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Peter and Joyce Jordan are delighted that their daughter, Elizabeth Burren, has been accepted for ordination in the Church of England. She has 2-3 years hard study ahead of her before she can finally put the title Rev in front of her name. Elizabeth sends her thanks to people at St Paul's who have been praying for her during the process of selection.

People's Passion 8pm on Palm Sunday at St Paul's.

Written by Riding Lights Theatre Company, *The People's Passion* is a dramatised account of the events leading up to the first Easter in which we all become part of the story. Publicity for this event will be available next week but in the meantime there are a couple of requests.

1. Does anyone have, or know someone who might lend us, a Menorah (Jewish 7-branched candle holder) for use in the presentation.
 2. Would anyone who plays an instrument like to take part in a live band for the event?
- Please tell Joyce Jordan or Carol Ofield, or post a note in the Red Box, if you can help with either of these.

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3rd March 2019

10:30am Rev Ralph Ward

Baptism of Leon, Siena and Freddie Bevan

Holy Communion

Theme: Living in relationship with God

Readings: Matthew 7: 7-12

Romans 12: 1-8

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 Joyce & Wendy Walling in memory of Arthur and Nigel

Sunday 10th March

10:30am Mr D Browning

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 ch4
- Wed 6th** **9:30-12** Everywomen's Badminton
2pm Women's Fellowship *Why Lent groups?*
Peter Jordan
- Fri 8th** **From 4:30pm** Instrumental lessons
7pm Young People's Singing Group
7:45pm Choir practice
- Sun 10th** **3-5pm Messy Church** *Jonah and the Big Fish*

FURTHER AHEAD

- Wed 13 Mar 11am Lent Course week 1** led by Peter Jordan
at St Paul's
- 7:30pm Lent Course week 1** led by Joyce Jordan
at her house
- 8pm** Pound Hill House Fellowship *Bible Study led by Helen Greaves* at the Webb's house

If you haven't joined a Lent course group yet there's still time to choose which group to attend. They will start in the week beginning 10th March. Details are on the big noticeboard in the Welcome Hall along with slips to fill in with your name and choice of group.

Coffee Stop vacancies the group which were to do the Coffee Stop on the 16th of March have had to cancel so that date is now available for anyone who would like to have it for their charity. December 15th is also available. Please tell Ann Brown or Nicola Postle if you would like either of these dates.

Time for Prayer

Our MP, Henry Smith, has written to church congregations in Crawley about his involvement with *Open Doors* which has been supporting persecuted Christians around the world for 60 years. Henry attended the launch of their *2019 World Watch List*, the annual ranking of the 50 countries where Christians are most persecuted. You can read his letter and a related article from the Crawley Observer on the free-standing blue noticeboard in the Welcome Hall. You can see more information on *Open Doors'* website **www.opendoorsuk.org**
Please pray for all people subjected to persecution because of their faith and for the work of *Open Doors*.

Vacancy in the Finance Team We are sorry that, due to pressure of work, Chona Labor has to stand down as our Treasurer. We thank Chona that over the last year he has done a great job in helping to establish the new St Paul's Finance Team comprising himself, Stephanie Bagshaw and Sarah Ford. The existence of this team means that the various responsibilities, which were at one time all carried out by the Treasurer, are now shared, with the other members of the team doing the major tasks of book-keeping and running the computerised accounting system. However, it is a requirement that we have a named Treasurer so we must appoint a replacement for Chona as soon as possible.
Please pray about this and ask God and yourself if that person might be you. If you would like to know the finer details of what would be involved please speak to a member of the Leadership Team or drop a note in the Red Box and we'll get back to you.

(Leadership Team)

Pray also for volunteers to help on the AV desk, particularly projectionists, during services

Pray too for more people to take on the role of Pastoral Visitor in our church community.

Pray for Rev Melvyn Cooke and continue to pray for Julie Anscombe, Margaret Roberts, Jean Franklin, Maureen Olashore, Joyce Walling, Stephanie, 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.