

St. Paul's Barton Newsletter 04.03.21

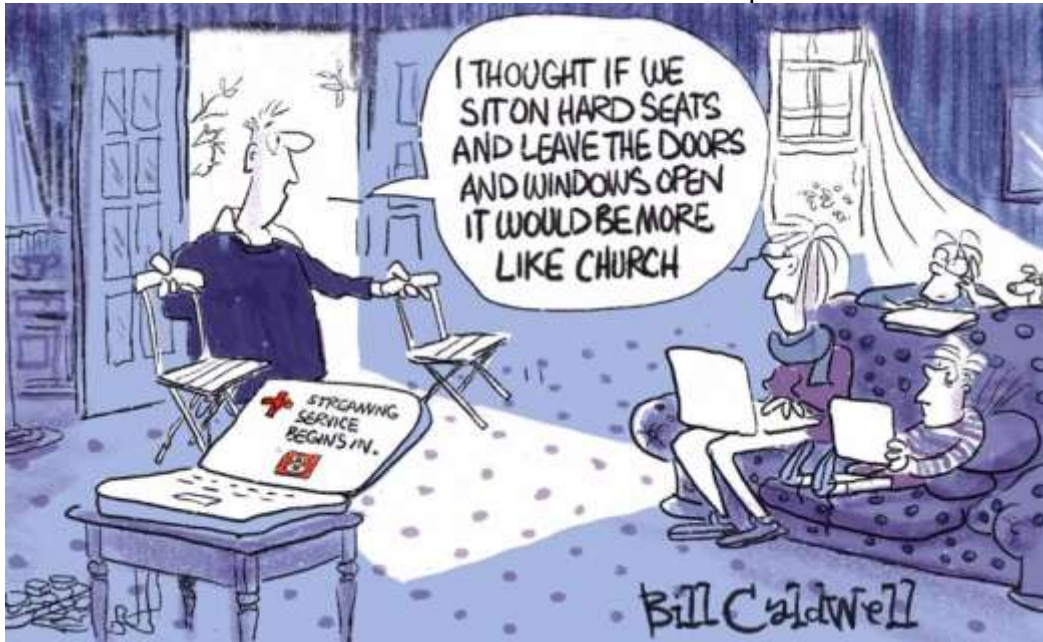
The third of our six week Lent sermon series will be on Sunday when our speaker is Rev. Dr. Dennis Lloyd. Many are using the book by Dave Smith **"40 days with Jesus"** together with additional Bible study materials. The Bible Study notes for **Week 3 "When Jesus Comes In The Midst"** based on John Ch20 Verses 19-23 are included below.



Readings: Psalms 36 & 39, Genesis Ch49 v1-32 & Hebrews Ch6 v13-20.

Collect:

**Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



Evening prayer words are on our website.

Wednesday 10th March at 7:30pm
PCC Standing Committee Meeting

Thursday 11th March at 7:30pm
Bible teaching from Rivi Litvin.- Matthew.

To take part please contact us with your email address and you will then receive a Zoom invitation for the session along with an email with a handout for the study from Rivi.

Sunday 14th March at 10:00am
Mothers Sunday

Word and Worship Service - Rev. Kelvin Burke.

What's Happening

Thursday 4th March

World Day of Prayer - See www.wwdp.org.uk

Saturday 6th March 10:00am -11:00am

Prayer for Israel & the Middle East (Zoom)

Contact us for a link.

Sunday 7th March at 10:00am

Third Sunday of Lent

Worship & Communion Service - Rev. Dr Dennis Lloyd.

Lent series 3 "When Jesus Comes In The Midst"

John Ch20 v19-23

Zoom Coffee at 12 noon - Contact us for a link.

40 Days with Jesus Bible Study Groups

The **Monday Fellowship Group** and the **Tuesday Group** are meeting for six consecutive weeks. If you would like a Zoom link to either group please contact us.

Monday Group at 7:30pm - Week 3 - 8th March, Week 4 - 15th, Week 5 - 22nd & Week 6 - 29th.

Tuesday Group at 7:15pm - Week 3 - 9th March, Week 4 - 16th, Week 5 - 23rd & Week 6 - 30th.

Wednesday 10th March

Evening Prayer (at home) 7:30pm.

If you can, join with us at home as we come before God.

Wednesday 24th March at 7:30pm

PCC Meeting (Zoom).

Sunday Services

Our Sunday services are all streamed live on the church Facebook page and are available to watch later on the church's Facebook page, Website and YouTube channel.

To attend in person you need to book for Sunday services as due to Covid restrictions seating capacity is limited. **Remember that you must maintain strict social distancing in the church.** To book contact Ian (see the Church Directory for the number) contact us via the church website or text **07947 153 344**.

