



# Petersfield Area Churches Together

Ten churches ... many shades of worship ... but only one God

*February 2010 Newsletter*

*Hello* , I enclose the latest PACT newsletter. In the PACT service yesterday we were reminded how many organisations PACT is involved in. PACT is making a real difference in the community. A group that is not on the official PACT list is the monthly writers' group. In a leap of faith, I've decided to start publishing some of the work that has come out of that group in a Blog. You can read the Blog at [www.gettingtoknowgod.wordpress.com](http://www.gettingtoknowgod.wordpress.com). Remember that the group is happy to help if you need a sketch, monologue etc. God bless, **Susanne Irving**

## **Coach Holiday to the English Lake District**

**19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2010:** Once again, friends from the Methodist Church are organising a holiday to one of the Christian Guild Hotels and would like other Christians in the Petersfield area to join with them. This year they are making a return visit to the popular Abbot Hall Hotel at Kents Bank, near Grange-over-Sands. The coach leaves the church in Station Road at 9.00am picking up at Liss, Alton, and Basingstoke. Half board en-suite accommodation cost from £516 per person which includes return travel and five full day excursions. Please call Gordon Churchill on 01730 260454 for more information or visit Abbot Hall's website at <http://www.christianguild.co.uk/abbothall>

## **Volunteers needed**

I learned in the PACT service yesterday that the biggest need expressed by all the PACT organisations is for more volunteers. Just a reminder of the groups affiliated or associated with PACT (You can learn more about them on the PACT website: [www.pact.org.uk](http://www.pact.org.uk)): Voluntary Care Group, Money Matters, Holiday Club, Petersfield Housing Association, Christian Aid, Christian Ecology Group, Society of Special Needs, Causeway Prospects, Petersfield Counselling Services, Homestart Butser, The Kings Arms, Social Concerns Group, Tearfund, Unity Bookshop, IMC (In Ministry to Children), Prayer Impact, Alpha, Youthwork Support Team, Messy Church and Positive Parenting. Two examples of how you can help: The Social Concerns Group needs people who will be willing to organise the popular Christmas lunch in future. Volunteer at the Holiday Club, which runs from 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> July this year. Read about the Christmas Lunch 2009 on the PACT web site: [www.pact.org.uk/christmas\\_lunch.asp](http://www.pact.org.uk/christmas_lunch.asp).

## **Lent Groups**

The PACT Lent groups will start in February. No details were available at the time of going to press, but should be available in good time in your local churches. Check the PACT web site for updates.

### **Messy church**

**Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010, from 3.30pm (Methodist Church):** The topic is Jesus in the desert.

### **King's Arms AGM**

**Wednesday, 24th February 2010, from 4.30pm (Petersfield Social Club)**

### **Stewardship of creation**

**Saturday, 27<sup>rd</sup> February 2010, from 10.30am (St Laurence):** A day with CAFOD and the Society of St. Gregory considering our response to the "Live Simply" campaign.

### **Support the Unity Bookshop**

Continue to get your books, bibles, cards and worship CDs at 15 Folly Lane GU31 4AU. If an item is not in stock, they are more than happy to order it for you. Telephone 01730 262572. Thanks for your support so far – it has kept the bookshop going when bigger chains like Wesley Owen had to close shops.

### **Spiritual food for thought**

*"It is no advantage to be near the light if the eyes are closed."* (Augustine)

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