

!! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOU !!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

The Coffee Stop for *Action for Children*, held last Saturday, raised £200.00. Many thanks to all who so generously supported this event. *(Sheila Jones)*

Barbara Fleming's grandson, Daniel, has passed his final exams and will soon be practicing medicine as Dr Fleming. Barbara is very proud of his achievement.

Thanks to all who manned the Easter Holiday Coffee Shops over the last two weeks. Our customers were delighted to enjoy a free Hot Cross Bun (at no cost to St Paul's - they were donated) served with a napkin which explained the significance of them. It was great sharing the love of God in this way to people coming through our doors.

(Joyce Jordan)

The People's Passion last Sunday evening was a wonderful event. It was great to have so many people from all five of our circuit churches, as well as some from the community, enthusiastically being part of the action as they read their parts from the projected script *(Thank you Jill)*. All was enhanced by recorded background music *(Thank you Peter)* and the Circuit Band provided lively accompaniment to the songs *(Thank you Carol)*. The principal parts were read with great sensitivity and passion *(Thank you Martin, Barry, Geoff and Lin)*. The church was transformed by amazing lighting effects *(Thank you Martyn and Isaac)*. There is a wealth of God-given talent and skills amongst us and we will be looking at ways of using these in the future to grow our church and the Kingdom of God in Crawley. *(Joyce Jordan)*

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Easter Sunday

9am Rev Ralph Ward

Holy Communion

Theme: Easter and Resurrection

Readings: John 20: 1-9

John 20: 10-18

*Hot Cross Buns and drinks for all
in the Welcome Hall after the service*

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 28th April

10:30am Rev Bill Miles

After the service Messy Church Team meeting

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

Monday Closed for Bank Holiday
Tuesday – Wednesday 10:30 – 1:30
Thursday 10:30 – 12:30

Thu Apr 25th 2:30pm Furnace Green House Fellowship *Visit to Crawley Museum*

FURTHER AHEAD

Wed 1st May Women's Fellowship *Easter Readings and Poems*

Thu 9th May 2pm Pound Hill House Fellowship *Visit to Crawley Museum*

Sun 12th May 3:30pm Our service will be at this time to avoid the morning road closures during the Gatwick Half-marathon. Messy Church will start at 3pm and will join the congregation in the church for the last part of the service which will be led by Rev Ralph. The usual wonderful Messy Church tea can be enjoyed by everyone afterwards.

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

Sat 18th May 10am Coffee Stop and Plant Sale for Christian Aid

Mon 20th May 2pm South Crawley House Fellowship *Bible study on 2 John*. Note this new date.

Coffee Stop 15th 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*)

Rev Ralph will be on holiday from tomorrow, Monday 22nd April, returning on Tuesday 30th April. Any really urgent matters should be referred to Rev Melvyn Cooke on 01293 784896.

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*.

For our charity appeal this Easter we are joining the Christian Aid fundraising campaign for relief work in areas of southern Africa affected by Cyclone Idai. If you haven't yet donated, please use the Christian Aid envelope given out with this newsletter. If you are a UK taxpayer please fill in the Gift Aid form attached to the envelope. This will add 25% to your donation at no extra cost to yourself. Next Sunday, 28th April will be the last day for donations.

Time for Prayer

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.

Pray for Loaves and Fishes and thank God for all the volunteers who serve there. Pray as well for Women's Fellowship and all House Groups as they restart after the Easter break.

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.