



Petersfield Area Churches Together

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

September 2017 Newsletter

*Hello, I hope you had a great summer break. There are several new initiatives you can get involved in this month and I hope you find something that is of interest.
Blessings, Susanne*

Home-Start Butser: fundraising events (Message from Nicola Winter, Scheme Manager)

Charity walk for peace: Saturday 9th September 2017 from 9am (Bentley Railway Station): A beautiful walk through the glorious Hampshire Countryside along the newly opened Shipwrights Way to Alice Holt Forest and back to Bentley Station. Programme: 09:00am Welcome and Registration 10.45am Opening Ceremony 11.00am Start of walk 12.00 Midday Lunch. The walk has been organised to raise funds for Home-Start in East Hampshire and other local charities. For more information and to register to join us on the walk please follow this link <http://charitywalkforpeace.org/charity-walk-peace-east-hampshire/> or telephone 01730 233755.

Entertainment: Friday 22nd September 2017 from 8pm (The Half Moon Sheet) An evening of singing, comedy and fabulous entertainment with the renowned Drag Performer Extraordinaire, from London's West End. Tickets are just £10, available by emailing homestartbutserevents@gmail.com or calling the office on 01730 233755

A celebration of chaplaincy

Sunday, 17th September at 6.30pm (The King's Arms): Are you involved in serving the community through your church? If so, we warmly invite you to celebrate with us. If you are not currently involved, but you are interested, come and hear how 'The Church' is serving the community on the front line. This will be an opportunity to share and celebrate the different ways we serve our community as churches together. Refreshments will be available.

Alpha invitation: Does prayer work? What is life about? (Introduction evening)

Sunday, 24th September at 6pm (Hurst Barn, West Harting): Life Church is running an Alpha course from September, so if you have any friends who are curious to find out more about Christianity, please invite them along for food, fun and questions. Contact John Callaghan 01730 266220 or 07955961110 for further information.

National Prayer Weekend 29th September – 1st October 2017 (CWR initiative)

A weekend to make God's love known to those around you. On your street, in your community, with your prayers. We believe that local people praying for their community can change lives. Over the past two years thousands of communities in the UK and across the world have taken part. Hundreds of thousands of neighbours, local business owners, teachers, friends, bus drivers and strangers have been asked whether they would like to be prayed for.

For more information, go to <http://www.national-prayer-weekend.com/>. Sign up to get access to free resources: <http://www.national-prayer-weekend.com/join-in> You can add your pin to the map, be kept updated on the release of new resources, hear the latest National Prayer Weekend news and get connected to a network of people praying all over the world. You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter to see some creative ideas from other people.

Regular events:

Men's breakfast: Bring what you can! John 6 and 2 Kings 4

Saturday, 9th September, 8-10am (Hurst Barn): Cuppa, prayer, cooked breakfast, discussion. RSVP Hurstbarn@aol.com Please note: The meeting is on the 2nd rather than 1st Saturday this month.

Carers' hub – every first Tuesday of the month

Tuesday, 5th September 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 - the first Tuesday of each month

Tuesday, 5th September 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. For further details please contact Lesina Ashfield 07709576907

PACT prayer for Petersfield on first Thursday of every month

Thursday, 7th September, 2pm-3.15pm (43 Lower Wardown): For further information please call Linda on 01730 262 820 or 07872 407 403

Cafe Church – 2nd Sunday of the month

Sunday, 10th September 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.

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 - see www.christian-art.net

Spiritual food for thought

"The two basic attitudes of life that must characterize genuine, biblical spirituality are thankfulness at all times and in all circumstances and the maintenance of unity in that part of the body of Christ." (Charles C. Ryrie, Balancing the Christian Life)

Any items for inclusion in the **October** PACT Newsletter to reach me by
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