

St. Paul's News

St. Paul's Barton - Sunday 17.10.21
20th Sunday after Trinity
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Welcome To our **All-Age Harvest Thanksgiving Service** today with Rev. Dozie Moneme. We are supporting the **Isle of Wight Foodbank** with our gifts of produce and money. Thank you for the food and other items for the Foodbank that you have brought today.



If you would like to give a gift of money to the IW Foodbank this can be given via the offering plate at the back in a clearly marked envelope 'Foodbank' If you are able to 'Gift Aid' your donation forms are at the back of the church - please complete and return with your donation.

Much is now being left to 'personal choice' as to the wearing of masks, the use of venue check-ins and the like, so please respect one another's preferences with regard to the wearing (or otherwise) of masks and social distancing etc. Tea & coffee is available after the service, you may wish to enjoy a cup inside or outside the building.

If you would prefer a quieter service with no singing and more space in the building there is a service of Holy Communion or Morning Prayer every Wednesday morning at 10:15am.

Sunday services are streamed live on Facebook and available later on our YouTube channel.

Medina House School

There was singing, fun and excitement at the two services on Thursday when Medina House School came to St. Paul's! It was wonderful to welcome the children, staff and parents to the church and to see and hear their Harvest Thanksgiving. Much work and effort had obviously gone into the presentations given by each class in the school and it was a privilege to see. We hope to see them again. Thank you to everyone who helped out.



Shoebox Appeal

A big thank you for all your donations so far. With four more Sundays to go before we pack the boxes we would like to maintain our enthusiasm for the cause and see if we can match last year's response of 50 boxes

Every donation helps, no matter how small, whether it be gifts or financial. You can even donate



your time on **Tuesday 19th of October** by coming to the Christian Centre at **10.30am**

to help wrap the boxes, just bring your roll of Sellotape and a pair of scissors - everything else provided.

Thank you, **Ian & Kathy**.

You're covered!

Ephesians 2:8-10 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Have you ever heard how a pearl is formed? It is truly fascinating. A foreign object, often a grain of sand, somehow makes its way into the tightly sealed crack of an oyster. Instead of spitting out this irritating object, the oyster covers it with layer upon layer of a substance secreted from its own body. After months or even years, a beautiful pearl is formed. The longer the pearl stays in the oyster, the more valuable it becomes.

What a picture of God's mercy toward us!

The Lord doesn't spit us out when we come to Him!

"We are accepted in the beloved!"

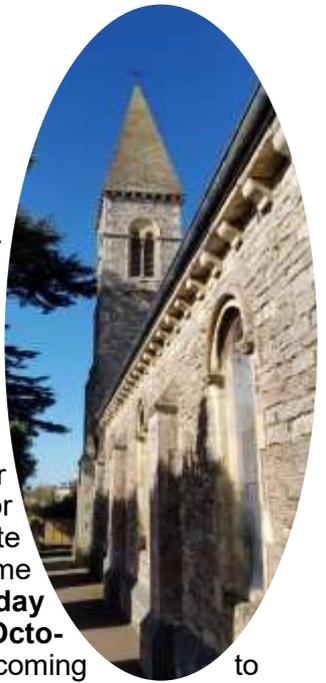
God has every right to cast us out because

of our sin but instead, He brings us into His body and covers over our sin with His beautiful covering!

When God found us we were nothing more than an irritation but by His grace, He keeps us under His covering, so that we can be made into something valuable to His Kingdom! God is using our time now under His covering to conform us into His image!

Let's cherish this time under God's covering and take this opportunity to grow more and more beautiful - that we attract many for His Kingdom in these trying times!

George Whitten - <https://worthyministries.com>



This week

Date	Time	Event
Tue 19th	10:30am-12 noon	Shoebox Wrapping - Join Kathy & Ian in the Christian Centre (you are asked to turn up with scissors and Sellotape and we provide wrapping paper and boxes). There will be coffee and biscuits and guaranteed fun!
	7:00pm	Isle of Wight Deanery Synod Meeting - Newport Minster. Our Reps are Di & Kevin.
Wed 20th	10:15am	Holy Communion BCP (Book of Common Prayer) - Rev. Dozie Moneme.
Thu 21st	2:15pm	Ladies Fellowship - In the Christian Centre. For more information speak to Mary or Margaret P.
Sat 23rd	11:00am-2:00pm	The Living Room (Revive Newport) - Massive Gift Sale The Living Room, Newport High Street. We are going to open on Saturday 23rd for coffee, cake and lots of Christian and Christmas gifts. All with 25% off! This year we will also have a wide selection of Christmas cards, so why not stop by, pick up a bargain and say Hi.

