



Petersfield Area Churches Together

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

February 2009 Newsletter

PRAYER (by Dr Frank Laubach)

God of courage, sweep aside our pitiful timidity.
Help Christendom to rise, not in fine sounding words
but in deeds and in fire and in truth;
change our defeat,
in this battle for freedom and for Christ,
into glorious victory..

Hello 

*May you continue to be blessed by God's presence and provisions, **Susanne Irving***

Replacement for PACT Worship "Waiting on God"

Thursdays (weekly), from 6.30pm (All Saint Steep): Sadly it has been decided to close the monthly "Waiting on God" sessions due to falling attendance. However, if you still wish to join in a united meditative worship, you are warmly invited to join All Saints Steep at any time.

Messy Church

Tuesday, 10th February from 4.00-5.45PM (Methodist Church): Please note the earlier starting time. Everyone most welcome.

Free concert with singer, songwriter and poet Gerry Coates

Friday, 27th February at 7.30pm (St. Laurence Church): Gerry will be presenting original foot-tapping songs and poems about life, faith, peace, charity, the church, and most of all God. Admission free with collection in aid of CAFOD

Advance Notice: Lent Groups

Lent Groups will start during the first week in March and a programme will be issued during February with full details (available from your Church). House Groups in Petersfield and Buriton will be following this year's York Course based on 1 Corinthians 13 and entitled "Faith, Hope and Love". St. Laurence will be hosting John Huntriss for 4 sessions on a Tuesday evening (dates to be advised). This year his talks will be based on St. Paul. All Saints Steep are offering something slightly different this year with about a half hour opportunity to stop and reflect (likely to be at lunchtime on Mondays for Froxfield and Wednesday afternoon in Steep). There will also be something for the young people at the URC and based on the Passion. Look out for the leaflet with the full programme in the next few weeks.

Advance Notice: PACT Food Local in Petersfield (FLIP)

Wednesday, 4th March at 7pm (Rose Room, Festival Hall): The Greening Petersfield Campaign's exciting project aims to grow and distribute local food, using the support and active engagement of residents. We need to locate a suitable piece of land on which we can offer the residents of Petersfield fresh food that is in season and create a distribution point for local farmers and other producers, whilst including as many different community groups and individuals as possible. If you have any ideas, suggestions, enthusiasm, that you can bring to this project, please meet with us on 4th March.

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

Thank you so much for all those who came and supported the IMC Charity Concert on Wed 7th January and making it such a success. The amount raised was just over £700. Congratulations to Lauren Merriman and her college friends for an amazing performance, which blessed everybody. Well done!

Support the Unity Bookshop

Just like other local shops, the Unity Bookshop has also been affected by declining sales during the credit crunch. It will only remain viable if we continue to support it through our custom. So remember to get your books, bibles, cards and worship CDs at 15 Folly Lane GU31 4AU. If an item is not in stock, they are more than happy to order it for you. Tel 01730 262572.

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 knowledge of Christ's love for us should cause us to love Him in such a way that it is demonstrated in our attitude, conduct, and commitment to serve God.”
(Edward Bedore)

“Let God's promises shine on your problems.” (Corrie ten Boom)

“God will answer all our questions in one way and one way only. Namely, by showing us more of His son.” (Watchman Nee)

Any items for inclusion in the March PACT Newsletter to reach me by Monday, **23rd February**

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