



## Petersfield Area Churches Together

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

*April 2012 Newsletter*

*Hello  , may you feel close to God during Easter. When I first heard the story of Jesus' death on the cross as a child, I was disappointed that the angels did not come to rescue him. Now I can say: Praise God that Jesus stuck to His Father's plan and that the story did not end on a cross! God bless, Susanne Irving*

### Bi-Annual Photography Exhibition

**Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> March from 10am-5pm (Community Centre, Love Lane):** Free parking and entry. Some pictures that are for sale (mine!) will raise money for local charities (King's Arms and IMC). Light refreshments available.

### Good Friday walk of witness

**Friday, 6th April at 9.30am (Methodist Church):** A service will be held at the square at 10am. See: [www.pact.org.uk/good-friday-intro.asp](http://www.pact.org.uk/good-friday-intro.asp)

### Cafe Church: Jesus – Dead or alive?

**Sunday, 8th April from 5:15-7:00pm (Costa Coffe, Ramswalk):** It's Easter and the shops are full of eggs and bunnies. Churches are also celebrating the most important Christian festival of the year. But what is the real heart of Easter? Just as Christmas focuses on a baby in a manger, so Easter focuses on an empty tomb. But is the resurrection of Jesus Christ just a myth? What if it didn't happen? We'll be asking whether the resurrection story is literally incredible. Our two speakers will review the evidence and explain why it matters – if it's true. Please come and bring your friends.

### IMC AGM

**Monday, 30th April at 7pm (Methodist Church)**

### Prayer Impact – Survey of prayer cover for Petersfield

If you are praying for your road and those around you, could you please e-mail Anderson at [vice.chair@pact.org.uk](mailto:vice.chair@pact.org.uk) with the name of the roads covered.

### Queen's Jubilee on 4<sup>th</sup> June

Petersfield will be joining in the celebrations on Monday, 4th June with a series of major events in the Square and on the Heath. At 2 p.m. there will be a procession from the Square to the Heath led by cars and traction engines from the 1950s onwards. PACT hope you will join us as part of the march. We shall have the PACT banner and everyone needs to be wearing clothes from the 1950s era. Children are especially welcome and there will be a best costume competition. There will also be a PACT stall on the Heath. Do hope you will join us in the fun. See: [www.pact.org.uk/diamond-jubilee.asp](http://www.pact.org.uk/diamond-jubilee.asp)

## Holiday Club 30<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August

Please sign up on PACT website to receive regular updates. We are looking for volunteers to help with the Messy Church section of Holiday Club, help with the juniors (Craft, Dance, Drama & Sports) and also the site team. We're looking for someone who can run the junior Art & Craft section for 8 -11 yr olds. (Last year there were 24 in this group, and they made small things and some lovely banners and t-shirts!) The theme this year is God's brilliant idea (thank you Spring Harvest 2012!). Even if you aren't able to help maybe you can offer support to someone with the planning, or you may know of someone who would/could be interested in helping out. Contact Emma or myself on 01730 231400 or email [helenmason1@ntlworld.com](mailto:helenmason1@ntlworld.com)

## Praying for the presence of God to fill our communities

We want to cover the whole of the British Isles in prayer using the Olympic torch 'route' as a catalyst in the season 19th May-27th July 2012. Would you prayerfully consider whether you could be a part of this 70 day cascade of prayer. (This is one of the seasons of prayer that "More than Gold" will be offering into the year of prayer under the title 'Shine as the Flame travels'.) It is all about every individual, church or group of churches, taking time to pray about the light of Christ to be seen more brightly and God's blessings on and for our communities either before, or on the day of, or after the Olympic Torch has passed through each area. It is for anyone who wants to pray whether or not they are connected to 'More than Gold'. For full details and resources, including information about the praise bus that will be journeying ahead of this prayer cascade look under 'Shine as the Flame travels' see: [www.morethangold.org.uk/your-church/prayer.html](http://www.morethangold.org.uk/your-church/prayer.html) and also [www.pact.org.uk/olympic-torch-petersfield.asp](http://www.pact.org.uk/olympic-torch-petersfield.asp)

## Book recommendations

The Unity Bookshop recommends the following trilogy all based around the beginning of Acts: The Centurion's Wife; The Hidden Flame and The Damascus Way written by Davis Bunn and Janette Oke. For those of you who prefer a biography: Son of the Underground by Isaac Liu who is the son of Brother Yun.

## Spiritual food for thought:

*"Lord God, as Jesus appeared behind locked doors to forgive Thomas his doubt; as Jesus shared a meal with Peter and forgave his denial, so send the same Jesus among us this day that we may leave behind our doubting and our denials. Fling open the locked doors of our fears; feed us with the richness of your love, help us to say anew, 'My Lord and my God – you know that I love you.' Amen."*  
(liturgy of the Methodist Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand)

Any items for inclusion in the **MAY** PACT Newsletter to reach me by  
**Friday, 27th April**

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