

!! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOU !!

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help in the *Summer Coffee Shops* during the first few weeks of Loaves and Fishes summer break. *(Daphne Ford)*

Where have the bibles gone? You will notice that there are no bibles in the pews. They had over the years become quite tatty so Ralph and the Leadership Team decided that the most dilapidated copies should be discarded. The copies in reasonable condition will now be kept in the trolleys either side of the sanctuary doors and can be collected for use in the service as you go in. Ralph also suggests that people might like to bring their own favourite bibles to services.

Ladies, do you know about *St Paul's Everywomen's Badminton Club*? We're a friendly group which meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:30am – 12noon for fun and exercise and we are ready to welcome new players. If you haven't played before, tuition is available. The club is taking a break in August, restarting on Wednesday 4th September. If you are interested and would like to know more please talk to me. *(Ann Brown)*

Time to bring boxes back please would everyone who has World Church or JMA collecting boxes please return them to me for emptying. *(Ann Brown)*

IMPORTANT Next newsletter will cover 18th and 25th August.

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Welcome to St Paul's

Sunday 4th August 2019

10:30am

Rev Ralph Ward

Holy Communion

Baptism of Ryker Brown

Theme: God's Complete Knowledge and Care

Readings: Psalm 139: 1-18

Acts 17: 24-28

Sunday 11th August

10:30am

Rev Felicity Al-Hassan

3-5pm Messy Church

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 4th August donated by Sandra and Terry Webb for their wedding anniversary

Flowers 11th August donated by Geoff Ridgway in memory of Margaret

Sunday 18th August
10:30am Dr Stanley Jeyaraj

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Summer Holiday Coffee shops

Monday – Thursday 10:00 – 12:00

Summer breaks House Fellowships, Women's Fellowship and some other groups are taking a break during August. Would group organisers please send their next programmes to me as soon as possible for publicity in the newsletter and on the website.

(Joyce Jordan)

LOOKING AHEAD

Sat 17 Aug 10-12 Coffee Stop for *Love in Action (Africa)*

Thu 29 Aug 7pm Welcome service at Redhill Methodist Church for new District Chair, Rev David Hinchliffe, preceded by tea at 5:30pm. Note the change of time from that previously announced.

Musicians needed if you'd like to play in the band for this service please let me know *(Carol Ofield)*

Also needed Redhill has asked for a couple of people from St Paul's to help with the refreshments and clearing up afterwards. If you can offer to help please let me know *(Joyce Jordan)*

Thu 5 Sep 7:30pm Circuit welcome service for Deacon Irene Tafirenyika at St Paul's. Refreshments from 7pm.

Mon 9 Sep Loaves and Fishes re-opens

An invitation to hear about Rev Felicity's trip to Mexico

Friday 16th August, 7pm at Redhill

You may be aware that I had the privilege of going on a field trip to Mexico in May this year to see at first hand the ongoing issue of migrants trying to reach USA through Mexico and its effects. For me it was an eye-opening, thought-provoking often emotional experience which I'd like to share to raise awareness of this harrowing situation. I'll be doing this at Redhill Methodist Church on Friday 16th August. The event will start with light refreshments from 7pm; at 7.30 a 25 minute presentation followed by a time for questions and answers ending at 8.30pm. All are welcome.

(Rev Felicity Al-Hassan)

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

Time for Prayer

Please pray for Deacon Irene Tafirenyika as she prepares to leave her present placement in Norfolk and move south to work in our circuit. Pray for her children, Nathan and Petra, leaving their familiar school and friends behind. Ask for God's blessing on them all as they settle into a new town, new school and new work. Pray that Irene will be a blessing to us, bringing fresh inspiration as we work to grow God's Kingdom in our church and town.

Please continue to pray for David Miller, Julie Anscombe, Jean Franklin, Maureen Olashore, Neil Roberts, Marcy, and others with needs known to ourselves.

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