



Petersfield Area Churches Together

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

December 2009 Newsletter

Thoughts on the Lord's prayer
"Can we say 'Yours is the Kingdom'
if we do not give the King the disciplined obedience of a loyal subject?
Can we say 'and the power'
if we fear what our friends and neighbours may say or do?
Can we say 'and the glory' if we're seeking our own glory first?
Can we say 'amen'
unless we honestly say 'Cost what it may, this is my prayer?'"
(M.W. Gass; the end)

*Hello  , I pray you have a really special Christmas. I thought the quote below would make a great advent meditation: "It is interesting to look at stars and understand how they are astronomically rated. They are rated on six properties: brightness, distance, luminosity, size, composition, and temperature. We can examine ourselves using these same ratings... How bright is Jesus in your life? He came from heaven to earth for you; how close are you to Him, and what distance are you willing to go for Him? ... How luminous are you as a Christian, charged to be light in this world? Just as stars have a measurable size, how much of your life reflects Jesus? Is your life composed of the pursuit of Jesus? What is your spiritual temperature? May we all reflect on these things during this season and seek to draw others to the same Star we know and follow." (David Jeremiah) 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 visit the Christmas Lunch page on the PACT web site:

www.pact.org.uk/christmas_lunch.asp or contact Joyce Perry by telephone (263502) or e-mail: joyce@perryweb.plus.com

Advance notice: Next Alpha Course

The next Alpha Course will start in January 2010 and will be hosted by the Petersfield Christian Fellowship (also known as Life Church Petersfield). The course will be held on Wednesday evenings at Bulmer House, starting with an Introductory Evening on Wednesday, 13th January at 7pm. Christmas is a great time to start inviting friends, neighbours and work colleagues. For more info, contact Richard Bull on 01730 893 394 or richardandchrisbull@btinternet.com

Support the PACT website

Hi Everyone Since the launch of the PACT Website in May of this year, the PACT web site has steadily attracted a number of people (63 to date) who are now automatically informed by email about events and information that **YOUR church** and PACT organisations are placing on the website. We would like to see this number increase to at least 100 by the end of the year, which would still only represent about 10% of the whole church community. When new information is added to an area, the individual receives an email providing a direct link to the area on the PACT website. This is working extremely well for advertising events in **YOUR church**, and we would like to promote your events even further – but we need your help! Below is a link to the 'subscribe area'. Please could you send the link to as many people as you can in your church? www.pact.org.uk/subscribe.asp If you have any queries regarding this, please contact John Studd or myself. Thank you in advance for your help. Steve Field, PACT IT Group

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

"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?" (Corrie ten Boon)

Any items for inclusion in the **JANUARY** PACT Newsletter to reach me by
Monday, 28th December

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