

!! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOUS !!

Joyce Walling thanks everyone for their prayers and support.

To all at St Paul's

I am a member of St Richard's Church, Three Bridges where on Monday afternoons, from 2.15-3.30pm, we hold informal prayer meetings. Our members are not all from St Richard's, but we get together for a bible reading, discussion and prayers. We enjoy the informality of the group with tea/coffee, biscuits and sometimes cake!. We enjoy our discussions in each other's company. We are taking a break during August and will restart the first Monday in September. We love to meet new people. so anyone who wants to come along needs only to turn up. You would be very welcome.
(Eileen Towes, St Richards Church)

King's Kids and King's Teens during August

Could you get together, with a friend or family member, to lead a group session with the children one Sunday during August? The usual leaders will be having a well earned break, but we do need to make church a good experience for the children and young people who attend during the school holiday. The activity is up to you, but should be bible related. Unfortunately if no-one volunteers there may not be supervision for the children during August so please help if you can. Talk to Jill, Ruth or Martyn and claim your Sunday. *(Jill Mason)*

August newsletters This newsletter covers 5th and 12th August. The next issue will be on the 19th and will again cover two weeks. Please send items to me by phone (01293 529135) or email joyce@jordanpa.plus.com by 10am on Thursday 16th. *(Joyce Jordan)*

Church Contacts

Room bookings Please phone 07594 472523 or go to

Book a Room on the website menu bar

St Paul's website www.crawleymethodistchurch.org.uk

Crawley Methodist Church is Registered Charity No. 1127744

St Paul's Methodist Church

St Paul's website www.crawleymethodistchurch.org.uk

Sunday 5th August 2018

10:30pm Rev Sue Conroy

Holy Communion

Reading: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

Theme: A Taste of Welcome

6:30 pm Circuit Service

to celebrate Sue's ministry

Sunday 12th August 2018

10:30am Edward Pender

3-5pm Messy Church

First time at St Paul's? Please join us for refreshments and a friendly chat after the service. We can tell you about our church and its activities and we'll try to answer any questions you may have.

Large print hymn books are available from the door stewards.

Flowers 5th August for St Paul's, **12th August** donated by the Ridgway family for Margaret.

Sunday 19th August

10:30am Lorraine Valler

Our mission at Paul's is to:

Unite in Faith

Worship in Faith

Grow in Faith

Share the Good News

Make disciples

Serve in love

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Summer Coffee Shop

Monday – Thursday 10–12

**Come in for coffee and cake
and a chat with your friends**

Loaves and Fishes is taking a break until September

Remember Hiroshima 1945 Monday 6th August 7–7:30pm there will be a silent vigil around the Ginkgo tree near the main car park in Tilgate Park. See the Charities noticeboard for more details.

FURTHER AHEAD

Sat 18th Aug 10am Coffee Stop for *Love in Action Africa*

Sat 18th Aug 3-5pm at St Paul's Party time! Judy Rayner invites everyone to come and celebrate her 90th birthday. Judy is looking forward to seeing lots of people BUT absolutely no presents please!

A letter from Melvyn

Oberammergau Passion Play

*Every 10 years the community of Oberammergau put on a Passion Play to mark God's faithfulness to them, and to fulfil a promise they made to Him. The next Passion Play is in 2020. Having been asked to arrange a trip, the places filled up so very quickly, indeed within 10 days of me putting the word out. I have now been able to secure a second trip, a holiday with a difference! A holiday in Austria, including a performance of the Passion Play. **The dates are 24th September - 1st October 2020.** There are just 25 places left on this trip, the cost is £1665 per person in a twin bedded room. If you are interested in joining us please contact me for a brochure and booking form either by email or by phone, 01293 784896 or mobile 07414478007, or email melvyncooke@me.com I hope you will consider joining us in this remarkable experience, Melvyn*

Friday Night is Music Night

From September at St Paul's

Want to learn to play an instrument? We are offering lessons in guitar (acoustic, electric or bass), keyboard/piano, singing and drum kit. The lessons will last for half an hour on a Friday evening. All ages welcome.

Want to join the Young People's Singing Group? Practices are from 7-7:30pm on Fridays. We learn modern worship songs to sing in services about once a month.

Older and want to sing? How about singing with St Paul's choir? We meet from 7:45pm on Fridays for one hour. We sing a mix of traditional and modern music chosen to fit into our worship. You don't have to be able to read music, just to sing in tune. Practices are fun and it's a great way to contribute to worship.

Whether you fancy playing or singing or want to know more, talk to Carol Ofield or post a note asking for a call back in the locked red box in the Welcome Hall.

Time for Prayer

Give thanks to God for Rev Sue Conroy and her years of ministry to us at St Paul's. Ask God's blessing on her as she prepares for her new life in retirement and pray for her, Isaac, Jordan and Rhys as they get ready to move to their new house.

Pray for St Paul's as we prepare for the changes ahead of us and for all the churches and staff in our circuit also adapting to a new structure and new ways of working.

Pray for Rev Ralph Ward who will take on the pastoral care of St Paul's in September.

Pray for ministers everywhere who will be moving to new circuits and churches in September and for those entering ministry for the first time.

Please also pray for Jessica Gorringer, Stephanie, George, Marcy, Carol and others with needs known to ourselves.

Methodist Church Guidelines state that permission must be received from a person before their name is put on the Church prayer list. Please ensure that you have such permission