

## St. Paul's Barton Newsletter 15.04.21

This "saving-seats-at-church" is really getting out of hand.



### Church Finance Update

**Thank you for your giving to St Paul's.**

Thank you to everyone who has set up a new regular payment, and to those who have increased their existing giving. There are now **54** people who have committed to regular giving, mostly through payments direct to our bank, but also by postal cheques or (for a few who have been able to attend services in person) by weekly envelopes.

The PCC is grateful to everyone who has committed to regular giving. Our total expenditure budget for 2021 is **£53,980** (see below for more detail) and your commitment really helps us to forecast ahead for the rest of the year.

Expenditure Budget for 2021	
	£
Tithe for 2020 and other giving	2,200
Parish Share	31,896
Ministry	3,000
Mission and outreach	600
Home groups, children and young people	600
Church building - utilities	2,250
Church building - cleaning and maintenance	1,000
Church building - insurance	1,874
Costs of services	1,000
Piano and organ tuning	400
Books, publications and other resources	100
Training and conferences	500
Use of St Paul's Christian Centre	2,500
Sundry expenses	300
Professional fees	750
Administration and licences	2,200
Equipment	1,000
Independent examiner's fee	810
Transfers to organ and choir funds	1,000
<b>Total expenditure for the year</b>	<b>53,980</b>
<b>Parish share due to Diocese per week</b>	<b>£613.38</b>

At the end of March, we are forecasting a small deficit for this year - a deficit that has decreased considerably since January because of the increase in regular giving (thank you!).

**We are still living in difficult times**, and we know that many people in our church family have not been able to be in the church building for over a year - so we are particularly thankful for your continued financial support for St. Paul's - which ultimately enables the continued presence and preaching of the gospel in our parish.

If you would like information about regular giving, please contact Penny.

### APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting)



This year's meeting, will take place on **Wednesday 28th April** at 7:30pm in the church and will also be available 'live' on Zoom. All are welcome to join us, either in person or on Zoom. To book contact Ian Pugh (see the Church Directory for the number), contact us via the church website or text **07947 153 344**. Let us know if you would like the Zoom link.

### PCC Vacancies / Nominations

This year we have 5 vacancies on the PCC.

- Three for a 3-year term.
- One for a 2-year term.
- One for a 1-year term.

By rotation, 3 members will be standing down:

- Penny (Treasurer).
- Kathy (Safeguarding Contact, and DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) Officer).
- Kirsty (PCC Minute Secretary).

We also need to appoint two Churchwardens (which are annual appointments).

Our current Churchwardens are Josephine and Andrew.

All of the above are eligible for re-election should they wish to stand. If you are on the Church Electoral Roll and would like to nominate someone to serve the church as a member of the PCC or as a Churchwarden, forms are available at the back of the church, on the church website or can be sent to you by post (contact Kevin). Please remember that you need the candidate's agreement to stand and that they must meet the criteria detailed on the nomination form.

### Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll is now closed for this year. If you would like to check the details of your entry a copy is available at the back of the church or you can contact our Churchwardens Andrew or Josephine.

## What's Happening



**Our Sunday services** are streamed live on the church Facebook page and available to watch later on the church Facebook page, Website and YouTube channel. Audio copies of the talks are also available on the church website.

As the services are getting busier, if you would like to attend in person you need to book as due to ongoing 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**. If you do book and are unable to come please cancel to allow the space for others.

### Thursday 15th April at 7:30pm

**Bible teaching from Rivi Litvin** - The Trial of Jesus

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 18th April at 10:00am

Third Sunday of Easter

**Worship & Communion Service** - Rev. Dozie Moneme

Join us on Zoom for Coffee at 12noon after the Sunday Service Phone or text **07947 153 344** or contact us via the church website for a link.

### Wednesday 21st April

**Evening Prayer (at home) at 7:30pm.**

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

**Readings: Psalms 67 & 72, Exodus Ch24 & Luke Ch1 v39-56.**

**Collect:**

*Risen Christ,*

*you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

### Sunday 25th April at 10:00am

All-Age Worship - Josh Haywood

### Monday 26th April at 7:30pm

**Monday Fellowship Group** (Zoom) - Speak to Andrew for more information. Contact us for a link.

### Wednesday 28th April in the church at 7:30pm

**APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting).**

Also live on Zoom. Contact us for a link.

### Saturday 1st May at 10:00am - 11:00am

**Prayer for Israel & the Middle East** (Zoom)

Contact us for a link.

## Bits & Pieces >>>

**From Margaret** - People have kindly telephoned asking after my health. Can I please thank our church family for their prayers. I am so much better. Praise The Lord!

**Cleaners this week** - This week the church is being cleaned

by Josephine and Michele - thank you!

**Christian Centre Internet Connection** - We are hoping that on Friday Wight Fibre will be attempting to install fibre broadband for us at the Christian Centre. There are possible complications so please pray that this can be technically achieved!

**Scam Text** - The local Census Manager for the Island has heard from Isle of Wight Against Scams Partnership (IWASP) of a scam text, that has commenced on the island, purporting to be from the census saying that there is incorrect information on the form and to avoid a £1,000 fine visit [census.unpaid-fees.gov.com/](http://census.unpaid-fees.gov.com/) This is a hoax so please ignore.

**Christian Centre Car Park** - Over this coming weekend we have given permission for our neighbours to the rear of the Centre to use the car park whilst works are being undertaken to their driveway. There should still be some spaces on Sunday if needed. If you have any queries please contact Kevin. Don't forget parking is available at Broadlands House.

