

!! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOUS !!

We welcomed 21 adults and 15 children to Messy Church last Sunday afternoon. We focused on the story of Jonah and had a brilliant time of fellowship. Most of the visitors had been before, but not recently. There was a real "buzz" in the hall where the activities take place as well as enthusiastic participation in the Celebration. An extra table was needed to provide places for visitors to enjoy their tea and all the food which had been prepared was consumed with gusto. Thank God for providing the hard working team to help with this Mission project. If you're curious about Messy Church, why not come along on the **7th April** when our theme will be the Easter story – plus you'll get a scrumptious tea! *(Jill Mason)*

Sad news we have heard that Wendy Clark, widow of David Clark who was St Paul's Treasurer in the 1990s, died sometime within the last year.

**Action for Children *Count Your Blessings*
a fund-raising event during Lent:**

Action For Children "Count your Blessings for Lent" Hundreds of children and family centres up and down the country give isolated parents the chance to meet others - and the early support they need to get on with being a great parent. Give thanks for your family and consider making a donation to Action for Children in thanks. Envelopes can be found in the Welcome Hall leaflet rack.

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17th March 2019

10:30am Rev Bill Miles

Theme: The Fulfilment of the Law

Readings: Galatians 5: 13-26

Matthew 5: 16-24

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 Bobbie Gillett for Beth, Sarah and Melvin

Sunday 24th March

10:30am Rev Peter Davis

**15 minute Prayer Meeting for everyone
after the service**

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

Wed 20th 9:30-12 Everywomen's Badminton
11am-12 Lent Course week 2 with Peter Jordan
at St Paul's
2pm Women's Fellowship *Musical Bingo*
7:30-9pm Lent Course week 2 with Joyce Jordan
at her house

Fri 22nd From 4:30pm Instrumental lessons
7pm Young People's Singing Group
7:45pm Choir practice

FURTHER AHEAD

Mon 25 Mar 7:30pm Furnace Green House Fellowship *Lent & Easter music & readings* at George and Pat's house

Wed 27 Mar 11am Lent Course week 3 led by Peter Jordan
at St Paul's
7:30pm Lent Course week 3 led by Joyce Jordan
at her house

Sun 7th Apr After the service Annual Church Meeting. This is the one where all church members can vote – you don't have to be elected on. It's also the one where certain appointments for the following year are proposed and agreed, including the team of stewards.

Sat 13th Apr 10.00am-Noon Coffee Stop in aid of Action for Children - "Break for Cake" - Bring & Buy Homemade cake sale and an Easter themed Raffle

George Marston's funeral service, conducted by Rev Sue Conroy, will be at St Paul's at 11am on Thursday 4th April, followed by interment at Snell Hatch cemetery at 12:30.

The People's Passion 8pm on Palm Sunday, 14th April

at St Paul's

*An event for St Paul's, the Circuit
and the local community*

This is a great outreach opportunity for us to engage the community in the message of Easter. We will be having flyers delivered throughout Northgate and Three Bridges but we will also need your help to spread the word.

We now have A3 and A4 posters as well as plenty of flyers to get into as many places as possible around the town. Please take what you could pass on to friends and neighbours. Ask your local shops, pubs, garage shops, in fact anywhere that might display a poster in their window or put some flyers at their checkout.

Most of all make sure you will be there to be part of the action – there's no acting required and no words to learn ahead of time.

A couple of requests

1. Does anyone have, or know someone who might lend us, a Menorah (Jewish 7-branched candle holder) for use in the presentation.
2. Would anyone who plays an instrument like to take part in a live band for the event?

Please tell Joyce Jordan or Carol Ofield, or post a note in the Red Box, if you can help with either of these.

Time for Prayer

The St Paul's team are serving lunches to some of Crawley's people in need at the Friary today. Please pray for them and for this service and outreach to the community.

Continue to pray for Julie Anscombe, Margaret Roberts, Jean Franklin, Maureen Olashore, Joyce Walling, Stephanie, 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.