

## !! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOU !!

**Thank you to all** who helped make last week's fire drill so successful. We have learnt a lot from it to enable the safety of all our congregation so that the next time we have to do a fire drill, it will be even better. Mrs Helen Greaves was fully prepared for the fire alarm and had planned her service around it. *(Leadership Team)*

**Hope House Haiti** thank everyone who helped to raise nearly £200 at last Saturday's Coffee Stop. *(Ann Brown)*

**Our funds have had a boost** a couple of times recently when people have given generous amounts of money just because they thought it was right to do so. Many thanks to these donors. Unexpected gifts of this sort are always welcome. *(Leadership Team)*

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**Volunteers urgently needed** to help with the children and young people on Sundays during the service. To provide for the wide age range of the children who now come on Sunday (toddler to teenage!) we plan to introduce a third group so need 3 helpers each Sunday as well as the 3 leaders. For safeguarding reasons, the Methodist Church requires that any children's group includes at least two adults, so without helpers we cannot run any Sunday provision for our children and young people. Helpers do not have to do anything more than 'sit in' with the group but can, if they wish, join in and help the children with the activities. Helpers may volunteer for as many or as few sessions as they wish - even one a year helps! Please pray about this and consider whether God is calling you to volunteer. Please let me know if you are willing to help. *(Martyn Ofield)*

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### Welcome to St Paul's

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**10:30am**

**Mr Robert Burridge**

**Theme:** Rich man, poor man

**Readings:** Luke 16. 19-31

1 Timothy 6.

**Reader today Barry Jones**

**Kids' Coin Clatter for WaterAid**

**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.

**Bibles and large print hymn books** are available from the door stewards

### Harvest Festival

**and Holy Communion**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 10:30am**

**Rev Ralph Ward**

**followed by 15 minute prayer meeting for all**

*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 & Fishes Café**  
Monday-Wednesday 10:30 – 1:30  
Thursday 10:30 – 12:30

- Tues 1<sup>st</sup>**     **2:30pm** Furnace Green House Fellowship *Rev Ralph leads session 1 of his 'Shaped by God' course* at Geoff Manning's house
- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>**     **1:45pm** Leadership Team meeting  
**9:30am-12** Everywoman's Badminton  
**2pm** Women's Fellowship *Harvest Bring and Buy*
- Fri 4<sup>th</sup>**     **4:30-7:30pm** Performing Arts activities  
**7pm** Young People's Singing Group  
**7:45pm** Choir practice

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> October** *Shaped by God*, our Autumn fellowship course begins. All sessions are at St Paul's as follows:  
Mondays 7:30-8:30pm with Carol and Martyn Ofield  
Wednesdays 11am-12 with Rev Ralph  
Thursdays 2:30-3:30pm with Joyce Jordan

**Wed 9 Oct**     **2pm** Women's Fellowship *Autumn poems*  
**Sat 12 Oct**     **7:30pm** *National Methodist Youth Brass Band* in concert at Reigate Methodist Church. See the poster on the *Other churches* noticeboard in the Welcome Hall for details.

## Stuart Townend & band

bring their *Courage Tour 2019*  
to Trinity Methodist Church, East Grinstead  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 7:30pm

Tickets £15 available from [www.trinitymethodist.org.uk](http://www.trinitymethodist.org.uk)

Stuart Townend is one of today's foremost hymn writers with favourites such as *In Christ alone*, *The Lord's my shepherd*; *See what a morning, gloriously bright* and *Speak, O Lord, as we come to you*

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As we thank God for his gifts to us we'll be supporting

- **WaterAid** put your loose change in the bucket under the font
- **All We Can** (Methodist international Relief) use the donation envelopes to be given out the week before
- **Crawley CAP** (Christians Against Poverty) bring gifts of dry food and toiletries to the service. There will also be a box in the Welcome Hall so that visitors to our premises can donate items. CAP particularly request cans, tins and packets of meat, fish, soup, vegetables, fruit, puddings, biscuits, tea, coffee, sugar, UHT milk, cereals, biscuits, chocolate, toothpaste, soap, toilet paper, shampoo and conditioner.

**We'll be decorating the church on Friday 4<sup>th</sup>. If you can supply some greenery please bring it to the church by Friday afternoon, leave in the porch if you can't get in.**

## Time for Prayer

**The Scripture Union** tells us that 95% of children and young people are not connected with a local church. They are having a day of prayer tomorrow, Monday, calling Christians everywhere to pray for that 95% and for those, such as the Lighthouse Project in Crawley, who work with them in schools and also that we will see a new generation of children and young people with a personal, vibrant faith in Jesus.

**Please continue to pray for** Wendy and Joyce Walling, Daniel Okun, Jean and Geoff Rose, Julie Anscombe, Jean Franklin, Maureen Olashore, 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.*