

!! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOU!!

Kids' Coin Clatter last Sunday raised £36.12 for St Paul's Development Fund. Thanks kids for doing this every month and thanks to all for collecting up your loose change to throw in the buckets.

54 shoe boxes were brought along to St Paul's for Shoe Box Sunday last week and were collected by the *Love in a Box* people on Monday for delivery to Moldova where 54 kids will be made very happy when they receive them as their only Christmas gift. Thank you all for your generosity and time spent in getting your boxes so nicely prepared and thanks to God for his blessings through organisations such as *Love in a Box*.

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*)

Flower rota 2020 It's time to confirm the flower rota for next year. There is a list for the proposed rota on the blue board in the Welcome Hall. Would all helpers please check that you have been given an acceptable date and confirm this by signing in the end column. There are also several dates still available for anyone who would like to donate flowers, so please add your name in an empty space. Thank you. (*Jill Mason*)

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Welcome to St Paul's

Sunday 1st December 2019

1st in Advent

10:30am

Rev Ralph Ward

Holy Communion

Theme: Belonging

Readings: Acts 2: 42-47

1 Corinthians 12: 12-27

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 Irene Westgate in memory of David

Sunday 8th December 10:30am

2nd in Advent

Deacon Irene Tafirenyika

3-5pm Messy Church

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 2nd** **2pm** South Crawley House Fellowship *Bible study*
1 Peter ch 5 and 2 Peter ch 1 at Ianthe's house
- Wed 4th** **9:30am-12** Everywoman's Badminton
2pm Women's Fellowship *Making for Christmas*
- Fri 6th** **4:30-7:30pm** Performing Arts activities
7pm Young People's Singing Group
7:45pm Choir practice

LOOKING AHEAD

- Wed 11 Dec** **2pm** Women's Fellowship *Christmas Quiz*
8pm Pound Hill House Fellowship *Christmas*
get-together
- Wed 18 Dec** **7:30pm** Travellers' House Fellowship with Rev Ralph
at the Jordans' house

Christmas Tree Festival **Horley Methodist Church 6-8 December**

Friday 6th

9:30am – 7pm Local schools entertain

Saturday 7th

10am – 5pm musical entertainment

2:30pm St Paul's Young People's singing Group

Sunday 8th open from 2pm

Festival closes at 6pm with Carols Among the Trees

See the full programme on the *Other Churches* noticeboard in the
Welcome Hall

Cereal and small food boxes needed for next Sunday to build a model of Bethlehem at Messy Church. If you can bring some on Sunday morning or pop them in during the week it would be very helpful. Many thanks (*Peter Jordan*)

Action for Children internal Christmas post service Please post your Christmas cards to your friends in St Paul's congregation from Sunday 1st – Wednesday 18th December. They will be ready for collection from Friday 20th - 25th December. This service is in support of *Action for Children* so please put a donation in the box in lieu of postage. (*Sheila Jones*)

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

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.