



Petersfield Area Churches Together

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

May 2011 Newsletter

Hello , may you and your family experience the power and guidance of God's Spirit this coming month. God bless, Susanne Irving

Cafe Church: The big society (talk by MP Damian Hinds)

Sunday, 8th May from 5:15-7:00pm (Costa Coffe, 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. We welcome all from the PACT churches to come along and bring a friend! On 12th June, the topic will be: "Hello? Why are we so obsessed with celebrities?"

Tearfund meeting

Tuesday, 10th May at 7.30pm (St Peter's Hall): We normally look at Tearfund's engagement with the poor and needy, but such work requires engagement with other organisations, so we will first see a short video from WaterAid who are providing water and sanitation in Mozambique. The second part will be another video showing Tearfund's progress in Haiti one year on. We trust this will be an encouragement and inspiration to all those interested in mission, so please bring your friends, too.

Home Start Butser and Petersfield Counselling Service presentation

Friday, 13th May at 7.30pm (Family Centre United Reformed Church): John Callaghan puts the spotlight on two organisations supported by the churches in the Petersfield area. Meet the people – ask the questions.

Taster Session Holiday Club

Saturday, 21st May from 10am-noon (St Peter's Church): Lucy Moore – author of the Messy Church books and pioneer of the Messy Church events - will be at this session. Rosemary from Unity Bookshop will have a stall at St Peter's during this time. There will be an opportunity to register (£5 per child for the five mornings) for the under 8's sessions at Holiday Club, and further information regarding the over 8's (years 3 to 6) sessions will be available. Emma and Helen will be available to answer any of your queries regarding the new style Holiday Club. The PACT Holiday Club will be undergoing some BIG changes this year. 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

Christians Against Poverty Money Management Course

Thursday, 26th May, 2nd June, 9th June at 7:45pm for 8:00pm (Liss Triangle Centre): Designed to give you better control over your household expenses. It takes just three evenings and is open to everyone. It is run by three local Money Coaches: Mark Nelson, Stephen Procter and Mimi Baines from Hope Church Greatham. They give friendly, practical – and free! - help to individuals and couples who want a simple system for getting a better handle on their household finances. Feedback so far confirms that the course, designed by Christians Against Poverty (CAP), is a practical, thorough and realistic tool to help people budget and manage their cash and bank accounts - for several it has made a marked difference already. There are no catches: no investments, products or services will be sold. The course is limited to 12 people at a time. Please contact Mark Nelson on 01730 261178 to book your place now or enrol online at www.capmoney.org.

Celebrating the Salvation Army's 125th anniversary in Peterfield

Friday, 3rd June at 7:00 pm (Salvation Army Hall): Paul Ozanne from The Salvation Army Trading Company Limited will be talking about their work. Find out what is happening to the clothes you put in the SA Clothes Banks. Salvation Army Trading Company Ltd is a trading arm of The Salvation Army in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. The company was established to create jobs, to benefit the environment and – through profitable trading – help fund The Salvation Army's social work in the UK.

- **25th June** - Anniversary Weekend - Open Day Exhibition **10:00 am - 4:00 pm**
Southern Youth Chorus - Methodist Church at 7:00 pm (No charge - Donations can be given)
- **29th July at 7:00 pm** - International Response Major Cedric Hills will speak about his time in Haiti following the devastating earthquake there.

“Engage” Pentecost Service

Thursday, 9th June at 7:30 pm (Festival Hall Petersfield): Engage events provide an opportunity for Christians from PACT churches - and beyond - to get together to worship God together.

Unity Bookshop

Special sale on children's books. No further details available at time of going to press.

Child Car Seats needed

Two child car seats for girls, aged 4 and 6, for a missionary family, returning from the Philippines. The family is due to be in the UK for around 12 months, starting July 1st. Willing to purchase, or borrow. Please contact the Powells on 01730 267294 for further information. Thank you.

Spiritual food for thought:

“Christians are always just a few heartbeats from heaven. It ought to make a difference.” (Vance Havner)

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