



# Petersfield Area Churches Together

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

**February 2018 Newsletter**

*Hello, may you be aware of God's presence in the coming month.  
Blessings, Susanne*

## **Volunteers needed:**

### **Home-Start – training starts on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Are you a parent or grandparent with 2 -3 hours a week to spare? Why not use your experience and skills to help local families? Local family support charity HOME-START BUTSER is running a weekly Preparation Course to train volunteers to support families with at least one child under 5. Volunteers visit families going through a critical time to offer support and friendship. Supervision and out of pocket expenses are provided for all our volunteers. Tuesday evenings in Liss 30th January – 17th April 2018 6.30 pm – 9.30 pm. The only requirement is parenting experience. We are also keen to recruit fathers and grandfathers as well as parents from diverse ethnic backgrounds. If you would like to find out more, please contact Nicola or Ann on 01730 233755 or email: [office@homestart-butser.org.uk](mailto:office@homestart-butser.org.uk)

### **The King's Arms**

Our volunteers are extremely valuable to both our face to face projects and the daily running of The King's Arms; we couldn't do what we do without them. If you think you could volunteer your time then keep reading!  
After School Club 11-18 – Mondays 3-5.30pm and/or Fridays 2-4.30pm (females preferred); Next Gen 14-14 – Tuesdays 6.15-8.15pm (females preferred); Level Up 11-13 – Fridays 6.15-8.15pm; Mentoring (during term time) – 1-2 hours a week; toilet twinning (during term time) – 1 hour a week; online seller – adhoc; painting some woodwork – 1 day; article writer – 2 hours a week; website content writer – 1 week; cleaner – 1-2 hours a week (up to 6 hours); cleaning manager to organize team of cleaners – 2 hours a week. Contact Caroline at [caroline@thekingsarms.org.uk](mailto:caroline@thekingsarms.org.uk)

### **Concern volunteers for Tuesday and Thursday Lunch Clubs**

Concern are worryingly short of volunteers. They are looking for people who can come along for a morning (10 - 1ish) to do food prep, lay tables, talk to our clients etc. in return for a free lunch and some goodies to take home. They think that this may be good for an active but lonely parishioner perhaps.

## **Advance notice:**

### **Annual coaching holiday organised by the Methodist Church in Petersfield**

We will be staying at Treloyhan Manor Hotel, St Ives. The price per person, which includes return coach travel from Petersfield, 7 nights dinner bed & breakfast in en-suite accommodation and 5 coach excursions is £675 (with NO single supplement). Upgrades to sea view are available at extra cost. Many friends from Petersfield, Portsmouth, Havant, Alton, and Basingstoke join with us each year and it would be great to welcome YOU. Bookings must be made direct with the hotel on 01736 796240, but further information regarding daily programme, and coach pick up points, may be had from the group leader, Gordon Churchill on 01730 260454. Details of the hotel may be found at [christianguild.co.uk/treloyhan](http://christianguild.co.uk/treloyhan)

### **The egg that shares the Easter story**

Free delivery if you order £45 of eggs by 6th March. Visit [www.realeasteregg.co.uk](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk) Schools can apply for a 10% discount on the 150g egg if orders for a minimum of 4 cases (24 eggs) are placed BEFORE 5<sup>th</sup> March. Participating schools will have access to a resource pack. E-mail [irene@meaningfulchocolate.co.uk](mailto:irene@meaningfulchocolate.co.uk) Tesco, Morrisons, Waitrose and ASDA will have limited stocks in their larger stores from the middle of February.

## This month's events

### Walk for hope

**Sunday, 4th February at 10am for 10.30am start (Elstead Village Hall):** Walk for 3 miles over the downs; family ticket £10. This is followed by tea, hot food and cake in the village hall where you can also listen to the personal stories of Syrian families. [www.ruralrefugeenetwork.org](http://www.ruralrefugeenetwork.org)

## Regular events

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

**Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2pm-3.15pm (43 Lower Wardown):** Contact Linda on 01730 262 820 or 07872 407 403

### Men's breakfast

**Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 8-10am (Hurst Barn):** Coffee/tea 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, 6<sup>th</sup> February, 10am-3pm (Methodist Church):** Create an emergency plan, access carer support/info, other organisations and professionals, and meet other carers. The cared for are also warmly welcomed. Venue kindly funded by Bluebird Care Petersfield. 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, 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2.30-4pm (United Reformed Church Hall):** Friendly and informal gathering with a cup of tea and homemade cake for people who have been bereaved. Contact Lesina Ashfield 07709576907

### Cafe Church – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month: "Waste not want not – How can we help to save planet earth"

**Sunday, 11th February, 5-7pm (Costa Coffee - upstairs)** 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. Join us for an informal quiz, followed by a couple of short talks or presentations, and then a chance to talk through the topic of choice in small groups. All this while sharing great coffee.

### Reveal Meetings – creating space to explore and discover community with God

**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. Contact: 01730 301 126 or check [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)

### Spiritual food for thought

*"In our conversations of prayerful love with God, we must move beyond giving God a list of wants, needs, and desires and move into deeper conversations with God about what we are doing together in his world."*  
(Dallas Willard)

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

**Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

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