

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

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

(John 3:16 NIV)

**Come and celebrate** this Good News at our Easter services listed on the front page.

**Thanks to all** who attended the General Church Meeting after last Sunday's service. The number of people there was a great encouragement to St Paul's officers and leadership as we go ahead with plans and projects. Thank you to those who offered to take on some roles in our church. A brief report of the meeting will be in next week's newsletter. *(Joyce Jordan)*

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**Update - Christian Aid Week** is only five weeks 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. NO MORE POTS please – I now have plenty. Thank you! *(Ruth Lewis)*

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**A message from Autumn and Fuschia**

Our Daddy works at Imberhorne School and is going to Tanzania this October on the school exchange programme. In order to raise vital funds for the Minaki School in Tanzania, Daddy is having all his hair shaved off on May 10th. If you would like to sponsor him please speak to our Mummy, Hayley, who will give you the details. Thank you very much, *Autumn and Fuschia.*

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**14<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

*Palm Sunday*

**10:30am Rev Clive McKie**

**Theme:** Hanging on in the Rollercoaster of Life

**Readings:** Matthew 21: 6-9

Isaiah 50: 4-9

Luke 19: 39-48

*8pm The People's Passion*

**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

**Easter Services – please note the times**

***Maundy Thursday Communion***

**18<sup>th</sup> April 8pm Rev Ralph Ward**

***Good Friday***

**19<sup>th</sup> April 9:30am Mr David Browning**

***Easter Sunday Family Celebration and Communion***

**21<sup>st</sup> April 9am Rev Ralph Ward**

***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**

***Easter Coffee Shop***

**Monday – Thursday 10:30 – 12:30**

**Come in for a drink and a FREE Hot Cross Bun**

**No meetings this week but see the  
Easter service times on the front page**

**FURTHER AHEAD**

**Thu Apr 26<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm** Furnace Green House Fellowship *Visit to  
Crawley Museum*

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> May** Women's Fellowship *Easter Readings and Poems*

**Thu 9<sup>th</sup> May 2pm** Pound Hill House Fellowship *Visit to Crawley  
Museum*

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> May 2pm** South Crawley House Fellowship *Bible study on  
2 John*

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> May 7:30pm** Travellers' House Fellowship *Modern Hymn  
Writers* with Joyce and Peter at their house

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May 10am** Coffee Stop and Plant Sale for Christian Aid

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**Cyclone Idai aid appeal** 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.

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**Coffee Stop 15<sup>th</sup> June** has become vacant. Would anyone like to organise it for St Catherine's Hospice or for a charity of their choice? If so, please tell me or post a message in the Red Box in the Welcome Hall. *(Ann Brown)*

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*Time for Prayer*

**Please pray for** tonight's *People's Passion*. Ask God to help us use this event to introduce the Good News of the gospel to any visitors who attend and to bring that same Good News afresh to all of us.

**We still urgently need** to find a new Treasurer for St Paul's. Please pray about this and ask God to direct us to the right person to carry out this task.

**As Loaves and Fishes** volunteers take a break over the Easter period please give thanks for people who give their time to serve in Loaves and Fishes. Pray as well for people who enjoy using the café and spending time with friends there.

**Pray for Women's Fellowship** and the various House Fellowships also taking a break at this time. Thank God for the leaders and organisers and all who attend meetings and ask him to help these groups be a means of spiritual growth and support.

**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.*

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