



Petersfield Area Churches Together

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

February 2015 Newsletter

Hello, may you be aware of God's presence and blessings throughout this month. Blessings, Susanne

Kings Arms Open Weekend

Saturday, 31st January from 10:00 am-noon (including at 11:00 am presentation of awards by Petersfield town major) **and Sunday, 1st February from 2:00-4:00pm** (including presentation by Kings Arms trustees at 3:00pm): This will be an amazing two days, giving churches the opportunity to see the fantastic work that the Kings Arms is carrying out in and around Petersfield. We will be 'showcasing' all the areas of work, and Managers and Trustees will be on hand to share real examples of how each of the areas are supporting and helping young people.

Many people in our churches may still believe that the Kings Arms is just a place where young people 'hang out' after school, but it is offering much much more to the community, and during the last 3 years, has seen an increase in paid staff from 3 to 10 staff and a large 'army' of volunteers. The Kings Arms is now recognised as one of the most significant organisations that the Petersfield & Area Churches together runs, and it would be lovely to see as many people come and see what incredible work is being carried out on behalf of their church, for young people from all walks of life.

Cafe Church: Loneliness – a growing problem?

Sunday, 8th February from 5:00-7:00 pm (Costa Cafe): As a human race, we have never been so connected. Whether it's through social media, mobile phones or email, it is easier than ever to stay in touch with people. And yet, we hear that more and more people – despite the ability to stay connected – feel lonely. It does not appear to be limited to the elderly or housebound; many young people and adults also say they feel lonely. Could it be that social media is anything but social? So, if friendship count on Facebook is not the solution to loneliness, what is? And how can we best support those in our society who feel isolated or lonely? Advance notice: The topic in March will be the resurrection.

"Evangelicals Now" magazine (message from Robin Ive)

I am an agent for "Evangelicals Now" magazine which is just £1 per copy. It is very informative and particularly of interest for all denominations with a link to Evangelicals. I am prepared to deliver in the Petersfield area. The fee for 12 months is £12. People can contact me direct on 01730 710582 or e-mail me on robin.ive@ntlworld.com Mr Robin Ive, 30 Marden Way, Petersfield, GU31 4PW.

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

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

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.

Books published by members of the Creative Communicators writers' group

Thank you to all those who have bought a copy of our book "How to conquer a mountain". To date we have raised over £200 for IMC through direct sales – this does not include sales in the One Tree Bookshop or on Amazon. The first print run was so successful that we have just reordered the book. We are selling copies directly for a minimum donation of £5. However, if you want to support a local business, please buy your copy at One Tree Bookshop. The Kindle version can be downloaded from Amazon.

Life Church member Gill Parkes has also recently published a book which is currently on sale at One Tree Bookshop. "Colombo Journeys: An Italian War Bride Remembers" is the non-fictional account of life for an Italian family during Mussolini's Fascist era and World War II and its aftermath. The book is based upon the vivid memories of Gill's late mother Dina Colombo, who lived through this period in a fishing town near Naples. "Attending the writers group gave me the discipline and encouragement I needed to ensure my mother's fascinating story finally made it into print," said Gill. 20% of royalties will be given to the Barnabas Fund for persecuted Christians.

The Creative Communicators usually meet once a month on a Sunday evening from 7:30 pm. For more information, contact Susanne Irving.

Spiritual food for thought:

Something to consider, not just by aspiring writers: *"The future belongs to the storytellers, because in a world where we are bombarded by information, anyone who can grab our attention will be powerful."* (Eva Longoria)

Lent Courses

Details of PACT Lent Courses are now available on the PACT web site: www.pact.org.uk/Lent - keep checking this page as new courses may be added.

Any items for inclusion in the **MARCH** PACT Newsletter to reach me by
Tuesday, 24th February

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