

## !! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOU!!

**Thanks to all** who kindly donated boxes for our creative activity, building box animals, at last Sunday's Messy Church. Our visitors had a great time using them. Thanks also go to all those who helped by moving tables and washing up and clearing up afterwards. Everyone who came along had a great time. Put the date of the next Messy Church, October 13th, in your diary now, so that you remember to join us for the next one when we'll be looking at the story of the boy Jesus in the Temple. *(Jill Mason)*

### **Performing Arts Project is growing**

Thank you to everyone who responded to the call for volunteers to help with the Performing Arts Project on Friday evenings. This makes it possible, not just to continue as before, but to add some new activities as well.

From October, we will be offering the opportunity to:

- learn about effective use of the speaking voice, leading to a drama at Christmas
- learn to be a sound technician
- learn about lighting

We'll also be serving food (pizzas etc) for a donation to cover cost.

The usual instrumental lessons will be continuing so if you are interested in learning an instrument (drums, keyboard, guitar, singing), please talk to us, or leave a message in the red message box in the Welcome Hall with your name and contact details, and say which instrument you are interested in learning. Lessons will start on Friday 20th September at St Paul's. *(Carol and Martyn Ofield)*

\*\*\*\*\*

### **Church Contacts**

**Minister** Rev Ralph Ward

phone: 01342 325877 email: [rlphwrd@gmail.com](mailto:rlphwrd@gmail.com)

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

**St Paul's website** [www.crawleymethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.crawleymethodistchurch.org.uk)

**Crawley Methodist Church is Registered Charity No. 1127744**

## **St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley**

Minister: Rev Ralph Ward

phone: 01342 325877 email: [rlphwrd@gmail.com](mailto:rlphwrd@gmail.com)

[www.crawleymethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.crawleymethodistchurch.org.uk)

## *Welcome to St Paul's*

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**10:30am Family service**

**Rev Clive McKie**

**Theme:** More Joy in Heaven

**Readings:** Jonah 3:10 – 4:11

Luke 15:1-10

**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

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

**10:30am Mrs Helen Greaves**

**Family service**

*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 & Fishes Café**  
**Monday-Wednesday 10:30 – 1:30**  
**Thursday 10:30 – 12:30**

- Mon 16<sup>th</sup>** 2pm South Crawley House Fellowship *Planning meeting* at the home of Arthur Parrish
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup>** 9:30am-12 Everywoman's Badminton  
2pm Women's Fellowship AGM  
7:30pm Traveller's House Fellowship *Did St Paul turn the religion of Jesus into a religion about Jesus?* at the Bramhills' house
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup>** 4:30-7:30pm Performing Arts activities  
7pm Young People's Singing Group  
7:45pm Choir practice
- Sat 21<sup>st</sup>** 10am Coffee Stop for Hope House

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Sun 22 Sep** 2:30 - 5pm 9th Crawley (St Paul's) Guides are holding a fundraising fayre at Bluewoods Campsite, Tilgate Park, raising funds to support Girlguiding Crawley Division members travelling to South Africa in Summer 2020 to work with Coco's Foundation, building houses to support child led families Admission £2 adult, £1 child includes tea/coffee/squash.
- Wed 25 Sep** 2pm **Women's Fellowship open to all** illustrated talk by Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance

**The funeral service for Stanley Jeyaraj** will take place on Friday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 11am at Trinity Methodist Church, East Grinstead followed by a committal at East Surrey Crematorium. Please continue to hold Stanley's family in your prayers.

## Harvest Festival

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 10:30am**  
**Rev Ralph Ward**

As we thank God for his gifts to us we'll be supporting

- **WaterAid** put your loose change in the bucket under the font
- **All We Can** (Methodist international Relief) use the donation envelopes to be given out the week before
- **Crawley CAP** (Christians Against Poverty) bring gifts of dry food and toiletries to the service. There will also be a box in the Welcome Hall so that visitors to our premises can donate items. CAP particularly request cans, tins and packets of meat, fish, soup, vegetables, fruit, puddings, biscuits, tea, coffee, sugar, UHT milk, cereals, biscuits, chocolate, toothpaste, soap, toilet paper, shampoo and conditioner.

**Shaped by God** is the title of the 4-week course, starting in the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> October, which Rev Ralph has written for us. We'll be looking at how to develop our personal ministry through the gifts God has given each of us. This is the last week for you to return the form letting us know the days and times that would best suit you. If you need a form please ask a steward or pick one up from the tables beside the sanctuary doors. *(Peter Jordan)*

## Time for Prayer

**Pray for the St Paul's team** serving lunches at The Friary today. Pray too for people in need in our town as they come for these meals. **Please pray for** Lorraine Valler, one of our regular local preachers, as she begins what she is calling her 'great surgical adventure'. **Continue to pray for** Jean and Geoff Rose, Julie Ancombe, 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.*