



Petersfield Area Churches Together

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

April 2009 Newsletter

When our journey
feels like a walk across the Rocky Mountains,
rather than the highway to heaven,
help us to remember that
You not only know the way
but are the Way.
There is no need to get stuck
in the valley of faithlessness.
With Your help, we can move mountains.
(Susanne Irving)

Hello

Wishing you a meaningful, joyful Easter celebration, Susanne Irving

Passion Anthems charity concert

Wednesday, 8th April at 8:00pm (St. Lawrence Church): Passiontide anthems sung unaccompanied by The Free Radicals (nine a cappella singers). Entrance free; retiring collection in aid of Indian orphans. See www.heal.co.uk for more info, call Steve on 07707 993200.

Employment kick-start

Every Friday morning, 9-12am (United Reformed Church Family Centre): Free wi-fi connection available – laptop can be provided. Debt advice. Skills development. CV enhancement. Interviewing techniques Enjoy a relaxing morning with free tea and coffee. For details telephone: 01730 266475.

Advance Notice: Taster Course in Spirituality “God in all things”

Tuesday, 2nd+9th+16th June from 7.15pm-9.15pm (St. Peter's): Week 1 "God around us", 9th June "God in everyday", 16th June "God in darkness". Cost is £7.50 per evening or £20 for all 3 weeks. Further details from Mrs. Kay Lancaster on 023 9289 9656 or email kay.lancaster@portsmouth.anglican.org.

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. Further information from Gordon Churchill (01730 260454) – but please book direct with Sidholme Hotel (01395515104 www.christianguild.co.uk)

Advance notice: Help float the ARC

Wednesday, 22nd July (The Thames in London): The ARK event is part of a campaign aimed at influencing the "make or break" international climate change negotiations in December, 2009. It is about encouraging Christians to follow the example of Noah, who was a virtuous man and conservationist. He stood out from others, exercised bold leadership and helped protect God's creation on the Ark. Thanks to his fearlessness, his lack of complacency and his foresight, humans and animals survived the flood intact. Operation Noah is mobilising people to emulate Noah - by making sure negotiators and politicians decide on meaningful cuts in pollution. They need your help to raise £25,000 by May. The plan is to dress up boats as Arks on the River Thames. They'll bring a gaggle of geese and other animals; hundreds of schoolchildren and supporters. They'll arrange hymns and prayers; a brass band and choir; and petitions. And they'll involve journalists and photographers. £10,000 would help pay staffing costs and related expenses for five months up to the event. £3,000 would fund the hire of an 'Ark' on the Thames to carry the Bishop of London, and supporters to the House of Commons. £1,000 would help fund a smaller boat for journalists. £500 would help decorate the boat to resemble the Ark. £300 would help cover the cost of bringing animals on board the 'Ark'. Any donation - no matter how small - is appreciated. You can donate online at www.operationnoah.org Or you can post a cheque made out to Operation Noah to: Operation Noah, The Grayston Centre, 28 Charles Square, London N1 6HT.

Support the Unity Bookshop

Continue 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. Telephone: 01730 262572.

Spiritual food for thought

"If it is only for this life that we have put our hope in the Messiah, we are more pitiable than anyone. But the fact is that the Messiah has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have died. For since death came through a man, also the resurrection of the dead came through a man." (Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:19-31 Jewish NT translation)

Any items for inclusion in the May PACT Newsletter to reach me by Monday, **27th April**
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