

!! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOUS !!

The August Kids' Coin Clatter raised £73.90 which this time will go towards *Water Aid*. As always, thanks to all for your loose change and thank you kids for keeping up the good work each month.

Summer Coffee Shops raised £156.35 for St Paul's Development Fund. Thanks to all helpers and customers. (*Daphne Ford*)

Saturday Coffee Stops in the year September 2017 – August 2018 raised £2,152 for the various charities St Paul's members support. Thanks to all organisers and supporters. The sums raised for each charity are posted on the Charities noticeboard in the Welcome Hall.

A big welcome to Rev Ralph Ward as he takes up his ministerial oversight of St Paul's along with Trinity Church at East Grinstead. Ralph's first preaching appointment with us is on September 16th for a service of Holy Communion. In the meantime he'll be finding out all about us and our communities in Northgate and Crawley. Calls to St Paul's phone number will now go to Ralph's office. Please remember that Sue Conroy is now fully retired and so has no duties or responsibilities at St Paul's. She will however be living in the Crawley manse until her new house is ready for her, so you may see her around Crawley for a little while.

Prayers at St Richards Church, Three Bridges We are invited to join with members of St Richards and other churches on Monday afternoons from 2:15 –3:30pm for informal meetings with bible readings, prayers and discussions and of course refreshments. For anyone free on Mondays this is a good opportunity to join with other Christians in Crawley and make new friends. If you are interested ask me for details of the St Richards contact person (*Joyce Jordan*)

Church Contacts

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Room bookings Please phone 07594 472523 or go to **Book a Room** on the website menu bar

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Sunday 2nd September 2018

10:30am Linda Little

Readings: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

James 1: 17-24

Theme: How to be good

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 today donated by Stephanie and Laurie Bagshaw for their Wedding Anniversary.

Sunday 9th September

10:30am Rev Clive McKie

followed by 15 minutes of prayer with all the congregation at the start of the new Methodist year

3-5pm Messy Church

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

Loaves and Fishes Café

Monday – Wednesday 10:30 – 1:30

Thursday 10:30 – 12:30

- Wed 5th 9:30-12** Everywoman's Badminton
2pm Women's Fellowship *Welcome back tea and chat*
- Fri 7th 7pm** Young People's Singing Group
7:45pm Choir practice
- Sun 9th After the service** 15 minutes of prayer for all the congregation at the start of the new Methodist year
3-5pm Messy Church *Ruth and Naomi*

FURTHER AHEAD

Sat 15th Sept 10am Coffee Stop for Macmillan Nurses. Home-made cakes and items for sale would be welcome please. (*Daphne Ford*)

Starting Soon

Friday Night is Music Night

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. **Starts 7th September**

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 read music, just to sing in tune. It's fun and it's a great way to contribute to worship. **Starts 7th September**

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. **Lessons start 14th September**

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