## Homegroup Update

It was good to see so many people joining the weekly Monday and Tuesday groups on Zoom as we followed through the 40 Days With Jesus sermons and material.

The Monday Fellowship Group will continue on Zoom, fortnightly as before. A big "thank you" goes to Jane Shyvers who has contributed so much in leading our studies and discussions. She is now taking a well earned break from leading our studies while she concentrates on the considerable work required for her Reader training.

More details of the Tuesday Zoom Group and possibly Ladies Fellowship (non Zoom) to follow.

## Revive Newport - April Prayer Letter

Dear Prayer Partners,

I trust that each one of you had a happy and blessed Easter break, and this letter finds you safe and well. Easter celebrates new beginnings and fresh starts, and as we move along the path on the map out of lockdown and all its restrictions, we welcome the opportunity to put that behind us, and look forward to what the future holds for us. **Philippians 3 :13-14 says this "But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."** I am sure that is the heart of each one of us, and for Revive, so let us pray for what lays ahead:



**The Living Room** - The date the café can open is getting ever nearer, and although we are not able to open earlier for takeaways, it is exciting that it is only just over a month till 18th May, when we can officially open our doors. As before, we ask that you pray for the team as they prepare to meet the needs of all those who come into the café, and be ever ready to give the reason for the hope and faith that they

have.

Please pray especially as we seek a Living Room Manager to take some responsibility of this project from Pete, that God will stir the right person to apply, and for wisdom for those interviewing the applicants, that they will be united in hearing God's voice.

**Newport Youth Café** - Please continue to pray for the team as they are doing increased detached youth work, meeting more and more young people on the streets and interacting with them. Please pray for wisdom, compassion and protection as they carry out this important work among our young people, many who are feeling confused, lonely and hopeless at present. Pray that as the Living Room opens they can again use it as the base for the Youth Café also in the evenings, and it will be a place of safety and companionship and hope for these young people.

**Revive** - Please pray for Revive trustees and leaders as they explore the possibility of having their own building that can accommodate all its projects, and allow them to explore ways of helping even more people and making a difference in the community. Pray for clarity of vision and for God's provision for His will to be carried out.

**1,000k Walk** - Seven of the Revive team have been doing a sponsored 1,000k walk for £1,000, one to keep them active, and also to retain and keep team spirit and interaction going. They have done well over 900k, and have raised over half the amount, so please pray for the walkers and team spirit, and also for the money to be raised.



**Pete's Family** - The twins turned One on Easter Sunday, and now weigh 16lb 7, and 17lb 1, so are making great progress. Thank God for so many answered prayers over the last twelve months, and continue to pray for their wellbeing and development, (especially that they will increase their night sleeping, so Mum and Dad can get some well earned rest!) Pray for little Sebastian also, as he continues to grow and develop, and learns to be 'big brother'! Also pray for Niki, for strength and patience, as she copes when Pete's work increases when The Living Room and Youth Cafe open again.

There is so much promise and things to look forward to in the coming months, and we pray that this is so in all of your lives also.

Again, we cannot thank you enough for your loyalty and faithfulness for praying for Revive, it's people and it's projects, even when nothing has seemed to be happening. It is a bit like the plants in the garden, through the winter you keep watch and tend as much as you can, even when you can't see anything happening, then as Spring comes, the plants burst forth, revealing all the preparation that had gone on unseen, now bringing forth flower and fruit!

May this be true not only for Revive, but for all of you, and

your families, as you get to see your hopes and plans for this year unfold too!

Love and blessings,

**Maureen - Revive Prayer Coordinator**

## **A Message of Hope**

### **HAPPY EASTER AND HAPPY PASSOVER**

#### **To All our precious friends, colleagues, and acquaintances**

Easter speaks of new life, new hope and new beginnings. The last year will have been challenging and difficult for us ALL, in many different ways.

Maybe through sickness, loss, isolation, financial hardship, without work, unable to worship physically with fellow believers. *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy, "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."* John 10:10

"Abundant life" echoes a super abundant life abounding in fullness of joy, and strength for spirit, soul and body.

The thief comes to destroy, but through the supernatural resurrected life of Jesus, from the tomb, we have an eternal, living, hope, that does not disappoint.

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ Who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to living hope, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" 1 Peter 1:3*

Amen. Be encouraged! Love and many blessings,

**John & Pam Yates**

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## **News from New Wine - Physical Event 2021**

**Cancelled** "We've been working hard on plans for our digital event (29 July - 3 August). United Breaks Out is coming to you again this summer and it will be even better than last year - we know that you are going to love the programme we are crafting to serve you!

We have also been doing all we can to try and run three smaller physical gatherings in Peterborough - United Elements 1 and 2 and Sixty One. We promised you that we would try. We have. We also promised you that we wouldn't do anything to put you, our New Wine family, at risk. We honour that promise and have had to conclude that we can't proceed with United Elements or Sixty One this summer.

We know those of you that have booked (or were planning to) will be disappointed to hear this. We're sorry, we're disappointed too. As much as we longed to gather physically with some of you this summer, we cannot let that longing move us to take decisions that are unwise.

John Wimber said that faith is spelt r.i.s.k. We completely stand on the foundation God built us on, so when He tells us to step out in faith on something, we'll step out obediently and take those risks. But RISK is also spelt r.i.s.k and God has given us leadership wisdom to steward New Wine well and not take risks that He hasn't directed us to take - ones that could put you and us in harm's way." See more at:

<https://www.new-wine.org/>