

!! BAD NEWS !!

What do you mean, bad news? Well it is for Crawley and its people who are homeless and in need. Stephanie Bagshaw reports the members of Pound Hill House Fellowship had a most interesting talk from Ian Wilkin of Open House, the charity for homeless people, on Wednesday. Their major concern, as reported in the Crawley press last week, is the imminent withdrawal of support from West Sussex County Council for all such charities from Apr 2019. Open House has been working for the homeless in Crawley for over 36 years and St Paul's people have been staunch supporters in many ways. There is a petition, started by Councillor Peter Lamb, protesting against this. If you feel able to sign please visit the website www.change.org/p/louise-goldsmith-save-crawley-open-house If you don't have access to the internet, please write to Councillor Peter Lamb, Crawley Town Hall, The Boulevard, Crawley RH10 1UZ

Rev Ralph Ward asks everyone to feel free to phone him at any time with needs and requests. His number is 01342 325877.

News from the Circuit Meeting Rev Melvyn Cooke is still seeking the possibility of finding an additional member of staff for the circuit. He is in process of applying for a Deacon to be appointed to us who would work with the present staff, particularly in Crawley and Horley.

St Paul's website There will soon be a brand new website for St Paul's. The web address will remain the same. At present the link still goes to the old website which is now not fully working. I am pressing the new hosting company to activate the new site as soon as possible so do keep trying. Apologies for any inconvenience. *(Joyce Jordan)*

Church Contacts

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Room bookings Please phone 07594 472523 or go to **Book a Room** on the website menu bar

St Paul's website www.crawleymethodistchurch.org.uk

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**St Paul's Methodist Church
Northgate, Crawley
Minister: Rev Ralph Ward**

Sunday 16th September 2018

10:30am Rev Ralph Ward

Holy Communion

Readings: Psalm 30: 1-12

Matthew 13: 44-46

Theme: Joy

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.

Sunday 23rd September

10:30am Rev Felicity Al-Hassan

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

Loaves and Fishes Café

Monday – Wednesday 10:30 – 1:30

Thursday 10:30 – 12:30

- Wed 19th 9:30-12** Everywoman's Badminton
2pm Women's Fellowship *Anything beginning with H*
7:30pm Travellers' House Fellowship at the Jordans' house. *Discussion of the President's and Vice Presidents' addresses to Conference.* All welcome
- Fri 21st 7pm** Young People's Singing Group
Instrumental lessons
7:45pm Choir practice

FURTHER AHEAD

- Mon 24th Sept 7:30pm** Furnace Green House Fellowship at Olive's house. *Rev Clive McKie will talk about his work.*
- Sun 30th Sept 10:30am** Harvest Festival – see panel opposite.
- Sat 20th Oct 10am** Coffee Stop for *Action for Children*

Prayers at St Richards Church, Three Bridges We are invited to join with members of St Richards and other churches on Monday afternoons from 2:15 –3:30pm for informal meetings with bible readings, prayers and discussions and of course refreshments. For anyone free on Mondays this is a good opportunity to join with other Christians in Crawley and make new friends. If you are interested ask me for details of the St Richards contact person (*Joyce Jordan*)

Harvest Festival

10:30am

Sunday 30th September

Rev Melvyn Cooke

Our gifts of money this year will support *All We Can*. Their theme is *Let Your Light Shine*. This project will help communities in drought-stricken Malawi by installing solar panels to provide power to irrigate dry land and to give training to help improve farming techniques. Envelopes for your donations will be available soon.

Our gifts of produce will go to *The Easter Team*, a local charity which offers help and support for people in need or who are experiencing hardship. They provide food, clothing, advice, some counselling and, where appropriate, financial assistance. They also serve up to 50 free hot meals each Saturday. They particularly ask for tins and packets of:

Meat and Fish	Vegetables
Fruit	Beans
Tea / Coffee	Cereals
Soup	Biscuits
Pasta	Desserts

Don't forget Water Aid – please drop your loose change into the bucket at the front of the church each week until Harvest Sunday.

Time for Prayer

Please pray for Crawley Open House and all such charities in West Sussex– see the article under *Bad News* in this newsletter.

Pray for Margaret's sister, Glynnis, who is in hospital and continue to pray for Robert, Jessica, Stephanie, George, 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.