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

**The Open Garden**, held last Sunday, raised £238.00 for *Action for Children*. Many thanks to all those who supported the event. *(Sheila Jones)* 

**We served 37 lunches** for some of the visitors to the Friary last Sunday. A delicious cottage pie with trifle for dessert was greatly appreciated by all who joined us. Thanks for your prayers, sandwiches and help on the day. *(Jill Mason)* 

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### King's Kids and King's Teens during August

Could you get together, with a friend or family member, to lead a group session with the children one Sunday during August? The usual leaders will be having a well earned break, but we do need to make church a good experience for the children and young people who attend during the school holiday. The activity is up to you, but should be bible related. Unfortunately if no-one volunteers there may not be supervision for the children during August so please help if you can. Talk to Jill, Ruth or Martyn and claim your Sunday. (Jill Mason)

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**World Church and JMA boxes** It's time to return these to Ann Brown for emptying please.

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#### **Ever wanted to learn an instrument?**

From September 2018 we are offering lessons in guitar (acoustic, electric or bass), keyboard/piano, singing and drum kit. The lessons will last for half an hour on a Friday evening. If you are interested, please see Carol Ofield. All ages welcome.

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#### **Church Contacts**

**Room bookings** Please phone 07594 472523 or go to **Book a Room** on the website menu bar **St Paul's website**  $\underline{\text{www.crawleymethodistchurorg.uk}}$ 

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## St Paul's Methodist Church Minister: Rev Sue Conroy

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# Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018

10:30pm Rev Sue Conroy Baptism of Rhys James Shorey-Hill Reading: Mark 6: 1–13

4pm Tea Service with Lorraine Valler

**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 Arthur Parish for Lily and the family

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July 10:30am Rev Sue Conroy

### Our mission at 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

# Summer Coffee Shop

Monday - Friday 10-12

Come in for coffee and cake and a chat with your friends

Loaves and Fishes is taking a break until September

Wed 25<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Everywoman's Badminton

**8pm** Pound Hill House Fellowship *Planning meeting* at Stephanie's house

#### **FURTHER AHEAD**

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> July 7:30pm Furnace Green House Fellowship *Planning* Meeting. Venue TBA.

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Aug 4pm - 6:30pm we're throwing a party at St Paul's to mark Rev Sue's retirement. Everyone is invited.

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Aug 6:30pm Circuit Service at St Paul's to celebrate Rev Sue's ministry. More details for both events are in the letter previously given out with this newsletter. Please ask a steward if you didn't receive one.

**Music for the Circuit Service** If anyone who plays an instrument would like to play as part of a group in the service, please let Carol Ofield know. There will be a practice at the church at 4.30pm on the 5th August before the service.

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Aug 10am Coffee Stop for Love in Action Africa

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Aug 3-5pm at St Paul's Another party! Judy Rayner invites everyone to come and celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Judy is looking forward to seeing lots of people BUT absolutely no presents please!

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**Remember Hiroshima 1945** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August 7–7:30pm there will be a silent vigil around the Gingko tree near the main car park in Tilgate Park. See the Charities noticeboard for more details

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# Summer Coffee Shops until 16<sup>th</sup> August, Mon-Fri 10-12.

There are still some days not covered If you can offer to help for one or more of these short, easy sessions please sign up on the rota on the free-standing blue noticeboard in the Welcome Hall. Many thanks. (Daphne Ford)

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**Messy Church leaders** there will be a brief planning meeting next Sunday (July 29th) after the service, in Room 7. We will be focusing on the story of Noah. Everybody is truly welcome if you would like to join us. (Jill Mason)

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A letter from Melvyn

### Oberammergau Passion Plav

Every 10 years the community of Oberammergau put on a Passion Play to mark God's faithfulness to them, and to fulfil a promise they made to Him. The next Passion Play is in 2020. Having been asked to arrange a trip, the places filled up so very quickly, indeed within 10 days of me putting the word out. I have now been able to secure a second trip, a holiday with a difference! A holiday in Austria, including a performance of the Passion Play. The dates are 24th September - 1st October 2020. There are just 25 places left on this trip, the cost is £1665 per person in a twin bedded room. If you are interested in joining us please contact me for a brochure and booking form either by email of by phone, 01293 784896 or mobile 07414478007, or email melvyncooke@me.com I hope you will consider joining us in this remarkable experience. Melvyn