

!! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOU !!

The Coffee Stop last Saturday raised £490.70 for *Sussex Oakleaf*. A wonderful result! Thanks to all who supported this event.

Sad news Older members of St Paul's may remember Brian Frost who was a Local Preacher in our Circuit and for many years worked for Christian Aid. We have heard that, following a massive brain haemorrhage, he died in East Surrey Hospital on Wednesday, 28th November.

Also, Cllr Geraint Thomas, who was for almost 10 years Councillor for Northgate, died unexpectedly at home on Wednesday 28th November. During his time as Northgate Councillor Geraint often dropped into Loaves and Fishes Café for a chat.

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 8th December 2019

2nd in Advent

10:30am

Deacon Irene tafirenyika

Theme: The Second Advent

Readings: Isaiah 11: 1-10

Matthew 3: 1-12

3pm 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 Judy Rayner in memory of Doris and Charles Utting, Peter and Marjorie

Sunday 15th December 10:30am

3rd in Advent

Mr Eddie Newton

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

- Wed 11th** 9:30am-12 Everywoman's Badminton
2pm Women's Fellowship *Christmas Quiz*
8pm Pound Hill House Fellowship *Christmas get-together*
- Fri 13th** 4:30-7:30pm Performing Arts activities
7pm Young People's Singing Group
7:45pm Choir practice
- Sat 14th** 10am-12 Coffee Stop for MacMillan Nurses

LOOKING AHEAD

- Wed 18 Dec 2pm** Women's Fellowship *Carols and cake*
7:30pm Travellers' House Fellowship with Rev Ralph at the Jordans' house

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 in the labelled box in the Welcome Hall. 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.

Christmas at St Paul's

Sunday 22nd

10:30am *Nativity with the young people*

4pm *Carols by Candlelight with Rev Ralph Ward*

Christmas Eve

11:30pm *Midnight Communion with Rev Ralph Ward*

Christmas Day

10:30am *Celebration with Deacon Irene Tafirenyika*

Come and celebrate the birth of Christ!



Time for Prayer

As we go to vote in the General Election this week, pray for all involved in the remaining days of campaigning that they act honestly and with good conscience. Ask God for his guidance to ourselves as we make our choices.

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.