



## Petersfield Area Churches Together

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

*April 2011 Newsletter*

*Hello  , I hope you enjoy the Easter celebrations. For more details of what is going on over the Easter weekend, please check the PACT website regularly. God bless, Susanne Irving*

### **Celebrating the Salvation Army's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Peterfield**

To mark this occasion in their history they are holding a series of events throughout the year:

**Thursday, 31st March at 7:00 pm (Hall in Swan Street):** Major Jean McDevitte will be visiting to give an insight into the Salvation Army's Red Shield service. Red Shield Services provides non-alcoholic leisure facilities in military training, operate and manages children's groups and respond to national and local emergencies when requested by the police/fire brigade to provide refreshments for those on duty and on special occasions to the public.

**Friday, 3rd June at 7:00 pm (Hall in Swan Street):** Paul Ozanne from The Salvation Army Trading Company Limited will be talking about their work. The company was established to create jobs, benefit the environment and help fund the Salvation Army's social work.

**Saturday, 25th June from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (Hall in Swan Street and Lloyds Forecourt):**

Anniversary Weekend - Open Day Exhibition of local Salvation Army work and activities

**7pm (Methodist Church):** Southern Youth Chorus. They are a vocal group of young people aged 13-25 who perform various styles of music. (No charge, but donations appreciated)

**Friday, 29th July at 7:00 pm** International Response Major Cedric Hills will speak about his time in Haiti following the devastating earthquake there.

### **10 mile sponsored walk to raise money for Petersfield Counselling Service**

**Saturday, 2nd April at 9:00am for a 9:30am departure (Petersfield Pond car park – B2146):**

Children are welcome to join us and fundraise, but they must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times. Dogs are welcome, we'd just ask that you respect other walkers and local bylaws. For further info, registration details and for sponsorship forms, please contact us. Tel: 07833 966974; [www.petersfieldcounsellingservice.co.uk](http://www.petersfieldcounsellingservice.co.uk); [info@petersfieldcounsellingservice.co.uk](mailto:info@petersfieldcounsellingservice.co.uk)

### **IMC AGM**

**Monday, 4th April at 7.30pm (Methodist Church):** Low key AGM, providing updates on the work in Colombia.

### **Concert in aid of Rosemary Foundation**

**Saturday, 9th April at 7.30pm (St Peter's Church):** The Petersfield Chamber Choir and The Petersfield Chamber Orchestra directed by Ann Pinhey will be performing St John's Passion by Johann Sebastian Bach. Tickets can be obtained from One Tree Books for £12.50.

### **Cafe Church: Marriage: Why do we do it?**

**Sunday, 10th April from 5:00-7:00pm (Costa Coffee, Ramswalk):** Cafechurch is a place to talk, in a relaxed atmosphere, about big issues that affect us all, and discuss them after hearing an expert view and a Christian viewpoint/real life story. Programme: From 5:00pm coffee; 5:20pm chat; 6:30pm: chill. Meetings take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month. We welcome all from the PACT churches to come along and bring a friend!

### **Unity Christian bookshop – book signing**

**Saturday, 16th April from 10am-noon (Unity Bookshop, Folly Lane):** Former Methodist Minister Rev Malcolm Rothwell will be signing copies of his new book 'Sense and nonsense – conversations with a clown about spiritual things.' Everyone is invited to come and meet him.

### **Petersfield Welcome Club – volunteers needed**

This flourishing social club for older people (currently 25 members) urgently needs volunteers. We need someone to assist the Club Leader with the organising of activities, social outings etc. They will need to be able to relate to older people and enjoy arranging suitable activities and entertainment. Plenty of support available. We also need a car owner to transport club members to and from the Club on a fortnightly basis, giving some members assistance where necessary. (Expenses paid.) If you can spare a few hours a month, enjoy the company of older people, and would like to find out more about this enjoyable and rewarding work, do please contact Felicity Mackilligin on 01730 263081.

### **Spiritual food for thought:**

*"The resurrection gives my life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances."* (Robert Flatt)

*"Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there."* (Clarence W. Hall)

*"Easter is the demonstration of God that life is essentially spiritual and timeless."* (Charles M. Crowe)

*Let every man and woman count himself immortal. Let him catch the revelation of Jesus in his resurrection. Let him say not merely, "Christ is risen," but "I shall rise."* (Phillips Brooks)

Any items for inclusion in the **MAY PACT Newsletter** to reach me by  
**Monday, 25th April.**

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