



Petersfield Area Churches Together

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

July 2009 Newsletter

Thoughts on the Lord's prayer

“... can we say ‘our’ if our religion has no room for others and their needs?

Can we say ‘Father’ if we do not demonstrate

a Father-child relationship with God in our daily living?

Can we say ‘Our Father in heaven’ if all our interests are on earth?”

(M.W. Gass; to be continued)

Hello , I hope you had a great summer so far. Last month I enjoyed “The Life of Christ” play in Wintershall. I was really impressed by the quality of the performance. I have never been to the Passion play in Oberammergau, but I think we have something really special right here on our doorstep. (I’ll try to upload some photos to the new PACT website, so that you can get a small glimpse of what the atmosphere was like.) If you have missed the play, there are 2 more plays this year: “The Acts of the Apostles” (15th-17th October) and “The Wintershall Nativity” (17th-21st December). God bless, **Susanne Irving**

Lord of the rings Part 3 (“The return of the king”)

Saturday, 18th July at 3pm (TPS Studio): Last of 3 plays put on to raise money for IMC (In Ministry to Children). Tickets £2 adults, £1 children). Contact Amy Thomas on 01730 301 173. Your support would really be appreciated, as a lot of work has gone into this.

An opportunity to reach out to our neighbours?

Organise/participate in “The Big Lunch” on Sunday, 19th July: “Imagine a summer’s day on which millions of us, throughout the UK, sit down to have lunch together, with our neighbours in the middle of our streets, around our tower blocks and on every patch of common ground. The food, entertainment and decorations we will have either grown, cooked, or created ourselves. This will be a day to break bread with our neighbours, to put a smile on Britain’s face.” For more info, see the website www.thebiglunch.com. They have a useful postcode finder where you can check whether someone is already initiating a party in your neighbourhood. When I checked out our postcode, I found a lunch in Sussex Gardens...

Concert by the Madeira Mandolin Orchestra

Friday, 17th July at 7.30pm (Petersfield United Reformed Church): Petersfield United Reformed Church proudly presents a concert by the flower of Madeira’s youth. Tickets £8 from the church centre Tel: 01730 266475. This includes refreshments. Programme to include “light classics” like O Sole Mio, Santa Lucia and Winter (The Four Seasons) Madeira Mandolin Orchestra in concert with tenor Carlos Guilherme. Also see www.madeiramandolinorchestra.com

Launch of PACT website

The PACT web site (www.pact.org.uk) was launched at the Pentecost Songs of Praise on 31 May. The web site is designed to keep those involved in the PACT Churches and organisations informed of the activities of these groups. Each church or organisation has a page on the PACT web site and if, appropriate, a link to their own web site. In addition publications such as the PACT Newsletter and Christian Comment are available on the web site. If you wish to be kept informed of the activities of any of the church and/or other organisations you can subscribe to their email group from the **Subscribe** page on the PACT web site. Then, whenever an activity or event is planned by that organisation you will receive an email telling you to visit their page on the PACT web site for details. If there is any follow up - for example a report or photographs - you will receive an email informing you of this follow up. Please visit the site and find out what Petersfield Area Churches Together are doing! From the JULY edition of the PACT Newsletter the downloadable versions of the PACT Newsletter (in both Word and PDF) will be available from the PACT website rather than the Petersfield Help website.

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.

ARC floats

Wednesday, 22nd July (The Thames in London): See www.operationnoah.org for details

Advance notice: Next Alpha Course

Thursday, from 24th September: PMC (Petersfield Methodist Church) is delighted to be taking the lead for the next Alpha Course to be held at the church on Thursday evenings. Further details to follow but do start to consider whether you would like to offer assistance, attend the course yourself and/or bring a friend.

Spiritual food for thought

"Many people believe they will be welcomed into heaven because they've lived a good life; or they've come from a religious family, or they've attended church all their lives... They haven't understood that, to become a Christian, they must redirect their faith from themselves to Jesus Christ. They must stop trusting in themselves, their parents, their heritage, their morality – and begin trusting in Jesus Christ. They must bet their eternal life on Christ alone. They must take Him at His Word that he alone is able to save them. (David Jeremiah)

Any items for inclusion in the **SEPTEMBER** PACT Newsletter to reach me by Monday, **31st August**

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