After Church Coffee



Join us on Zoom for Coffee at 12:00 noon after the Sunday Service (make your own of course!). Phone or text **07947 153 344** or contact us via the church website for a link.



Offering / Giving

If you are part of St. Paul's and have not yet committed to regular giving, we ask you to prayerfully seek God's will regarding this.

Ways to Give:

- **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 send it to her or phone her for more details or to arrange for your form to be collected.
- **You can send a cheque**, payable to: **PCC of St. Paul's (Barton Parish)** to Penny (address in church directory).
- 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.

Bits & Pieces >>>

Cleaners this week - This week the church is being cleaned by Liz C, Liz D and David.- thank you!

A Vicar in the Vicarage!

Rev. Dozie, Nnenna and the family moved into the vicarage this week! (at last). We wish them all a blessed and happy home together - in the Parish. For those of you that didn't see the WhatsApp post here's an interviewee for the new cleaning job at St. Paul's...



Dive deeper!

Philippians 4:6-7 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and

supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

As the culture war continues to escalate all over the world, we as believers should be filled with peace in the midst of intense conflicts. So how can we be filled with peace in the midst of such adversity? How is that possible, one may wonder? One method of finding your "shalom" is a lesson found in nature.

When a storm swarms across the ocean surface, the fish know where the water is still -- deep down under. While, on the surface, the winds and the waves rage, fathoms below lies water completely at peace. Perhaps we should learn something from fish.

In a shallow relationship with God, we will find ourselves being tossed to and fro by stormy waves of circumstance. James describes such a person as "double-minded" and unstable. In his trials, he cannot exercise faith because he has-

n't gone deep with the Lord.

However, when we seek that deeper relationship with Him, we can enter another perspective on what's happening at the surface. Seeking and abiding in the depths of Yeshua, our Sar Shalom (Prince of Peace) will bring a peace that passes understanding, even in the midst of great storms.

**DEEP FAITH
ELIMINATES
FEAR.**

The double-minded man has not yet sought or found this place - since not everyone is willing to spend the time or effort for a deep relationship, however, it is available for all who truly desire and take the time for it.

Are you distressed or worried? It's time to press in... seek that deeper relationship with Yeshua and let Him lead you to the still water. He so wants to fill you with a "shalom" that passes all understanding!

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

Your help in selecting a new Bishop



The announcement of Bishop Christopher's retirement began the Vacancy in See process which will ultimately see a new Bishop of Portsmouth appointed. This is an important and significant time for our diocese.

We would therefore like you to pray in your church communities, and as individuals for Bishop Christopher and his wife Sally as they prepare for retirement, and also for the Vacancy in See committee as they undertake the work to produce the Statement of Needs for the Diocese.

The Vacancy in See committee wants to hear from as wide a range of people from across our diocese with regard to our needs, and the skills we wish to see in the next Bishop of Portsmouth.

To aid this process, the Vacancy in See Committee is asking people to respond to a set of questions. Please fill in the short survey here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScbVRBKdH1HBWJXf7fBzvlCyvhdqWB4zTCuykv5iRtYlgacMA/viewform>

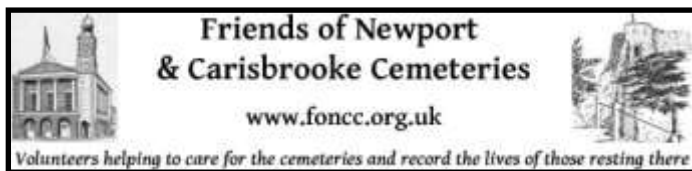
by noon on 10th March 2021. These will be collated to support the work of the Vacancy in See Committee.

The main meeting of the Vacancy in See Committee will take place on 11th March 2021 at 4pm. At this meeting the Committee will elect, from its membership, six individuals to represent the diocese on the Crown Nominations Committee (CNC). Those six individuals will join national representatives on the CNC and that group will take forward the process for discerning who should be the next Bishop of Portsmouth.

Website Of The Week...

www.foncc.org.uk/

Friends of Newport & Carisbrooke Cemeteries



According to the website, the aim of the volunteers of the Friends of Newport & Carisbrooke Cemeteries is "to clear overgrowth from grave markers and document them together with unmarked burials at Cemeteries in the modern civil parish of Newport, Isle of Wight - the cemeteries covered are Newport, St Paul's (old and current) and Carisbrooke (Mount Joy) Cemeteries (plus the old churchyards at St Mary's Carisbrooke and St Paul's church Barton)".

It's an interesting website and of particular interest to people researching their ancestry or looking at local history. As you will see both churchyards relating to St. Paul's are included.

