

**!! Good NEWS & THANK YOUS !!**

**St Paul's new website** is now up and running with many new features. Do have a browse in its pages. The web address is unchanged at **[crawleymethodistchurch.org.uk](http://crawleymethodistchurch.org.uk)** (*Joyce Jordan*)

**We served over 40 lunches** at the Friary last Sunday. Thank you all for your prayers, sandwiches and help on the day and give thanks to God that St Paul's can be part of this outreach and support to people in need in Crawley. (*Jill Mason*)

**Coffee Stop for Macmillan Nurses** last week raised £315 - a great result. Thanks to all who came and enjoyed the morning and special thanks to Daphne and Nessa for their wonderful and imaginative organisation. The next Coffee Stop for *Action for Children* is on the 20<sup>th</sup> October.

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**Rev Ralph Ward** asks everyone to feel free to contact him at any time with needs and requests. Email [rlphwrd@gmail.com](mailto:rlphwrd@gmail.com) or phone 01342 325877

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**Sue and Isaac** have now moved house. Their new address is 18 Church Road, Horsham RH12 4NQ. Isaac will still be around at St Paul's continuing to improve our property. Many people have expressed appreciation of the recent new lighting in the Welcome Hall and there are more improvements in the pipeline – thanks Isaac.

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**St Paul's website** [www.crawleymethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.crawleymethodistchurch.org.uk)

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**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018**  
**10:30am Rev Felicity Al Hassan**  
**Readings: James 3: 13-18**  
**Mark 9: 30-37**

**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 Carol and Martyn Ofield for their wedding anniversary

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September**  
*Harvest Festival*  
**10:30am Rev Melvyn Cooke**  
**Kids' Coin Clatter for WaterAid**  
**Messy Church team meeting after the service**

***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 – 1:30pm**

**Thursday 10:30 – 12:30pm**

**Friday 10:30 – 1pm**

- Mon 24<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm** Furnace Green House Fellowship at Olive's house. *Rev Clive McKie on Taketime*. All welcome
- Wed 26<sup>th</sup> 9:30-12** Everywoman's Badminton  
**2pm** Women's Fellowship *Colouring Again*
- Thu 27<sup>th</sup> 9:45am** Prayers followed by Loaves and Fishes volunteers meeting
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> 7pm** Young People's Singing Group  
Instrumental lessons  
**7:45pm** Choir practice
- Sun 30<sup>th</sup> 10:30am** Harvest Festival – see panel opposite.

## FURTHER AHEAD

- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2pm** South Crawley House Fellowship at Doreen's house. *Bible study on James 1*
- Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 8pm** Pound Hill House Fellowship at the Jones' house. Talk by Gill Penny on *The British Wildlife Centre*
- Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 10am** Coffee Stop for *Action for Children*

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**Prayers at St Richards Church, Three Bridges** every Monday from 2:15 –3:30pm. For anyone free on Mondays this is a good way to join with other Christians in Crawley and make new friends. We are invited so just turn up – they will make you very welcome.

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### **The Role of Christian Unity in the Renewal of the Church**

A one-day meeting 10am-4pm on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September at DABDEC, 4 Southgate Drive (this used to be the Christian Education Centre). Anyone interested in going should see Ann Brown.

## *Harvest Festival*

10:30am

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Rev Melvyn Cooke

**Our gifts of money** this year will support *All We Can*. Their theme is *Let Your Light Shine*. This project will help communities in drought-stricken Malawi by installing solar panels to provide power to irrigate dry land and to give training to help improve farming techniques. Envelopes for your donations will be available soon.

**Our gifts of produce** will go to *The Easter Team*, a local charity which offers help and support for people in need or who are experiencing hardship. They provide food, clothing, advice, some counselling and, where appropriate, financial assistance. They also serve up to 50 free hot meals each Saturday.

**If you can't come to the service** please put your donations in the marked box in the children's corner in the Welcome Hall. They particularly ask for tins and packets of:

Meat and Fish	Vegetables
Fruit	Beans
Tea / Coffee	Cereals
Soup	Biscuits
Pasta	Desserts

**Don't forget Water Aid** – please drop your loose change into the bucket at the front of the church each week until Harvest Sunday.

## *Time for Prayer*

**Please pray** for the future of Crawley Open House and all such charities in West Sussex which are threatened with their funding being withdrawn by the County Council.

**Pray for** Margaret Richardson's sister, Glynnis, who is in hospital in Eastbourne and continue to pray for Robert, Jessica, Stephanie, George, Marcy, 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.*