

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

**Thanks to all** who attended the General Church Meeting last Sunday. During the preceding service Eddie and Yvonne Madakudya's membership of the Methodist Church was officially transferred from Redhill to St Paul's. It's great to welcome them and their family into the St Paul's family. They are both keen to be involved in church life; Eddie is joining the team of Sunday Stewards and Yvonne will be working in King's Kids. Sheila Jones and Joyce Jordan will also be joining the Sunday Stewards' team with Joyce as Senior Steward for one year. The full list of Sunday Stewards effective from May 1<sup>st</sup> is on the *Worship* noticeboard in the Welcome Hall.

**King's Teens** recently had its 1<sup>st</sup> birthday and at last week's General Church Meeting Martyn Ofield reported on the progress of this Sunday morning young people's group. If you missed it or want to read it again, there should be a copy with this newsletter or you can take one from the Welcome Hall. Praise God for this group, continue to hold them in prayer and say a big *Well done!* to Martyn, his helpers and the young people for its success.

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**Last year after the London Marathon I said 'never again'**

So I'm doing it again! But this time it's a walk! A night time marathon walk to be exact!

The evening of Saturday 12th May, I will be walking 26.2 miles around London with some good friends as part of *MoonWalk London 2018* to raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness.

I would really appreciate it if anyone would be happy to sponsor me. I will have a sponsor form with me at Church or I can be emailed at **millardhannah@yahoo.co.uk** and I will send the online link to my fundraising page. Thanks so much in advance for your support.  
(Hannah Millard)

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**Next News Sheet**

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

**Church Contacts:**

Visit our website [www.crawleymethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.crawleymethodistchurch.org.uk)

For contacts, click "links and contacts".

Room Bookings click "Book a room"

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**St Paul's Methodist Church**

**Minister: Rev Sue Conroy**

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**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018**

**10:30am Rev Felicity Al-Hassan**

**Readings: 1 John 3: 16-24 *God's Children and Sin***

**John 10: 11-18 *The Good Shepherd***

**Reader today Panache Madakudya**

**4pm Tea Service Pat Oakley *A Visit to Cambodia***

**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 Stephanie Bagshaw for her Mum and Dad

**Next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

**10:30am Rev Sue Conroy**

**Baptism of Betty-Rose Linda Phelps**

**Kids' Coin Clatter**

***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 & Fishes café*

**Monday – Wednesday 10:30 – 1:30**

**Thursday 10:30 – 12:30**

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup> 9:30-12 Everywoman's Badminton**

**2pm Women's Fellowship** – Geoff Ridgway on his *60 Years at St Paul's*

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> 7pm Young People's Singing Group**

**7:45pm Choir practice**

### FURTHER AHEAD

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> April Furnace Green House Fellowship** *A Favourite*

*Hymn* at the Bowers' house

**Sat 19<sup>th</sup> May Christian Aid Coffee Stop and plant stall**

4 weeks to go so if you have plastic pots of any size please give them to me soon, or let me know and I will collect them. Also if you are planting seeds or splitting plants over the next few weeks please think about putting some aside for the stall. Thank you. *(Ruth Lewis)*

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***Big Deal, Small Talk* with Freeman Brothers, Funeral**

**Directors** at their Crawley branch, Holly Lodge, 25 Brighton Road, 11am – 2pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate *Dying Matters Awareness Week*. The aim is to show how easy talking about funerals can be through support with getting the conversation started and ideas to get you thinking. Celebrant Julia Hill will also lead a remembrance service in the chapel at 1:30pm. There will be free refreshments, goodie bags and giveaways. More details on the Charities noticeboard in the Welcome Hall or phone 01293 54000

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## **Crawley half marathon Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May and what it means for St Paul's**

An exciting new event is coming to Crawley giving us the opportunity to have a different sort of Sunday.

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May British Airways are holding a half-marathon around Gatwick, Charlwood and much of Crawley to raise money for local charities. Roads on the route will be closed between 8am and 12noon making access to St Paul's impossible for anyone not in immediate walking distance.

The Church Council agreed that our service that day will be held at 3:30 in the afternoon. It is also a 'Messy Church Sunday' and the theme for both groups will be *Walking on Water*.

### **What the day will look like**

**No** morning service

**3pm** Messy Church starts in the Hall

**3:30pm** Service with sermon for the usual morning congregation

**4pm** Messy Church joins the congregation

**After the service** Tea for all in the Canteen. This will be a Faith Tea so we'll be asked in advance to bring something to share.

*(St Paul's Church Leadership Team)*

## *Time for Prayer*

**Please continue in prayer for** those on our list.

We regret that we are unable to publish our personal prayer list on the Internet for legal reasons.