




Petersfield Area Churches Together

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

March 2011 Newsletter

Hello , may you and your family continue to be aware of God's presence. God bless,
Susanne Irving

World Women's Day of Prayer

Friday, 4th March at 1:30pm (St Laurence Church): Speaker: Rev'd Joanna Farrell. Country of focus: Chile. All are welcome: men, women and young people... Women's World Day of Prayer is a global, ecumenical movement of informed prayer and prayerful action, organised and led by Christian women who call the faithful together on the first Friday in March each year to observe a common day of prayer and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service. The service is written by a different country each year and that country then becomes the focus of the world's prayers on the day itself, which begins as dawn breaks over the islands of Tonga in the Pacific and continues across each continent until the last services of this special day are held back in the Pacific on the islands of Samoa, circling the world in prayer for 36 hours. See: www.pact.org.uk/womens-world-day-of-prayer-2011.asp

The Mark Drama

Saturday, 5th March at 7:30pm (St Mary's Church, Liss) and Sunday, 6th March at 10:30am (Hope Church in Greatham Primary School): See Mark's gospel come to life! Free admission.

Tearfund

Tuesday, 8th March from 7:30pm (St Peter's Hall): The URC in Petersfield has been involved with two other churches in providing medical and other help to three villages in the Ukraine. David Darling has just returned from a visit there in January, and will be talking about this work at our next Tearfund Supporters' meeting. It is an encouragement to hear about the things achieved through this partnership. Please come and bring any friends who might be interested.

Lent Courses

Wednesday, 9th March – Saturday, 23rd March: Once again various lent courses are on offer. Leaflets are available in your local church. Alternatively, you can access the leaflet on the PACT website: www.pact.org.uk/pact_lent_programme2011.asp

Cafe Church: 400 years on – Does the bible still speak our language?

Sunday, 13th March 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 2nd Sunday of every month. Upcoming topics: marriage – why do we do it? (10th April) We welcome all from the PACT churches to come along and bring a friend!

Census 2011

Sunday, 27th March: In March your 2011 Census questionnaire will arrive by post and can be returned using a pre-paid envelope or can be completed online via a secure Internet site. The questionnaire should take around ten minutes. Your personal information is kept confidential for 100 years.

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.

Unity Christian bookshop – support needed

“... This year [2010] we have kept our heads just above water. Business is slowing down and it is an unfortunate fact that more and more people appear to be ordering their Christian books on line... If online ordering continues or increases, ... the trustees may well be forced to wind up the business... we are looking to recruit another two members to keep the trustee team at full strength...we are always on the lookout for volunteers for specific tasks like running bookstalls, helping with stock checking, stock taking and unpacking and registering parcels etc. Our manager, Rosemary Davies would love to hear from anyone with a little time and/or computer know-how, who would be prepared to help. We continue to be grateful to the PACT church members who support and use us and look forward, in faith, to the coming year.” (Di Mackarness, Chairman of Trustees) – see PACT website for a full report: www.pact.org.uk/report2010_unitybooks.asp

Spiritual food for thought:

“Feeling are fleeting, but your hope is eternal.” (Response I got years ago when I prayed about my varying emotional responses to the ups and downs of my life. God has frequently reminded me of his response since our home got damaged through a burst water pipe.)

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