

!! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOU !!

Congratulations to Stephanie and Laurie Bagshaw on their Golden Wedding.

The Performing Arts Project begins again on September 20th. I would like to hold a meeting for everyone who is interested in this project **TODAY** in the Canteen, straight after the morning service. Please bring your drinks in so that we can keep the meeting short! It doesn't matter if you can only help with the Performing Arts Project for half an hour a week or once a month on Fridays or if you are not sure what you can do – just come along to the meeting. All are welcome and we just appreciate anything that anyone feels able to do to support.

We would ideally like people who are prepared to help by:

- Sitting in music lessons
- Talking to visitors
- Talking to children and /or their parents/carers
- Preparing drinks
- Preparing/serving food like pizzas
- Supporting this mission project through prayer
- To find out more, come to the meeting or talk to me (*Carol Ofield*)

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Welcome to St Paul's

Sunday 1st September 2019

10:30am

Rev Ralph Ward

Holy Communion

Theme: Trusting in God

Readings: Job 42: 1-6

Phillipians 4: 10-13

Thursday 5th September

7:30pm

Welcome service for Deacon Irene Tafirenyika

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.

Bibles and large print hymn books are available from the door stewards

Flowers this week donated by Stephanie and Laurie Bagshaw for their Golden Wedding Anniversary

After the service today a short meeting in the Canteen for anyone interested in supporting the Friday evening Performing Arts Project. Bring your drinks with you.

Sunday 8th September

10:30am Deacon Irene Tafirenyika

3-5pm Messy Church

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Sorry – no café this week
Loaves & Fishes re-opens
Monday 9th September**

- Tue 3rd** **2pm** South Crawley House Fellowship *Planning meeting* at the home of Arthur Parrish
- Wed 4th** **9:30am-12** Everywoman's Badminton
3pm Women's Fellowship *Memories of Summer Holidays*
- Fri 6th** **7:45pm** Choir practice

**Circuit Welcome Service for Deacon Irene Tafirenyika
at St Paul's**

Thursday 5th September 7:30pm

Service conducted by District Chair, Rev David Hinchliffe
Crawley's Mayor, Cllr Raj Sharma and Henry Smith MP
will be in the congregation.

Refreshments will be on offer following the service

LOOKING AHEAD

- Wed 11 Sep Women's Fellowship open to everyone** for a talk by the Fire Brigade, *Fire Safety in the Home*
- Fri 20 Sep Performing Arts** activities restart
- Sat 21 Sep Coffee Stop** for Hope House
- Wed 25 Sep Women's Fellowship open to everyone** for an illustrated talk by Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance

New course coming soon Our minister, Ralph, is busy writing a new 4-week course for us looking at developing our personal ministry through the gifts God has given each of us. We would like your views about the best days and times to suit as many people as possible so please fill in the form given out with this newsletter. The course will start in the week beginning 7th October. *(Peter Jordan)*

A request from Stephanie In September I'll be doing a sponsored nine-mile walk in aid of *Cat's Protection*. It will be spread over a few days and the idea is for participants to walk an extra nine miles over the course of a week, in addition to their day-to-day walking. I'm hoping to do mine at Wakehurst Place and on the coast. If anyone would like to support me with sponsorship, I'd be very pleased to provide further information. *(Stephanie Roberts)*

Boxes wanted Dear friends, would you be able to collect your empty cardboard boxes (cereal and the like) this week, and bring them to church next Sunday so that we can use them to make model creatures in Messy Church. We are also planning to make fruit crumbles with the children demonstrating how we can use local fruits. If you have any fruit growing in your garden and are willing to share, we would appreciate you bringing some along for us to use for this activity. Thank you. *(Jill Mason)*

Time for Prayer

As the new Methodist year starts pray for all ministers and deacons beginning ministry in new places, whether in their first appointment or in a change of place.

Pray for activities restarting after the summer break here at St Paul's – House Fellowships, Women's Fellowship, Loaves and Fishes, Young People's Singing Group, Choir, Performing Arts Project

Please pray for Jean and Geoff Rose and continue to pray for David Miller, Julie Anscombe, Jean Franklin, Maureen Olashore, Neil Roberts, 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.

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