

!! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOU !!

Coffee Stop last Saturday raised £116.50 for the Scouts. Many thanks to all those who supported this event. {Sheila Jones)

Thank you to choir members and everyone else who came along to support the carol singing at Crawley Museum last Friday. It was enjoyed by all and we look forward to being invited again next year!
(Carol Ofield)

It's quiz time Copies of the 2018/19 Christmas & New Year Quiz, entitled *A Beastly Quiz*, with an entry fee of £1.50 a copy, are now available. This is always good fun, you might win a prize and profits go to a worthy cause. If you want to take the challenge ask Geoff Ridgway for a quiz sheet.

Welcomers' Rota if anyone would like to be added to the Welcomers' rota for Sunday mornings in 2019 please tell me.
(Sheila Jones)

NOTE - the next newsletter will be for January 6th 2019.

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4th Sunday in Advent

23rd December 2018

10:30am Mr Jason Cooke

Theme: The Cosmic Impact of the Incarnation

Readings: Luke 1: 46-55

Revelation 12: 1-17

4pm Carols by Candlelight

Rev Ralph Ward

Collection for MHA (Methodist Homes)

30th December 2018

10:30am Dr Shanti Rajasundaram

Reading: Luke 2: 41-52

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.

Our mission at St 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

**Closed for Christmas break
Re-opens Monday 7th January**

Christmas Services

Sunday 23rd 4pm Carols by Candlelight with Rev Ralph Ward.
Special collection for *MHA* (Methodist Homes). Refreshments with mince pies after the service – donations for *MHA*.

Christmas Eve 11:30pm Midnight Communion with Rev Clive McKie

Christmas Day 10:30am Family Celebration with Rev Ralph Ward
Special collection for *Action for Children*

Sunday January 6th – an important day We will be celebrating our annual Covenant Service with Rev Ralph Ward. This service is of special importance to Methodists as we remind ourselves of God's promises to us and our promises to Him. The start of the new year is a great time to renew this covenant between ourselves and God.

FURTHER AHEAD

Mon Jan 7th 2pm South Crawley House Fellowship *Bible study on Matthew ch 2*

Wed Jan 9th 2pm Women's Fellowship *My favourite Christmas card*
8pm Pound Hill House Fellowship *Something beginning with B*

Fri 11th Jan 7pm Young People's Singing Group
7:45pm Choir practice

Wishing each other Happy Christmas Have you put your Christmas Greeting to everyone at St Paul's on the *Action for Children Big Christmas Card* in the Welcome Hall? You can still do it today and don't forget put a donation to *Action for Children* in one of the envelopes and post it in the Red Box. Of course you can still give cards to your friends but please hand them out personally, not put them in the pigeonholes. Thank you. *(Sheila Jones)*

Special collections at Christmas It is our tradition at St Paul's to support two of our favourite charities:

MHA (Methodist Homes) receives the cash collection from the Carol Service and donations for the drinks and mince pies afterwards.

Action for Children receives the cash collection from the Christmas Day service, donations posted in the Red Box and the after service refreshment money for December.

What we do at Christmas can help make people's lives better all year.

Time for Prayer

As we celebrate Christmas remember those who will be alone this year. Pray for families driven apart by quarrels and disputes and ask God to help them heal rifts. Pray for those who have no family to share their Christmas. Pray for people mourning the death of loved ones facing Christmas without them.

Continue to pray for Maureen Olashore, 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.