

!! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOU!!

Kids' Coin Clatter last Sunday raised £39.01 which goes in the St Paul's Development Fund. Thanks kids and thanks to all who threw their coins in the buckets.

Our Easter Appeal to raise money towards the Christian Aid appeal for relief work in areas of southern Africa affected by Cyclone Idai raised £547. Thanks to all who contributed so generously.

We're going to have a Deacon! After being told earlier this year that no Deacon would be placed in our Circuit, we are now expecting Deacon Irene Tafirenyika to begin working in the Circuit, mainly with Horley Methodist Church and St Paul's, in September.

Irene is currently serving in the West Norfolk circuit working on community outreach. She has lots of experience relevant to our work, including Messy Church, schools and youth work, music and church events. Irene and her son aged 12 and daughter aged 11, will be living in 'our' manse. Work to refurbish the manse will begin soon so we will probably have a degree of disruption in the car park for a few weeks. There are a few copies available of the booklet explaining the work of a Deacon – please ask a steward if you'd like a copy.

A message from Stephanie As some of you know, I have recently had a long-awaited operation on my back. So far it seems to have been very successful. I'd just like to thank you all for your prayers and support over the past two years; from offers of lifts, shopping and Church flowers to fetching me a tea after the service when it was just too painful to stand. These individual acts of compassion together make for such a caring, thoughtful church. Thank you and God bless you all. *(Stephanie Roberts)*

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5th May 2019

**10:30am Rev Ralph Ward
Holy Communion**

Theme: Resurrection

Readings: Mark 16: 9-20

1 Corinthians 15: 3-9

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 Joanne Tree in memory of her dad

Sunday 12th May

3pm Messy Church

3:30pm service with Rev Ralph Ward

PLEASE NOTE THE TIME!

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

Closed Monday for Bank Holiday

Tuesday – Wednesday 10:30 – 1:30

Thursday 10:30 – 12:30

Wed 8th 9:30am-12 Everywoman's Badminton
2pm Women's Fellowship

Thu 9th 2pm Pound Hill House Fellowship *Visit to Crawley Museum*

Fri 10th 4:30 – 7:30pm Instrumental lessons
7:30pm Young People's Singing Group
7:45pm Choir practice

Sun 12th 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.

FURTHER AHEAD

Wed 15th May 7:30pm Travellers' House Fellowship *Modern Hymn Writers* with Joyce and Peter at their house

Mon 20th May 2pm South Crawley House Fellowship *Bible study on 2 John*. Note this new date.

Christian Aid Plant Sale and Coffee Stop

Saturday 18th May 10am-12noon



Come and stock up on plants for your gardens and enjoy a drink and cake with your friends. There are flyers 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.

David Rayner is running in the Gatwick Half Marathon next Sunday, 12th May, to raise funds for Christian Aid. Please see David or his mum Judy if you would like to sponsor him.

Missed last Sunday's sermon? Sunday sermons are now on St Paul's website, www.crawleymethodistchurch.org.uk. 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.

Conrad's haircut is this week!

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*.

Time for Prayer

We still urgently need to find a new Treasurer for St Paul's. This problem won't go away. There will come a point at which we cannot function as a church without a Treasurer. **Please pray about this** and ask God to direct us to the right person to carry out this task.

Please pray for Neil Roberts and continue to pray for Julie Anscombe, 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.