The group produce a newsletter every several months (copies available on their website) which highlights work undertaken and other items of historical interest. February's newsletter contained an interesting article relating to St. Paul's:

St. Paul's Churchyard ('a bit off topic')

Without much to report on the cemeteries, it might be interesting to mention a couple of round 'tablets' set into the inside of the boundary wall of St. Paul's church, by the side of the south-east gate.

The Isle of Wight Observer, 1 October 1853 records under Newport General News:

"A very handsome monument (designed by Mr. W. Dashwood, of this town executed by Mr. E. Joyce, of Ryde, and paid for by the whole of the ship's crew, from the Commanding Officer to the common seaman) has been erected at St. Paul's Church, in memory of three of the crew of the "Cockatrice" schooner, who were drowned by the capsizing of a boat off the coast of California.

On one side of the tablet is engraved:

'Sacred to the memory of George Dowden, aged 29 years, Joseph Shrubshell, aged 25 years, able seaman, and Gabriel Victoria, 48 years, pilot of Mazathan, who were unfortunately drowned by the capsizing of a boat off Talava Point, Gulf of California, April 5th, 1852.'

And on the other side:

'This Tablet is erected by the Commanding Officer and ship's company of Her Majesty's schooner, 'Cockatrice,' to mark



the esteem and respect they held their unfortunate ship-mates.'

The first named was a native of the immediate neighbourhood of the above church, which was no doubt the reason it was placed there."

Today, the monument has been mounted into the wall, probably when the wall was rebuilt in the 1960's as part of road-widening, showing just the first inscription, the other plaque, apparently produced at another time, shows an illustration of three figures on rocks and a ship.

To be honest, I have never really particularly noticed what we have set into our wall, I wonder how many times many of us have passed this, so close to the gate, and never even noticed!

Kevin



Lent Bible Study Notes - Week 3

INTRO

In this session we are looking at a truly life-changing encounter which took place on that Easter Sunday evening, when Jesus first appeared to His disciples as a group. The two key points we'll be looking at are:

1. When we encounter Jesus, **He changes us**
2. Then, **He sends us out** to change the world around us

BRING YOUR BIBLES

Read aloud **John 20:19–23**, encouraging everyone to follow along in their own Bibles. The more translations the better as each may highlight something different.

Now allow the whole group the opportunity to share what stood out anew to them and why.

QUESTIONS

1. *[If your church are running the 40 Days with Jesus sermons* What particularly impacted you from Sunday's message?
2. *[If you are using the small group videos instead]* What particularly impacted you from this week's message?
3. How would you describe the mood of the disciples at the beginning of this passage? Given the evidence we have looked at over the last two weeks, are you surprised that they are living 'in fear'?
4. How does Jesus convince His disciples that it really is Him? What is the significance of Jesus showing them His 'hands and side' and what impact does it have on them?

5. Like the disciples, the resurrection of Jesus offers us new hope – hope for our future, hope beyond the grave, hope into eternity. How does that hope impact our lives now?
6. What purpose does Jesus give to His disciples in verse 21? How does He equip the disciples to fulfill this purpose? *Note for the leader: New Power (v22), New Authority (v23)*
7. Is this purpose still relevant in our lives today?
8. What do you make of Jesus breathing on the disciples in order for them to receive the Holy Spirit? Looking back at Genesis 2:7, what are the similarities and differences between these two accounts?
9. How would you share your sense of being a new creation with someone who doesn't yet know Christ?

SHARE YOUR STORY

You can discuss the following questions together as one group or, if individuals prefer, you could split into groups of twos or threes.

10. How can we know Jesus' peace even when we can't physically see Him? Are you able to share a time when you recently experienced His joy or peace in your life?
11. Where do you sense God has sent you or is going to send you to live out His Great Commission? On a scale of one to ten, how passionate are you for this aspect of mission?
12. Share together how either you have led someone to find forgiveness through encountering Christ, or how someone led you to first find forgiveness in His name.

PRAY TOGETHER

Take the time to invite the Holy Spirit into your group. Perhaps begin with prayers of worship and thanksgiving, then you may choose to follow these suggestions for specific prayer:

You could pray:

- that as you all go into your daily lives and have your daily devotions, you'll expect new encounters with Jesus
- for the Holy Spirit to fill you and to keep on filling you with His peace, hope and joy
- for a fresh passion for God's purposes in your life
- that every person in the group would realise their great power and authority, as given from God, and use it for His glory.

For the children >>

Josh has been busy producing bible stories for Easter. The first one is available on the St. Paul's YouTube channel. This week we are looking at Palm Sunday! Just under 4 minutes long great for kids - pass it on!