



At this point, any chance to sing at all would be great!

St. Paul's Barton Newsletter 20.05.21

Friday 21st May at 10:30am

World Day Of Prayer 2021

This year's event on the Island will take place in the Salvation Army Citadel in Pyle Street, Newport. To book a seat contact the Salvation Army on **01983 526312**.



Friday 21st May

GAFCON Isle of Wight Meeting at 7:30pm on Zoom

For more information see details below or visit www.gafconiow.org.uk

Sunday 23rd May at 10:00am

Pentecost Sunday

All-Age Service with Josh Haywood.

There will be no Shine or Refresh this week - please meet in church.

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.

Monday 24th May at 7:30pm

Monday Fellowship Group (Zoom)

Speak to Andrew for more information. Contact us via the church website for a link.

Wednesday 26th May at 7:30pm

Evening Prayer (at home)

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

Readings: Psalm 136, Joshua Ch3 & Luke Ch9 v37-50.

Collect:

**O Lord, from whom all good things come:
grant to us your humble servants,
that by your holy inspiration
we may think those things that are good,
and by your merciful guiding may perform the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,**

*who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and forever.
Amen.*

Thursday 27th May 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 30th May at 10:00am

Trinity Sunday

Word and Worship Service - Speaker John Yates.

For young people:

"Shine" 10:00am in the Christian Centre (Primary School Age).

"Refresh" 11:30am - 12:30am in the Christian Centre (Secondary School Age).

Join us on Zoom for Coffee at 12noon

Monday 31st May - Spring Bank Holiday

Wednesday 2nd June at 10:15am

Holy Communion BCP (Book of Common Prayer) - Rev. Dozie Moneme.

Wednesday 2nd June at 7:15pm

Wednesday Fellowship Group (Zoom) - Speak to Rev. Dennis for more information. Contact us for a link.

Wednesday 2nd June at 7:30pm

Evening Prayer (at home)

Bits & Pieces >>> Cleaners this week - This week the church is being cleaned by Penny & Kevin - thank you! We are now short of cleaners!- if anyone could possibly help with cleaning the church in any way please speak to Liz C.

Pray! - Please pray for Dave C, Pat A, Kirsty, Pat T, James and Tom (John & Barbi's friend) and all those who need God's healing touch at this time.

This Sunday is Pentecost (Shavuot)



Shavuot is called the **Feast of First Fruits** because of the celebration of the harvest when the Israelites brought the first fruits of the soil as a free will offering to God. It is also known as the **Feast of Weeks** because we count seven weeks from a particular day during Passover. It is also called **Pentecost** because it is fifty days after Passover.

Shavuot is one of three pilgrimage feasts that the Jewish People were commanded to observe at the Temple in Jerusalem. It celebrates the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai when God revealed Himself through the Law.

Jeremiah foretold the day when God would make a new covenant with His People, saying, ***“Behold, days are coming... when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.... I will put My Torah within them. Yes, I will write it on their heart” (Jeremiah 31:31-22 TLV).***

God also declared, ***“I will put My Ruach (Spirit) within you” (Ezekiel 36:27 TLV).*** After Yeshua had become our Passover Lamb, God gave His Holy Spirit to Believers on Shavuot. No longer is the law only written on stone, but the Holy Spirit of God writes the Law on our hearts and lives within us!

On Shavuot we offer God:

- the first of ourselves,
- the first of our lives, and
- the first of our days.

On Shavuot we thank God for revealing Himself to us: in His written Word given to us on Mount Sinai, and in His **Holy Spirit** given to us in Jerusalem.

May you know His joy and peace as you reflect on His wonderful gifts to you this Shavuot!

Holy Communion on Wednesdays is back!

We are pleased to announce that commencing on **Wednesday 2nd June** our mid-week service of Holy Communion using the book of Common Prayer will be returning. This will continue at 10:15 each Wednesday.

On Friday 21st May at 7:30pm GAFCON Isle of Wight will be meeting on Zoom.

Rev. Dr. Dennis Lloyd (Chair of Gafcon IOW) will be speaking on **“Connecting together for Biblical truth...”**

Living in a society that is increasingly woke and with many churches following suit, how do we work together to draw people to Christ and make them Christlike? How do we partner with God and each other to work for his Kingdom? How do we help individual Christians and churches on the Island in the present woke climate?



Gafcon IOW will be addressing these issues.

For more information speak to Andrew or visit www.gafconiow.org.uk and if you haven't already done so click on the **Join link** to receive the Zoom link for this meeting.

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.

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.

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 most 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.**

Don't forget that, weather permitting, you can sit outside and listen to our external speaker (and sing or wave a flag!).

Chaplaincy Volunteers at the Isle of Wight NHS Trust St Mary's Hospital Is God calling you?

Do you feel called to visit the sick, are you being called by God to support the chaplaincy team at St Mary's hospital?

We have volunteer vacancies for people to assist in bringing patients to the chapel for the Sunday services to welcome patients into the chapel and to support them during the service. This will be on a 4-weekly rota.

