



Petersfield Area Churches Together

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

January 2013 Newsletter

Hello. I hope that you will be richly blessed in the coming year. God bless, *Susanne*

Cafe Church : A new start - can we change ourselves?

Sunday, 13th January from 5:15-7:00pm (Costa Coffee, Ramswalk): A New Year gives us the opportunity to be better people, do better things, give up old bad habits and take up new good ones. So we make New Year's Resolutions, then break them within weeks or even days. Why do we find it so hard to change? Some people believe that everything we need to change ourselves is within us – we just need to find it and release it. Or do we need outside help to make permanent changes – from health professionals, friends and family, or God? Further details from Nigel Halliday (Tel: 07952 120937, Email: nigelhal@waitrose.com). Topics in the coming months: 10th February: Restorative justice - does it work?; 10th March: Heroes - do we need them?

PACT Service

Sunday, 20th January at 4pm (St Peter's Church): A joint PACT Service to mark the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held at St. Peter's. Members from all churches are welcome and encouraged to come and join us.

PACT AGM

Wednesday, 23rd January at 7.30 p.m. (St. Peter's Church): Please come along and hear what has been happening over the past year in serving Petersfield and the surrounding villages in the name of Jesus.

Ideas needed for next Lent groups (message from Barbara Ward)

I am a member of St. Peter's and have been involved with Lent Groups ever since we moved to Petersfield in 1987, and in fact in Durham for some years before...so an old hand you might say ! I am anxious that some thought be given early as to program in 2013. Some of us think it is time we had something more challenging..and interesting...and even a bit more progressive than the York Courses which are a pretty safe 'middle of the road'. So PLEASE put it on your agenda in good time. Thanks, and look forward to hearing some good ideas ! Sincerely Barbara Ward. Please contact Barbara if you have any suggestions: be.ward@hotmail.co.uk

Advance notice: Coach Holidays to Devonshire (29th June - 6th July)

We stay at the Christian Guild Hotel "Sidholme", which is situated only a few minutes' walk from the charming town of Sidmouth with its splendid Jurassic Coast coastline. The hotel sits in nine acres of delightful grounds which include a heated indoor swimming pool. We will drive through the beautiful Devon countryside, visit other seaside towns, National Trust properties, and maybe do a boat trip or steam train ride. There will be five full day excursions with a day of leisure on Wednesday. There may also be an opportunity for short optional walks on other days. The coach will start from Petersfield Methodist Church and pickups can be arranged from Liss, Winchester, Southampton, Bournemouth and Dorchester. The price per person for an ensuite room is £565 (£530 in the annex) for 7 nights dinner and bed and breakfast accommodation. This includes return travel, five full day excursions, but excludes entry fees and gratuities. Further information can be obtained from Gordon Churchill on 01730 260454, but all bookings must be made directly with Sidholme Hotel on 01395 515104, stating your preferred pickup point.

Spiritual food for thought:

"It is possible that God's ways baffle us because He is determined to give us more and better than we ask for?... He knows what we need - to find Him in the midst of everything. We want to be given reasons and relief. He wants to give us His grace and glory." (Susan Lenzkes)

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