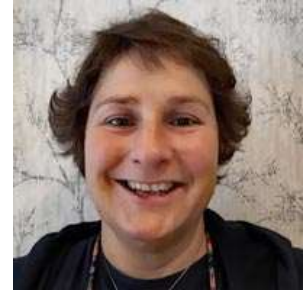


Love In Action

Over Christmas and into the new year, we the Churches of Petersfield have been working together. First with the Carol service at the Festival Hall, and in January coming together in prayer, for the world and our community. We all have different denominations, but all believe in the one God. Our services will have different traditions, but we all have the same faith. To the outside world we are all Church. We are also family, supporting one another through the good times and the bad, through illness and death. It is so wonderful to have the support and care of one another, like all families we can have times of friendship and times when we don't get on, after all we are human. But when you need guidance, love and prayer we are stronger than any buildings foundation. We may not know the person we are praying for personally but through our faith we find the closeness to pray because of love through our Father God.



This month is the month of love, when people go out and show their love and commitment to one another with romantic gestures. Instead, I ask you to stop and think about the people, friends and family in your life that you love. Why not take them out, send a card, make a call. Sometimes we take the ones we love for granted, sometimes we can feel alone with people all around us. So, please take this time to spend with all those you love this February. And keep your family, blood or not, close. And shine your love to all.

Romans 12: 1-12 says

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⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

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