

!! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOU !!

Last week's Kids' Coin Clatter raised £43.40 which goes towards St Paul's Development Fund. Many thanks to the kids and all those who threw in their loose change.

The Geoff's' toolbag has been returned! Back to work Geoff's!

CAP (Christians Against Poverty) the latest newsletter and prayer requests are now on the Charities noticeboard. Please take a few minutes to read these and pray.

World Church and JMA collectors it's time to return your boxes to me for emptying please. *(Ann Brown)*

Circuit news unfortunately the application to have a Deacon appointed to our Circuit to work with St Paul's and Horley Methodist Church was unsuccessful this time. It is possible to re-apply next year. In the meantime we trust in God's strength and guidance in the ministry of these churches and the Circuit.

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

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3rd February 2019

10:30am Rev Ralph Ward

Holy Communion

Theme: Love

Readings: John 13: 34-38

Romans 13: 8-10

11:30am Church Council meets in the Canteen

Chair: Rev Ralph Ward

Everyone is welcome to come and hear news and plans but only members of the Church Council may vote.

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 10th February

10:30am Mrs Helen Greaves

After the service please join us for 15 minutes of prayer

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 and Fishes Café

Monday – Wednesday 10:30 – 1:30

Thursday 10:30 – 12:30

- Mon 4th** **2pm** South Crawley House Fellowship *Bible study on James ch 4* at Betty Baker's house
- Wed 6th** **9:30-12** Everywomen's Badminton
2pm Women's Fellowship *World Day of Prayer preview*
- Fri 8th** **From 4:30pm** Instrumental lessons
7pm YP Singing Group
7:45pm Choir practice
- Sun 10th** **3-5pm** Messy Church *Joseph and his coat of many colours*

FURTHER AHEAD

Wed 13th Feb 6:30pm Pound Hill House Fellowship meal at Shipley Bridge - NOTE start time

Sat 16th Feb 10am Coffee Stop for MHA (Methodist Homes) with a raffle, card stall, green/yellow bring and buy stall, preserves, coffee/tea and, of course, yummy cakes. Do come along and join us, donations of cakes and green/yellow items would be very welcome. *(Sandra Webb)*

Songs of Praise at St Paul's **10:30am Sunday 17 February**

This service of *Songs of Praise*, will be planned and led by a team of people from our own church. We want your contributions so if you would like to have a song, a hymn or a reading that is important to you included in the service please tell me, or drop a note in the Red Box, by the end of January. Please also be prepared to say why it is important to you. *(Carol Ofield)*

Smartening up the property

Rubbish! At last the people contracted to remove the rubbish from outside the building have done so.

New flooring will be laid in the corridor leading to the Springboard room and the Springboard room itself on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th February, then in the 'Ladies' Loo' corridor on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th February. You will have noticed the nice new carpet in the Canteen, greatly improving the overall appearance of the room.

The triangular information stand by the pavement in front of the building will have the noticeboards replaced, showing Rev Ralph's name, in 7-10 day's time.

Many thanks to Isaac for dealing with these and other matters to do with improving the property.

Looking ahead to Easter Sunday Plans for our Easter services are already underway. As you know, the five churches in our circuit are now served by only three ministers meaning that all five churches cannot have an Easter Sunday Communion service at the same time. In discussion with Rev Ralph we decided that instead of our previous practice at St Paul's of having an early Communion Service at 8:15am and a second service with Communion at 10:30am, we will have one *Service of Easter Celebration and Holy Communion* at 9am. Ralph will then rush over to East Grinstead so that the congregation there can also have an Easter Day communion service.

We will have services on Maundy Thursday at 8pm and Good Friday at 9:30am as usual.

Leading up to Easter there will be a Lent study course for everyone to participate in, and we are planning a *Passion Play*, also for everyone, on Palm Sunday evening. More about these will be in this newsletter in the next few weeks, so watch this space!

(St Paul's Leadership Team)

Time for Prayer

Please pray for Margaret Roberts and continue to pray for Jean Franklin, Maureen Olashore, Joyce Walling, 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.