

!! GOOD NEWS & THANK YOU !!

Last Sunday – thanks to all you brave souls who came to services in defiance of Storm Ciara. It was good to see so many of us, with a bumper number of children and young people, at morning worship and also at the informal service in the afternoon led by Rev Ralph.

Flowers in church the flower rota for the coming year is posted on the Charities noticeboard in the Welcome Hall. There are a few vacant dates throughout the year for donating flowers. If you would like your flowers in church to mark a special occasion or in remembrance of loved ones, please put your name in one of the gaps in the rota or tell Bobbie Gillett. By the way, you don't have to spend a lot on the flowers; just discuss your wishes with Bobbie.

Crawley Interfaith Network – the next meeting is at 6:50pm on Thursday 27th February at Crawley Library. Dr Horonobu Sunada will talk on 'Freedom, Democracy and Faith'. All are welcome.

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Room bookings phone 07594 472523 or see **Room Hire** on the website



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Welcome to St Paul's



Sunday 16th February 2020

10:30am

Songs of Praise

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

Sunday February 23rd
10:30am Rev Clive McKie
Coin clatter

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 and Fishes Café

Closed this week for half-term

Tues 18 Feb 1:45pm St Paul's Leadership Team meeting

Wed 19 Feb 9:30am-12 Everywoman's Badminton
2:30pm Women's Fellowship *Tea and chat*
7:30pm Travellers' House Fellowship
Fake news and ethics at the Bowers' house

Fri 21 Feb 7:45pm Choir practice

LOOKING AHEAD

Wed 19 Feb 2:30pm Women's Fellowship *Tea and chat*

Mon 24 Feb 7:30pm Furnace Green House Fellowship
Raj Sharma, Mayor of Crawley, will talk about *The Sikh Faith* at Olive's house. This talk will be followed by a visit to the Sikh Temple on Sunday the 15th March

Mon 2 Mar 2pm South Crawley House Fellowship with Rev Ralph Ward

Sunday afternoon informal worship with Rev Ralph – if you were unable to join in the first of these last Sunday, you might like to see the programme until July below. They all start at 3:30pm and everyone is welcome.

March 8th Concert with our Young People's Singing Group and St Paul's Choir with some Messy music making for the young ones

April 12th Easter Sunday no session so we can spend the day with our families

May 10th Celebrating Family Relationships with Messy activities and worship with Rev Ralph

June 14th Tea Service with the Young People's Singing Group and Messy activities

July 12th BBQ for all

Lent 2020 as usual we will be using the period leading up to Easter for the study of our faith and what it means to be a Christian. One way of doing this is to join in this year's Lent course, *Pillars of Faith*, written by Rev Ralph, starting in the week beginning 1st March. The preachers for the Sundays preceding each session will be introducing the theme for that week. More details and a sign up form for your choice of group are on the big blue noticeboard in the Welcome Hall.

Do you work with children or vulnerable adults?

If you do and you received Safeguarding training in or before 2016, you may need to do the Refresher Safeguarding Training to be held at St Paul's on Tuesday 14th May. Please put this date in your diary. More details will be coming shortly. If you are unsure whether this applies to you, please talk to me. (*Carol Ofield*)

Methodist Church offers support for churches in China and Chinese congregations in the UK

The Revd Dr Barbara Glasson, President of the Methodist Conference, has written to the leadership of the Methodist Church in China to share our love and prayers for the people of China as they manage the health crisis associated with the Coronavirus outbreak in Hubei province. She adds, 'Although we are many miles away geographically, we feel close to you in prayer'. The Methodist Church in Britain will also be providing a solidarity grant of ten thousand pounds to the China Christian Council to be used for protective clothing, masks and goggles.

Time for Prayer

Pray for people wherever they are affected by the Coronavirus outbreak.

Pray for the team who are in process of planning the replacement of the Sanctuary roof and other essential work.

Pray for our growing number of children and young people and for those who teach them about our faith on Sunday mornings. Pray for people to offer help in the groups.

Pray for the family of Jean Franklin and continue to pray for Linda Edwards. Jill Mason, Janet Ockwell, Priya Shan, Lorraine Valler, Daniel Okun, Jean and Geoff Rose, 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.