



Churches Together in Alresford September 2019 Newsletter

The autumn is often a busy time for us all, and the same is true for CTIA.

Just before we look forward, it is good to look back on our first combined AGM and Songs of Praise service which took place on 21 July at St Mary's, Old Alresford. The weather was kind and following a lovely picnic in the churchyard, there were over 50 at the service. We were well led by Elizabeth Britton from the Methodist Church.

Each church selected a choice of two hymns which were interspersed with readings on the theme of God the Gardener. About 50 people from St. Gregory's, St. John's and St. Mary's and the Methodists enjoyed singing some of their favourite hymns. There was also some dance tuition from Rev Julia. If only a video was available.....

Looking forward, there is a combination of regular events and some one-off ones.

If you enjoy meeting up with friends over a bring and share lunch in order to discuss topical events, then come along to Table Talk in the John Pearson Hall. It takes place on the third Friday of every month between 12 and 2 pm. You'll be very welcome.

On Friday September 20, there is a celebration of the 150 years since the Avenue was given to the town by the Bishop of Winchester. It starts in the afternoon, and the CTIA gazebo will promote the work of our current charities – Christians Against Poverty and Winchester Youth Counselling.

A little further ahead, Rotary always do a fantastic job organising the Christmas shoe box appeal for disadvantaged children in Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and Romania. The packing will take place at St Gregory's on the afternoon of Sunday 3 November. For more details, please speak to Steve Walker or James Pinniger.

Last but not least, we will be returning to Bournemouth next March for our away weekend. It's a fun trip and with input from all our clergy, bound to be interesting. Forms will be in the churches soon.

