuesday of the month

Tuesday, 7th March 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

Gathering for those who have been bereaved

Tuesday, 7th March between 2.30 and 4pm (United Reformed Church Hall): First Tuesday of every month. 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

Cafe Church: US first? Should we be more selfish?

Sunday, 12th March 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.

7th PACT Prayer Day

Monday, 13th March from 8am to 8pm (Petersfield United Reformed Church)

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

Christian Arts Group

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

The Egg that shares the Easter story

Deadline for free delivery (if you spend more than £45): **6th March**. 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 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, 1st – Saturday 8th July 2017 (Sidholme Hotel): 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, 31st July – Friday, 4th 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 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; Telephone (Life Church Office) 01730 231 400

Spiritual food for thought

"Be careful how you live. You may be the only Bible some person ever reads." (William J. Toms)

Any items for inclusion in the **MARCH** PACT Newsletter to reach me by **Monday, 20th March 2017**

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