

St. Paul's News

St. Paul's Barton - Sunday 24.10.21
Last Sunday after Trinity - Bible Sunday
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Welcome To our **Worship & Communion Service** today with Rev. Dozie Moneme officiating and Lloyd Actkinson speaking. We return to our series looking at the book of Ephesians (Session 5) Ch4 v7-Ch5 v2. Pages 1175 & 1176 in the church Bibles.

"Live according to new humanity, not the old".

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.

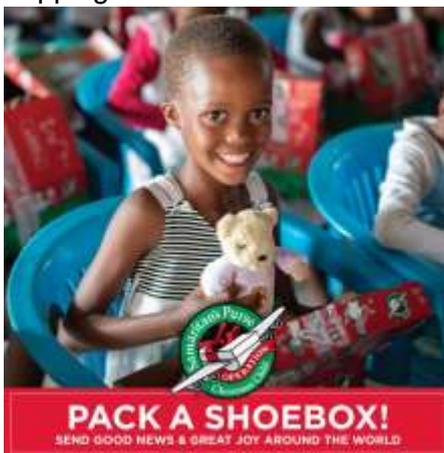
If you would prefer a quieter service with no singing and more space in the building there is a service of Holy Communion or Morning Prayer every Wednesday morning at 10:15am.

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

Shoebox Appeal

Just to let you know that we had a lovely couple of hours on Tuesday, wrapping the shoe boxes for this year's appeal. In total our little group wrapped in excess of 40 boxes. So we now have the boxes prepared for the gifts that will hopefully come in over the next four Sundays. A big thank you to Malcolm, Norma, Sylv, Sandra and Margaret.

Ian & Kathy



"Little Church"

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.

Harvest Gifts & Offerings

A big thank you to everyone for your Harvest Giving to the IW Foodbank. Ian & Kathy were able to deliver our produce to the Foodbank in Cowes on Monday Kathy says

"They were delighted with the amount we handed over". In addition to the food and other items, financial gifts totalling **£235** were also passed on. Well done everyone!

Men's Breakfast

Who can refuse a full English? Certainly not the men of St. Paul's! Ten of us enjoyed a great breakfast and good fellowship at the Breeze restaurant recently. Many thanks to Paul for organising.



Available on YouTube

Rev. Dozie's latest reflections on the Beatitudes - No. 5, "Blessed are the merciful" & No.6 "Pure Heart" are now available to view on the St. Paul's YouTube Channel. You can easily find by following the YouTube link on the St. Paul's website. www.stpaulsbarton.co.uk

Pray For One Another...

Please remember in your prayers this week: Karen, John G, Anita, Beryl, Simon, Gisele and Pete. That the Lord would touch them with His healing and His peace.

Church of England General Synod News and Opinion

As Deanery Synod Reps, Di and Kevin were able to vote in this year's elections for laity candidates to represent the Diocese of Portsmouth on the C of E General Synod.

This year there were sixteen candidates contesting three places! The voting mechanism itself was in fact very complex being based on a preference vote system (please don't ask us to explain!). Members of the clergy were also able to vote for the House of Clergy representatives. The results for the Diocese were as follows:

House of Clergy:

- The Rev Paul Chamberlain
- The Rev Andrew Hargreaves
- Canon Bob White



This week

Date	Time	Event
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.

Dates for your diary

Date	Time	Event
Sun 31st	10:00am 10:00am-10:40am	ALL SAINTS DAY Word & Worship Service - Speaker: John Yates. Ephesians Session 6 Ch5 v3-v21. "From darkness to light and being careful how you live" Little Church (For children Age 3 to end of Primary School) in the Christian Centre. For more information speak to Kathy.
Mon 1st Nov	7:30pm	Monday Online Fellowship Group (Zoom) - Ephesians Session 6. For more information speak to Andrew or contact us .
Tue 2nd	7:15	Tuesday Online Fellowship Group (Zoom) - Ephesians Session 6. For more information speak to Rev. Dennis or contact us .
Wed 3rd	10:15am 2:30pm	Holy Communion BCP (Book of Common Prayer) - Rev. Dozie Moneme. Funeral.
Thu 4th	2:15pm	Ladies Fellowship - In the Christian Centre. For more information speak to Mary or Margaret P.
Sat 6th	10:00am	Prayer for Israel & the Middle East - An hour of prayer and Bible study - all welcome.
Sun 7th	10:00am	All-Age Worship - Canon Stuart Holt.
Sat 13th	10:00am-2:00pm	Carisbrooke Priory - Christmas Fair. The Tea Room will be open.
Sun 14th	10:00am	Remembrance Sunday Worship & Communion - Rev. Dozie Moneme.