We also have 3 vacancies for ward visitors. This is to come in on a weekly basis, visit the wards to support patients and staff.

Chaplaincy needs people with good listening skills, open to giving spiritual care to all people, accompanying, encouraging, supporting staff and patients.

Please contact Rev Janet Hallam tele **534639**

e-mail janet.hallam1@nhs.net for more information or access NHS jobs on line.

Please note this is in preparation for beginning services after COVID possibly in September.

Food, Glorious Food (and tea and coffee!)

It was great to see the Living Room re-open on Tuesday this week. Much missed by many...



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In the interests of 'first hand' reporting for this newsletter we visited on the first day of opening and were warmly greeted by Pete and Michele and enjoyed some good food, good company and coffee. The newly refurbished café is in good shape so if you're in town on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday why not call in for a drink or some lunch.

Continuing the first hand reporting quest, we also visited the re-opened **Carisbrooke Priory** on Tuesday and enjoyed some excellent coffee 'n' cake in the sunny garden. This time a warm welcome from Louise! **The Priory Tea Rooms** are and garden are open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11.00am until 3:00pm. Lunch is served from 12:00 until 2:00pm.



Being a restaurant critic is hard work but someone has to do it! K&P.

Our lovely 'Postal People'

A special "Hi" to all those receiving the Newsletter on paper. It's good to keep in touch with you, especially as things are slowly returning to some kind of normal and the possibility of returning to church on a Sunday and now a Wednesday is more realistic. "Thank you" too to those who have kindly sent in stamps to help cover our postage costs - this is much appreciated. For those attending church you'll find a small supply of newsletters at the back of the church if you would like a printed copy.



You are invited...

Michele and Paul would like to host a "Garden Party" over the summer to which our church family are all invited (Numbers may still have to be restricted).

However before then, we need some help getting our garden ready and are looking for a few willing volunteers to help us for for an hour or two to put in flowers and vegetable plants, tidy and weed and maybe paint fences on **Saturday 29th May from 2:00pm** onwards, weather dependant!

You will be rewarded on the day with drinks and homemade cake. We have waited a long time for this and can't wait to be together again! Thank you in advance.

Contact Michele.

PCC Update

Following our recent APCM our PCC met on Wednesday this week. As is usual, the various roles and responsibilities were Agreed with each member covering a particular area:

- Chair - Rev. Dozie Moneme
- Vice-Chair - Andrew
- Treasurer - Penny
- Secretary - Liz D
- Health & Safety - Paul
- Buildings & Facilities - Kevin
- First Aid - Gisele
- Housekeeping - Liz C
- Minute Secretary - Kirsty
- Not members of the PCC but undertaking additional roles on behalf of the church are:
 - Safeguarding - Kate

DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service) - Kathy
Electoral Roll Officer - Margaret W

Reports were received and reviewed for Finance, Safeguarding, Youth Work, Deanery, Housekeeping (more cleaners please!) as well as our updated Covid Risk Assessments.

It has been encouraging to see more people returning to church and under review and action are looking again at our safe seating capacity, creche provision and what the rules are concerning the possibility of serving coffee again (outside).

Little Rascals will be re-opening in early June and again we are looking at ways that this can be safely managed within the current Covid guidance.

Finally, work is being undertaken to prepare a full Job/Person Specification for a Youth & Families Worker to be advertised to give continued provision in this area when Josh's placement with us concludes as he finishes college.

Please take care!

We're sad to report that the area around the church porch and the rubbish bins has seen recent use by those taking intravenous drugs. The result being that the area and the bins have been left with discarded used hypodermic needles and papers. Can you please exercise caution in these areas and the churchyard in general for needles and other hazardous items. If you see anything of concern please speak to Kevin who will arrange to dispose of it safely.



Please remember in your prayers the people that frequent the church grounds and the many issues that surround those with drug and alcohol use or dependency.

Youth And Children - Update

Shine (Sunday school)

We are now back in the building every Sunday (except the fourth). Over

the last few weeks, we have had six children regularly attending the group, and occasionally have others visiting. Over the last few weeks, we have been exploring heroes of the Old Testament such as David, Joseph, and Esther.

Each week includes games, craft and a Bible story. We have also started creating a small activity pack each week to go home with the children so they can share with their parents what they have been learning about.



Refresh (Youth Group, Sunday)

Refresh has also restarted running on a Sunday from 11:30 till 12:30. We currently have four young people attending, but have others interested when the restrictions start to ease who I have been making sure I keep in contact with.



We are currently working through the parables Jesus told with the young people, these have included the parable of the sower and the parable of the unforgiving servant. The emphasis of this group is really to focus in on the bible and also to give a little chance for socialising as well.

T-6 (Thursday youth)

The Thursday group would usually run on the second and fourth Thursday of the month from 7:30pm until 8:30pm.

Unfortunately, we have had an issue with helpers for this group as some of the helpers previously involved cannot commit at the current time. This unfortunately meant that we were not able to run the last session. At the start of the month, we were able to hold a movie night that went really well.

Josh Haywood



Contact us for a Zoom link!

Little Rascals
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