

**!! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOU !!**

**Thank you** for your prayers last week. We served lunch to 45 at the Friary last Sunday. Thanks also to those who provide sandwiches, A huge THANK YOU to those who were able to help on the day. we were very short of helpers and more volunteers would be very welcome. Our next date for preparing lunch at the Friary is January 20th 2019. *(Jill Mason)*

**Congratulations** to Jessica Gorringer and George on the birth last Sunday of Oakley, a brother for Oscar and a new grandson for Lin and Richard. Mum and baby are doing fine. We give thanks to God for this new life.

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**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 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**World Missions Sunday**

**10:30am Mrs Linda Little**

**Speaker: Mr Keith Varney**

**of Mission Aviation Fellowship**

**Theme: Overcoming Gravity**

**Reading: Mark 6:45-56**

**There will be a collection for MAF after the service 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.

**Messy Church** team meeting after the service today in room 7

**Advent Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**10:30am Rev Ralph Ward**

**Holy Communion**

**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*

**Monday – Wednesday 10:30 – 1:30**

**Thursday 10:30 – 12:30**

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup>** **7:30pm** Furnace Green House Fellowship at the Bowers' house. *Readings and music for Advent and Christmas.*

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup>** **9:30-12** Everywoman's Badminton  
**2pm** Women's Fellowship. *Family and country Christmas customs*

**Thu 29<sup>th</sup>** **10am** Loaves and Fishes volunteers meeting

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup>** **4:30 – 7:30pm** Instrumental lessons

**7pm** Young People's Singing Group

**7:45pm** Choir practice

### FURTHER AHEAD

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2pm** South Crawley House Fellowship. Bible Study on James ch.3

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 8pm** Pound Hill House Fellowship at Geoff's house  
*Christmas get-together*

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**Crawley Interfaith Network** invites people to a Christmas Social Evening from 6-9pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December at Crawley URC Church, Worth Park Avenue. More details on the Other Churches noticeboard in the Welcome Hall.

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**Traidcraft - last orders today.** This will be the last order before Christmas so please give your order forms to me today.  
*(Karen Fernando)*

***Fresh from the Word 2019*** provides 365 sets of notes, prayers and suggestions for action on biblical themes written by over 50 creative and inspirational writers from around the world. They address themes such as the power of the word, music in the Bible, fruits of the Spirit and gossip. They take the Bible to the movies and to the beach. There are also continuous readings through the books of Luke, Philippians, Psalms, Daniel, Deuteronomy, and Romans 1–8.

If you would like to order *Fresh From the Word 2019* Bible reading notes at around £10 a copy, please sign the list on the freestanding blue noticeboard in the Welcome Hall. *(Jackie Bower)*

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

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**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)*

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**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** Mission Aviation Fellowship and all missionary organisations working to spread the Good News of the gospel in remote areas of the world.

**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 permission.*