

St. Paul's Barton - Sunday 18.07.21

You no longer need to book a seat in church.

You will be directed to a seat and asked for your details for track and trace. If you're planning to come and sit in a 'bubble' please all arrive at the same time, this will help the stewards. If things get busy you can sit outside (weather permitting!) on seats by the west door where there is a loud-speaker.



News from Anita Not all of you will know the following: At the end of this month I am moving from the Island to Winchester. Having waited a number of years on the list for accommodation in St. John's Almshouses, my name unexpectedly came up. I had only a week to accept it. It is a lovely flat, and well located for all facilities and my flat has patio doors opening onto a quiet garden.

I have had much stress associated with my flat here in Cowes, not of my doing, for a number of years. However, I now know that God had planned my move before I realised that my flat would be required by the Owners as a Holiday Let. I very nearly turned down Winchester because of leaving Frank here.

I have done much unsuccessful searching on the Island for alternate accommodation but nothing seemed right.

Lovely friends here and Frank's Care Home is included in this, have offered me accommodation should I wish to stay over. At this time he is well and contented. I know this is due to your prayers. The Residents are now having activities and Frank

says that he is playing in the Band!☺ I'll commute over regularly.

Leaving our precious Christian Family and starting again is another painful step to take. However, my granddaughter from Malawi is at Uni in Winchester. Jessica says she needs me more than I will need her! We are a close family and as you know she is a lovely Christian girl. Having my very own family close by is a gift from the Lord to me.

I look forward to receiving your prayer requests once I am in Winchester. As yet, I don't have my new landline number but please do contact me by email or mobile phone. I should really want to continue praying for those who have sustained both Frank and me, and recently our son, with your love and committed prayers all these years. I will also welcome you to my new home.

Sincerely in His precious Name,

Anita.

New to St. Paul's? Firstly, 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.

If you would like to be prayed for there is usually an opportunity after the service, as announced. 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.



Our Sunday services...

continue to be streamed live on the church [Facebook Live page](#) and are available to watch later on the [St. Paul's Facebook page](#), [YouTube channel](#) and Website. [Audio copies](#) of the talks are also available on the church website.



Evening Prayer at Home 21.07.21

If you can, join with us at home on Wednesdays at 7:30pm as we come before God.

Readings: Psalms 11,12 & 13, 1 Samuel 11 & Luke 22 v39-46

Collect:

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The readings and collects for the whole month of July are available [on the church website](#).

Fire in the Dessert

Encountering God's presence in the wilderness seasons

I spent a weekend retreat recently at The Greenhouse Christian Centre in Poole practicing being in the presence of God and learning how He speaks to us, what blocks us from hearing from Him and the reasons we find ourselves in the wilderness. Our teacher was Dr Angela Walker who has a passion to see hearts restored, lives transformed and God's Kingdom advance across the nations. She has written many books and has a Ministry called Theo which offers online courses as well as doing two more 5 day courses at the Christian Centre in November which I highly recommend as a very peaceful and welcoming place to stay as well as great teaching.

Some of the important nuggets of wisdom I learnt are that many things can cause a blockage to our hearing from God so I make sure this is dealt with before I pray now. It may be our sins, distractions, stress, negative attitude or impatience. When we are not right with Him we can find ourselves in the wilderness. I am sure you all know of different ways God speaks. I have an amazing testimony of how God spoke to me many years ago through a peacock butterfly. I will save that for another time!

We were introduced to Prophetic writing which is different to journaling. It is being open to what God wants to say to us, with no agenda or bias and letting the words flow on to the paper. His words and thoughts, not ours. I was given a picture of a flowing river. It was crystal clear, sparkling in the sunshine. Then I noticed some areas weren't moving very fast and that the water was-

n't clear but dirty, being polluted by the mud from the riverbank. The mud represented my sins that needed dealing with so that I could come to Father God with clean hands and a pure heart. Wow that told me!



God may lead us into the wilderness to get our attention. It is a divine opportunity for Him to direct our paths and prepare us for what lies ahead. A place for our hearts to grow to become more in tune with Him. Unless it is self induced by our disobedience, there can be beauty and promotion in this place. When we put Him first in our lives, everything we do will flow from this place of intimacy. He is more interested in our hearts than anything else. He just wants to spend time with us. Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness in preparation for His 3 year ministry. He fasted. A powerful tool for breakthrough. It nourishes our spirit not our flesh. He came out anointed unlike the Israelites who spent 40 years there because of their disobedience. A journey that in terms of distance should have taken nearer 40 days!

We had an evening of soaking in God's presence. With our eyes closed and ready to receive from Him. He gave me a picture of one of my favourite places, on the beach. Jesus and I walked in the sand and paddled on the edge of the sea. I challenged Him to a swimming race and being the gentleman He is, He let me win! We ate ice cream, went fishing on His boat and had a BBQ. It was such fun. One minute I was crying, the next laughing. I want more days out with Jesus like this!

This year has been a very difficult and challenging one for me especially grieving the loss of a loved one. I have had been under a major spiritual attack on me and my family twice. The latest being the day after I came back from this retreat. I am not surprised as God was doing such a deep work in me, transforming and healing my heart.

I hope reading this testimony will encourage others to seek God first and share your stories too.

