




## Petersfield Area Churches Together

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

*January 2012 Newsletter*

*Hello* , may you feel close to God during both the ups and downs of 2012. God bless,  
Susanne Irving

### How you can help to keep the Unity Bookshop open

By supporting the only overtly Christian shop in Petersfield, you help maintain a unique resource for our churches and an important witness to our town. Unity Bookshop needs us because we need it. It has been open for 24 years and the consequences of its closure would be far reaching.

Here are ways you can help:

- Serve behind the counter
- Become a trustee
- Become a fundraiser
- Decide to be a regular customer and encourage others to do the same
- Pledge a regular sum of money to protect the shop from "going under"
- Faithfully pray for the shop, asking for God's guidance

If you feel able to fill any of these roles please contact Di Mackarness (Chair of Trustees) by e-mail or in writing to the shop **before 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012**. E-mail: [unity@xln.co.uk](mailto:unity@xln.co.uk) Address 15 Folly Lane GU31 4AU. See the Unity Bookshop page on the PACT web site: [www.pact.org.uk/unitybookshop](http://www.pact.org.uk/unitybookshop)

### Town Chaplaincy

Do please feel free to approach us if you see us walking around the town. Alternatively, if you would like to talk to someone via email or want to make an appointment to see a chaplain then please e-mail us at [Chaplaincy@pact.org.uk](mailto:Chaplaincy@pact.org.uk), or leave a voice message on 07933479701. We promise to get back to you as soon as we can. Please also feel free to contact us if you can help us by: Offering to support us in prayer; volunteering some time; donating some money. If your church would like one of the steering group to come and talk to a group please contact us and we would love to come. If you'd like to subscribe to the Chaplainry email group go to: [www.pact.org.uk/subscribe.asp](http://www.pact.org.uk/subscribe.asp)

### Cafe Church

**Sunday, 8th January 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.

### **Creative Grace Art Workshops**

Some people have asked for more info about the art workshop. There is a You Tube video that gives a flavour of what is on offer: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zwIPRxlUV0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zwIPRxlUV0) I am happy to get something organised if we get enough people together... Please e-mail me at [dreamachiever2000@hotmail.com](mailto:dreamachiever2000@hotmail.com) (Susanne)

### **Rooms and role models wanted**

Stonham Homegroup Supported Lodgings is trying to find places for young people who are in need of hosts for supported housing in the Petersfield, Alton, Andover, Winchester, Eastleigh, Southampton Fareham and surrounding areas. They pay £160-200 a week if you can help a young person (16+) from the local community who needs a home and a positive role model in their lives. If you want to find out more, please contact Penny on 07725 958 288 ; E-mail [penny.diver@homegroup.org.uk](mailto:penny.diver@homegroup.org.uk)

### **Volunteers wanted for BBC Digital Switchover Project**

The Digital Switchover Help Scheme is looking for Community Supporters who can help find those people who may still require assistance ,reaching isolated/vulnerable individuals within the community, ensuring that no-one is left with a blank screen after the switchover. The Community Supporters need to be a trusted face and voice, so that older and vulnerable people are protected and feel comfortable. The role would not be very time consuming, it would mean identifying if anyone in their area may need information, giving them a leaflet and at most a bit of support making a phone call. If you can help out, please contact Helen Freeston - Volunteer Projects Coordinator(Working hours Tuesday - Thursday 9.00a.m - 3.30pm) email: [helen.freeston@cfef.org.uk](mailto:helen.freeston@cfef.org.uk) or mobile 07974552526

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

*"To truly become Christians we must also repent of the reasons we ever did anything right... We must learn how to repent of the sin under all our other sins and under all our righteousness – the sin of seeking to be our own Saviour and Lord. We must admit that we've put our ultimate hope and trust in things other than God, and that in both our wrongdoing and right doing we have been seeking to get around God or get control of God in order to get hold of those things."* (Timothy Keller)

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