



## **Petersfield Area Churches Together**

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

**June 2013 Newsletter**

*Hello, may God continue to bless you and your family, Susanne*

### **Cafe Church: Young people - trouble-makers or history makers?**

**Sunday, 9th June from 5:15-7:00pm (Costa Coffee, Rams Walk):** Further details from Nigel Halliday (Tel: 07952 120937, Email: nigelhal@waitrose.com).

### **Unity Bookshop update**

Our new landlord is St Thomas's Cathedral in Portsmouth who have pledged to keep our rent steady for the next five years. Unity Bookshop completed another year to February and the sales figures are very similar to those of two years ago. The year ending February 2011 (when we had our appeal) was about 5% better. Whilst the bookshop is not declining at the moment, its future would be in question but for the generosity of those who support it by regular giving. You can of course also support us by buying from us. If you are still looking for a summer read, here are the top 5 books for spring: 1) Archbishop Justin Welby: The road to Canterbury by Andrew Atherstone; 2) The people's pilgrim: John Bunyan autobiography by Peter J Morden; 3) My pocket bible (really pocket size at 5.5 x 7.5 cm!), 4) Waterbugs and dragonflies: Explaining death to young children by Doris Stickney, 5) How to be a bad Christian... and a better human being by Dave Tomlinson.

An advance date for your diary: Saturday, 12th October at 3.30pm (St Peter's Church):  
Annual Thanksgiving Service followed by tea and cakes

### **Engage Charity Concert for Project Shalom and IMC**

**Thursday, 6th June at 7.30pm (refreshments) for 8pm start (Town Hall):** Juliet Nasuuna, who came to November's Engage has asked to come again for a concert. She is a wonderful young lady who was in the UK last year fundraising for an orphanage she set up in Uganda. She would like to tell us more about her orphanage and has agreed that an offering would be split with our own In Ministry to Children – Colombia charity. Project Shalom (Reg. Charity Number UK1136019) was founded on the belief that a child that has the love of the Lord instilled in them at an early age will grow into a well balanced caring adult.

Now a registered Non Government Organization (NGO), Project Shalom started in 2002 as a community based organization (CBO) then opened officially in 2003. It currently cares for 24 orphans in house and have placed another 40 in the local community. The IMC charity continues its work with children whose lives are at risk in Colombia, South America. The ministry started after a visit by two of our members in 1993 and subsequently the ministry has become a charity in UK and continues to raise awareness and funds for the work in Colombia.

For more details see: <http://www.pact.org.uk/engage-june-2013.asp>

### **How can the local Christians pray together more effectively for our town?**

On the first Thursday of each month we meet together at 28 Moggs Mead at 2.00pm. At other times, there is Prayer Impact. Have you seen this red pi symbol ( $\pi$ ) on people's front doors and windows? If yes, it means that the household is involved in Prayer Impact. Prayer Impact is about Christians who live near each other, especially from different churches, meeting together on a regular basis to pray for their neighbours, i.e. neighbours are praying with their neighbours for their neighbours!

There is no need to pray aloud. If you prefer silence, then pray in silence. Maybe one of you could read a set prayer from your church's liturgy. Or you could write out your neighbours' names and place them on a table in front of you and ask God's blessing on them. The important thing is that we get together in Jesus' name. For more information email John Studd on [info@prayer-impact.org.uk](mailto:info@prayer-impact.org.uk). And if you're not on-line, or just don't like computers, please phone him on 01730 264857.

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

*"Prayer isn't limited to a slot in our schedule. It's living in the Lord's presence and being open to Him"* (Cheri Fuller)

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

**Thursday, 27th June**

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