

- **The next Barn Dance** will be held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October, following the previous well-established format. More details nearer the time.
- **Save the Date! A Parish Awayday** is planned for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2020, at a venue yet to be decided.
- **PACT Holiday Club** is running Fridays 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 9<sup>th</sup> August and 16<sup>th</sup> August in St. Peter's for all children aged 0-11. [pactholidayclub@outlook.com](mailto:pactholidayclub@outlook.com) has more details.
- **A new PCC Working Group** is being established to consider research showing the areas of Petersfield from which the members of our congregation chiefly come, and how to reach parts of the town which appear to be under-represented.

#### **Safeguarding**

The new PCC has been briefed on Safeguarding by Emma Dean, and the 2019 Policy Documents have been signed. One of the Church of England's Safeguarding Commitments is considered at each PCC Meeting – recently "Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse, and other affected persons" and "Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others."

#### **News about the Fête**

The PCC has approved the detailed plans, insurance cover and risk assessments for the Church Fête on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September. There will be no Archery this year, but at least one innovation – a Dog Show! Funds raised are to go towards refurbishment of the Church Hall.

#### **The Altar**

The altar is very heavy! Much thought has been given to the problem of how to move it when necessary, e.g. for funerals, in a manner consistent with Health & Safety regulations. The matter was proving difficult to resolve – until the PCC suggested changing the layout of other furniture and keeping the altar in place. (This is called Thinking Outside the Box!).

## *"The Big Draw 2019"*

*Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th*

*& Thursday 31st October*

Vicki Ostersen who organised the recent children's Art Project in the church will be bringing us "The Big Draw 2019" for three days during the October Half-Term. This festival is a global celebration of drawing, which invites people of all ages to participate with the simple aim of encouraging them to draw.

There will be pre-bookable workshops on the Tuesday and Wednesday with participants (minimum age 6) taking their work home. On Thursday, to complement Café Refresh there will be a free collaborative all-age session and the artwork produced will remain on display in the church.

School pupils will be invited to take part, drawing in their own time or during lessons and bringing the work to church to be included in the display.

The theme will be "Drawn to Life", celebrating Light during Hallowe'en, traditionally a time of darkness. The festival will conclude with a late afternoon Service of Light.