



## Petersfield Area Churches Together

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

*December 2014 Newsletter*

*Hello, wishing you and your family a very happy Christmas and a positive, faith-filled start into the New Year. Susanne*

### Cafe Church: Jesus – Who is he?

**Sunday, 14th December from 5-7pm, Costa Coffee, Rams Walk:** As we near Christmas, just who is this Jesus Christ whose birthday it is we celebrate? Join us over a good cup of coffee and in good company to explore some of the history, the facts and the myths surrounding Jesus.

### Volunteers needed

**Foodbank:** PACT are looking for volunteers who can spare a morning, fortnightly or even monthly to assist Brian Edwards on the Food Bank. Food Bank is open every weekday morning at the Salvation Army Hall. Contact [linda.read@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:linda.read@salvationarmy.org.uk)

**Soup run :** Volunteers needed to help Salvation Army with soup run 7pm-8.30pm on a Monday. Contact Linda Read [linda.read@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:linda.read@salvationarmy.org.uk)

**PACT Christmas dinner:** Please remember to support PACT lunch with your Waitrose tokens during December. We need the following: 10 table hosts (priority will be given to single people); 3 pot washer/driers; 2 to help plate/serve food (should have food hygiene cert); 2 to serve drinks; 4 people to welcome/seat guests (hour max); 20 (ish) drivers - 10 before 10 after; entertainment. If you would be willing to help, please contact Katie Wigley at [pactchristmaslunch@gmail.com](mailto:pactchristmaslunch@gmail.com)

### Petersfield Methodist Women's Fellowship Programme in December

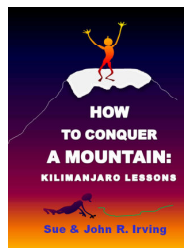
**Thursday afternoons at 2.30pm (Methodist Church):** 4th Petersfield Voices, 11th Alison Price and Liz Johnson - The Rosemary Foundation, 18th A Christmas Celebration.

### Advance notice: Coach Holiday to the Southern Lakes (4th - 11th July 2015)

As usual, we travel by executive coach (Greys Coach Travel) with Brian (for the 9th year!) as our very popular driver. The coach will start from the Methodist Church, Station Road, Petersfield and pickup can also be arranged at Liss. The price per person for an ensuite room is £595 and this includes return travel, seven nights half board accommodation and five full day excursions. It does NOT include entry fees and gratuities. This time we stay at the Abbot Hall Hotel, Kents Bank, near Grange-over-Sands. We hope to see a lot of the Lake District and also west Yorkshire, visiting a National Trust property, stately homes and gardens and a steam train ride. There will be opportunities for the more energetic to enjoy some short walks. Further information can be obtained from Gordon Churchill (01730 260454) but all bookings must be made direct with the hotel (01539 532896) stating the preferred pickup point.

### **“How to conquer a mountain” - book sale for charity (Susanne Irving)**

My husband John and I have written a book about our Kilimanjaro expedition last year. For one of us, the expedition did not go to plan, so this book is about how to tackle both life's mountain tops and valleys. All proceeds from the sale of this book will go to IMC (In Ministry to Children - UK registered charity no. 1064690), who are celebrating their 20th anniversary this year. We are selling copies for a **minimum donation of £5**. (You can either make a donation online at [www.inministrytochildren.org](http://www.inministrytochildren.org) or write a cheque payable to Links International - IMC and send it to Life Church Centre, 62 Station Road, Petersfield GU32 3ES) We are happy to sign copies. The book will also be available online, both as a paperback and Kindle version, from the middle of December onwards. We are also hoping to get the book stocked in a local bookstore.



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

*“We have a role to play in God’s plan to unite heaven and earth, to advance the story of the world to culmination and to see the earth cultivated into the garden city.” (Skye Jethani)*

### **PACT Churches Christmas Services**

A complete list of all the Christmas Services organised by PACT churches is available on the PACT web site and a PDF copy can be downloaded: <http://www.pact.org.uk/ChristmasServices>

Any items for inclusion in the **JANUARY** PACT Newsletter to reach me by  
**Thursday 29th December**

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