House of Laity:

- Canon Lucy Doherty
- Mrs Rebecca Hunt
- Dr Ian Johnston

More information, and their candidate profiles, can be found on the Diocese of Portsmouth website.

Whilst all this information may seem somewhat remote to us "in the pews" so to speak, overall, it does determine the makeup and voting patterns of the General Synod.

The following opinion piece from Eternity News picks up on some possible predicted outcomes as to how the new General Synod may now look...

Poll results signal little change on sexuality in Church of England

By John Sandeman -October 21, 2021

Results of the General Synod (national church parliament) election in the Church of England indicate that conservative evangelicals will have the numbers to block changes such as authorising same-sex blessings or wedding ceremonies.

Psephologist Peter Ould has crunched the numbers based on the new Synod members campaign statements and provided a comprehensive report on the widely read @Psephizo blog run by evangelical academic Ian Paul.

Using the labels "orthodox" and "revisionist" to describe the synod members position on same-sex blessings he

comes up with these results.

House of Clergy

Orthodox – 79 (40%)
Revisionist – 83 (42%)
Unknown – 34 (17%)

House of Laity

Orthodox – 73 (37%)
Revisionist – 69 (35%)
Unknown – 55 (28%)



Making a change to doctrine or the liturgy – or authorised services – in the church of England requires a two-thirds majority in each house. This means that both the evangelical and progressive groups have the numbers to block change.

However, the existing services in the church are conservative in terms of sexuality. It is the progressive side that seeks change.

This was an election decided on the main issue of the day, sexuality, according to Ould. "The majority of elected members are going to associate with the two largest groupings in Synod (Evangelical Group on General Synod, 'EGGS', and the Human Sexuality Group) which mirror pretty much the two pressure groups, CEEC [Church of England Evangelical Council] and IC [Inclusive Church], who recommended slates of candidates. Turnout was up simply because electors knew exactly where their candidates stood on the key issue of the day, knew who they agreed with and didn't, and were advised by the "party" they agreed

with how to cast their vote.”

CEEC requires a biblical/orthodox stance on sexuality from candidates it endorses.

Ould's takeaway is "Given that the electorate knew quite explicitly what they were voting for, this puts to bed finally the misconception constantly spun by those wanting a change in the church's teaching that the average person in the pews supports their position."

Inclusive Church put forward the largest number of candidates the group has run, twice the number of the last election. Their candidates' commitment was "I am committed to equality for everyone, at all levels and roles within the church, regardless of gender, disability, ethnicity, socio-economic status, mental health or sexuality."

CEEC urged "orthodox Anglican Evangelicals to safeguard the doctrine and teaching of the Church of England."

One possible change would be for Bishops – who form the third house in the tricameral Synod – to allow "experimental services". A process of meetings, with study materials called "Living in Love and Faith" discussing sexuality is happening in the CofE with many progressives anticipating it will lead to change. The General Synod election results may mean this is put off for at least five years – the length of time the new synod members will serve.

You're His Masterpiece!

Ephesians Ch2 v10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Throughout the world, millions of pounds are spent on priceless works of art. I'm always amazed at how much people will pay for one painting - some are con-

sidered virtually priceless. But what makes a masterpiece? It's not a what - it's a "who" - a master makes a masterpiece!

There's a Master at work on you. Your life is a priceless work of art in the Lord's hand. God's masterful artistry, His perfect "touch", is painting, sculpting your life day by day to create the masterpiece He envisions you to be. Every stroke of the brush, every strike of the chisel, places colour, renders shape to your individual identity in Him. You can trust His craftsmanship, rely on His artistry, because not only is He the consummate Master Artist, but He loves His works.

"We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works"....so it seems the Master Artist has created you to be an artist too; to walk in good works which reflect His work in you. You are a beautiful masterpiece in the making, designed to portray a beautiful Master in all you do.

The Lord's work is beautiful, it's the best, highest quality available, three dimensional, living and breathing... and it's truly "priceless" in terms of this world's reckoning - but wait until you see just how He values you and your good works where it really counts - in the World to Come. So realize that you are a work of God - created for good works to be valued, highly valued, in Eternity.

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

Bible Studies with Rivi Litvin (Zoom)

Thursday evenings at 7.30pm

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'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 church website.

