



# Petersfield Area Churches Together

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

**October 2017 Newsletter**

*Hello, may you be aware of God's blessings and presence this autumn. Blessings,  
Susanne*

## **The Real Advent Calendar**

The calendar comes with a 24 page Christmas story-activity book illustrated by Alida Massari. There is a page for every day of Advent and some fun Advent challenges along the way. The calendar is foiled for freshness and behind each of the 2 windows is part of the Christmas story and a delicious festive shaped Fairtrade milk chocolate. We sell The Real Advent Calendar in two ways: by people buying directly from us and through retailers. Delivery is free on orders for at least one case of 18 calendars which reach us by 1<sup>st</sup> November. We recommend churches, schools and groups buy in bulk directly from our online shop: [www.realadvent.co.uk](http://www.realadvent.co.uk) Tesco will have stocks from early October but only in their larger stores and in limited quantities. The calendar will also be available in some independent retailers including Traidcraft, eden.co.uk, TLMtrading.com, Embrace the Middle East, Christian bookshops and cathedrals. Schools which place orders of at least 2 cases by 20<sup>th</sup> October, can receive a 10% discount on their order and should contact [irene@meaningfulchocolate.co.uk](mailto:irene@meaningfulchocolate.co.uk) Participating schools will have access to an online resource pack with assemblies and act of worship.

## **50s and 60s Evening in aid of Petersfield Foodbank**

**Saturday, 7th October at 7-10.30pm (Buriton Village Hall):** £15 per person (includes buffet; drinks extra). Tickets available at the Tourist Information Centre in the Petersfield Library.

## **A Saturday Concert in aid of Petersfield Counselling Services**

**Saturday, 14th October at 7pm (Petersfield Methodist Church):** The Grove Singers directed by Beverley Howard are a London-based chamber choir. They will sing songs from Elizabethan times to present day. Refreshments available. Entry is free with a retiring collection for Petersfield Counselling Service: [www.thegrovesingers.org.uk](http://www.thegrovesingers.org.uk)

## **Home Start Butser Quiz in support of young families in the Petersfield area**

**Friday, 20th October, 7pm for 7.30pm (Churcher's College Dining Hall):** A two course meal is included in the £15 ticket price per person. Vegetarian option available. Tables/teams of 6 – smaller numbers or individuals will be made up into teams. Wine bar. Book early to avoid disappointment. Ways to book:

1. Email [homestartb@btinternet.com](mailto:homestartb@btinternet.com) with number of tickets required, your name, address and phone number. We will confirm your booking and you can pay £15 per person by online banking (Home-Start Butser, Account No. 31513486, Sort Code: 40-36-16, Ref: Quiz Night).
2. Post a cheque for £15 per person, payable to 'Home-Start Butser', to: Home-Start Quiz Night, Winton House Centre, 18 High Street, Petersfield, Hampshire GU32 3JL enclosing your name, address, phone number and email address.
3. Phone the Home-Start Butser Office on 01730 233755 if you need any help.

**Please specify whether you require the vegetarian main course or have any food allergies when you book.**

## Regular events:

### Men's breakfast: The middle of the road – Saved by grace through faith

**Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 8-10am (Hurst Barn):** Arrive promptly for coffee/tea at 8.00 a.m. followed by a full cooked breakfast, discussion and prayer.. RSVP [Hurstbarn@aol.com](mailto:Hurstbarn@aol.com)

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

**Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 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 - – every first Tuesday of the month

**Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month

**Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2pm-3.15pm (43 Lower Wardown):** For further information please call Linda on 01730 262 820 or 07872 407 403

### Cafe Church – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month

**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October** 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](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) Web site: <http://www.christian-art.net/>

### Spiritual food for thought

*“You may have no joy in your situation, but you can rejoice in your Saviour. You may be encased in shadows, but you can still walk in the light as He is in the light. To rejoice in the Lord means that we rejoice in our unassailable, unchanging relationship with the Sovereign Lord and in His qualities, gifts, promises, and attributes.” (Charles Spurgeon)*

Any items for inclusion in the **November** PACT Newsletter to reach me by  
**Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017**

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