



Petersfield Area Churches Together

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

July 2011 Newsletter

Hello , wishing you and your family an encouraging summer break. The next newsletter will be published in September. God bless, Susanne Irving

Cafe Church

Sunday, 10th July from 5:15-7:00pm (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 5:15pm coffee; 5:20pm chat; 6:30pm: chill.

Tearfund meeting

Tuesday, 12th July at 7.30pm (St Peter's Hall): We will discuss the diverse results of the recent survey. Then we will see the Harvest material which is linked with Tearfund's new initiative "See-for-yourself". This could change the pattern of our meetings, and we should explore all the possibilities of this exciting new development. Please also note a Tearfund meeting at Cosham Baptist Church introducing "See-for-yourself" on **July 23rd**. We are asked to book in by 1 July. There is a morning session from 10:00 - 1:00, optional lunch 1:00 - 2:00, and the morning session is repeated from 2:00 - 4:30. We are asked to choose morning or afternoon, and whether we would like lunch. RSVP to Liz Green, Tearfund 100 Church Road, Teddington, Middx TW118QE, or e-mail John Archer at john.archer@tearfund.org. I have more details. Ken Tottle T 01730-233769, E tottles@talktalk.net

Town Centre Chaplains wanted

As part of the church we want to express Christ's love by encouraging the people who work, shop or are entertained in Petersfield. Chaplains complement, supplement and work closely with occupational health and human resources within the company environment. The basic role of the chaplain is to care for the individuals within the company and to care for the organisation itself. A chaplain is in a unique position because he or she is totally independent and is not required to report in detail what they do and who they see:

- They make themselves available to people who need someone to talk to in confidence.
- Through regular visits, they become aware of stresses and strains in the life in the organisation and try to help staff at all levels by being a critical friend.
- Chaplains pray regularly for the workforce and for the situations and members of staff they are involved with.
- They get alongside staff in the working environment in a way that does not interfere with a person's normal work pattern.
- They visit on a regular basis, at times when staff are available. In this way, they become a familiar friend.
- Chaplains do not evangelise but witness to God's love for all people regardless of colour or creed.
- Their work is totally confidential.

If you are interested to be part of this exciting new initiative, please sign up to find out more and to attend two training sessions: chair@pact.org.uk

Holiday club

Monday, 1st to Friday, 5th August from 9am (TPS, The Petersfield School): The cost for under-8's is £5 per child. The under 8's will be having a Messy Church format – (without the food) and it will be a “family friendly” morning with all children accompanied by a parent/adult (one adult per five children). There will be a variety of crafts and activities on offer including some style of “sport” activity each day. The over 8's will be in “streamed” activities – craft/art, dance, sport activities and music. These will be led by teams who will “specialize” in these activities with the purpose of “showcasing” them on Friday to all other Holiday Club attendees and friends and family. Both groups will follow the same theme but will highlight or develop it in different ways. Emma and Helen are happy to answer any queries – helenmason1@ntlworld.com or e.e-dean@virgin.net

Spiritual food for thought:

About the bible: “If this book had not been the book of God, men would have destroyed it long ago. Emperors and popes, kings and priests, princes and rulers have all tried their hand at it; they die and the book still lives.” (*H. L. Hastings*)

Any items for inclusion in the **SEPTEMBER** PACT Newsletter to reach me by
Monday, 29th August.

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