Shalom, **John Q.**

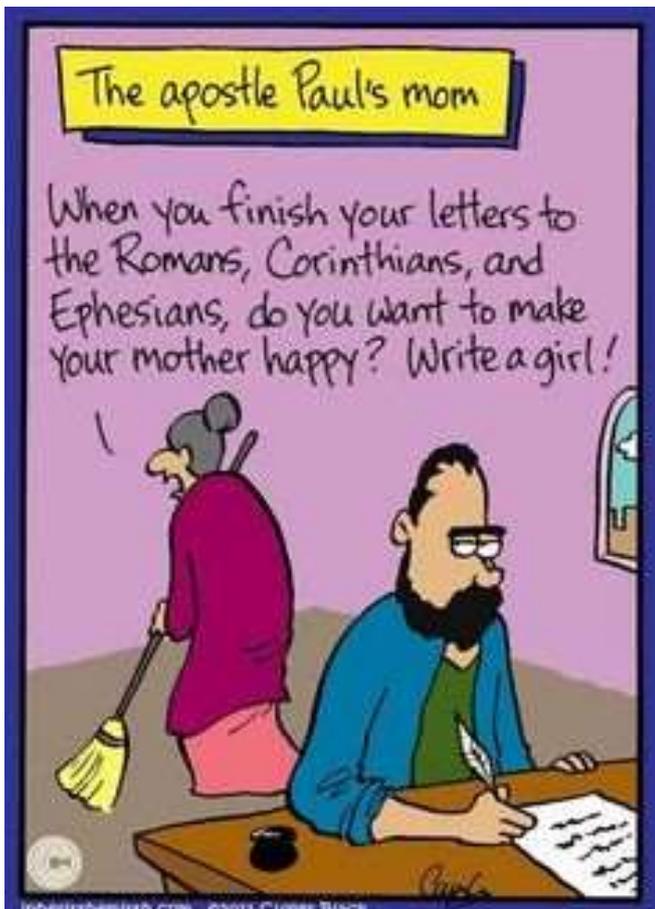
Offering / Giving Thank you for your giving to the work at St. Paul's. If you have not yet committed to regular giving, we would ask you to prayerfully seek God's will regarding this.

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.

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. <http://carisbrookepriory.org.uk/>



Carisbrooke Priory
Christmas Fair

Saturday
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Tea Room open

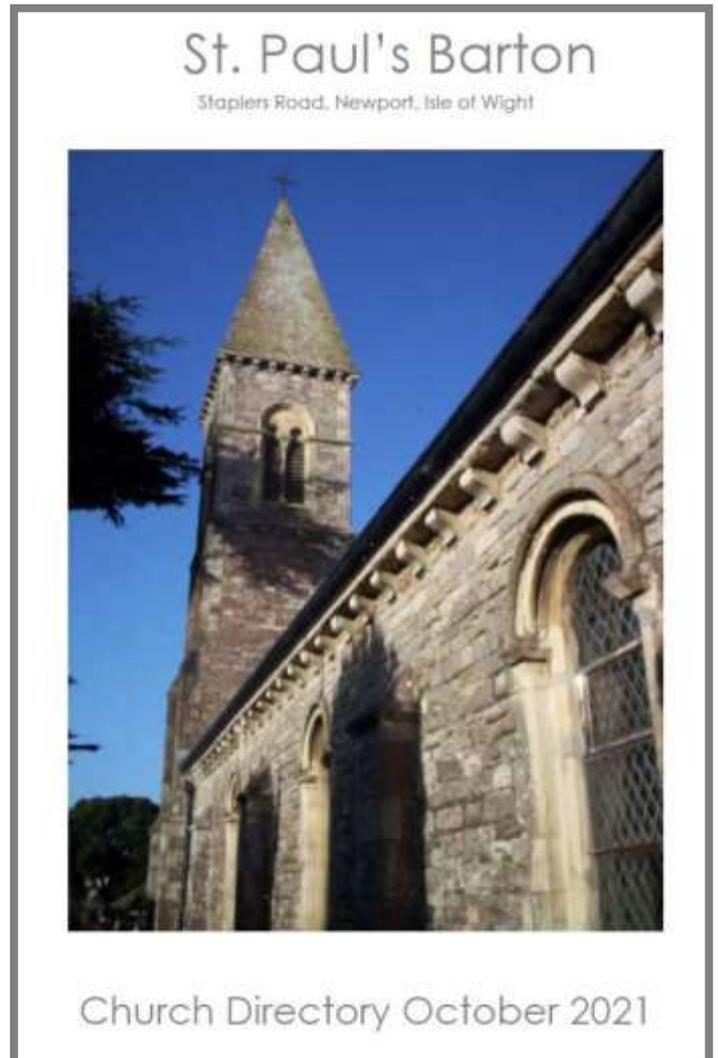
Church Directory

Our Church Directory has been issued with all the latest updates for 2021.

The October 2021 version has been sent out by email. Let Kevin know if you would like a printed copy. It will shortly also be issued on paper for those without internet access.

If you are not in the directory and would like to be, forms are available at the back of the church. You can pass these to Kevin on the sound desk or complete one on-line on the church website.

<https://www.stpaulsbarton.co.uk/administration/consent-form/>



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