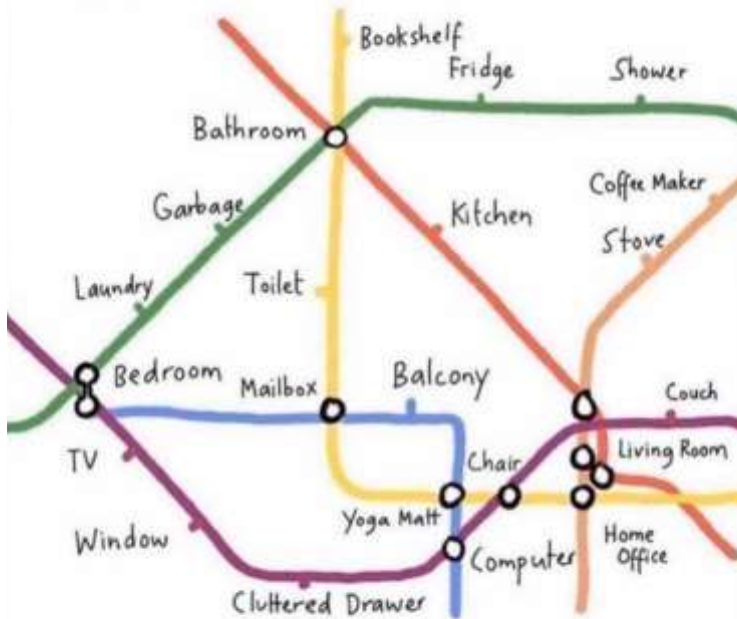


St. Paul's Barton Newsletter 11.02.21

COMMUTING IN CORONA TIMES



New Lent Sermon series and study materials...

Our six week Lent course/Sermon series will begin on **Sunday February 21st** using a book by Dave Smith called **"40 days with Jesus"** together with additional Bible study materials. To get a copy of the book, details are shown below.

We will aim to do all services live online and the Bible studies over Zoom, if anyone has any problem accessing the online platforms or sourcing a book please let Dozie, Andrew or Josephine know and we will explore how we can support you before this series begins.

Each week the Bible study notes will be sent out by our usual email and postal distribution channels. **If you need printed copies please let Kevin know in advance.**

40 Days with Jesus by Dave Smith

Waverley Abbey Resources (Trading name of CWR)

£7.99 (+£2.99 P&P). Tel 01252 784700

waverleyabbeyresources.org

Amazon £7.99 (+P&P depending on size of the order).

Secondhand from around £2.50.

Eden.co.uk £7.94. Braille available £6.99 and bulk order discounts Tel:0800 612 2186

www.eden.co.uk

New Tuesday Homegroup

To accompany our **"40 Days with Jesus"** studies there will be a new 'virtual' Homegroup meeting on Zoom with Rev. Dr. Dennis Lloyd hosting.

This will take place on **Tuesdays at 7:15pm**. If you are interested in joining this group please contact him via email stpaulsbarnton@hotmail.co.uk

What's Happening

40 Days with Jesus Bible Study Groups

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

Monday Group - 22nd Feb, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th March.

Tuesday Group - 23rd Feb, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th March.

Thursday 11th February at 7:30pm (Zoom)

Bible teaching from Rivi Litvin.

To take part please send your email address to stpaulsbarnton@hotmail.co.uk 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 February at 10:00am

Sunday Next Before Lent

Word & Worship Service - Speaker Jane Shyvers.

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

Tuesday 16th February

SHROVE TUESDAY

Isle of Wight Deanery Synod (Zoom) at 7:00pm

Please pray for our Reps: Dozie, Di & Kevin.



St. Paul's Barton, invites you
to join our six week lent course / sermon series :
Every Sunday at 10am beginning

- Sunday 21st February - A Life-Transforming Encounter - (John 20:1-18)
- Sunday 28th February - An Eye-Opening Journey - (Luke 24:13-35)
- Sunday 7th March - When Jesus Comes In The Midst - (John 20:19-31)
- Sunday 14th March - Overcoming Failure - (John 21:1-22)
- Sunday 21st March - Made For A mission - (Matthew 28:16-20)
- Sunday 28th March - Final Preparation - (Acts 11:11, Luke 24:45-53)

Looking forward to seeing you - join us on Facebook live or on zoom during the week

He Lived. He Died.
What happens next?

facebook.com/stpaulsbarnton
St. Paul's Barton
www.stpaulsbarnton.co.uk

Wednesday 17th February

ASH WEDNESDAY

Evening Prayer (at home) 7:30pm.

