

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

**We welcomed 21 adults and 15 children to Messy Church** last Sunday afternoon. We focused on the story of Jonah and had a brilliant time of fellowship. Most of the visitors had been before, but not recently. There was a real "buzz" in the hall where the activities take place as well as enthusiastic participation in the Celebration. An extra table was needed to provide places for visitors to enjoy their tea and all the food which had been prepared was consumed with gusto. Thank God for providing the hard working team to help with this Mission project. If you're curious about Messy Church, why not come along on the **7th April** when our theme will be the Easter story – plus you'll get a scrumptious tea! *(Jill Mason)*

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**Sad news** we have heard that Wendy Clark, widow of David Clark who was St Paul's Treasurer in the 1990s, died sometime within the last year.

**Action for Children *Count Your Blessings*  
a fund-raising event during Lent:**

Action For Children "Count your Blessings for Lent" Hundreds of children and family centres up and down the country give isolated parents the chance to meet others - and the early support they need to get on with being a great parent. Give thanks for your family and consider making a donation to Action for Children in thanks. Envelopes can be found in the Welcome Hall leaflet rack.

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**17<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**10:30am Rev Bill Miles**

**Theme:** The Fulfilment of the Law

**Readings:** Galatians 5: 13-26

Matthew 5: 16-24

**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 Bobbie Gillett for Beth, Sarah and Melvin

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**10:30am Rev Peter Davis**

**15 minute Prayer Meeting for everyone  
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 20<sup>th</sup>** **9:30-12** Everywomen's Badminton  
**11am-12** Lent Course week 2 with Peter Jordan at St Paul's  
**2pm** Women's Fellowship *Musical Bingo*  
**7:30-9pm** Lent Course week 2 with Joyce Jordan at her house

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>** **From 4:30pm** Instrumental lessons  
**7pm** Young People's Singing Group  
**7:45pm** Choir practice

### FURTHER AHEAD

**Mon 25 Mar 7:30pm** Furnace Green House Fellowship *Lent & Easter music & readings* at George and Pat's house

**Wed 27 Mar 11am Lent Course week 3** led by Peter Jordan at St Paul's  
**7:30pm Lent Course week 3** led by Joyce Jordan at her house

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Apr After the service** Annual Church Meeting. This is the one where all church members can vote – you don't have to be elected on. It's also the one where certain appointments for the following year are proposed and agreed, including the team of stewards.

**Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Apr 10.00am-Noon** Coffee Stop in aid of Action for Children - "Break for Cake" - Bring & Buy Homemade cake sale and an Easter themed Raffle

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**George Marston's funeral service**, conducted by Rev Sue Conroy, will be at St Paul's at 11am on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April, followed by interment at Snell Hatch cemetery at 12:30.

## *The People's Passion* 8pm on Palm Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> April

*at St Paul's*

*An event for St Paul's, the Circuit  
and the local community*

**This is a great outreach opportunity** for us to engage the community in the message of Easter. We will be having flyers delivered throughout Northgate and Three Bridges but we will also need your help to spread the word.

**We now have** A3 and A4 posters as well as plenty of flyers to get into as many places as possible around the town. Please take what you could pass on to friends and neighbours. Ask your local shops, pubs, garage shops, in fact anywhere that might display a poster in their window or put some flyers at their checkout.

**Most of all** make sure **you** will be there to be part of the action – there's no acting required and no words to learn ahead of time.

### **A couple of requests**

1. Does anyone have, or know someone who might lend us, a Menorah (Jewish 7-branched candle holder) for use in the presentation.
2. Would anyone who plays an instrument like to take part in a live band for the event?

Please tell Joyce Jordan or Carol Ofield, or post a note in the Red Box, if you can help with either of these.

## *Time for Prayer*

**The St Paul's team** are serving lunches to some of Crawley's people in need at the Friary today. Please pray for them and for this service and outreach to the community.

**Continue to pray** for Julie Anscombe, Margaret Roberts, Jean Franklin, Maureen Olashore, Joyce Walling, Stephanie, 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.*