

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

**Thank you to all** who supported the St Paul's team serving lunch to people in need at the Friary last Sunday! *(Jill Mason)*

**Last week's Coffee Stop** raised £101 for Forget Me Not. Many thanks to all who supported the event.

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**Christian Aid Week** is only a couple of months away. As our major fund-raising effort we will holding our usual Coffee Stop and Big Plant Sale on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>. If you are planting seeds or splitting plants over the next few weeks please think about putting some aside to sell in support of Christian Aid. We can always use more plant pots so if you have any unwanted pots of any size, or if you need more, please let me know as I may be able to help. If you could give some help on the day please speak to me. Thank you! *(Ruth Lewis)*

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**Traidcraft news** due to increasingly low turnover and the recent uncertainty of Traidcraft's future, we have reluctantly decided that our Sunday Traidcraft stall will be closing in April. The remaining stock is on sale so treat yourself to some Traidcraft coffee or fudge. Also, there are some lovely olive wood holding crosses which are the perfect Easter gift. We hope to continue selling Traidcraft Christmas cards as they have proved very popular. Loaves and Fishes will be continuing to use Fair Trade products whenever possible. *(Karen Fernando and the Leadership Team)*

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

**10:30am Rev Peter Davis**

**Theme:** The Secret Life

**Readings:** Ephesians 2: 1-10

Matthew 6: 1-18

**After the service** 15 minute prayer meeting for all

**After the prayer meeting** Messy Church team meeting

**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 Daphne Ford for her wedding Anniversary

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**10:30am Rev Melvyn Cooke**

*Come and Celebrate  
Mother's Day*

***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** **7:30pm** Furnace Green House Fellowship *Lent & Easter music & readings* at George and Pat's house
- Wed 27** **9:30-12** Everywomen's Badminton  
**11am-12** Lent Course week 3 with Peter Jordan  
**2pm** Women's Fellowship *Bolshoi, Bear Lady and the Transmongolian Railway* with Sue Petreiz  
**7:30-9pm** Lent Course week 3 with Joyce Jordan
- Fri 29** **From 4:30pm** Instrumental lessons  
**7pm** Young People's Singing Group  
**7:45pm** Choir practice

### FURTHER AHEAD

- Wed 3 Apr** **11am Lent Course week 4** led by Peter Jordan at St Paul's  
**7:30pm Lent Course week 4** led by Joyce Jordan at her house
- Sun 7 Apr** **After the service** Annual Church Meeting. This is the one where all church members can. It's also the one where certain appointments for the following year are made, including the team of stewards.  
**3pm** Messy Church
- Mon 8 Apr** **2pm** South Crawley House Fellowship Bible study 1 John, ch 3-4 at Arthur Parish's home.  
NOTE change of date
- Sat 13 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 (*Sheila Jones*)

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

### *The People's Passion*

*8pm on Palm Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Please help with advertising** 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. If you live outside Northgate and Three Bridges please post flyers through some doors in your area. 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.

**Easter Coffee Shop** we plan to have our café open for a couple of hours Mon-Thurs for drinks and hot cross buns during the two weeks prior to Easter. If you can offer a morning or two please sign on the list on the freestanding board in the Welcome Hall. (*Joyce Jordan*)

**Cyclone Idai aid appeal** from next Sunday we will be raising funds towards the relief work in the areas of southern Africa affected by this disaster. Please be ready to dig deep in support of this urgent need.

### *Time for Prayer*

**Please pray for** all victims of Cyclone Idai which has devastated such a massive area in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi. Pray also for people anxious for news of their families who are missing and for relief workers in their efforts to bring aid.

**Continue to pray** for Julie Ancombe, 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.*