

St. Paul's News

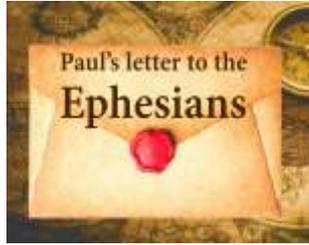
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St. Paul's Barton - Sunday 28.11.21
First Sunday of Advent

Welcome

To our **Worship & Communion Service** today. This is the last in our series looking at the book of Ephesians, the passage is from Ch6 v10-24 - "Spiritual "Warfare" and can be found on page 1177 of the church bibles.



As it is now a 'personal choice' as to the wearing of masks, do please respect one another's preferences with regard to the wearing (or otherwise) of masks and social distancing etc.

Please remember to maintain social distancing when going forward to receive Holy Communion.

Tea & coffee is available after the service.

Should you 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 are available later on our [YouTube](#) channel.

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, Grandparents or Guardians can bring them to the Centre just before 10:00am. **Please come and collect them at 10:40am to join the service in the church.**

Shoebox Appeal 2021

Operation Christmas Child

A heartfelt thank you to everyone for their contribution to this year's Shoebox Appeal. Last Sunday we presented **51 boxes** in church and then these were delivered in Newport on Monday for the beginning of their long journey.

Due to everyone's generosity in giving an amazing **£335.25** we have more than enough funds to cover the postage and transportation costs for these boxes.

May we ask that you continue to pray for the children who will receive them and for the work that Samaritans Purse will do with them.

God bless you all,

Ian & Kathy



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](#).

Disarm Discouragement!

Proverbs Ch15 v23 A man has joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good it is!

I just read a shocking story of how 38% of pastors are considering leaving the ministry in a recent Barna group poll. In light of this, I'd like to tell you a modern parable has been written about the tools of the enemy that I believe we can really learn from.

"Some time ago, an advertisement appeared in which the devil was putting all his tools up for sale. On the day of public inspection, each one of his tools was marked with its selling price: Hatred, Envy, Jealousy, Doubt, Lying, Pride, and so on, were each on the block. Set apart, however, from all the rest of the pile, was a harmless-looking tool, well-worn, but priced very high - it was discouragement!"

Someone asked the devil, 'why is that one priced so high?' He replied, 'Ah, that one is more useful to me than all the rest. With it I can pry open a man's heart and enter, when I cannot get near him with any other tools. Once inside, I can lead him any way I choose. The tool is very worn because I use it on almost everyone, since few people know it belongs to me.'"

The enemy loves to sow discouragement - but believers have a tool much more powerful - encouragement!

We can speak a word into the lives of those who desperately need to hear it: to the college student adjusting to his new environment; to the missionary who may feel alone in the harvest field; to the disillusioned newlywed young couple; to the forgotten servants of God who labor in an obscure and difficult ministry; to the orphans and the widows; to all those who need to hear a word in due season!

We all have the power in our lips to rekindle a discouraged soul. *continued over...*

This week

Date	Time	Event
Mon 29th	7:30pm	Monday Online Fellowship Group For more information or a Zoom link speak to Andrew or contact us.
Tue 30th	9:45am-11:30am 7:15pm	Little Rascals Toddler Group The group meets in St. Paul's Christian Centre from 9:45am to 11:30am each Tuesday in school term time. Tuesday Online Fellowship Group For more information or a Zoom link speak to Rev. Dennis or contact us.
Wed 1st	10:15am	Holy Communion BCP (Book of Common Prayer) - Rev. Dozie Moneme.
Thu 2nd	2:15pm	Ladies Fellowship - In the Christian Centre. For more information speak to Mary or Margaret P.
Sat 4th	10:00am	Prayer for Israel & the Middle East. - In the church 10:00am - 11:00am.

Next week

Sun 5th	10:00am	All-Age Worship Service - Speaker: Jane Shyvers. (No 'Little Church' this week as there is an All-Age Service).
Tue 7th	9:45am-11:30am	Little Rascals Toddler Group The group meets in St. Paul's Christian Centre from 9:45am to 11:30am each Tuesday in school term time.
Wed 8th	10:15am	Holy Communion BCP (Book of Common Prayer) - Rev. Dozie Moneme
Thu 9th	10:30am 2:15pm	Summerfields Primary School Christingle Service Ladies Fellowship - In the Christian Centre. For more information speak to Mary or Margaret P.

Dates for your diary

Sun 19th	6:30pm	Carols by Candlelight - Speaker Rev. Dozie Moneme.
Tue 21st	10:00am 1:00pm	Medina House Christingle Service (1) Medina House Christingle Service (2)
Fri 24th	9:00pm	Christmas Eve Holy Communion with Rev. Dozie Moneme.
Sat 25th	10:00am	All-Age Worship and Communion with Rev. Dozie Moneme.
Sun 26th	10:00am	Word and Worship Service - Speaker John Yates.



Let's inspire one another with words of encouragement! It costs nothing, and reaps an eternal reward... **encourage one another daily, as you see the day draw near. (Hebrews Ch10v25).**

George Whitten - worthyministries.com

New to St. Paul's?

You are very welcome! Our usual Sunday services are very simple - an opening hymn, a time of prayer, some liturgy 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.



Welcome
Glad you're here!

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.



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