

## !! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOU !!

**Following last Sunday's service** donations to Open Doors amounted to £95 which will go to support their work and the furthering of God's Kingdom. Many thanks to all those who gave a donation. (Sheila Jones)

**Friary lunches** Thanks to all who helped to make serving lunches at the Friary last Sunday less stressful. We were pleased that 5 of our church members were able to help in a variety of ways, and we were blessed with the addition of 2 visiting friends who completed the washing up with enthusiasm. This is a continuing outreach opportunity. We will be serving lunches at the Friary again on Sunday January 19th. Please let me know if you will be available.

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**The New Year is nearly here!** It's time to think about ordering your *Fresh From the Word* Bible Reading notes for 2020 at around £10 per copy. There is an ordering list up in the Welcome Hall for the next two weeks, or you can tell me your requirements. (Jackie Bower)



**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 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**10:30am**

**Dr Shanthi Rajasundaram**

**Theme:** John the Baptist – the hope of the arrival of the Messiah

**Readings:** Jeremiah 23:1-6

Luke1: 68-79

**Shoe Box Sunday**

**Kids' Coin Clatter**

**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 Leonie Boosie in memory of her mother

**After the service** Messy Church Team planning meeting in room 7

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 10:30am**

**1<sup>st</sup> in Advent**

**Rev Ralph Ward**

**Holy Communion**

### *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 25<sup>th</sup>** 7:30pm Furnace Green House Fellowship *Advent and Christmas Music & Readings* at Geoff Manning's house
- Wed 27<sup>th</sup>** 9:30am-12 Everywoman's Badminton  
2pm Women's Fellowship *Rev Ralph Ward*
- Thu 28<sup>th</sup>** 1:30pm St Paul's Leadership Team meeting
- Fri 29<sup>th</sup>** 4:30-7:30pm Performing Arts activities  
7pm Young People's Singing Group  
7:45pm Choir practice
- Sat 30<sup>th</sup>** 10-12 Coffee Stop in aid of Sussex Oakleaf

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Mon 2 Dec** South Crawley House Fellowship *Bible study 1 Peter ch 5 and 2 Peter ch 1* at Ianthe's house
- Wed 4 Dec** 2pm Women's Fellowship *Making for Christmas*
- Wed 11 Dec** 8pm Pound Hill House Fellowship *Christmas get-together*

**This year's Christmas Tree Festival** at Horley Methodist Church will be the usual magnificent affair from 6-8 December. See the full programme on the *Other Churches* noticeboard in the Welcome Hall

**Wintershall Nativity** this year runs from 18-22 December. Fans of Wintershall's productions can book tickets on the website [www.wintershall.org.uk](http://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 7<sup>th</sup> 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/>

**Action for Children Christmas card postal service** - we hope to re-instate the internal Christmas Postal service for members of our congregation to exchange Christmas Cards with their friends at St Paul's. Dates for posting and collection soon to be announced.

**Parking at St Paul's** the yellow cross-hatched areas in our car park are there for good reasons; please respect them. We are aware that our car park is sometimes inadequate; ways of increasing parking are being investigated. Meanwhile please remember there is a public car park at the shops opposite and that parking in surrounding roads is allowed on Sundays. Many thanks for your co-operation.

## Time for Prayer

**Women Against Violence Sunday** takes place today. Please pray for all victims of violence, whatever form it takes. You can find some prayers at [www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/methodist-special-sundays/](http://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/methodist-special-sundays/)

**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.*