Dates for your diary

Date	Time	Event
Sun 24th	10:00am	Worship & Communion Service - Rev. Dozie Moneme. Speaker: Lloyd Actkinson. Ephesians Session 5 Chapter 4 verse 7 - Chapter 5 verse 2. "Live according to new humanity, not the old".
	10:00am-10:40am	Little Church (For children Age 3 to end of Primary School) in the Christian Centre. For more information speak to Kathy.
Mon 25th	7:30pm	Monday Online Fellowship Group (Zoom) - Ephesians Session 5. For more information speak to Andrew or contact us .
Tue 26th	7:15	Tuesday Online Fellowship Group (Zoom) - Ephesians Session 5. For more information speak to Rev. Dennis or contact us .
Wed 27th	10:15am	Holy Communion BCP (Book of Common Prayer) - Rev. Dozie Moneme.
Thu 28th	2:15pm	Ladies Fellowship - In the Christian Centre. For more information speak to Mary or Margaret P.
Sat 6th Nov	10:00am-11:00am	Prayer for Israel & the Middle East An hour of prayer and Bible study - all welcome.
Sat 13th Nov	10:00am-2:00pm	Carisbrooke Priory - Christmas Fair. The Tea Room will be open.

"Little Church"

Now on Sundays (except for 'All-Age' Services), there is provision, in the Christian Centre, for children (3 years to the end of Primary). Parents can bring them to the Centre just before 10:00am and collect them at approx. 10:40am to join the service in the church.



Huge Birthday Wishes...

To Pauline who is 90 today.



Congratulations and much love from everybody at St. Paul's!

Bible Studies with Rivi Litvin (Zoom)

Greetings from John Q to all my brothers and sisters at St. Paul's.

Thursday evenings at 7.30pm, the study sessions on Zoom with Rivi Litvin continue. For those of you who are new or haven't picked up on these before, Rivi is an Israeli Orthodox Jewish follower of Yeshua (Jesus) who has taught for many years all over the world.

Her academic speciality is 400BC to 400AD together with her Bible studies. Various of our St Pauls members have had association with Rivi over many years and she came and taught at St. Paul's over a weekend a few years back.

4th Nov - New Testament on Sabbath

18th Nov - Considering the time of the resurrection

2nd Dec - Topic to be decided – Hanukkah perhaps

16th Dec - Topic to be decided

If you would like to know more, I'm sure Andrew will be happy to tell you about it, or you can give me a call (or speak to me in person when I'm next on the Island in November). If you'd like to join the study lectures, let Andrew or me have your email address and we'll arrange with Rivi to send you a link. If you'd like to know more about Rivi, just type into a web search "Rivi Litvin" and you should find several pages of internet addresses that you can visit.

Contact me [via the website](#).

John Q.

Offering / Giving Thank you for your giving to the work at St. Paul's. If you have not yet committed to regular giving, we would ask you to prayerfully seek God's will regarding this.

Ways to Give: You can put your offering in the offering bag or the plate at the back of the church.

Set up a Standing Order from your bank, you can request a form from Penny (our treasurer), or [download one from our website](#). Just fill it in and give (or post) it to her or phone her for more details or to arrange for your form to be collected.

If you use online banking, you can give to St. Paul's by **Bank Transfer or by setting up a Standing Order**. Details of the church bank account are:

Bank: **NatWest Newport Isle of Wight** Account Name: **Parochial Church Council of St. Pauls, Barton Parish** Sort Code: **54-10-34** Account Number: **92513263**

If you are a tax payer and have not filled in a **Gift Aid Form** these are available from Penny or [on the church website](#).

New to St. Paul's? You are very welcome!

Our usual Sunday services are very simple - an opening hymn, a time of prayer and confession, a talk, followed by a time of worship and prayers then (twice a



month) we have Holy Communion (all are welcome) and finally, a closing hymn.

There is an offering plate at the back of the church,

we welcome contributions but please don't feel obliged to give! If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian speak to Rev. Dozie or Andrew and Josephine our Churchwardens.

Keep in Touch If you would like to join our email list simply sign up using a **Consent Form on the font** and hand it to **Kevin on the sound desk**.

Lend Your Support

Revive Newport - A Massive Gift Sale!

This Saturday (23rd Oct) at the Living Room, Newport High Street. We are going to be open for coffee, cake and lots of Christian and Christmas gifts. All with 25% off! This year we will also have a wide selection of Christmas cards, so why not stop by, pick up a bargain and say Hello.



