



Churches Together in Alresford Away Weekend 2021

Because of the “unprecedented times” in which we currently live we regret there will be no CTIA away weekend in Bournemouth in 2021. Following on from the great success of our weekends of ecumenical study, fellowship, fun and food in recent years we hope we will be back to normal in 2022.

Looking ahead

Notwithstanding the above and paying heed to ever changing government guidance and directives it is hoped that it will be possible to arrange some ecumenical events to take place in 2021 as soon as permitted, sensible and practical.

Understandably it is questionable whether the normal CTIA Christmas carol singing in local sheltered housing and outside Wessex Pharmacy will be possible this year but ever “living in hope” a firm decision on that will be made nearer the time.

In the meantime, it is very good news that services have resumed with appropriate precautions at all Alresford churches. Please check with the individual churches for details and any necessary “booking” arrangements.

Methodist News

With many thanks to her for the significant contribution she made in a short time to the ecumenical life of Alresford Revd. Ruth Fry left us in the summer and we wish her well in her “pastures new”. As an interim measure Revd. Adrian Roux is “looking after” Alresford Methodist Church and we welcome him

Christmas Shoeboxes

The Rotary Wessex Christmas shoebox scheme is taking place again this year, supported by Churches together in Alresford. Inevitably it is anticipated that the number of boxes collected will be less than in previous years and the scheme will have a lower profile than usual. In particular there will be no CTIA shoebox “packing party” this year.

Notwithstanding our “unprecedented times” this year many things don’t change and the needs of disadvantaged children in countries such as Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and Romania remain unaltered so please make a difference to a child’s life! Churches Together in Alresford asks everyone who reads this article to make up at least one shoebox of gifts to benefit those whose circumstances are significantly worse than our own. A copy of the scheme “rules” can be downloaded from <http://alresfordrotary.co.uk/> or is obtainable upon request from James Pinniger (wjrp@hotmail.co.uk 01962 738788). The rules detailed must be followed!! For further information / once your box(es) are ready please contact James Pinniger by 1st November 2020 to arrange collection or delivery

The scheme leaflet does ask that as a donation towards transport costs a £1 coin is taped to the top of each box. Those instructions were pre pandemic! To minimise unnecessary coin handling please place any donations towards transport costs in an envelope rather than using sticky tape.