

!! Good NEWS & THANK YOUS !!

We had a good afternoon last Sunday when we welcomed 14 children and 14 adults to Messy Church with the theme *Exploring The Bible*. Interestingly we had 14 helpers as well! Of the visitors 9 children and 5 adults are not Sunday morning worshippers, but have become regulars at Messy Church. 4 of the helpers also do not attend Sunday morning church, but willingly offer their help to enable this outreach work. At a time of falling numbers in church congregations everywhere it is encouraging that this *Fresh Expression* of church is gaining ground and that St Paul's is part of it. Next month's Messy church on the 11th November will focus on *Prayer* and we will welcome Rev Clive Mckie to lead the Celebration.

Not such good news a couple of weeks ago we reported that Hilary Jones had suffered a broken wrist after falling in Crawley Hospital following a knee replacement operation. Unfortunately she fell again at home and broke the other wrist. She is coping cheerfully but please pray for her swift recovery from this unhappy sequence of events. *(Judy Rayner)*

Have you visited our new website? The web address is still www.crawleymethodistchurch.org.uk One of the new features is a diary of upcoming meetings and events at St Paul's; just click on the *What's On* tab on the top menu bar. There's also a *What's On This Week* feature on the home page. I can only put in things I know about so would meeting secretaries and event organisers please remember to let me know their dates and times. *(Joyce Jordan)*

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Sunday 21st October 2018

10:30am Mrs Helen Greaves

**Theme: *Can you drink the cup
that Jesus drinks?***

Readings: *Mark 10: 35-45*

Isaiah 53: 4-12

Hebrews 5:1-10

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.

Sunday 28th October

10:30am Mr Edward Pender

Kids' Coin Clatter

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

Sorry!
We'll be closed this week for half-term
Reopening Monday 29th October

- Wed 24th 9:30-12** Everywoman's Badminton
2pm Women's Fellowship. *A visit from the Silver Birch Choir.* Open invitation to all to come and enjoy this!
- Fri 26th 4:30 – 7:30pm** Instrumental lessons
7pm Young People's Singing Group
7:45pm Choir practice

FURTHER AHEAD

- Mon Oct 29th 7:30pm** Furnace Green House Fellowship at Geoff Manning's house. *Musical evening for all* with Geoff Ridgway
- Sun Nov 4th after the service** Church Council meeting. All invited
- Mon Nov 5th 2pm** South Crawley House Fellowship at Ianthi's house
Bible study on James 2.

Traidcraft news The Christmas catalogue is now here and samples of this year's Traidcraft Christmas cards can be viewed at the Traidcraft stall. Items in the Autumn catalogue are also still available for order. Please give order forms to me. Next Traidcraft orders will be made on 28th October and 11th November. Thank you.
(Karen Fernando)

Who's preaching? Now that we welcome a greater variety of preachers to St Paul's some people have asked how they can know who to expect to see on Sundays. There are several ways. You'll find a list for each quarter headed *Services at St Paul's* on the *Worship* noticeboard in the Welcome Hall, you can click on *Worship* on the menu bar of the website and you will find a link to the same document or you can click on the *Sunday worship* item in the calendar (*What's On* on the menu bar) on the website to reveal more details of the service. Rev Ralph will be with us on the 1st Sunday of each month for our Communion services. *(Joyce Jordan)*

Help for Crawley Open House with cold weather surely not very far away we will be collecting warm clothing such as hats, scarves, socks and gloves to pass on to Open House for their clients. Any unwanted duvets and blankets would also be welcome. There will be a labelled box near the children's corner in the Welcome Hall for your donations or please tell me. *(Daphne Ford)*

Time for Prayer

Please pray for Crawley Open House and all organisations offering support to the homeless as the year draws towards winter.

Continue to pray for *Action for Children* and all organisations working to make a better future for disadvantaged and abused children.

Sadly Margaret Richardson's sister Glynis died in the hospice in Eastbourne last week. Please pray for Margaret and the rest of the family as they mourn her loss.

Pray for Joyce Walling, Robert, 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.