

!! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOU !!

Kids' Coin Clatter on the 23rd February raised £34.91 for St Paul's Development. Thank you all.

At last Sunday afternoon's informal worship with Rev Ralph about 60 people praised God in music. The children enjoyed making instruments during the opening Messy Church, and playing them to accompany 'Praise Him on the trumpet' in the service. Everyone who participated in the concert performed exceptionally well. Thank you to everyone who helped with the setting up and clearing away. We look forward to the next informal afternoon of worship on Sunday 10th May with Messy Church activities starting at 3pm and worship starting at 3.30pm. *(Carol Ofield)*

Good news about Friary lunches Sarah Roberts, Daphne Ford's god-daughter, and her team of helpers have willingly volunteered to take over organising the preparation and delivery of Sunday lunch at the Friary for St Paul's. They will start this Sunday and then continue on the third Sunday of alternate months. St Paul's will still be funding the purchase of food, and church members are still invited to provide sandwiches, 2 in a bag and labelled with the filling please. Please pray for Sarah and her team and thank God that St Paul's is still involved with this outreach to people in need in our community. *(Jill Mason)*

IMPORTANT Next newsletter following the latest advice from The Methodist Church, from next Sunday this newsletter will not be distributed on paper. It will be published on the front page of St Paul's website www.crawleymethodistchurch.org.uk and linked from our Facebook page. On request, I can also send by email to people without these channels. Please send items for inclusion to enquiries@crawleymethodistchurch.org.uk by 10am on Thursday.

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Welcome to St Paul's

Sunday 15th March 2020

10:30am

Deacon Irene Tafirenyika

Theme: The Trinity

Readings: Genesis 1:1 – 2:4

Matthew 28: 16-20

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 Daphne Ford for her Wedding Anniversary

Sunday March 22nd

Mother's Day

10:30am Rev Melvyn Cooke

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 16 Mar** Note that this Monday's Lent study group is deferred to next Monday, 23rd March
- Wed 18 Mar 9:30am-12** Everywoman's Badminton
11am Lent study *Pillars of Faith* session 3 at St Paul's
2pm Women's Fellowship *Celebrating Spring*
- Thu 19 Mar 2:30pm** Lent study *Pillars of Faith* session 3 at the Bowers' house
- Fri 20 Mar 4:30-7pm** Performing Arts activities
7pm Young People's Singing Group
7:45pm Choir practice

Sat 21 Mar, 10am-12 Coffee Stop for CoCo's Foundation

9th Crawley (St Paul's) Guides are raising funds to send 3 guides to work with The CoCo's Foundation building houses for child-led families in South Africa.

We will be selling Homemade Cakes and Homemade Jam, and having a Tombola and a Craft Stall.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Mon 23 Mar 7:30pm** Lent study *Pillars of Faith 2* at St Paul's
- Wed 25 Mar 2pm** Women's Fellowship *Holy Communion* with Rev Ralph

Mothering Sunday 22nd March. On that day will be the opportunity for the men of the church to honour all the ladies in our church family. In order to prepare for that, all men who would like to are invited to come along to the church the day before, Saturday 21st, to prepare flowers to be distributed by the children. Please come along at 9.00 am or whenever you can after that, to help.
(Terry Webb)

Christian Aid Week

Coffee Stop and plant stall 10am Saturday May 16th

If you are planting seeds or splitting plants over the next few weeks please think about putting some aside to sell in support of Christian Aid. If you would like to give some time helping on the day please let me know. Thank you!

We are pleased to say that on Sunday May 17th Mark Johnson, the regional coordinator for Christian Aid, will be coming to lead our service. *(Ruth Lewis)*

Gatwick Detainee Welfare Group this year has its 25th birthday. Sadly, GDWG still needs to exist as many are still held in indefinite detention. To mark the occasion and to celebrate the work of the many volunteers who visit those in detention there is an on-line silent auction to raise funds. You can enjoy browsing on the following link: <https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/gdwg25th> *(Ruth Lewis)*

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

Time for Prayer

Pray for people affected in any way by the Covid-19 virus. Pray for those who are suffering the illness, for people concerned about loved ones or mourning those who have died. Ask God to help us all through this difficult time.

Continue in prayer for the family of Jean Franklin.

Continue to pray for Uvonne Madakudya, Linda Edwards. Jill Mason, Janet Ockwell, 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.