

!! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOU !!

Last Saturday's Coffee Stop raised £278 for Outreach 3-Way. Many thanks to all who supported this event.

Do you work with children or vulnerable adults?

If you do and you received Safeguarding training in or before 2016, you may need to do the Refresher Safeguarding Training to be held at St Paul's on Tuesday 14th May. Please put this date in your diary. More details will be coming shortly. If you are unsure whether this applies to you, please talk to me. (*Carol Ofield*)

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.

Parking at the church please do not park on the yellow cross-hatched areas of the church car park. They are there for good reason so please respect them. There is public parking at the shops opposite and there are no restrictions on roadside parking on Sundays.

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Room bookings phone 07594 472523 or see **Room Hire** on the website



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Welcome to St Paul's

Sunday 23rd February 2020

10:30am

Rev Clive McKie

Theme: Glimpses of Glory

Readings: Exodus 24:12-18

Matthew 17:1-9

Kids' Coin Clatter

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 welcomers

Sunday March 1st

10:30am Rev Ralph Ward

Holy Communion

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

- Mon 24 Feb 7:30pm** Furnace Green House Fellowship
Raj Sharma, Mayor of Crawley, will talk about *The Sikh Faith* at Olive's house. This talk will be followed by a visit to the Sikh Temple on Sunday, 15th March
- Wed 26 Feb 9:30am-12** Everywoman's Badminton
2:30pm Women's Fellowship *Haiti* by Joan Baker
- Fri 28 Feb 4:30-7pm** Performing Arts activities
7pm Young People's Singing Group
7:45pm Choir practice
- Sat 29 Feb 12noon** Memorial service for Marcy Kadzomba

LOOKING AHEAD

- Mon 2 Mar 2pm** South Crawley House Fellowship with Rev Ralph
7:30pm Lent study *Pillars of Faith* session 1 at St Paul's
- Wed 4 Mar 11am** Lent study *Pillars of Faith* session 1 at St Paul's
2pm Women's Fellowship *Burley's Wood* talk by Tina and Brian Baker
7:30pm Lent study *Pillars of Faith* session 1 at the Jordans' house

Have you signed up for *Pillars of Faith*? This year's Lent study, written by Rev Ralph, begins next week. The preachers for the Sundays before each of the 5 session will be introducing the theme for that week. More details and a sign up form for your choice of group are on the big blue noticeboard in the Welcome Hall.

Hot Potatoes some people have asked whether there will be more of these discussions on the trickier questions we have about our faith. The next one will be on Tuesday 31st March when Rev Ralph will introduce the subject of Cults. The meeting starts at 7:30pm with refreshments and time for a chat with friends from 7:15.

Thanks to people who gave us feedback on the Sunday afternoon informal worship with Rev Ralph on the 9th February. Some of you thought the children had too little time for their own Messy activities so, from next time, the children's activities will start at 3pm, and we'll all gather for worship at 3:30pm. Anyone who wants to join with the kids can of course. The programme now looks like this:

March 8th 3pm Messy music making for the young ones
3:30pm Concert and worship with YPSG and St Paul's Choir

April 12th Easter Sunday no session so we can spend the day with our families

May 10th 3pm Messy activities
3:30pm worship with Rev Ralph *Celebrating Family Relationships*

June 14th 3pm Messy activities
3:30pm Tea Service

July 12th Time TBA BBQ for all

Sad news we are sorry to announce the death, on Saturday 15th February at the Royal Marsden Hospital, of Marceline (Marcy) Kadzomba. Marcy had been battling against leukaemia for several years. She was a valued member of St Paul's and served as a church steward until she became too poorly to attend church. There will be a Memorial Service at St Paul's at 12noon on Saturday 29th February, after which Marcy will be taken to Zimbabwe for burial. Our thoughts and prayers are with her children, Melony and Andrew, her sister Pat and all other family members as they mourn her loss.

Time for Prayer

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.

Pray for the family of Marcy Kadzomba and continue to pray for Linda Edwards. Jill Mason, Janet Ockwell, Priya Shan, Lorraine Valler, Daniel Okun, Jean and Geoff Rose, Maureen Olashore 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.