



# Petersfield Area Churches Together

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

*April 2017 Newsletter*

*Hello, wishing you a Happy Easter. Blessings, Susanne*

## Praying for others to know the transforming love of Christ

**Saturday, 8th April from 5pm to Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> April until 5pm (The Salvation Army):** A signing-up sheet is available at the Salvation Army Hall and also on line at: [http://www.pact.org.uk/pact\\_churches-salvation\\_army.asp](http://www.pact.org.uk/pact_churches-salvation_army.asp)  
**Thursday, 25th May to Thursday, 1st June (St Mary Magdalen)** [www.pact.org.uk/pact\\_prayer-StMM.asp](http://www.pact.org.uk/pact_prayer-StMM.asp)  
"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." (Justin Welby). For more information, visit <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> or #pledge2 pray.

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

**Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm-3.15pm (43 Lower Wardown):** For further information please call Linda on 01730 262 820 or 07872 407 403

## Men's breakfast: Foolishness – Comedy or chaos?

**Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> April, 8-10am (Hurst Barn):** Cuppa, prayer, cooked breakfast, discussion. RSVP [Hurstbarn@aol.com](mailto:Hurstbarn@aol.com)  
See: <http://www.pact.org.uk/MenUnited>.

## Carer's hub – every first Tuesday of the month

**Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 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, 4<sup>th</sup> April 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. See: <http://www.pact.org.uk/cuppa-and-company.asp>

## Cafe Church

**Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 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.

## Women's brunch

**Saturday, 22nd April from 10am-noon (Herne Farm Leisure Centre).** See: <http://www.pact.org.uk/WomensBrunch.asp>

## 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: [Belinda@Christian-Art.net](mailto:Belinda@Christian-Art.net) and see: <http://www.christian-art.net>

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

**Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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, 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/HolidayClub> 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

*"Live like Abraham, on the positive side of faith. Anticipate the pleasures that come from receiving God's provision."* (Chuck Swindoll)

Any items for inclusion in the **MAY** PACT Newsletter to reach me by **Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

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