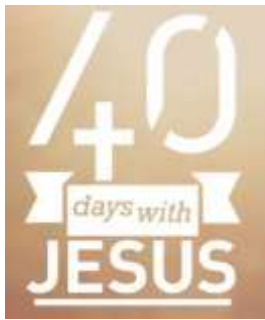


St. Paul's Barton Newsletter 18.02.21



Our six week Lent course and sermon series begins on **Sunday** using the book by Dave Smith "**40 days with Jesus**" together with additional Bible study materials. The Bible Study notes for **Week 1 "A Life-Transforming Encounter"** based on John Ch 20 verses 1-18 are attached.

The services will be 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.

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 us via the St. Paul's Church website:
stpaulsbarton.co.uk

What's Happening

Sunday 21st February

Worship & Communion Service - Rev Dozie Moneme. Lent series 1 (see above).

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

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 at 7:30pm - 22nd Feb, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th March.

Tuesday Group at 7:15pm - 23rd Feb, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th March.

Wednesday 24th February

Evening Prayer (at home) 7:30pm.

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

Readings: Psalms 9 & 28, Genesis Ch42 v6-17 & Galatians Ch4 v21 - Ch5 v1.

Collect:

**Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Evening prayer words are on our website.

Thursday 25th February

Bible teaching from Rivi Litvin.- Purim Study.

To take part please send your email address to stpaulsbarton@hotmail.co.uk and you will then receive a Zoom invita-

tion for the session along with an email with a handout for the study from Rivi.

Sunday 28th February

Word & Worship Service - Speaker Mary Prangnell.

Lent series 2 "An Eye-Opening Journey" Luke Ch24 v13-35.

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.

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 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.

Fellowship News

Stella - We have some sad news to share, our sister in Christ Stella passed away during the night of **Mother's UNION** 16th February. - Stella has been promoted to glory. Please pray for John and all the family at this time.

Rev. Dozie says "Brothers and sisters, it was a great privilege to pray with our sister Stella during her final hours."

She is home with our Father now. Please continue to keep John, Debby and family in your prayers at this difficult time. **Dozie**

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. (Contact details in the Church Directory)
- **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.

Bits & Pieces >>>

Cleaners this week - This week the church is being cleaned by Josephine & Michele - thank you!

Tithe Distribution from your 2020 giving

As previously reported, we have recently distributed gifts from our offerings to the Christian organisations that we support, here on the Island and also wider afield. It's good to hear their thanks and responses.

Revive Newport

We would first like to thank you so much for your giving over the years for Revive. We are truly blessed and grateful for your continued support, especially at this difficult time.



As you may know The Living Room (TLR) has had a 'makeover' thanks to a government Covid grant. The kitchen has been made a bit bigger, we have been given different seating and tables and we now have a new,

to us, pool table (courtesy of a Wight Aid grant)! We were able to open briefly before Christmas, but sadly are now closed until we all bear otherwise. Once we are given the clear to open, we will be opening Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 11am - 2pm to start with, and with all the Covid 19 and government guidelines and socially distancing in place.

This year has been difficult for so many people so we are expecting our services to be really needed and are set up to even better, listen to, support and value our amazing customers with the addition of a cafe host amongst other things.

Another big change is that the Newport Youth Cafe (NYC) will be using the TLR building during Wednesday and Friday evenings.

We have already moved out of St. Paul's Christian Centre and have had a trial session in TLR and it has worked well. Behind the scenes we have been continuing our support of the young people we work with through zoom sessions 3 times a week, as well as connection through our NYC Instagram page and Facebook profile. And when we were able, we were going out on the streets connecting with young people and even taking some of our Zoom sessions into the

park. Your continual support has meant a huge amount to us.

We continue to be focused on the churches working together to bless our wonderful community.

Compassion

Thank you for your wonderful support of Compassion's ministry, it is a huge blessing to children all over the world.



God bless.

CompassionUK - Releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name

Barnabas Fund

I can confirm that we have safely received the most generous gift
Yours sincerely in His service,

Supporter Relations and Resources Office

Wheels For The World (Through The Roof Charity)



Dear congregation of St. Paul's Church

Please accept our grateful thanks for your kind donation towards the work of Wheels for the World. We appreciate these are difficult times and are particularly grateful to

receive your gift at this time of uncertainty.

Despite COVID restrictions we still have a vital mission and are adapting activities and methods of delivery to continue to meet our objectives, such as our new 'Supported Wheelchair Distribution', which started this week.

We sent a container of refurbished wheelchairs to our partners, Health Hope Action, to meet the great needs of disabled people from the nearby refugee camp in northern Uganda. A UK team are supporting and mentoring a qualified local team, via voice and video calls, to grow in confidence and take responsibility for distributing wheelchairs. We look forward to hearing about disabled people whose lives have been changed, like...

