



Petersfield Area Churches Together

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

March 2009 Newsletter

Hello 

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

Lent Groups – additional group for York Course

Due to demand another York Course Lent Group will now take place on Tuesday evenings commencing 3rd March at 8 p.m. The leader will be Michael Moore of St. Peter's and host is Jane Hoolahan from St. Mary Magdalen. Venue is 15 Hoadlands and, if you wish to attend, please contact Jane in advance on 01730.261105.

Lent Events – additional info on talks given by John Huntriss

Tuesdays, from 10th March at 7.30-9.30pm (St Lawrence Church Hall): There will be a break for coffee or tea. Topics covered: 10 March – Paul in his Time; 17 March – Paul in 'Acts' ; 24 March – Paul in Corinth; 31 March – Paul in our Time. Please bring your bible. All welcome.

PACT Vacancy

We are looking for someone to take responsibility for leading a group of volunteers who sort the PACT Easter and Christmas cards into groupings for distribution through the churches. This is an ideal task for someone who is more home-based these days. If you are interested please speak to Rob Dewing, Stewart Madden or Linda Cawsey (269867).

Teafund meeting

Tuesday, 10th March from 7:30 - 9:00 pm (St Peter's Hall): It will focus on Burkina Faso, and Revd Arthur Croad will be talking about Tearfund work there. We would also like to encourage each other in making Tearfund work known, so if you have events coming up or news of activities, please let us know even if you can't get there on the night, and we will include those items in our prayer and thanks. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely, Jennie Matthews, Seren Boyd and Ken Tottle

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, All Saints Steep do hold a weekly meeting at 6.30 p.m. every Thursday evening and you are warmly invited to join them at any time.

Fairtrade Fortnight until 8th March

Two billion people - a third of humanity - still survive on less than \$2 a day. Unfair trade rules keep them in poverty, but they face the global challenges of food shortages and climate change too. Fairtrade is a people's movement for change that aims to tip the balance of trade in favour of poor producers. We all need Fairtrade more than ever and we all have the power to create positive change for people and planet. Take part in Fairtrade Fortnight 2009 and play your part by joining a powerful global movement for change!

<http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>

Encounter with God booklet – A free gift from the writers' group

We hope you enjoy our collection of biblical monologues. We have been meeting together monthly for well over a year and thought it was time to share the fruit of some of our labour. The work included in this booklet has inspired us to see familiar biblical stories from fresh perspectives and to empathise with people with whom we thought we would have little in common. Feel free to use our stories, as long as you acknowledge our copyright. We envisaged someone acting out the monologues in a church service, during outreach or in small group settings. We appreciate your feedback and any suggestions of how our writers' group can be of service to help the church and the community. And new members are always welcome to join the group. We generally meet on the first Sunday evening of every month. For further information please contact Susanne Irving. Link to the booklet: http://www.pcfonline.org.uk/content.php?folder_id=35 If this doesn't work, please e-mail me, and I'll e-mail you the PDF file

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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

"Put your trust in God. Experience his grace. Appreciate his blessings. Celebrate his goodness. Embrace his promises." (Julie Campbell)

Any items for inclusion in the March PACT Newsletter to reach me by Monday, **30th March**
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