God bless

Michele

This week

Date	Time	Event
Sun 18th	10:00am	Worship & Communion Service - Rev. Dozie Moneme.
Mon 19th	5:00pm+	Interviews for St. Paul's Youth & Families Worker. <i>Please note that the Monday Fellowship / Bible Study Group will now be on Tuesday this week.</i>
Tue 20th	9:45am 7:30pm	Little Rascals Toddler Group - in the Christian Centre. Book using 'Eventbrite' . Monday Fellowship / Bible Study Group (Zoom). Speak to Andrew for more information. Contact us for a link or text 07947 153 344 .
Wed 21st	10:15am 7:15pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Holy Communion BCP (Book of Common Prayer) - Rev. Dozie Moneme. Wednesday Fellowship / Bible Study Group (Zoom). Speak to Rev Dennis for more information. Contact us for a link or text 07947 153 344 . Evening Prayer (at home). See the details on our website . PCC Meeting (In the church).
Thu 22nd	7:30pm	Bible teaching from Rivi Litvin (Zoom) - The trial of Jesus. To take part please contact us with your email address, you will then receive a Zoom invitation for the session along with an email with a handout for the study from Rivi.

Looking ahead - Dates for your diary...

Sun 25th	10:00am	Word & Worship Service - Speaker: Lloyd Actkinson.
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Offering / Giving Thank you for your giving to the work at St. Paul's. If you are part of St. Paul's and 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 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](#).

Revive Newport

Dear Prayer Partners,

Welcome to our summer prayer letter, which, as we have done previously, covers the July and August summer period.

I trust that this letter finds each one of you safe and well in these unsettled times. However, changes are on the way, and I feel that we do need to keep in our prayers those in authority who bear the

responsibilities of making life changing decisions as lock down is lifted, and for God's protection and guidance on the outcome of those decisions as they affect us all corporately and personally. *Timothy 2:2 (The Message) calls us to "pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living."*

Amen to that!

So, to the business of prayer points for Revive:

Loneliness and mental health issues remain at an all time high at the present, until changes are made, so please pray for the Living Room and Newport Youth Cafe as they connect with some of these people and be there for them.

With our youth outreach,

there are lots of young people out and about at the moment, and many seem lost and without hopes/plans or aspirations.

Please pray for Pete and Marie as they try and connect with them and make an impact on their lives. They continue to engage with the younger ones and believe they are beginning to wear down their resistance! There are around 15 coming to the older NYC group, and about half of them are new attenders, and 5 attended a Youth For Christ event recently, so do keep on praying.

The Living Room has been doing well, improving and building up custom, and they have had good feedback especially about the food. They are also installing a new coffee machine for better lattes etc., so pray this good favour will continue and they can impact more lives with the love of Jesus.

Volunteers wanted.

Help is needed with Office work, with our Revive Social Media, and also with selling our books on our Facebook Living Room books page. Please pray for the right people to fill these needs. We also want to gather a team of people to connect with and bless our community with acts of kindness, e.g. going into Newport and giving out chocs/flowers, listening and praying. Please email Pete if you are interested in this, and pray for more volunteers also. We are planning to go out on *Fridays 6th and 20th August lunchtimes*, if we have a team.

Pete and family.

Please continue in your prayers for the twins. They are now 15 months old, but due to them being extremely premature and having TAPS they are quite behind with their motor skills, so they are having some physio to help with movement. Asher especially needs help as the donor baby, but is now beginning to sit a bit, and Leo is starting to drag himself around, which is good. Pray for them to be blessed with increased growth and development. Pray for all the family as we come out of lockdown, with all the issues this will involve for them.

Prayer Room.

Last month we mentioned setting up a prayer room upstairs in the Living Room, and we are launching this now! So if you are able to come and pray for an hour, or more, during our opening times, we would love to hear from you, and the details are as follows:

Hours open for prayer are: Tuesdays 10 am - 3pm. Wednesdays. 10 am - 8pm. Thursdays 11am - 6pm. Fridays 4pm - 8 pm.

If you would like to book a slot, please ring me, Maureen, on our landline (we have no mobile reception at home!) If you don't get an answer, please leave a message and I will get back to you asap. Or you can email us on pray4revive@aol.com.

Information for when you arrive at the Living Room to pray:

Covid Rules (at present):

Wear a mask on entry. Get signed in, including temperature check. Use track and trace and use hand gel. Use the prayer room freely, no need to wear a mask unless you need to go into the cafe or when you leave.

We recommend you bring your own water but if you want anything from the cafe, you can order with Pete or Michele who are in the cafe and who will bring it up to you. Antibac anything you have touched when you leave.

Suggestions on how to pray:

- Time for you and God - You can use the space to listen to worship music, read the bible ,or be creative.
- Pray for Revive - There will be information and prayer requests about what we are doing.
- Pray for the Church - Revive is part of Churches Together in Newport and so we pray for the Church to be fired up and ready for a move of God.
- Pray for healing and salvation. - We want to pray for the people we work with and the people we know who are in need (including people in your life)
- We would want to be generous in our prayers and pray for everyone.

We hope that all this information has inspired you, and will assist you in your prayers, whether at home or in our prayer room. We know that wherever and whenever we pray, God is listening and ready to answer, and again we thank you all for being an essential part of this work.

We pray that you will all have a wonderful summer, in whatever that will entail for you, and we look forward to connecting again in September.

With love and every blessing,

Maureen - Revive Prayer Coordinator.

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Carisbrooke Priory

JULY 16-24
10am - 4pm
closed: Sunday 18 & Monday 19

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Marion Large
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