

!! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOU !!

Who would have thought that studying prayer could be so much fun! At Messy Church last Sunday a variety of activities encouraged our visitors to pray in different ways making and using many different stimuli including, prayer candles, prayer magnets and singing prayers. We had lots of noisy fun demonstrating persistence and relating this to being persistent with our prayers. We also had the opportunity to share in a Take Time session with Rev Clive McKie. Please pray for the team of people who make this mission activity possible at St Paul's. Thank you. *(Jill Mason)*

Congratulations to Barbara Fleming who, last Wednesday, became a great-grandmother with the birth of her great-granddaughter, Jeanie Elizabeth. Barbara says this is a first for the Fleming family as so far they've always produced boys!

All We Can - Extraordinary Gifts on the big noticeboard in the Welcome Hall you will see a poster and some catalogues for the All We Can Christmas appeal. These are "Practical gifts that help people in some of the world's poorest communities to become all that they can". For example; £10 provides safe, clean water to a family in Zimbabwe, £14 helps an Ethiopian family set up a honey business, £28 can provide an Indian family with a goat and training in rearing and caring for it. You can find many more gifts at all prices in the catalogue and on the website <https://allwecan.org.uk/christmas>

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Sunday 18th November 2018

10:30am Rev Melvyn Cooke

Theme: Knowing God's Love

Readings: Genesis 15; 1-12, 17, 18

Luke 13; 22 – 35

6:30pm Circuit Service

at Horley Methodist 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 today donated by Lyn and Richard Gorrington in memory of Rita

Sunday 25th November

World Mission Sunday

10:30am Mrs Linda Little

Speaker: K Varney of Mission Aviation Fellowship

There will be a collection for MAF 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 – 1:30

Thursday 10:30 – 12:30

- Tues 20th** 7:30pm Church Leadership Team meeting
Wed 21st 9:30-12 Everywoman's Badminton
2pm Women's Fellowship. *Age UK*
with Christine Saunders
7:30pm Travellers' House Fellowship at the Jones' house. *Don't get me started! Things that get us hot under the collar!* All welcome.
Fri 23rd 4:30 – 7:30pm Instrumental lessons
7pm Young People's Singing Group
7:45pm Choir practice
Sat 24th 10am Coffee Stop for *Sussex Oakleaf*.

FURTHER AHEAD

- Mon 26th Nov 7:30pm** Furnace Green House Fellowship at the Bowers' house. Readings and music for Advent and Christmas
Mon 3rd Dec 2pm South Crawley House Fellowship. Bible Study on James ch.3

The circuit preaching plan for the December-February quarter is now published and is on St Paul's website; on the menu bar select *Worship/Methodist services in this area*. There is also a list of services at St Paul's on the Worship noticeboard in the Welcome Hall.

Prayers at St Richards The Monday afternoon prayer meeting is taking a break until after Christmas.

Traidcraft News. The next order date for Traidcraft items will be Nov 25th. Please give order forms to me. This will be the last order before Christmas. (*Karen Fernando*)

Decorating the Church for Christmas Have you been waiting to be asked to help decorate the church for Christmas? Well, this is your lucky day, Could YOU please offer your ideas and help to Carol or Jill so that we can make the church look extra special this year. Thank you. (*Jill Mason*)

HomeStart is looking for volunteers with parenting experience who can offer support and friendship to vulnerable families in the Crawley area. Full training and support are provided. More information is on the Charities noticeboard in the Welcome Hall

Time for Prayer

Please pray for the team from St Paul's who will be preparing and serving lunch to some of Crawley's people in need at The Friary today.
Continue in prayer for Joyce Walling, 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.