

**!! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOU !!**

**From the 5<sup>th</sup> of May** there will be some changes to the team of Sunday Stewards. Leonie Booyse and Jill Mason are leaving the team as they have completed six years service. Many thanks are due to them for their valuable contributions to the life of our church over this time through their role as stewards. I am pleased to announce that Richard Gorringe will be joining the team which will now comprise Daphne Ford, Richard Gorringe, Sheila Jones, Eddie Madakudya, Tunde Olashore and myself as Senior Steward. *(Joyce Jordan)*

**Missed last Sunday's sermon?** starting from last Sunday, sermons will be put on St Paul's website. Just click on the new **Sermons** button on the top menu bar or the **Latest Audio** panel at the bottom of the home page. There may be an occasional gap due to technical reasons. If you don't have the internet don't forget that you can ask for a CD of a service you have missed.

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**Christian Aid Plant Sale and Coffee Stop  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 10am-12noon**



Come and stock up on plants for your gardens and enjoy a drink and cake with your friends. You should have a flyer for this event with this newsletter and there are more in the Welcome Hall for you to take and pass on to your gardening friends and relations - please make sure the date is in your own diary.

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**28<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**10:30am Rev Bill Miles**

**Theme:** The Gospel According to Cleopas and Mary

**Readings:** Isaiah 25:6-9

Luke 24:13-35

**Kids' Coin Clatter Today**

**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 in memory of her parents

**After the service today** brief Messy Church team meeting to plan the session for 12<sup>th</sup> May. Please join us if you are interested.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

**10:30am Rev Ralph Ward**

**Holy Communion**

**IMPORTANT – May 12<sup>th</sup> Our service will be at 3:30pm**  
**See the What's On page for details**

***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 1<sup>st</sup> 9:30am-12** Everywoman's Badminton  
**2pm** Women's Fellowship *Easter Readings and Poems*  
**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> 4:30 – 7:30pm** Instrumental lessons  
**7:30pm** Young People's Singing Group  
**7:45pm** Choir practice

### FURTHER AHEAD

**Thu 9th May 2pm** Pound Hill House Fellowship *Visit to Crawley Museum*  
**Sun 12<sup>th</sup> May 3:30pm** Our service will be at this time to avoid the morning road closures during the Gatwick Half-marathon. Messy Church will start at 3pm and will join the congregation in the church for the last part of the service which will be led by Rev Ralph. The usual wonderful Messy Church tea can be enjoyed by everyone afterwards.  
**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> May 7:30pm** Travellers' House Fellowship *Modern Hymn Writers* with Joyce and Peter at their house  
**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May 10am** Coffee Stop and Plant Sale for Christian Aid  
**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> May 2pm** South Crawley House Fellowship *Bible study on 2 John*. Note this new date.

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***Steyning Methodist Church***  
***Craft & Hobbies Fair***

***Saturday 4th and Monday 6th May 10am-4pm***  
***Sunday 5th May 3pm Songs of Praise followed by Cream Tea***  
***Everyone welcome***

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### A message from Autumn and Fuschia

Our Daddy works at Imberhorne School and is going to Tanzania this October on the school exchange programme. In order to raise vital funds for the Minaki School in Tanzania, Daddy is having all his hair shaved off on May 10th. If you would like to sponsor him please speak to our Mummy, Hayley, who will give you the details. Thank you very much, *Autumn and Fuschia*.

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**CAP (Christians Against Poverty)** latest newsletter and prayer list are on the Charities noticeboard in the Welcome Hall. Please take a few moments to read these and to pray for CAP's clients.

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**Easter charity appeal last day today** for handing in your donation to the Christian Aid fundraising campaign for relief work in areas of southern Africa affected by Cyclone Idai. There is still an unbelievable amount of work needing to be done in these areas. If you are a UK taxpayer please fill in the Gift Aid form attached to the envelope. This will add 25% to your donation at no extra cost to yourself.

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### *Time for Prayer*

**Pray for the people of Sri Lanka** following the attacks on churches and hotels. Pray for families who have lost loved ones and for everyone affected in any way by this violence. Pray for a change of heart in those who take violent action against people because of their ethnicity or their faith.

**We still urgently need** to find a new Treasurer for St Paul's. Please pray about this and ask God to direct us to the right person to carry out this task.

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