

!! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOUS !!

Joan Rooke's family wish to thank everyone for their support and prayers and for attending her Life's Celebration Service.

Stephanie Roberts says, "Thank you everyone for your prayers and support and many individual acts of kindness over recent months. The doctors have now identified the problem and I am waiting for surgery. It will be a few months before recovery but I wanted to thank you all now for your compassion".

The July Kids' Coin Clatter raised £58.93 which goes towards Church Development. As always, thanks to all for your loose change and thank you kids for keeping up the good work each month.

Summer Coffee Shops have finished for this year. Many thanks to all who volunteered to help with the sessions, which were much appreciated by many of our regulars, and particular thanks to Daphne Ford for organising them.

Next newsletter This newsletter covers 19th and 26th August. The next issue will be on the 2nd September. Please send items to me by phone (01293 529135) or email joyce@jordanpa.plus.com by 10am on Thursday 30th August. (*Joyce Jordan*)

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Sunday 19th August 2018

10:30pm Lorraine Valler

Readings: Ephesians 5: 15-20

John 6: 51-58

Sunday 26th August 2018

10:30am Rev Sue Conroy

Reading John 6: 60-69

Kids' Coin Clatter today

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 19th August donated by Sandra and Terry Webb for their Wedding Anniversary, **26th August** donated by Dena Gosling and Hayley Mumby for their own and Joan's Wedding Anniversaries.

Sunday 2nd September

10:30am Linda Little

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

All our regular groups are taking a break during August.

Loaves and Fishes Café

Closed this week

Restarts Monday 3rd September

FURTHER AHEAD

Sun 26th Aug After the service Messy Church Team meeting

Thurs 30th Aug 9:45am Prayers followed by Loaves and Fishes volunteers meeting.

Mon 3rd Sept 7:30pm Church Leadership Team meeting

Sun 9th Sept After the service 15 minutes of prayer for all the congregation at the start of the new Methodist year

Sun 9th Sept 3-5pm Messy Church

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 red Suggestions box in the Welcome Hall.

How's Messy Church doing? Well, in many ways the answer has to be 'Very well, thank you!' Each month 20-30 adults and children come and enjoy learning about the Christian faith through bible stories, craft activities, games and conversations with the Messy Church helpers. A 15-minute Celebration in the church brings everything together in the message for the day with a lot of participation from everyone and a relevant song and a prayer. A delicious tea gives us all time to chat and get to know each other.

Some families are familiar to us from our morning services and King's Kids, for others Messy Church has become their church. We're told that some of the children can hardly wait to get there. This is now a well-established mainstream part of life at St Paul's and an important means of bringing the Christian message to the community.

There is of course a BUT coming. Our helpers are very dedicated and really do gain a lot from the sessions BUT we are all 'people of a certain age' who find Messy Church days very tiring, however great the enjoyment and satisfaction. The problem comes after the morning service with setting up chairs and tables in the Canteen for tea and in the Hall for the activities, then taking them all down, putting them away and sweeping up at the end of the afternoon.

We really do need some help; a few pairs of younger hands once a month for a few minutes after the morning service to set up tables and chairs and a couple of people coming along at around 4:45 to help with the clearing up (you could come a bit earlier for a cuppa, sandwiches, cake and jelly and ice cream!).

Please have a prayerful think about whether you can help us and let Jill Mason know, or drop a note in the red Suggestions box in the Welcome Hall.

Time for Prayer

Please pray for Robert, Jessica, 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