

**!! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOUS !!**

➤ **Hannah Millard** has heard from Muscular Dystrophy UK that she raised £2481.52p for their cause by running the London Marathon. She says she is 'so chuffed' and is extremely grateful to everyone who sponsored and supported her.

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**News of the Godfreys** Rev Frank Godfrey was minister at St Paul's in the late 1960s and early '70s. Those of us around at that time remember Frank and his wife Wendy with affection. They would love to hear from old friends at their new home:

Park View Care Home,  
4, Park View,  
Trier Way,  
Gloucester. GL1 1AN

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**Can't get out to evening fellowship groups?** Why not try the **Wednesday Morning Fellowship** which meets every Wednesday at 11am at St Paul's. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy fellowship together for Bible study, discussion of the previous Sunday's sermon and a look at the world and topical issues from a Christian point of view. (*Peter Jordan*)

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**Next newsletter** because the editor and the printer will both be on holiday there will be no newsletter for the 28<sup>th</sup> May. A newsletter covering two weeks will be given out on 21<sup>st</sup> May. Please send your announcements for events during the two weeks 21<sup>st</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June to me by 10am on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May. (*Joyce Jordan*)

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**Church Contacts:**  
Please use the Contact Us feature in our "[Links and Contacts](#)" page.

**Next News Sheet**

Please send your items to Joyce Jordan by 10.00am on Thursday.

**Crawley Methodist Church is a Registered Charity No. 1127744**

**St. Paul's Methodist Church**

**Minister: Rev Sue Conroy**

St Paul's website [www.crawleymethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.crawleymethodistchurch.org.uk)

**WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**10:30am Rev Sue Conroy**

**Theme:** Is there more to life than me?

**Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:2-9

**# Youth groups during the service #**

**King's Kids** for 3s-9s

**King's Teens** for 10s-16s

**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.

**Large print** hymn books are available from the door stewards.

**Flowers today** donated by Frances Spencer for David

**Today 3-5pm** Messy Church – everyone welcome

**Services in May**

Rev Sue's series of sermons for the month of May continues:

**21st May – John 10: 1-10;** Is there more to life? Do I have a purpose?

**28th May – John 14: 1-6;** Is there more to life after physical death?

**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***  
***open this week***  
**Monday to Wednesday 10:30 – 1:30**  
**Thursday 10:30 – 12:30**

- Tues 16<sup>th</sup>**    **7:30 – 9pm** *Come As You Are* course with Rev Sue at St Paul's
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup>**    **9:30 – 12** Everywoman's Badminton  
**11am** Wednesday Morning Fellowship with Peter Jordan at St Paul's. Everyone welcome.  
**2pm** Women's Fellowship – *Water Aid* with Jeremy Heath
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>** **7-9pm** Crawley Interfaith Group meets at The Orchard, Gleneagles Court, London Rd. *Commonalities Between the Abrahamic Religions* with Michael Harris
- Fri 19<sup>th</sup>**    **7pm** Young People's Singing Group  
**7:45pm** Choir practice
- Sun 21<sup>st</sup>**    **4pm** Tea Service – *In the footsteps of John Wesley* with Rev Sue

**Christian Aid Week begins today!**

- ❖ **Please pray for the collectors** who will be going door-to-door in Northgate this week.
- ❖ **Please come and support the Coffee Stop and plant stall next Saturday May 20th.** Bring your friends and help us raise money for the work of Christian Aid. If you would like some fliers to give to others please take one from the notice board or see Ruth.
- ❖ **Do you have any hanging baskets, decorative pots** or other useful garden objects that you no longer need which could be sold on the plant stall? Please bring them on Saturday 20th or give them to Ruth during this week.
- ❖ **Take time this week** to reflect on Matthew 25:31-36.
- ❖ **Thank you** for your support and generosity

*(Ruth Lewis)*

**Growing the Kingdom of God.** Whenever a baby or child is baptised at St Paul's, the congregation makes a promise that we will help them "*grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord*". We have much to give thanks for with the growth of activity amongst the young people at St Paul's. They are precious to God as well as to us, so we should remember that baptismal promise and take seriously our responsibility to nurture them into Christian knowledge and faith. Putting it simply – we need more people to join in helping with the two Sunday morning groups and with the monthly Messy Church. You don't have to be experienced; you don't have to do it every week; you just need to care. If you would like to know more about what you could do to get to know the young ones better and give the group leaders much needed support, please tell Jill Mason, Martyn Ofield or any member of the Leadership Team.

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**Flower Distributors** We'd love some more people to join our team of distributors. You are on the receiving end of a lot of smiles when delivering flowers to people! For more information, please speak to me. *(Sandra Webb)*

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**Friary Lunch 21<sup>st</sup> May** It is our turn to provide lunches for people in need in Crawley at the Friary next Sunday. Your prayers, help on the day, sandwiches or donations toward the cost of the food would be welcomed. Contact Jill on 527448

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### IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Please pray for Christian Aid Week and all working to support Christian Aid's mission to make lives better for people in desperate situations in our world. Continue to remember those who have been on our prayer list and others with needs known to ourselves.

*Methodist Church Guidelines state that permission must be received from a person before their name forward to is put on the prayer list. Please ensure that you have such permission.*