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

Readings: Psalm 51, Isaiah Ch1 v10-18 & Luke Ch15 v11-32.

Collect:

Holy God,

our lives are laid open before you:

rescue us from the chaos of sin

and through the death of your Son

bring us healing and make us whole

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Evening prayer words are on our website.

Sunday 21st February at 10:00am

"40 Days With Jesus" Sermon Series Begins.

Worship & Communion Service - Rev Dozie Moneme.

Monday 22nd February at 7:30pm (Zoom)

Monday Fellowship Group - Lent Study 1.

To join speak to Andrew.

Tuesday 23rd February at 7:15pm (Zoom)

Tuesday Fellowship Group - Lent Study 1.

To join speak to Rev. Dr. Dennis Lloyd.

Wednesday 24th February

Evening Prayer (at home) 7:30pm.

Thursday 25th February

Bible teaching from Rivi Litvin.- Purim Study.

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

Prayer for Israel & the Middle East (Zoom)

Wednesday 24th March at 7:30pm

PCC Meeting (Zoom).

Services - This Sunday

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 and enter and leave without standing around talking!

To book contact Ian (see the Church Directory for the number) 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 Email stpaulsbarton@hotmail.co.uk for a link.

St. Paul's Barton

TOGETHER - WHATEVER!

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.

Isle of Wight Deanery - Special Synod

The IW Deanery Synod will holding a special meeting on **Tuesday 16th February at 7:00pm** on Zoom. This will include a presentation of the "Deanery Plan" prior to it's submission to the Bishop.

Please pray that God's will for our parish and the Island will be reflected in this.

Bits & Pieces >>>

Cleaners this week - This week the church is being cleaned by Kathy & Ian - thank you!

40 Days With Jesus for Young People 12-18



Contact Josh for details.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Perfected love.

Perfect love dispelling our fear is a theme throughout the scriptures. So many times we are told 'do not be afraid'. Our Heavenly Father knows how we are made, He created us; and He knows how easily fear can take over our thoughts and our bodies.

Fear comes in many guises. We may have a fear of what the future holds for us. Fear of death or destruction. Fear of the darkness around us. Fear of old age. Fear of losing loved ones. Fear of sickness or disability.

All these and more are part of our human condition, and yet God says 'do not fear'. What then is the antidote to fear? To trust God and His character. When we do not trust that we are loved, accepted, cared for and created by our Heavenly Father we lose faith in His promises and fear gets a foothold in our lives.

Faith is the opposite of fear, and without faith we are unable



to please God. He looks on His creation to see if there is faith on earth. God responds to our faith. Faith is not wishful thinking or some vain hope for a better tomorrow. No, faith is knowing and experiencing the power of the love of God in our lives so that we cannot be shaken. We are not destroyed by the storms of life in our path if our roots go deeply into God's Word of life and we have experiential

knowledge of our Maker.

God does not want to be a concept of a higher power somewhere in the universe; He wants to be closer than a brother, nearer than our family, dearer than our very lives. Putting ourselves completely in His hands and trusting in the finished work of His Son Jesus sets us free from the fears that really spring from sin and death itself.

Jesus has overcome sin and death through the cross. Jesus has nailed our fears to that cross as He died in our place. Fear must bow the knee to Jesus.

"Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with My victorious right hand " Isaiah 41:10.

Margaret J 2021

Revive Newport

Prayer Letter - February 2021

Dear Prayer Partners,

Welcome to our first Prayer Letter of 2021! I hope that this finds each one of you safe and well, that you had a Happy and Blessed time at Christmas, however you managed to

spend it, and that you have had a good start to the New Year.

While the present situation is far from what we would hope it to be, the horizon is looking brighter, (I thought I would avoid the light/tunnel quote!) and thankfully we can say that, while we do not know what the future holds, we do know the One who holds the future, and that is Hope for each one of us individually, as well as collectively for our country, and worldwide.

Obviously, with the ongoing lockdown due to the pandemic, Revive have been restricted in its work, but Pete has forwarded the following updates, and thoughts for prayer in the coming month:

- **The Living Room** Please pray for the team as they prepare for reopening as soon as we are allowed to do so. We believe the need is going to be greater than ever when restrictions are lifted, as people will be looking for companionship, and fellowship, so we are preparing to be busy and greatly used. The team are getting to know Revive and its aims, growing and learning together, as they do extra training as and when they are able.



