

!! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOU !!

Last week's retiring collection for MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) amounted to £223.60. Many thanks to all who contributed to this worthy cause. *(Sheila Jones)*

The Performing Arts Project has completed its first term of musical instrument tuition with the *Performing Arts Project Band* playing along with the last hymn in today's service. Well done everyone for having the courage to take on something new. As well as the music lessons, Young People's Singing Group practice and choir practice, Friday evenings are becoming a more general time of fellowship amongst the young people and their parents and carers. There's real potential here for other activities starting up alongside the musical ones; how about a Kids' Club for the younger ones, Youth Club for teens, Friday Fellowship for adults – just a few ideas that could make St Paul's the place to be on a Friday evening. Please pray about this and ask God to show us His will in this matter.

Wishing each other Happy Christmas The Big Christmas Card for donations to *Action for Children* will be available in the Welcome Hall from Sunday, 9th December. Please put your donations in an envelope and then in the red box. A pen is provided to write your message. Please hand out your personal Christmas cards to your friends at St Paul's - there will be no postbox available. Thank you. *(Sheila Jones)*

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Advent Sunday 2nd December 2018

10:30am Rev Ralph Ward

Holy Communion

Theme: Prophecies of the Messiah

Readings: Isaiah 53: 1-12

John 8: 54-59

Kids' Coin Clatter 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.

Flowers today donated by Judy Rayner in memory of Charles and Doris Utting, Peter and Marjorie

9th December 2nd in Advent

10:30am Mr Cluny Gillies

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

- Mon 3rd** 2pm South Crawley House Fellowship. Bible Study on James ch.3 at the home of Leslie Gosden
- Tue 4th** 7:30pm Church Leadership Team meeting
- Wed 5th** 9:30-12 Everywoman's Badminton
2pm Women's Fellowship. *Christmas Quiz with Margaret*
- Fri 7th** 7pm Young People's Singing Group
7:45pm Choir practice

FURTHER AHEAD

Wed 12th Dec 8pm Pound Hill House Fellowship at Geoff's house
Christmas get-together

Wed 19th Dec 7:30pm Travellers' House Fellowship at the Jordann' house
Advent and Christmas Miscellany with mince pies

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

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

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*)

Time for a change of name

World Day of Prayer is a women-led worldwide ecumenical movement, with millions of women and men of all ages in over 100 countries worshipping on one special day. Most of these countries (including our neighbours in Ireland and Scotland) have either dropped the word 'Women's' or never used it. To men it implies something for women only, to young women it sounds old-fashioned. But *World Day of Prayer* is vibrant, imaginative and forward-looking, because it is led by women. The services are women's gift to the whole church, and in some countries, one of the few opportunities women get to speak out on what matters to them.

All branches in England, Wales and N Ireland were asked to consider removing the word 'Women's' from the title. 71% agreed, so the National Committee has decided that the movement will now be known as *World Day of Prayer – a Women-led, Global, Ecumenical Movement*. If you want to know more, please ask me. (*Ann Brown*)

Time for Prayer

Please pray for everyone involved in the Performing Arts Project on Friday evenings; for leaders and teachers, for those learning instruments, for singers in the choir and the young people's group. Ask God to show us how He wants this project to grow.

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 obtain such permission.