

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

Small change can make a big difference! Home collecting boxes raise up to £500,000 every year. Please contact Barbara Fleming if you would like a box for your home.

**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*)

**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*)

**CAP (Christians Against Poverty)** the March newsletter and prayer requests from CAP are on the Charities noticeboard in the Welcome Hall. Please take a few minutes to read these and pray.

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**31<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

**10:30am Rev Melvyn Cooke**

*Mother's Day*

**Theme:** Compelled to Serve

**Readings:** Psalm 119: 1-10

John 13: 1-17

**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

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

*Passion Sunday*

**10:30am Rev Ralph Ward**

**Holy Communion**

**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**

- Wed 3**    **9:30-12** Everywomen's Badminton  
**11am-12** Lent Course week 4 with Peter Jordan  
**2pm** Women's Fellowship *Love in Action Africa* with Bonnie Dokotera  
**7:30-9pm** Lent Course week 4 with Joyce Jordan
- Thu 4**    **11am** Funeral service for George Marston at St Paul's followed at 12:30 by interment at Snell Hatch Cemetery
- Fri 5**    **From 4:30pm** Instrumental lessons  
**7pm** Young People's Singing Group  
**7:45pm** Choir practice
- Sun 7**    **3pm** Messy Church

## IMPORTANT

### **Annual Church Meeting, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April after the service**

We will be appointing stewards for the year beginning 1<sup>st</sup> May. We also need to appoint 6 people, who are members of the Methodist Church, to represent the congregation on the Church Council. Please consider offering for this – it only involves two meetings a year and gives the opportunity to vote on matters of importance to our church. Tell Sarah Ford or a member of the Leadership Team if you are interested. Our discussion topic this time will be *Will we have to move to the Hall for worship?*

## FURTHER AHEAD

- Mon 8 Apr**    **2pm** South Crawley House Fellowship *Bible study 1 John, ch 3-4* at Arthur Parish's home.  
NOTE change of date
- Wed 10 Apr** **11am Lent Course week 5** led by Peter Jordan  
**7:30pm Lent Course week 5** led by Joyce Jordan
- 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*)

## *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. Flyers are being delivered throughout Northgate and Three Bridges but we will also need your help to spread the word.

**Please help with advertising** we 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 today until Easter we are joining the Christian Aid fundraising campaign for relief work in areas of southern Africa affected by this disaster. There will be a table in the Welcome Hall after the service where you can make your donation. If you are a UK taxpayer please use the Gift Aid form with the Christian Aid envelope to add 25% to your donation at no extra cost to yourself.

## *Time for Prayer*

**Please pray for** all victims of Cyclone Idai and for the relief workers.  
**Pray that** *The People's Passion* will show God's love for us in the sacrifice of his son Jesus to some who do not already know it.  
**Continue to pray** for Julie Ancombe, Margaret Roberts, Jean Franklin, Maureen Olashore, Joyce Wallng, 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.*