Just to remind you for your prayers, the team are as follows: Pete as Director, Liz as Administrator, Becci as Financial Manager, Sammi as Kitchen Manager, Michele as Cafe Host, and Sally as Kitchen Porter.

- **Newport Youth Cafe** Please pray for the Youth Work, as we continue to connect with young people on



Zoom three times a week, and also through our Facebook profile and Instagram page. While the lockdown has

been difficult for all of us, I think that we all understand that it has hit the young people exceptionally hard, not only on the social aspect, but because of their education, grades, and fears for their future.

Pray that they will be able to meet at TLR again soon, and pray for the team, that they may be able to encourage and give hope to these young people, and be able to share their faith. Pray for Pete as Director, Marie as Lead Youth Worker, and Briony as Assistant Youth Worker.

- **Newport Food bank** Please continue to pray for safety and strength for the team and for the continuing work of the Foodbank, as they are still giving out emergency food every week to many who are in crisis. Pray that people will be stirred to donate supplies at

this difficult time, and for all those who come and access the support they give.

- **Please pray for Newport**, where most of our work is centered. It is a main town and will be greatly affected by this pandemic, so pray that we will be able to be part of the solution, as we move out of lockdown. Please also pray that all our front line workers will be able to get their Covid vaccinations.
- **Finally, please continue to pray for Pete and the family.** Thankfully, they are doing OK at the present. The twins are now 10 months old, and they will be one on Easter Sunday. They are beginning to sleep better, so thank you for your prayers, as this is a great help! Seb has also now been potty trained, which is something that had been put off while trying to cope with day to day life over this last year, so that is also a good sign. Your continued prayers for them as a busy family in lockdown is very much appreciated!

Thank you all again, dear Prayer Partners, for faithfully sticking with us and praying us through this difficult, and frustrating time. We can celebrate together that prayers are being answered, and wait in faith and uphold one another as God unfolds His will for Revive, and for each one of us also. So, God bless you all, protect and keep you,

With love,

Maureen - Revive Prayer Coordinator.

Look Out!

Scams...



Trading Standards are receiving a worrying number of reports about a Covid Vaccine Scam email. Having seen a copy of this it is incredibly realistic, and the wording has clearly been taken straight from the NHS.

It will ask you to click on a link to accept your invitation however it will then ask you for personal details and then bank account details. **This is a SCAM** please do not be fooled by the genuine looking branding. You will not be contacted in this way to receive your vaccine and the NHS will never ask for banking details. This email can be forwarded to report@phishing.gov.uk before being deleted.

Trading Standards have had lots of reports this week about a variety of scams that have been plaguing the Island. If you get any of these whether email, phone call or text - ignore/delete them - never click on links in messages or respond to requests in phone calls - these are all SCAMS.

- Email from the Royal Mail that says due to incomplete address they are unable to deliver a

parcel - asking you to click on the link to complete the information required - DON'T.

- Email from EE to say that your payment couldn't be taken and asking you to click on a link to verify your details - DON'T.
- Text message allegedly from the DVLA to say that your payment couldn't be taken and asking you to click on a link to make the payment due - DON'T
- Calls from Amazon Prime stating that the annual membership of £79.99 is due for renewal - HANG UP

Remember any unsolicited communication is likely to be a scam so treat them with suspicion!

Received from Carers IOW

(Thanks to Anita for passing this on).

Getting The Message Out...

You may have heard Andrew mention on Sunday about 'liking' our Facebook and YouTube services. This really does help to spread the message on social media. After all who knows how the Lord may grow the church in this time?

Thanks to for Andrew and Liz's work in doing the output and artwork for our social media feeds on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram - not to mention Dozie's 'animated invitations'! Every little helps as they say.

If you want to catch up on our talks and sermons without the video content the talks only are available on the Audio page of our website to listen to or download. So, you can catch a sermon and do the ironing at the same time!

Finally - Did you know?

Our Sunday services are broadcast by the 'Tech Team' from the coldest place on earth? Otherwise known as the back of the church - with all doors open as per Covid requirements etc. so spare us a thought as you sit at home in the warm watching! Have you spotted the 'heavenly glow' in our broadcasts yet? Sometimes things look a little purple - that's due to the effect of the light from our infra red heaters on the video camera Strange times...

Blessings,

Kevin

