

!! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOU !!

Christmas Collections for MHA (Methodist Homes) amounted to £212.35. Many thanks to all those who supported this charity. *(Sandra Webb)*

Friary lunches The St Paul's team is serving lunches at the Friary today. Please ask God's blessing on the team and give thanks that St Paul's can be part of this outreach to disadvantaged people in our town *(Jill Mason)*

World Church and JMA collectors it's time to return your boxes to me for emptying please. *(Ann Brown)*

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10:30am Miss Lorraine Valler and

Miss Jill Brooks

Theme: Spiritual Gifts

Readings: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

John 2: 1-11

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.

Sunday 27th January

10:30am Mrs Linda Little

Messy Church team meeting after the service

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

- Wed 23rd** 9:30-12 Everywomen's Badminton
2pm Women's Fellowship *DVD Mission in Sri Lanka*
- Fri 25th** From 4:30pm Instrumental lessons
7pm YP Singing Group
7:45pm Choir practice

FURTHER AHEAD

- 29th Jan** 7:30pm Furnace Green House Fellowship at the Roses' house *Rev Ralph Ward*
- 3rd Feb** After the service Church Council meeting
- 4th Feb** 2pm South Crawley House Fellowship
Bible study on James ch 4

Crawley URC, Worth Park Avenue, Pound Hill, is putting on a *Bacon Buttie Brunch* (with a vegetarian option) on Saturday 26th January from 11:30am – 1:30pm. There will be live music from *Livi in the Middle*. Cost is £5 for adults, £2.50 for under-12s.

Songs of Praise at St Paul's 10:30am Sunday 17 February

This service of *Songs of Praise*, will be planned and led by a team of people from our own church. We want your contributions so if you would like to have a song, a hymn or a reading that is important to you included in the service, please tell me, or drop a note in the Red Box, by the end of January. Please also be prepared to say why it is important to you. *(Carol Ofield)*

St Paul's Church Council meeting, chaired by Rev Ralph Ward, will be on Sunday 3rd February in the Canteen after the morning service. Everyone is welcome to come and hear news and plans but only church members may vote.

The funeral of Wendy Godfrey will be at 11.45am on Thursday 31st January, at Christchurch, Abbeydale, Gloucester GL4 5EQ followed by a committal for family only. All are invited to a celebration of Wendy's life back at the Church. Family flowers only; donations to Alzheimer's research will be welcome. If you want to know more please ask me for Chris Godfrey's contact details. *(Joyce Jordan)*

Looking ahead to Easter Sunday Yes, we know we've only just had Christmas but plans for our Easter services are already underway. As you know, the five churches in our circuit are now served by only three ministers meaning that all five churches cannot have an Easter Sunday Communion service at the same time.

In discussion with Rev Ralph we decided that instead of our previous practice at St Paul's of having an early Communion Service at 8:15am and a second service with Communion at 10:30am, we will have one *Service of Easter Celebration and Holy Communion* at 9am. Ralph will then rush over to East Grinstead so that the congregation there can also have an Easter Day communion service.

We will have services on Maundy Thursday at 8pm and Good Friday at 9:30am as usual.

Leading up to Easter there will be a Lent study course for everyone to participate in, and we are planning a *Passion Play*, also for everyone, on Palm Sunday evening. More about these will be in this newsletter in the next few weeks, so watch this space!

(St Paul's Leadership Team)

Time for Prayer

Continue to pray for Maureen Olashore, Joyce Walling, Stephanie, George, Marcy, 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.