



Petersfield Area Churches Together

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

May 2009 Newsletter

Let this house be blessed from the mouth of both prophet and seer,
And let there be heard in this house the voice of joy and the voice of gladness;
blessing, plenty and success should fill this house,
and there should be endowed on those who dwell in it
the blessing of Elijah, the prophet.
(Jewish blessing for the home)

*Hello  ,The above is a blessing I came across on our recent travels to Israel. When I asked about the blessing of Elijah, I was told that he is expected to be the forerunner of the Messiah. Aren't we blessed to know that the Messiah has already come? **Susanne Irving***

Christian Institute meetings: Being salt and light in God's world

Wednesday, 6th May at 7.30pm (Aldersholt Evangelical Congregational Church, Hilbury Rd, Aldersholt, Fordingbridge SP6 3BQ), Thursday, 7th May at 7.30pm (Swanfield Chapel, 117 Swanfield Drive, Chichester PO19 6TD) and Friday, 8th May at 12.30pm lunchtime (Novotel Hotel, 1 West Quay Road, Southampton, SO15 1RA): The aim is to encourage Christians to be confident and effective in taking a stand as salt and light in our nation. Subjects include Religious Liberty, Free Speech Amendment and The Sanctity of Life. See www.christian.org.uk

Tearfund meeting

Tuesday, 12th May, 7.30-9.00pm (St Peter's Hall): Andrew Bulmer, Tearfund consultant and the former director of its Asia Team, will be talking to us about Tearfund's work on "church and community mobilisation" – how Tearfund works through the local church to help communities find their own solutions to tackling poverty. There will be a brief report from the London rally on 28th March, and we will be pleased to publicise and pray for any Tearfund activities that you are promoting. We look forward to seeing you there.

Launch of Tearfund's new "Make it flow" water and sanitation campaign

Tuesday, 19th May (Thame, Oxon) – 19:45-21:30, Saturday 30th May (Weyhill, Andover) - 10:30-14:00, Monday 15 June (Southampton) – 19:45-21:30: Tearfund regional managers, Wim Mauritz and Ruth Sadler, will be speaking at these events. Each of the 3 meetings will be very similar in content, so there's no need to come to more than one. There's no need to RSVP – please come along and bring your friends and family.

Quiz Night

Saturday, 16th May from 6.30pm (Salvation Army Hall): Cost £ 3.50 per person (includes food!) Maximum 4 per team. 2007 Winners were St Mary Magdalen Sheet and 2008 Winners were The Methodist Church. Why not put a team in and see if you can beat the reigning champions! Contact Steve Field for further details on 023 9259 8954 or steve.field@ntworld.com

Advance Notice: IMC Funday

Saturday, 13th June, 9am-12.30pm (Rams walk): Any contributions of cakes or gifts for Tombola or Raffle prizes would be gratefully received. There will be a hand knit stall & good paperback books stall as well. Please bring to PCF Office. Cakes you can bring on the day, just let us know what you are bringing. Don't forget to bring your pennies for the penny trail!!!! If you would like to help with a collection tin in the town. Contact Sandra Coombes at PCF office 01730 231400 or email: admin@pcfoffice.freeserve.co.uk

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: 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. £10k would help pay staffing costs and related expenses for five months up to the event. £3k would fund the hire of an 'Ark' on the Thames to carry the Bishop of London, and supporters to the House of Commons. £1k 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 post a cheque made out to Operation Noah to, 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. Tel 01730 262572.

Spiritual food for thought

Knowing God: "Yadah stresses knowing from experience and relationship, and acting on that knowledge... Jews see knowledge of God as intimacy with God, knowing him as a son does his father, and as a wife her husband." (Listening to the language of the bible by Lois Tverberg and Bruce Okkema)

Any items for inclusion in the June PACT Newsletter to reach me by Monday, **25th May**
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