Lazarus who is 20 and arrived at our Kumi distribution (pre-COVID) carried by his sister Rose. Due to a rare condition called progeneria causing premature ageing, he is nearly blind, unable to walk, has twisted hands and further symptoms of old age. He was fitted with a small wheelchair which the techie team spent considerable time fitting with foam to support his twisted body. The relief on his face as he settled into the chair was immediate. Rose has looked after him since their parents died, 5 years ago, and carried him everywhere. Rose now has freedom to look for work, while Lazarus is celebrating new life through Jesus.

Thanks again for your partnership with us to help people like Lazarus.

Yours in His service,

Tim Wood - Chief Executive - Through the Roof

Christian Friends of Israel



Christian Friends of Israel
United Kingdom

Gift to Help Support the Work of CFI-UK

We are grateful that despite the restrictions we have continued our work and want to thank you for giving toward the work of Christian Friends of Israel and the projects we highlight.

Encouraging understanding, particularly within the wider church, we are thankful that CFI UK's contribution toward Holocaust remembering was widely and well received, with over 3,000 viewings by the end of Holocaust memorial week. Some supporters, regional links and church links were able to make this evening premier on CFI UK's YouTube channel available for their churches to show.

Challenging prejudice, we are busy with preparations for this year's CFI/ZF joint parliamentary lobby on the UK's voting record at the United Nations. We are compiling a booklet to give to MPs with input from UN Watch and the Forum for Cultural Diplomacy, providing our speakers for the morning online briefing, alongside the new Israeli Ambassador to the UK HE Tzipi Hotovely. The afternoon lobby will be addressed by members of parliament and House of Lords across the political spectrum.

Assisting community, alongside the generous gifts received following the CFI UK Holocaust memorial screening for CFI Jerusalem project Forsake Them Not, this month the trustees allocate remaining monies received by the end of last year for where most needed in Israel.

May our Lord continue to turn darkness into his glorious light through the ministry of Christian Friends of Israel.

Thank you for your contribution toward this,

Jacob Vince - Chief Executive:

Christians and Jews uniting in Prayer

An extract from *Intercessors for the Restoration of Israel*, Josie Silver. February 13th (From Pam Yates)

Ephesians 4:4-6 "Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."



There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism. (one cry)

In the midst of the massive change we are all experiencing, there is an significant advancement of good and evil.

The increase of evil is very obvious. The increase of good is obvious, if we as intercessors, are knowing the times of the signs in this hour. For those involved in regular national or global intercessory zoom meetings, we see that there has been a huge movement and raising up of the exceedingly great army of global intercessors, since April last year.

Out of the advancement of good, as faithful intercessors gather regularly together, a deeper and more solid unity has, and is being established, which is giving greater authority and power in the spirit realm. The cry of one global voice is ascending from earth to heaven. Through anointed prayer, worship, and intercession, ground is being taken back from the enemy.

The heavens are being flooded with intercession, the word of God, praise and worship. There is an awakening of sleeping Christians to the times we are in, and joining the army of intercessors in this battle.

There is a greater awareness of the importance and relevance of the centrality of Israel in this hour, and battle, as a bedrock foundation for future events, in Israel and in the nations.

It appears that the unity of one voice, one heart, one cry, one spirit is not just being limited to the Christians and Messianic Jews. There is a rising up of unity and a one voice cry from other organisations and religions around the world..

If you are not in a regular intercessory prayer or intercession/worship group, now is the hour to join forces, to actively participate in the battle for your nation, government, congregation, family, and the fight for Israel's salvation, which out of that will bring redemption for the world.

Micah 4:13 "Its time to Arise and Thresh (work) Arise and thresh, daughter of Zion, For your horn I will make iron and your hoofs I will make bronze, that you may pulverise many peoples."

Israel is still veiled from her Messiah. **Pray** for a revealing, an unveiling, revelation and salvation of the true Jewish Messiah and King of Israel, King of the Jews, for God's people worldwide especially **during Purim. (26th and 27th February)**

Jeremiah 31:34 "for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

Many Jews all over the world, secular, traditional, religious, ultra orthodox, reform, Messianic Jews, along with the non Jewish part of the household of God, are beginning to arise together with one heart cry to heaven.

May this united one heart cry, cause God to arise from His throne and send forth His angels, at His command, with His word to earth, to perform it, to bring revelation, truth and knowledge, and His will be done on earth for such a time like never before as this. **Psalms 103:20**

Pray it will be a "Joseph encounter" **Genesis 45:1-5**

Deanery Synod Report

The Synod met on 16th February with 80 or so members present on Zoom. Rev. Dozie, Di and Kevin represented St. Paul's. In brief, the meeting centered on the adoption of an IW Deanery Plan for ministry and mission going forward. This is not particular to the Island as all Deaneries in the Diocese are required to submit plans to the Bishop and these, when agreed, will form the basis of Diocesan strategy.

The aim is to maximise resources and assets to address the long-term decline in the number of available clergy, congregants and finance. If you would like a copy of the plan 'Highlights' document let Kevin know.

