



Petersfield Area Churches Together

11 Churches - many shades of worship - but only 1 God!

January 2009 Newsletter

PRAYER (by Dr Frank Laubach)

Lord, end this wishy-washy, lukewarm religion and set us on fire.
Put the divine fire in us before the demonic fires destroy us and our world.
Take away our small thoughts and our small loves.
Make us big as the world in vision.
Take away our weaknesses.
Fill us with the strength of Jesus Christ.

Hello 

Wishing you a year where you richly experience God's blessings, and above all, His presence, Susanne Irving

PACT Worship "Waiting on God"

Saturday, 3rd January at 5-6pm (Methodist Church)

Music Concert in aid of In Ministry to Children (IMC)

Wednesday, 7th January from 7.30-9.45pm (Methodist Church): The concert will be performed by a selection of students from the music department at Southdowns College. The evening will consist of a varied selection of pieces including classical ensembles, jazz and musical theatre, all performed on a range of different instruments. The evening will be free, but admission by ticket only. There will be a retiring collection for IMC. For tickets and more information contact Sandra at the PCF office on 01730 231 400.

Tearfund Prayer Meeting

Tuesday, 13th January from 7.30-9.00pm (St Peter's Hall): At our last meeting, we were inspired by Ruth Sadler's account and pictures of the amazing outreach from a Calcutta church to a nearby slum area. The lives of hundreds of street children together with some addicts had been transformed by their ministry. Our next meeting will include a report from Sheila Lawrence about her Malawi trip for which we prayed before she went. Seren Boyd will be telling us about "The Role of the Local Church," illustrating this with reference to Tearfund's response to the HIV/AIDS "Be Part of a Miracle" programme. Do let us know if you have further prayer items or news for the group. We plan to send out publicity posters in the New Year. Please advise if you could display one at your church, and please invite all those who might like to come to the January meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.
Sincerely, Jennie Matthews, Seren Boyd and Ken Tottle

New Alpha Course hosted by Petersfield Christian Fellowship

Thursdays, from 15th January from 7.30-9.30pm (Bulmer House): Alpha is a short weekly course looking at the basics of the Christian faith. It is open to anyone who wants to explore the meaning of life and what God has to offer. This is an opportunity to experience a course which over ten million people have now attended in the UK and all over the world. If you or a friend would like to know more, please come to an introductory evening on Thursday 15th January at Bulmer House. Please contact Richard Bull (01730 893394) for more details and to reserve a place on the 15th.

"What Alpha offers, and what is attracting thousands of people, is permission, rare in secular culture, to discuss the big questions - life and death and their meaning." The Guardian, London

PACT AGM

Wednesday, 21st January at 7.30pm (URC)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday, 25th January at 7.00pm (Methodist Church) Induction Service for Stewart Madden of the Salvation Army as new PACT Chairman

Kingdom Healing training day

Saturday, 24th January from 9.30am-4.00pm (URC Family Centre): Petersfield Christian Fellowship is hosting this training day. You are invited to come and hear Rev Mike Endicott who has a well established healing ministry. Find out more from www.jacobswell.org.uk. The day will be made up of teaching and some practical time to explore the area of healing in the local church. If you would like to come then please register by phoning the PCF Office 01730 231400 before 16th January 2009. Refreshments and lunch provided at £2 per head.

Advance notice: Coach Holiday 20-27th June '09

Join with members of the Methodist Church and other nearby churches for a holiday on the South Devon coast, staying at Sidholme Hotel, one of the six in the Christian Guild Holiday Group. The cost will be £499.50 for DBB. This includes return travel from Petersfield and 5 full day excursions. This holiday is suitable for all. There will be even some optional walks for the more energetic and also opportunity for shopping! Further information from Gordon Churchill (01730 260454) – but please book direct with Sidholme Hotel (01395515104 www.christianguild.co.uk)

Spiritual food for thought

"The will of God is never exactly what you expect it to be. It may seem to be much worse, but in the end it's going to be a lot better and a lot bigger."
(Elisabeth Elliot)

Any items for inclusion in the February PACT Newsletter to reach me by Monday, **26th January**

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