

!! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOU!!

Happy 60th birthday to Rev Ralph

Songs of Praise has been filming for a programme in the New Year focusing on Methodism. The team visited the Wesley Memorial Church in Oxford and the New Room in Bristol where the Revd Kate Bottley chatted with Youth President, Thelma Commey. Watch out for more details. (*Methodist Church Media Office*)

Help urgently needed for Friary lunches

Thank you to all those who regularly provide sandwiches for us to distribute to people who attend the Friary for their Sunday lunch. Our next turn providing lunches for people in need in Crawley at the Friary is November 17th. The jobs that we need help with are serving tea and coffee before lunch (from approximately 12 o'clock,) serving lunches from 12.45 onwards, and washing up afterwards. We are usually finished by 2.30 pm. Please let me know if you could to commit to helping with any of these, as without more help we will be unable to continue with this important Outreach undertaking.

(Jill Mason)



St Paul's is now on Facebook! Look for the Facebook logo on our website homepage. Please make yourself a 'friend' and contribute your posts. Facebook is a great way to promote St Paul's and what's going on here so, if you are into social media, please use it. The administrator and moderator is Tunde Olashore.

Church Contacts

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Room bookings phone 07594 472523 or see **Room Hire** on the website

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Welcome to St Paul's

Sunday 3rd November 2019

10:30am

Rev Ralph Ward

Holy Communion

Theme: Serving God

Readings: Matthew 25: 14-30

Romans 12: 3-8

Reader today Martin Bower

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.

Bibles and large print hymn books are available from the door stewards

*****After the service today – Church Council meeting*****

Sunday 10th November 10:30am

Deacon Irene Tafirenyika

Remembrance Sunday

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

Monday – Wednesday 10:30 – 1:30

Thursday 10:30 – 12:30

- Mon 4th** **2pm** South Crawley House Fellowship *Bible study on 1 Peter: 3-4* at the home of Doreen Braithwaite
- Wed 5th** **9:30am-12** Everywoman's Badminton
2pm Women's Fellowship *St Catherine's Hospice*
Lisa Rayner
- Fri 8th** **4:30-7:30pm** Performing Arts activities
7pm Young People's Singing Group
7:45pm Choir practice

LOOKING AHEAD

- Wed 13 Nov 2pm** Women's Fellowship *Beetle Drive*
Sat 16 Nov 10-12 Coffee Stop in aid of MHA (Methodist Homes)

Shoe Box Sunday, 24th November. Three weeks left to cover a shoe box with Christmas wrapping paper and fill it with small inexpensive gifts suitable for a child in Moldova who would otherwise not get a Christmas present. Rev Ralph has told us how successful he has seen this project being and how rewarding it is for the children who receive these boxes as their only Christmas gift and for us, the givers. All boxes need to be at St Paul's by 24th November as they will be collected the next day. If you can't fill a whole box please pop a suitable gift in the labelled box in the Welcome Hall. If you have any questions please see Carol Ofield who will be happy to explain more.

Winter help for Open House Do you have any items of warm clothes, blankets or duvets you could pass on to Open House? If so, please let me know or pop them in the labelled box in the Welcome Hall (*Daphne Ford*)

Time for Prayer

Thank God for his blessings to our church. Thank him that we can go ahead with replacing the Sanctuary roof, that the Performing Arts activities on Friday evenings are drawing people closer together in fellowship, that the number of children and young people in our fellowship is growing.

Please ask God to guide us as we seek a true vision for the life and mission of our church. Ask him to show each of us how to use the gifts he has given us to grow our church and his Kingdom.

Pray for our minister Ralph in his leadership of our church and for Deacon Irene in her work in the circuit and in the communities of Crawley and Horley.

Pray for people to feel inspired to offer as leaders and helpers in King's Kids and King's Teens as these groups grow in number.

Ask God to help us find a new Church Treasurer.

Please pray for Priya Shan, Lorraine Valler, Wendy and Joyce Walling, Daniel Okun, Jean and Geoff Rose, Jean Franklin, Maureen Olashore, 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.