

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

**The Coffee Stop for *The Circle Club*** raised £182.75. Thanks to all who supported this event.

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**If you usually donate flowers** for display in the church on Sundays, could you please look at the "Proposed Flower Rota for 2018" on the noticeboard at the end of the Welcome Hall. If the dates allocated to you are not convenient for any reason, please let me know on 527448 or email to [mummymason@hotmail.com](mailto:mummymason@hotmail.com) so that I can alter the list. Thank you (*Jill Mason*)

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**Christmas and New Year Quiz *The Big Screen***. Completed forms are due to be returned to me by next Sunday 14th January. If you haven't tried it yet there's still a week to go so ask me for a form at £1.50. There are small cash prizes for the winners and runners-up. Proceeds after that are split 50/50 between St Catherine's Hospice and St Paul's Development Fund. (*Geoff Ridgway*)

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**Next newsletter** please send items to Joyce Jordan on **01293 529135** or by email to [joyce@jordanpa.plus.com](mailto:joyce@jordanpa.plus.com) by 10am on Thursday.

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**Next News Sheet**

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**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**

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

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**10:30am Rev Sue Conroy**

**Welcome to guest speaker David Dickson  
from *Christians Against Poverty***

**Reading: Matthew 25:14-30**

**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 Sheila and Barry Jones for their wedding anniversary and for their parents and Barry's sister

**After today's service** – short meeting of the Messy Church team

**Next Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

**10:30am Rev Sue Conroy**

***Covenant Service***

followed by a short prayer meeting for all the congregation to pray together for matters concerning the work of our church

**3-5pm Messy Church**

***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 open***

**Monday – Wednesday 10:30 – 1:30**

**Thursday 10:30 – 12:30**

- Mon 8<sup>th</sup>** **2pm** South Crawley House Fellowship  
Bible study on 1 Timothy ch 3
- Wed 10<sup>th</sup>** **7:30pm** Church Leadership Team meeting  
**9:30-12** Everywoman's badminton  
**2pm** Women's Fellowship *Memories of Christmas at Epiphany*  
**6:30pm** Pound Hill House Fellowship *Meal at Shipley Bridge*
- Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>** **9:45am** Prayers followed by Loaves and Fishes staff meeting  
**7:30-8pm** Prayer meeting for all at St Paul's
- Fri 12<sup>th</sup>** **7pm** Young People's Singing Group  
**7:45pm** Choir practice
- Sun 14<sup>th</sup>** **3-5pm** Messy Church *Celebrating Epiphany*

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### **FURTHER AHEAD**

- Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 7:30pm** Travellers' House Fellowship *Comparing the Apostles' and Nicene creeds* at the Jones' house
- Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am** Coffee Stop for Air Ambulance. Donations of items for a tombola would be welcome. *(Daphne Ford)*
- Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 7:30pm** Furnace Green House Fellowship planning meeting

**Travellers' House Fellowship** please note that we are changing our meetings to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. We have an interesting and stimulating programme which is on the Fellowship noticeboard in the Welcome Hall. New members would be welcome. *(Joyce Jordan)*

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## *Annual Covenant Service* *Next Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January* *10:30am*

One of the great things in Methodism is the opportunity, at the start of each new year, to join together in renewing the covenant between ourselves and God.

This year the service will be followed by a short prayer meeting. Please stay for this so that we pray together in strength for God's guidance and blessing on important aspects of the work of our church.

**CAP (Christians Against Poverty)** the January newsletter is now on the Charity Connections noticeboard in the Welcome Hall. This one focuses on changes in Crawley as they seek a new local manager. The job description is displayed in case you, or someone you know, might feel this is right for them.

## *Time for Prayer*

**Please pray for** the work of *Christians Against Poverty* in Crawley and throughout the country, for the head office and its staff in Bradford, for all local volunteers and for *CAP International* working around the world.

**Ask God's blessing** on Loaves and Fishes, House Fellowships and all groups at St Paul's as they start their activities afresh in this new year.

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