

!! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOU !!

At Messy Church last Sunday we had fun sharing the story of *Joseph and the Colourful Coat* with 17 children and 12 adults. 6 of the children and 3 of the adults were new to Messy Church. The activities and celebration were enthusiastically received and well prepared, as usual, by our our dedicated team of helpers. We had 14 helpers this session, including Dave Burnham, who comes along quite regularly to help in the manual labour of the afternoon. Many thanks to all who help and support Messy Church and thanks to God for this wonderful way of teaching about Him. *(Jill Mason)*

Some of our congregation have asked whether it would be possible to have more spaces reserved for people with blue Disabled badges. This hasn't been forgotten – our whole parking situation is being thoroughly investigated although there are various complications including the need to get Planning Permission. *(Leadership Team)*

World Church and JMA collectors it's time to return your boxes to me for emptying please. *(Ann Brown)*

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10:30am

Songs of Praise



Readings: Joshua 1: 6-9
Jonah 2

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 Leonie Boosie for her mother's birthday

Sunday 24th February
10:30am Mr Edward Pender

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 half-term holiday

Re-opens Monday 25th February

- Wed 20th** 9:30-12 Everywomen's Badminton
2pm Women's Fellowship *Anniversary hymn practice*
7:30pm Travellers House Fellowship *Bible study*
Paul's Letter to Titus at the Bowers' house
- Fri 22nd** 7:45pm Choir practice

FURTHER AHEAD

- Mon 25th Feb** Furnace Green House Fellowship *Angels* at the Bowers' house

Women's Fellowship Anniversary

Wednesday 27 February 2:30pm

with Rev Melvyn Cooke

Women's Fellowship invites all friends, men and women,
to an Anniversary Service and Tea.

Please let us know you'll be coming so we can be
sure to have enough cakes!

(Ann Brown)

Safeguarding training if you work or have contact with children or vulnerable adults within the church you may need to attend a training session. Two events are coming up in our Circuit:

Tuesday 5th March 7:15 for 7:30-10pm *Refresher*
Foundation Module at Trinity Church, East Grinstead

Thursday May 9th 7:15 for 7:30-10pm *Foundation Module*
at Redhill Methodist Church

If you're not sure whether this applies to you, please consult St Paul's Safeguarding Officer, Carol Ofield.

Lent course leaflets have been given out about this year's course which looks at Christ's *Sermon on the Mount* in five weekly sessions starting in the week beginning 10th March. This year we'll have the added benefit of our preachers basing their services on the course material for that week which will get our discussions off to a good start.

Hopefully you already feel inspired to join a group – the group leaders, Carol, Martyn, Peter and Joyce, will be around in the Welcome Hall after this morning's service for you to talk to and find out more.

Vacancy in the Finance Team We are sorry that, due to pressure of work, Chona Labor has to stand down as our Treasurer. We thank Chona that over the last year he has done a great job in helping to establish the new St Paul's Finance Team comprising himself, Stephanie Bagshaw and Sarah Ford. The existence of this team means that the various responsibilities, which were at one time all carried out by the Treasurer, are now shared, with the other members of the team doing the major tasks of book-keeping and running the computerised accounting system. However, it is a requirement that we have a named Treasurer so we must appoint a replacement for Chona as soon as possible.

Please pray about this and ask God and yourself if that person might be you. If you would like to know the finer details of what would be involved please speak to a member of the Leadership Team or drop a note in the Red Box and we'll get back to you.
(*Leadership Team*)

Time for Prayer

Please pray for our need to find a new Treasurer to join the team looking after church finances.

Pray too for volunteers to help on the AV desk during services and for more people to take on the role of Pastoral Visitor in our church community.

Pray for Julie Anscombe and continue to pray for Margaret Roberts, Jean Franklin, 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.