



Petersfield Area Churches Together

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

November 2017 Newsletter

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

New Secretary for PACT needed from 1st January 2018

You will be required to take the minutes at the PACT Committee Meetings in January, February, April, June, September and November and to be able to serve the Committee in organisational aspects of the work of PACT. If you are interested, please contact the Co Convenors of PACT, Simon and Helen Mason and Tim Concannon at chair@pact.org.uk as soon as possible.

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 two 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 1st November. We recommend churches, schools and groups buy in bulk directly from our online shop: 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 should contact irene@meaningfulchocolate.co.uk Participating schools will have access to an online resource pack with assemblies and act of worship.

ADVANCE NOTICE: PACT Christmas Carols

Thursday, 21st December at 7pm in The Square. The music will be led by the Salvation Army band. There will be a collection to support the work of Home Start Butser and Petersfield Counselling Service.

This will be preceded by carol singing around the town. Meet outside the Methodist Church on Station Road at 6 p.m.

Regular events:

Men's breakfast

Saturday, 4th November, 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

Carers' hub – every first Tuesday of the month

Tuesday, 7th November from 10am-3pm at 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 - – every first Tuesday of the month

Tuesday, 7th November 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 1st Thursday of every month

Thursday, 9th November, 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, 12th November 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 Christian-Art.net

Spiritual food for thought

"The supreme challenge you will face in making Christ-honouring, biblical changes is dying to self. The biblical perspective concerning "self" is exactly opposite to what the wisdom of this world proclaims." (John C Broger)

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