

## !! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOU !!

**Our Harvest Festival last Sunday** was a great occasion. Many thanks to all who brought gifts of produce. The representatives from *Christians Against Poverty* who collected our gifts were so obviously delighted with the quantity. Our cashiers will tell us how much money we raised for *All We Can* and *WaterAid* next week when the final totals are known. Thanks also to those who decorated the church and people who helped box up the produce and clear up afterwards.

**Judy Rayner thanks** all those who sent messages, cards, 'phone calls and prayers wishing her well during her ongoing illness. She hopes she will soon be back with us.

**Legacy** if you were not in church last Sunday you will be pleased to know that Rev Ralph told us the good news that our friend George Marsden, who died earlier this year, left St Paul's a substantial legacy in his will. As a result of the sale of his house we inherit £400,000. Through George's generosity to us we will now be able to go ahead with replacing the sanctuary roof. We thank God for this answer to our prayers about how to deal with the roof and we thank him for George's generosity and his love for St Paul's.



**St Paul's is now on Facebook!** Look for the Facebook logo on our website homepage. Please make yourself a 'friend' and contribute your posts. Facebook is a great way to promote St Paul's and what's going on here so, if you are into social media, please use it. The administrator and moderator is Tunde Olashore.

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### Welcome to St Paul's

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

**10:30am**

**Deacon Irene Tafirenyika**

**Theme:** Homelessness

**Readings:** 2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15

Luke 17: 11-19

**Reader today Frances Spencer**

**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.

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

**Flowers today** donated by Daphne Ford in memory of Ron

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 10:30am**

**Mr Edward Pender**

*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 14<sup>th</sup>** **7:30pm** *Shaped by God* course session 2 at St Paul's with Carol and Martyn Ofield
- Wed 16<sup>th</sup>** **9:30am-12** Everywoman's Badminton  
**10am** Short prayer meeting open to all  
**11am-12** *Shaped by God* course session 2 at St Paul's with Rev Ralph  
**2pm** Women's Fellowship *India Revisited* with Ruth Lewis. EVERYONE INVITED THIS WEEK to hear about Ruth's trip  
**7:30pm** Travellers' House Fellowship *Is civil disobedience ever justified?* At the Jones' house
- Thu 17<sup>th</sup>** **2:30-3:30pm** *Shaped by God* course session 2 at St Paul's with Joyce Jordan
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup>** **4:30-7:30pm** Performing Arts activities  
**7pm** Young People's Singing Group
- Sat 19<sup>th</sup>** **10am-12** Coffee Stop for *Action for Children*  
All welcome - Raffle, Hand-made Christmas Cards, Homemade cakes, and possibly Jams.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Tues 22 Oct 1:30pm** Leadership Team meeting
- Wed 23 Oct 2pm** Women's Fellowship *The Bible Society* with Max Perry and Ann Phillipson

**There is a Coffee Stop vacancy** on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020. If you would like to organise a coffee morning for your favourite charity on that day please let me know. (*Ann Brown*)

**This Christmas** – yes, we're thinking about it already, we will be supporting *Love in a Box*. The idea is to take a shoe box, cover it with Christmas wrapping paper and fill it with small inexpensive gifts suitable for a child. If you can't do a whole box, donations of gifts that could be placed in boxes would be gratefully received as we will be putting some together as a Messy Church activity in November. Leaflets explaining the scheme were given out last Sunday. If you didn't get one, there are more copies in the Welcome Hall and you can see it from the *Love in a Box* panel on our website homepage. Rev Ralph told us how successful he has seen this project being and how rewarding it is for the children who receive these boxes as their only Christmas gift and for us, the givers. We are declaring 24<sup>th</sup> November *Shoe Box Sunday*, so all boxes need to be at St Paul's by then as they will be collected the next day. If you have any questions please see Carol Ofield who will be happy to explain more.

**Sad news** we have heard that Michael Howlett who was a member at St Paul's and a Local Preacher in our circuit for many years, died on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. We have no further information but please remember his wife Mavis, son Alec and daughter Sharon in your prayers.

## Time for Prayer

**Today is Homelessness Sunday.** Please pray for all who are without a home for whatever reason and wherever they are in the world. Pray as well for organisations and individuals working to alleviate this problem.

**Please pray for** our church and its leadership. Ask God to give us a clear vision for our work and mission.

**Pray for** the *Shaped by God* course and for all who are taking part. Ask God to show us how to use the gifts He has given each of us to grow our church and His Kingdom.

**Pray for** Deacon Irene as she gets to know about our circuit and its churches and communities, particularly in Crawley and Horley.

**Please continue to pray for** Lorraine Valler, Wendy and Joyce Walling, Daniel Okun, Jean and Geoff Rose, Jean Franklin, Maureen Olashore, Marcy, and others with needs known to ourselves.

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