

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

**Last Saturday's Coffee Stop** raised £167 for Methodist Homes (MHA). Thanks to all who supported this event. (*Sandra Webb*)

**We're looking smarter** now that new flooring has now been laid in the two corridors and the Springboard room. Many thanks to Isaac Conroy for organising this and for his continuing improvements to the appearance of the property.

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

**Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**Some of our congregation** have asked whether it would be possible to have more parking 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*)

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**24<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**10:30am Mr Edward Pender**

**Theme:** Who or what is the model of the church?

**Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31

**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 Betty for friends and family

**After the service today** Messy Church Team meeting

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

**10:30am Rev Ralph Ward**

**Holy Communion**

**Baptism of Leon, Siena and Freddie Bevan**

***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 25<sup>th</sup>** **7:30pm** Furnace Green House Fellowship *Angels* at the Bowers' house
- Wed 27<sup>th</sup>** **9:30-12** Everywomen's Badminton  
**2pm** Women's Fellowship *Anniversary* see panel below
- Fri 1<sup>st</sup>** **From 4:30pm** Instrumental lessons  
**7pm** Young People's Singing Group  
**7:45pm** Choir practice

### *Women's Fellowship Anniversary*

**Wednesday 27 February 2:30pm**

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)

**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## *Time for Prayer*

**Our MP, Henry Smith**, has written to church congregations in Crawley about his involvement with *Open Doors* which has been supporting persecuted Christians around the world for 60 years. Henry attended the launch of their *2019 World Watch List*, the annual ranking of the 50 countries where Christians are most persecuted. You can read his letter and a related article from the Crawley Observer on the free-standing blue noticeboard in the Welcome Hall. You can see more information on *Open Doors'* website **[www.opendoorsuk.org](http://www.opendoorsuk.org)**

**Please pray** for all people subjected to persecution because of their faith and for the work of *Open Doors*.

**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)*

**Pray also** for volunteers to help on the AV desk, particularly projectionists, during services

**Pray too** for more people to take on the role of Pastoral Visitor in our church community.

**Pray for Rev Melvyn Cooke** and continue to pray for Julie Anscombe, Margaret Roberts, Jean Franklin, Maureen Olashore, Joyce Walling, Stephanie, Marcy, and others with needs known to ourselves.

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