

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

**Kids' Coin Clatter** last week raised £30.67 which goes to St Paul's Development Fund. In the 2½ years our lovely young people have been taking their buckets round the congregation once a month, they have collected £984.89 for St Paul's Development and £129.90 for WaterAid at Harvest time. Many thanks kids for doing this and thanks everyone for emptying your pockets and purses. Loose cash soon mounts up so let's keep it going.

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**Missing –a bag of tools**, property of St Paul's and used by 'The Geoff's' when they do maintenance jobs around the building, has gone missing since it was last seen on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November in the locked cupboard where it is kept. Extensive searching has not found it. If someone borrowed the bag and didn't return it to the cupboard please would they do so, then The Geoff's can carry on their work.

**Which reminds me** that it's easy to forget to thank the unsung heroes in our church community. Geoff 1 (Ridgway), Geoff 2 (Manning) and Geoff 3 (Rose) have been coming to the church on Wednesdays to help look after the premises for many years now. We thank God for them and their faithfulness in this work for St Paul's and so for God's Kingdom in Crawley. Thank you Geoff's 1,2 and 3!

**Do you know** of an unsung hero at St Paul's? If you do, please let me know so that their work for the Lord in our church can be recognised and celebrated. *(Joyce Jordan)*

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**2nd Sunday in Advent**

**9<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**10:30am Mr Cluny Gillies**

**Theme: A new relationship of love and support**

**Readings: Luke 3: 1-6**

**Philippians 1: 3-11**

**3pm Messy 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 Irene Westgate in memory of David

**16<sup>th</sup> December 3<sup>rd</sup> in Advent**

**10:30am The Nativity with King's Kids and King's Teens**

***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**

- Wed 12<sup>th</sup>** **9:30-12** Everywoman's Badminton  
**2pm** Women's Fellowship. *Making Christmas*  
**8pm** Pound Hill House Fellowship  
*Christmas Get-together* at Geoff's house
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup>** **7pm** Young People's Singing Group  
**6pm** Choir sings carols at Crawley Museum – see below  
**7:45pm** Choir practice
- Sat 15<sup>th</sup>** **10am** Coffee Stop for 1st Northgate Scouts (St Paul's)

### FURTHER AHEAD

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 7:30pm** Travellers' House Fellowship at the Jordans' house *Advent and Christmas Miscellany with mince pies.*

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**Carol singing at Crawley Museum 6pm Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
Next Friday St Paul's choir will be carol singing in the new Crawley Museum at The Tree in Crawley High Street. Anyone who would like to join us would be very welcome. It's a great outreach opportunity for St Paul's and there will almost certainly be mince pies. Tell Carol or any choir member if you would like to come, or just turn up.

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**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)*

**St Paul's flower ministry** – we all appreciate the lovely flowers that enhance our Sunday worship and are then distributed to folk who are sick, housebound, recently bereaved or otherwise in need of loving care by the church. A visit from a friendly face bearing a gift of flowers can mean so much.

The flower rota for next year is being drawn up now. If you have a special date to commemorate and would like to do so by having your flowers in the church on a Sunday, please put your name in an empty slot on the rota for 2019 which is on the Charity noticeboard in the Welcome Hall. You might even like to arrange your flowers yourself, or deliver them to people who are feeling in need of a cheery thought from their friends at church.

We could also do with a few more people who would deliver flowers occasionally. Just let me know as soon as possible. The flower ministry can only continue if we get the rota filled up! *(Jill Mason)*

## *Time for Prayer*

**Please pray for** St Paul's Flower Ministry and the needs explained above. Thank God for this opportunity to show His love to our members and friends who are blessed through visits from volunteers delivering flowers.

**The CAP (Christians Against Poverty) November newsletter** and prayer list are now on the Charities noticeboard in the Welcome Hall. Please take a few minutes to read and pray for this vital work supporting people in unfortunate circumstances.

**Please continue to pray for** everyone involved in the Performing Arts Project. The next term will again be on Friday evenings, starting on the 18<sup>th</sup> January. Pray for leaders and teachers, for those learning instruments, for singers in the choir and the young people's group. Thank God for the fellowship growing up amongst adults and young people in the times between their activities. Ask God to show us how He wants this project to develop in the future.

**Please pray for** Maureen Olashore and 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.*