

!! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOU !!

Last Sunday morning there were 24 children and young people at St Paul's. This is the good news. The not-so-good news is that, because of a shortage of helpers on the day, the different age groups had to meet in one room, which is far from ideal. Safeguarding rules mean that there must be 2 adults with each group. The role of the helper is simply to be in the room - nothing is expected beyond that. Now for a 'Thank you' to one parent who, on realising afterwards that there had been a problem, offered to be a helper when needed. A few more would be such a blessing. This is one of those situations where the more volunteers there are, the less often each one is needed, so please tell Martyn Ofield or Uvonne Madakudya if you could occasionally be one of their helpers.

Flowers in church the flower rota for the coming year is posted on the Charities noticeboard in the Welcome Hall. There are a few vacant dates throughout the year for donating flowers. If you would like your flowers in church to mark a special occasion or in remembrance of loved ones, please put your name in one of the gaps in the rota or tell Bobbie Gillett. By the way, you don't have to spend a lot on the flowers; just discuss your wishes with Bobbie.

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Welcome to St Paul's

Sunday 9th February 2020

10:30am

Deacon Irene Tafirenyika

Theme: Salt and Light

Readings: Matthew 5:13

Isaiah 58: 1-9a

3:30pm Rev Ralph Ward

Informal worship including Messy Church

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

Flowers today donated by Daphne Ford for her family

Sunday February 16th

10:30am Songs of Praise

All-age service

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 12 Feb 9:30am-12** Everywoman's Badminton
2:30pm Women's Fellowship *Anniversary Service and tea*
6:30 for 7pm Pound Hill House Fellowship meal at the Parson's Pig
- Fri 14 Feb 4:30-7pm** Performing Arts activities
7pm Young People's Singing Group
7:45pm Choir practice
- Sat 15 Feb 10am** Coffee Stop for *Outreach – 3-Way*

LOOKING AHEAD

- Wed 19 Feb 2:30pm** Women's Fellowship *Scrabble*
7:30pm Travellers' House Fellowship
Fake news and ethics at the Bowers' house
- Mon 24 Feb 7:30pm** Furnace Green House Fellowship
Raj Sharma *The Sikh Faith* at Jean and Geoff's house

St Paul's Women's Fellowship Anniversary Service and Tea

Wednesday 12th February 2:30pm
Speaker: Rev Melvyn Cooke
Everyone is invited, women and men
Please let us know if you hope to come
(Ann Brown)

Lent 2020 as usual we will be using the period leading up to Easter for the study of our faith and what it means to be a Christian. One way of doing this is to join in this year's Lent course, *Pillars of Faith*, written by Rev Ralph, starting in the week beginning 1st March. The preachers for the Sundays preceding each session will be introducing the theme for that week. See the attached flyer for more details and sign up for your choice of group.

Our MP, Henry Smith has written to us about the *Open Doors World Watch List*, an annual report highlighting countries where persecution of Christians is most rife. His letter and an article which will appear in the local press, are posted on the freestanding blue noticeboard in the Welcome Hall.

CAP (Christians Against Poverty) The January CAP newsletter and prayer list are now on the Charities noticeboard. Please take a few minutes to read these and pray.

Sad news Most of you will already have heard that our friend Jean Franklin passed away on Saturday the 1st of February. We give thanks for her life and her Christian witness and pray for her family as they mourn her loss. Funeral details will be announced when they are known.

Time for Prayer

As Rev Ralph leads our new afternoon worship today, pray that this will grow and be a means of introducing Jesus to more people and families in our town and community.

Please pray for the team who are in process of planning the replacement of the Sanctuary roof and other essential work.

Pray for our growing number of children and young people and for those who teach them about our faith on Sunday mornings. Pray for people to offer help in the groups.

Continue to pray for Uvonne Madakudya and Linda Edwards. Jill Mason, Janet Ockwell, Priya Shan, Lorraine Valler, Daniel Okun, Jean and Geoff Rose, 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.