



Petersfield Area Churches Together

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

February 2013 Newsletter

Hello, the next newsletter will be published at the end of March, as my husband and I are off to climb Kilimanjaro (see article below!). God bless, *Susanne*

Climbing Kilimanjaro for IMC and Project Shalom

From 14th-23rd February, John and I will be attempting to climb Mount Kilimanjaro via the Lemosho route, the longest and most scenic route up Kilimanjaro that was featured in the 2009 Comic Relief Challenge. Due to the high altitude and changing weather conditions, only 40% of climbers make it to the top. All in all, the 60km (37.5 Miles) trek will take between 46-54 hours - of which 12-15 hours are done on summit day! Any monies we raise will be split between IMC (In Ministry to Children) and Project Shalom. John has been to Colombia in 2007 and seen both the crisis care placements and community-based programmes first hand. IMC currently needs funds for the community feeding programme and an ecological education project. As John was brought up in East Africa, we were also looking for an African charity to support. We have chosen Project Shalom, whose director Juliet Nasuuna Mukisa spoke and sang at "Engage" last year. Shalom provides a home for 24 children in Bugembe, Jinja. Another 36 children are fostered in the community. The goal is to ultimately foster more children in the community to enable them to experience a normal family environment. For many years the charity has been dreaming of getting enough funds to buy a van to transport produce, to transport the kids to hospital when they fall sick and to the different schools. They also need money to develop a farm on a piece of land they purchased last year. The farm is intended to generate income and develop the children's skills. Depending on which statistic you read, Mount Kilimanjaro is between 5,892 and 5,895 meters high - so as a minimum goal, we would like to raise £5,895. Even better if we could raise this money for EACH charity! Please pray for us, especially on summit day (21st February). To donate online, go to http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/John_and_Susanne. There are also sponsorship forms in the Life Church office at 62 Station Road, Tel 231 400.

Lent programme

Programmes are available in your local church or on our PACT website. Options range from a course on the Beatitudes, spiritual practice session, a Kesher course, the latest York course, sessions on the theme of pilgrimage and prayer walks around the community.

Cafe Church : Restorative justice - does it work?

Sunday, 10th February from 5:15-7:00pm (Costa Coffee, Ramswalk): Further details from Nigel Halliday (Tel: 07952 120937, Email: nigelhal@waitrose.com). Topic 10th March: Heroes - do we need them?

Messy church in 2013 - helpers needed

Messy Church has been running in Petersfield as part of PACT for over 4 years and is well attended (regularly feed 80+) by a mix of both those who attend church regularly and those with no church affiliation. Like all the groups within PACT we would love to have more helpers!! These include people willing to come in at 5pm to help wash and clean up in the kitchen, more helpers with the craft activities and folk who would be willing to be a "spare" set of hands when at 4.55pm we turn the hall around! We like the helpers to be about from 3pm, as the children & adults arrive from 3.30pm.

We would love to involve as many of the local PACT church leaders in the all age talk as possible, so please look at the list and let me know if you would be willing to lead any of them (this would be to prepare the talk and lead a prayer).

Upcoming and topics are: Tuesday 16th April Joshua; Tuesday 21st May David; Tuesday 18th June Peter & Paul; Tuesday 16th July John; Holiday Club Monday 29th July - Friday 2nd August (1John) Jesus the Source; Tuesday 17th September Deborah, Ruth & Harvest; Tuesday 15th October Esther, Dorcas & Tabitha; Tuesday 19th November Hannah, Elizabeth & Mary
The worship time is about 15 mins with Lyndsey leading the singing and one of the PACT leaders leading the talk.

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 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:

"Seize the day by seeking its Maker." (David Jermiah)

Any items for inclusion in the **April** PACT Newsletter to reach me by **Thursday, 28th March**

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