



Petersfield Area Churches Together

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

November 2009 Newsletter

Thoughts on the Lord's prayer

**“Can we say ‘Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors’
if we continue to hold a grudge against a brother?**

Can we say ‘do not lead us into temptation’

if we deliberately choose to remain in a situation where we are going to be tempted?

Can we say ‘deliver us from the evil one’

if we are not prepared to fight in the spiritual realm with the weapon of prayer?”

(M.W. Gass; to be continued)

Hello  , may God continue to bless you as you prepare for the Christmas season.

*Please note that I need any notices for the December PACT newsletter earlier than usual, i.e. by Friday, 20th November '09. I hope this does not cause too much inconvenience. God bless, **Susanne Irving***

Christmas Day Lunch

Since 2001 some people in our Petersfield churches, who expect to find themselves alone while others are gathering as families, have arranged a lunch on Christmas Day itself. This means we are also able to invite others in a similar situation to join us, as guests, to enjoy a meal and a few sociable hours together. With help from our friends, we share the work of planning the event, including the food, and offering transport to anyone who needs it. We have usually catered for around 50 people - quite a big party! For some of them this is one of the highlights of their year. For the last 8 years a small group has done all the forward planning, meeting several times during October to December, as well as coming on the day itself. While 'new blood' has been recruited over the years, a few stalwarts have been involved from the beginning and (understandably) would welcome a rest. We are, therefore, looking for people (singles or couples) without family commitments who would be prepared to take on some responsibility for ensuring this much appreciated event continues. Please note: we do not want to interfere with any family reunions. If you think you might like to get involved with please contact Joyce Perry Tel: 263502 or e-mail: joyce@perryweb.plus.com

Counselling room urgently needed

Does anyone have or know of a suitable room available on a Thursday 10-1pm for counselling. It would need to be somewhere where someone else is also in the vicinity. We are having to vacate the room we are using at short notice and have ongoing clients, if anyone could help it would be much appreciated. Please contact Christine Readman at christine_readman@yahoo.co.uk if you are able to help.

Concert in Aid of Cecilysfund

Saturday, 14th November 7.30pm for 8.00pm (TPS Studio): Local singer songwriter and guitarist Jonathan Thompson returns with new songs performed with his band.

Jonathan songs have a narrative element that paint dream like pictures of a spiritual hope in contrast with more gritty social issues. Jonathan uses folk, blues and rock influences from both side of the Atlantic with Chris Banahan on Keyboard, Steve Dove on Rhythm Guitar, Mike Knee on Bass and Alessio Barelli on Drums. Support will be provided by choral group Free Radicals and folk duo Martin Karran & Sara O'Keefe. Ticket sales go towards the 'Cecily's Fund' to help orphaned children in Zambia.

www.cecilysfund.org. We raised £450.00 last year just through ticket sales and it was so good to see folk of all ages from across the Petersfield churches. Tickets costs £8.00 in advance or £10.00 Door, £5.00 under 14's. Available from the Box Office: 01730 23464, thestudio@petersfieldschool.com, One Tree Book Shop, Lavant St and Unity Book Shop, or email Jonathan meadowmusic@ntlworld.com.

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

"Christianity has One drawing card: It is Christ. Social events or promising some sort of fellowship or friendship... is not Christianity. The fellowship and the friendliness and everything else must come forth out of Christ. It is Christ that brings you into the fellowship, not the fellowship that brings you into Christ so much. When you start your churches, when you plant your churches, when you preach your Gospel, put Christ before men and let them deal with Him. If they reject Christ, allow them to reject your fellowship. Don't bring them in gradually. Put Christ before them completely, and at first, and along with the demands. Do it lovingly, do it patiently, do it thoroughly." (Paul Washer)

Any items for inclusion in the **DECEMBER** PACT Newsletter to reach me by

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