

!! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOU !!

Thanks to Yvonne Madakudya for donating the flowers in church on the 30th December in memory of her mother.

Today we welcome baby Bellatrix Tamara Sarah Thilagarajan and her family and friends on the occasion of her baptism. Bella has been coming to St Paul's with her parents, Jillian and Andrew since she was born. The baptism is being conducted by Rev Stanley Jeyaraj. We thank God for this young life and pray for her and her family.

The closing date for the 2018/19 Christmas & New Year Quiz, entitled *A Beastly Quiz*, is next Sunday, 13th January. Entries should be returned to Geoff Ridgway by then.

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

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6th January 2019

10:30am Rev Ralph Ward

Covenant Service & Holy Communion

Theme: God's promises to us and our promises to him

Readings: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Romans 12: 1-2

John 15: 1-10

Baptism of Bellatrix Tamara Sarah Thilagarajan

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 Sheila and Barry for their Wedding Anniversary and in memory of their parents and Barry's sister.

Sunday 13th January

10:30am Rev Clive McKie

3pm Messy Church

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

Monday – Wednesday 10:30 – 1:30

Thursday 10:30 – 12:30

- Mon 7th** **2pm** South Crawley House Fellowship *Bible Study on Matthew chapter 2* at Betty's house
- Wed 9th** **9:30-12** Everywomen's Badminton
2pm Women's Fellowship *My Favourite Christmas Card*
8pm Pound Hill House Fellowship *Something Beginning With B* at Margaret Richardson's house

FURTHER AHEAD

- Wed Jan 16th 7:30pm** Travellers' House Fellowship at the Jones' house
- Fri Jan 18th** Instrumental lessons, YP Singing Group and choir practice restart
- Sat Jan 19th 10am** Coffee Stop for Crawley Open House

Songs of Praise at St Paul's, 10:30am Sunday 17 February

This service of *Songs of Praise*, will be planned and led by a team of people from our own church. We want your contributions so if you would like to have a song, a hymn or a reading that is important to you included in the service, please tell me, or drop a note in the Red Box, by the end of January. Please can you also be prepared to say why it is important to you. Thank you. *(Carol Ofield)*

Flowers in 2019 There are still a few weeks available on rota for you to offer to donate flowers to decorate the church during 2019. Please fill in the list today so that the new rota for arrangers and deliverers can be completed. Thank you. *(Jill Mason)*

Time for Prayer

As the New Year gets under way ask God's blessing on the many activities and groups in our church:

- The House Fellowships and their leaders
- The Choir, the Young People's Singing Group and all our musicians
- King's Kids, King's Teens and Messy Church and their leaders and helpers
- Loaves and Fishes; for the manager and volunteers.
- The monthly Coffee Stops and those who organise them

Pray for all who enter our doors for whatever reason, that they see something of God's Love as they spend time in the building.

Pray for those with pastoral needs and for all who try to meet those needs. Pray that more people will feel called to serve you and the people of this church in this way, whether as Pastoral Visitors or by personal contact. Make us all your hands and feet, Lord.

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 have such permission.