

!! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOU !!

None sent in this week but, in spite of rain and flood, the spring flowers are blooming, the birds are coming into song and the days are lengthening. Thank God for this yearly miracle!

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*)

Performing Arts Project

We are now two thirds of the way through the year and unfortunately, due to illness, we urgently need some help on Friday evenings for safeguarding support. Bring your knitting or enjoy a read as you sit in music lessons (that's all we ask as it gives an additional adult to comply with Methodist Safeguarding Rules). The dates are: 6th, 13th, 27th March; 3rd and 24th April; 1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th May; 5th, 12th, 19th June. If you can offer any time on any of these Friday evenings between 5-7pm, we would really appreciate it so please tell Martyn or Carol Ofield

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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Welcome to St Paul's

Sunday 1st March 2020

10:30am

Rev Ralph Ward

Holy Communion

Theme: The Lord's Supper

Readings: Matthew 26:26-30

1 Corinthians 11:17-26

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

Flowers today donated by Wendy Walling for Arthur and Nigel

Sunday March 8th

10:30am Rev Clive McKie

3pm Messy activities for kids

3:30pm Concert and informal worship with Rev Ralph

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 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** 9:30am-12 Everywoman's Badminton
11am Lent study *Pillars of Faith* session 1 at St Paul's
2pm Women's Fellowship *Quiz*
- Thu 5 Mar** 2:30pm Lent study *Pillars of Faith* session 1 at the Jones's house
- Fri 6 Mar** 4:30-7pm Performing Arts activities
7pm Young People's Singing Group
7:45pm Choir practice

Fri 6th Mar

World Day of Prayer

Praying with Zimbabwe

10am at the Friary, Crawley town centre
7pm at All Angels Church, Lowfield Heath
All welcome at both venues



LOOKING AHEAD

- Mon 9 Mar** 7:30pm Lent study *Pillars of Faith 2* at St Paul's
- Wed 11 Mar** 11am Lent study *Pillars of Faith 2* at St Paul's
2pm Women's Fellowship *Burley's*
8pm Pound Hill House Fellowship *Something Wild*
- Thu 12 Mar** 2:30pm Lent study *Pillars of Faith 2* at the Jordans'

Pillars of Faith Lent study, written by Rev Ralph, begins this week. Please note that the group led by Joyce Jordan will now be at 2:30pm on Thursdays, venues to be announced.

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

Jean Franklin at this time there is still no information about funeral arrangements for Jean.

Time for Prayer

Pray that the team planning the replacement of the Sanctuary roof and other essential work use the legacy money wisely

Pray for people whose lives are affected by the ongoing floods.

Pray for the families of Marcy Kadzomba and Jean Franklin.

Continue to pray for Uvonne Madakudya, 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.