



Petersfield Area Churches Together

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

July 2012 Newsletter

Hello, the PACT newsletter is having an annual summer break. So the next edition will be published in September. God bless, Susanne Irving

Christmas Lunch – urgent request

For the much appreciated PACT Christmas lunch to take place this year we need to source key leaders. We are looking for:- Master of Ceremonies, Overall co-ordinator ; Kitchen co-ordinator (most food is cooked by volunteers) and a technician to operate the equipment at the URC church. Information on what these roles entail is available! If interested, please contact the PACT representative or PACT Social Concerns representative for your church. The lunch may have to be cancelled if we can't fill those posts.

Cuppa and company

Tuesday, 3rd July from 2.30-4:00pm (United Reformed Church Hall, College Street): Cuppa and Company is a friendly and informal gathering for people who have been recently, or not so recently, bereaved. All are invited to join us for a cup of tea, homemade cake and the company of others who have been bereaved. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month. For further details contact Rev'd Beth Woodgate on 01730 266 226.

Cafe Church : Consumerism – Should we try to live more simply?

Sunday, 8th July from 5:15-7:00pm (Costa Coffe, Ramswalk): How does materialism match with stewardship and environmentalism?; 12 August. Summer music – A chilled evening of live music and conversation

Olympic torch – church welcome

Monday, 16th July at 8:30am: As you know, the torch will be passing through Petersfield. Many (thousand?) people could be walking down Station Road, and the Methodist and Catholic churches will be open from 7.30 am in case visitors would like to pop in. We would love it if other Petersfield Christians could pop in too, to be a welcoming presence and a friendly face.

(Please remember to continue 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 our area. For full details and resources, including info about the praise bus that will be journeying ahead of this prayer cascade look under 'Shine as the Flame travels' for the pdf www.morethangold.org.uk/prayer)

Rotherlands Nature Reserve – work party

Saturday, 21st July 2012, from 9.30am-12.30pm (meet at car park outside Petersfield Rugby Club, Penns Place at 9:30am: For more info, check www.rotherlands.co.uk

Taking forward Kingdom Kids Club at Herne Junior School

I just want to thank the school Herne Junior School for being open to allowing us as churches to come in and share the gospel with all kinds of wonderful children in the school. We have many come and go to our Bible club as we have packed it with shorts films presentations, dramas, games, quizzes, prizes, craft, worship, prayers and Bible stories. Through the friendship and help of many people Kingdom Kids has become a popular club with visitor ranging from church leaders, Rob Dewing, Dominic Tunks and John Callaghan and missionary worker Andrew Bulmer. The children love to hear real stories about real people and how God has worked in their lives. Jesus reminds us today that the harvest is ripe, young ears need to hear the gospel and when you share it, what joy you bring. We have heard many children say that they want to follow Jesus and become Christians and my prayer is that all will and none shall perish! We have given away around twenty five Bibles this year with more and more children wanting them so as not to miss out. Praise the LORD he has blessed this outreach. I see it very much as a PACT outreach, and in the last two years I have shared doing the club with Mrs. Tong, one of the longstanding teachers at the school. Please can you pray that God would lay it on some new hearts to go and make disciples in the years to come. (Alison Udall)

Holiday Club 30th July – 3rd August

Please sign up on PACT website to receive regular updates. 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

Compassion's "Change the story" Campaign - Advance Notice

Child sponsorship has been shown to be one of the most effective ways of breaking the cycle of poverty. Compassion is an international Christian child development and child advocacy ministry. Partnering with local churches, they are committed to the spiritual, economic, social and physical development of children living in extreme poverty in 26 countries, enabling them to become responsible, fulfilled Christian adults. To this end, sponsors are asked to make a monthly contribution, correspond with the child and pray for the child and his/her family. It is possible to sponsor a child as a group via an "all for one" sponsorship, so that youth groups can afford to get involved. Compassion has a vision to see an extra 2,000 children sponsored in September and has produced a resource pack for local churches. If you are interested, I can provide you with a resource pack. Alternatively, you can order resources and find out more on the Compassion website: www.compassionuk.org (Susanne Irving)

Spiritual food for thought:

*"O Lord God almighty,
We worship and bless your Holy Name.
We bring the British Isles before you.
Have mercy on us and forgive our foolish ways.
Come to our aid, Father. Cause your will to be done among us.
Come, Lord Jesus; you alone are the Way, the Truth and the Life.
May you be honoured and glorified in our nations.
Come, Holy Spirit; refresh and revive us again.
Draw us after you and let us run together.
In Jesus' wonderful Name.
Amen."* from Ffald-y-Brenin Trust, 2012

Any items for inclusion in the **SEPTEMBER PACT Newsletter** to reach me by **Friday, 24th August**

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