In the proposal, churches/parishes are now grouped into partnerships or 'hubs' to enable collaborative working and sharing etc. You may be interested to see the groups below. As there is no official 'parish reorganisation' in this proposal it wasn't voted on by the Synod and will now be presented to the Bishop/Bishop's Council for consideration.

For St. Paul's it was encouraging to see that those responsible at Deanery level have recognised our position regarding churchmanship and Biblical belief and have set us apart as requested in the recent PCC letter of response.

West Wight - Population: 14,748

All Saints Calbourne St. Mary the Virgin Brook
St. Mary the Virgin Brighstone St. Agnes Freshwater
St Peter and St. Paul Mottistone Holy Spirit Newtown
St. Michael Shalfleet St. Peter Shorwell
St. Swithin Thorley Christ Church Totland
St. James Yarmouth

Cowes West - Population: 14,547

St. Mary Cowes Holy Trinity Cowes
All Saints Gurnard with St. Faith
St. John the Baptist Northwood

Cowes East - Population: 11,781

St. Mildred's Whippingham St. James East Cowes
St. Mark's and St. Edmund's Wootton

Newport - Population 22,609

(Omitting Newport East, according to local authority wards)

Newport Minster
St. Mary the Virgin Carisbrooke
St. John's Newport
St Olave, Gatcombe

Barton - Population: 8,000

St Paul's Barton

(Working with Christchurch Sandown in a theological partnership)

The Bay - Population: 21,377

St. Blasius Shanklin St. John's Sandown
St. Paul's Shanklin Christ Church Sandown
Good Shepherd Lake* St. Saviour Shanklin*

South Wight - Population: 8,582

St. Boniface Bonchurch Holy Trinity Ventnor
St. Catherine's Ventnor
St Andrew, Chale St. John the Baptist Niton
St. Lawrence St. Mary & St. Rhadegund Whitwell
St. Albans Ventnor* All Saints Godshell*

Ryde - Population: 35,371

(Town and Haven local authority wards)

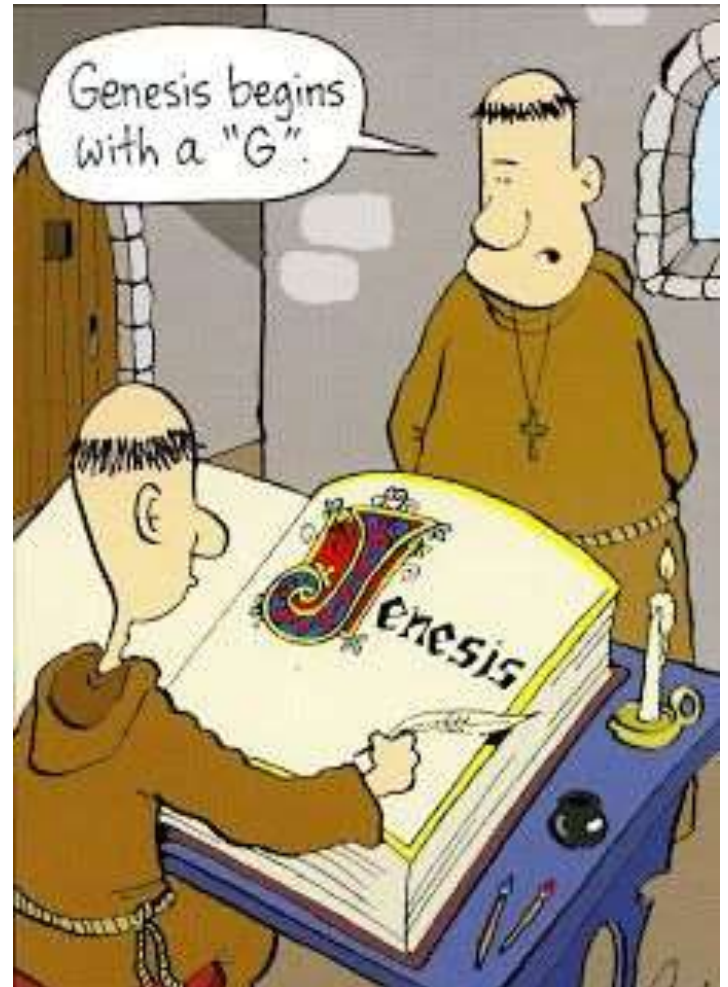
St. John's Ryde
All Saints Ryde St. Michael Ryde
St. Peter Havenstreet Holy Cross Binstead
St. Mary Brading St. Helens
St. Peter Seaview St. John the Baptist Yaverland
Holy Trinity Bembridge

Central South West - Population: 6,664

St. John's Wroxall
St. George's Arreton
All Saints Newchurch

St. Paul's Barton, Christ Church Sandown and St. Paul's Shanklin are listed as "Evangelical Parishes working together for Mission"

The 4 parishes marked* are designated as Anglo Catholic Parishes and are linked as maintaining that worshipping tradition.



**Let nothing trouble you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing,
God never changes,
Patience obtains all things,
God alone suffices.**

Thanks to Sylv for the above.