

!! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOU !!

Many thanks to all the friends who have sent get well cards and offered help following my operation. Whilst my knee is still in considerable pain, I am told by the Hospital that I am doing well towards a full recovery, although I think that it will be a while before I can manage to get to Church and choir practice! (*Geoff Ridgway*)

The New Year is nearly here! It's time to think about ordering your *Fresh From the Word* bible reading notes for 2020. There will be an ordering list up in the Welcome Hall for 2 weeks from next Sunday, or you can tell Jackie Bower your requirements.



St Paul's needs more friends! Click on the Facebook logo on our website homepage, make yourself a 'friend', give us lots of 'likes' and contribute your own posts. Facebook is a great way to promote St Paul's and what's going on here in the wider community 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 17th November 2019

10:30am

World Missions Sunday

Speaker: Dr Mike Cooper (Open Doors)

Theme: God's Grace in Persecution

Readings: 1 Chronicles 16: 7-29

2 Corinthians 12 9-10

**There will be a collection following the service
in support of Open Doors**

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 Lin and Richard Gorrington in memory of sister-in-law Rita

Sunday 24^h November 10:30am

Speaker: Dr Shanthi Rajasundaram

Kids' Coin Clatter

AND it's Shoe Box Sunday – please bring your filled shoeboxes for Love in a Box for collection the next day

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

- Tues 19th** 7:30pm Pastoral committee meeting at St Paul's
Wed 20th 9:30am-12 Everywoman's Badminton
2pm Women's Fellowship *Anything Beginning with R*
7:30pm Travellers' House Fellowship *A visit to India with Ruth Lewis* at the Bowers' house
Fri 22nd 4:30-7:30pm Performing Arts activities
7pm Young People's Singing Group
7:45pm Choir practice

LOOKING AHEAD

- Mon 25 Nov** 7:30pm Furnace Green House Fellowship *Advent and Christmas Music & Readings* at Geoff Manning's house
Wed 27 Nov 2pm Women's Fellowship *Rev Ralph Ward*
Sat 30 Nov 10-12 Coffee Stop in aid of Sussex Oakleaf

Wintershall Nativity this year runs from 18-22 December. Fans of Wintershall's productions can book tickets on the website www.wintershall.org.uk or by phone on 10793 418299. For more details see the leaflet on the Other Churches noticeboard in the Welcome Hall.

Another Nativity closer by is on Saturday 7th December at Holmsted Hall, Staplefield Road, Cuckfield where Youth With a Mission (YWAM), will be presenting their annual live-action Nativity *Surprise at the Stable* for the local community. The Nativity starts at 2:30pm and their café is open from 1-5pm. We are all invited. More information about YWAM and the Nativity at <https://ywamholmsted.org/>

Winter help for Open House Do you have any items of warm clothes, blankets or duvets you could pass on to Open House? If so, please let me know or pop them in the labelled box in the Welcome Hall (*Daphne Ford*)

Today is Neighbour Sunday arranged by the *Neighbourhood Prayer Network*. Since 2012, the *Neighbourhood Prayer Network* has been calling Christians to look at how they can pray for, care with and share the Gospel, in their neighbourhoods. Sunday 17 November 2019 is the first Neighbour Sunday. You can find out more, download resources and register your street on the website <https://www.neighbourhoodprayer.net>

Time for Prayer

Thank God for his blessings to our church. Thank him that we can go ahead with replacing the Sanctuary roof, that the Performing Arts activities on Friday evenings are drawing people closer together in fellowship, that the number of children and young people in our fellowship is growing.

Please ask God to guide us as we seek a true vision for the life and mission of our church. Ask him to show each of us how to use the gifts he has given us to grow our church and his Kingdom.

Pray for our minister Ralph in his leadership of our church and for Deacon Irene in her work in the circuit and in the communities of Crawley and Horley.

Pray for people to feel inspired to offer as leaders and helpers in King's Kids and King's Teens as these groups grow in number.

We need a new Church Treasurer - we can't function without one so ask God to speak to the right person and lead us to them.

Please pray for Priya Shan, Lorraine Valler, Wendy and Joyce Walling, Daniel Okun, Jean and Geoff Rose, Jean Franklin, Maureen Olashore, 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.