Carisbrooke Priory - Christmas Fair

All are welcome to the Priory Christmas Fair on Saturday on **Saturday 13th November** between 10:00am and 2:00pm. The Tea Room will be open for cakes and drinks.

Capture The Vision

Proverbs Ch29 v18

Where there is no vision, the people perish. What does this statement mean? In my Universal Dictionary, it means: the faculty of sight. Or, unusual competence in discernment, or perception. Intelligent foresight. A visionary is one who has visions, a seer, a prophet

In other words, a person who has a game-plan, one who realises the need to provide the ground rules, to establish a firm foundation for our spiritual walk with father God. This is why Jesus, is the rock of our salvation, and in the words of a hymn, "Fastened to the rock that cannot move, anchored firm and deep, in the Saviour's love".

Without that anchor, that brings stability in our lives, we could become like a rudderless ship that is tossed about, and with nothing to anchor it, especially in a storm, we are at the mercy of the storm aren't we, eh?

At the onset of the three years that Jesus ministered on this earth at the age of 30 years, there was a forerunner, one who foretold of a man, whose shoes he was unfit to even do up - John the Baptist.

During the Second World War, and its aftermath, we had Dr. Billy Graham. In the time of crisis, God will always supply that need, (if we let him). Jehovah, Jireh, my provider, His grace is sufficient for thee.

Now that Billy Graham is in glory, who is there who can supply the leadership required to get us out of the mess that mankind has wreaked upon this earth? The answer - we ourselves who must go as a light to the nations, take up the cross, and follow where He leads.

We, who are chosen people, a holy nation, a royal priesthood, who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

The onus is now upon us, the remnant of the Christian nation that we once were. How are the mighty fallen? Why, as never before, is there now a need for action, against the spiritual warfare, raging around about us?

God is saying to us, enough is enough. This so-called pandemic, COVID-19, or Coronavirus what is that all about? There's an old saying, if you give a man enough rope, he will hang himself with it, isn't there?

1 Many questions can be asked, such as was it man made?

2 Was the escape from a laboratory in China, accidental or deliberate?

3 Is it a form of global warfare?

4 Has it almost brought the whole world to an economic collapse?

I myself do not know the answers to these questions, but why has God allowed this to happen?

The answer, God doesn't tell us what to do, He, in his wisdom, allows us free reign to either accept His guidance, or reject His wisdom, should men seek it Why should God interfere when a man messes up big-time, if it is of our own doing? No, when Jesus asked in the garden of Gethsemane if it be your will oh Lord, take this cup from me. What was God's reply? Silence!

It is only when God's creation ask Him to intervene, that Jesus answers our prayers. Sometimes those prayers have an altogether different reply, to what we

think God is going to do.

Why should God intervene?

Single handedly, Sunday, the traditional day of rest, has been virtually abolished, by the majority of the so-called Christians in this land of ours.

The moral or more to the point, immoral decadence of our country has never been greater. Man doesn't appear to need God or Jesus anymore, because his physical needs are being met anyway, by the welfare state. Why should a person feel the need to work for a living when handouts from the state, exceed that person's minimum wage? The problem is, many jobs of a manual nature, are obsolete, because technology has made those jobs redundant hasn't it. Thousands of young people have no jobs, because many of those jobs do not require the man in the street to even go to work at all.

What does God's word say?

Proverbs Ch6 v6-9 Go to the ant thou sluggard, consider her ways, and be wise etc.

It is hard, in this modern day and age, to even find a niche in the complex structure of the world today. What does one do, when opportunities to do something with our lives are few and far between?

In **Isaiah Ch60 v2-4** Gods word states: 2. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness, the people, but the Lord shall arise upon thee. 3. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of the thy rising. 4. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see all those who gathered themselves together. They come to thee, thy sons shall come from afar, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side.

What a wonderful passage of scripture. The Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. Hallelujah, what a Saviour we have. What love, that emanates from the cross, as he said: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do".

In Titus Ch2 v11, 13 & 14

11. For the grace of God, that bringeth us salvation hath appeared to all men. 13. Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God, and our Saviour Jesus Christ 14. Who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself, a peculiar people.

In conclusion, all of us need to take hold of that vision that the early evangelists had. We need, all of us who know him as our Saviour, to go as a light to the nations, to take up the cross and follow where he leads.

Proverbs Ch29 v18 Let us go as beacon lights let it become our vision.

Amen.

John G – September 2021



And, as usual, the music's organic too

Carisbrooke Priory Christmas Fair



**Saturday
13th November 2021**

10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

Tea Room open

HARVEST APPEAL



**HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK
WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS HARVEST**

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