



# Petersfield Area Churches Together

Many Churches – many styles of worship – but only 1 God !

*September 2018 Newsletter*

*Hello, may you be aware of God's presence and provision as we enter autumn.  
Blessings, Susanne*

## **Wanted:**

### **Petersfield's Women's Fellowship are looking for new members**

They are a small local organisation who provide several events throughout the year. They meet up in the Petersfield Methodist Church on a regular basis. The group is a good way of meeting local people with similar interests plus having some fun. Please contact Kaye Mordle if you would like more information (01730 268907).

### **1 bedroom property for refugees to rent**

Rural Refugee Network is looking urgently for a 1 bedroom property in Hampshire. The property needs to be within Local Housing Allowance – see: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-housing-allowance>. Please contact Claire Kirby on 07870 354 351 if you can help.

## **This month:**

### **Zero Waste Week**

**Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> September:** Zero Waste Week is the annual awareness campaign for reducing landfill, helping you save money and preserve resources since 2008. Sign up at <https://www.zerowasteweek.co.uk/>

To decide what to change, the website suggests taking a waste audit for a week, writing down any items we are throwing away and where it will end up and then thinking of improvements we can make.

### **Searchlight Theatre Company: "Would you Adam and Eve it?"**

**Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September (St Mary's Church, Liss):** The first 90 chapters of the bible in 90 minutes. *"A must see: friendly, frenetic and so funny."* (Edinburgh Fringe Review 2017) Tickets £10; children 9-17 free (the website says it is suitable from 9 years onwards. Tickets available from [www.searchlighttheatre.org/box-office](http://www.searchlighttheatre.org/box-office) or from St Mary's – call 01730 892552, 01730 300659 or pop in to the church office.

### **Evening celebrations - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month**

**Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm (St Mary's, Sheet):** Spend an evening in God's presence, with praise and worship, a short talk and times of prayer. All very welcome! Please pray as preparations begin for these evenings. Further evenings are planned on 21st October & 18th November.

### **National prayer weekend**

**Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> September - Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> September:** Sign up and commit praying for your community: Whether your whole church prays together, your family chooses to prayer walk around your neighbourhood, or you want to pray for one friend, we would love for you to join in with thousands of others around the country for the National Prayer Weekend. Ask those around you what they want prayer for, and invite God to do immeasurably more than you can imagine in your local community.

*'We had many answers to prayer: new jobs opening up, ministry positions being filled, housing needs met and physical healing from cancer!' – National Prayer Weekend participant, 2017*

Your prayers. Impacting **your** street. Affecting **your** community.

Sign up to be kept informed about brand-new free prayer resources, videos, prayer events and creative prayer ideas.

[www.national-prayer-weekend.com](http://www.national-prayer-weekend.com)

## Advance notices:

### Women's brunch: "Happier" with Ruth Guy

**Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> October, 10am-noon (Herne Farm Leisure Centre):** Our popular brunches continue with a speaker recommended by the unforgettable Davina. All local ladies welcome. No charge. Donations welcome. Ruth trained as a Paediatric Nurse and works as a volunteer with disabled children. She has two children and is married to a busy hospital doctor. She thoroughly enjoys helping women find out what really matters in life and her talk will cover Christian issues as well as new health research on what lifts our mood. Ruth is a fan of Spotify, a keen pianist, a cross-stitcher when on holiday and enjoys watching a good 'Lewis' tucked up on the sofa with her husband! To help with catering, please let us know you are coming if you can. Organised by Sheet Church. More details from [women@sheet.church](mailto:women@sheet.church) or on 01730 302695.

## Regular events:

### Mind support group

**Mondays, 9.30-11:30am (The Salvation Army):** The Havant and East Hants Mind drop in will be an opportunity for people to receive advice and information. There will also be tea and coffee available and the opportunity to speak to other clients of Mind. Please send any enquiries directly to Jenny at [jenniferl@easthantsmind.org](mailto:jenniferl@easthantsmind.org). She has leaflets and referral forms if anyone wishes to refer themselves to the service.

### Job Club (Employment Plus Local)

**Every Wednesday, 1-3pm (The Salvation Army):** There'll be a cup of tea, and one of our team ready to help you.

### Men's breakfast: New beginnings (Joshua chapter 1)

**Saturday, 1st September, 8-10am (Hurst Barn):** Coffee/tea followed by a full cooked breakfast, discussion and prayer. RSVP [Hurstbarn@aol.com](mailto:Hurstbarn@aol.com)

### Gathering for those who have been bereaved - – every first Tuesday of the month

**Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 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

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

**Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm-3.15pm (43 Lower Wardown):** Contact Linda on 01730 262 820 or 07872 407 403

### Refresh! Cafe

**Every Thursday, 10am-noon (St Peter's church):** Real coffee and homemade cakes. No charge – all welcome!

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

**Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 5-7pm (Costa Coffee - upstairs):** Café Church 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. 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.

### 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: God cherishes us all

*"...God does not "love" us without liking us—through gritted teeth—as "Christian" love is sometimes thought to do. Rather, out of the eternal freshness of his perpetually self-renewed being, the heavenly Father cherishes the earth and each human being upon it. The fondness, the endearment, the unstintingly affectionate regard of God toward all his creatures is the natural outflow of what he is to the core—which we vainly try to capture with our tired but indispensable old word love." (Dallas Willard)*

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

**Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

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