

St. Paul's Barton Newsletter 21.01.21

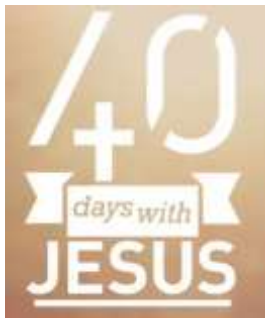


"Our family is trying one of those old-fashioned churches, with preaching, the Bible, and all that stuff."

New Sermon series and study materials...

Dear St. Paul's Church family,

I trust this message finds you and your family trusting in our good God as we all navigate this challenging season.



As Easter approaches, we will be running a six week Lent course/Sermon series. This will begin from **February 21st** using a book by Dave Smith called **"40 days with Jesus"** every Sunday.

The book will be used both for our Bible study groups every week and the Sunday services.

If you would like a personal copy of the book, details of where these can be ordered are shown below.

If you are not able to get one through these channels please speak to Dozie or Andrew by Sunday 31st January 2021 so we can place an order and you can receive it before the Lent course begins.

Depending on the government guidelines, we will aim to do all services live online and Bible studies over Zoom.

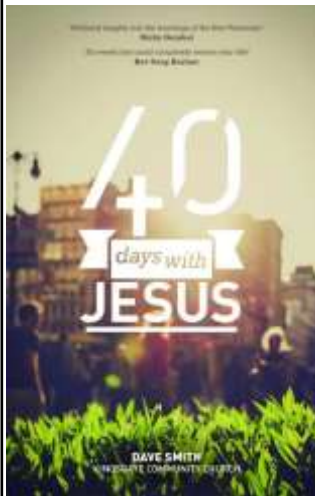
As I would not like anyone missing out on what God has in store for us, if anyone has any problem accessing the online platforms please let us (Dozie, Andrew or Josephine) know and we will explore how we can support you before this series begins, please.

May I encourage you to join both the morning service and any Bible study group on Zoom during the week. This will enable you go deeper on the subjects we are studying.

God bless you all,

Dozie

40 Days with Jesus by Dave Smith



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Josh says...

This lent we are planning to start a youth discipleship group online!! Just as the church is going through **"40 days with Jesus"** we want to encourage the young people to join us!!



However, this means we need helpers, this can be every week or once a month if you feel like this would be something you're interested in please get in touch with me!!

God Bless

Josh

PS Isle of Wight Youth For Christ have put a bio up for me on their website!

"Here's Josh.. He's trying to be like Jesus in every way. Not only does he have the closest English name to Jesus, he trained as a carpenter, has grown a beard, has almost fed



5,000 people and works alongside a bunch of enthusiastic Muppets! Alongside being like Jesus, Josh is finishing his degree course at Moorlands Bible College, his placement being the youth worker for St. Paul's church Barton, Newport."

Michele says. "Look at these chocolate muffins Josh has just made! Not sure they would feed the 5,000 but if you want one you'd better be quick!"



After Church Coffee is Back!

Join us on Zoom for Coffee at 12:00 noon after the Sunday Service (make your own of course!). Email stpaulsbarton@hotmail.co.uk for a link.



Wednesday Morning Communion Service

Please note that our Wednesday 10:15am Communion and Morning Prayer Services have been cancelled until further notice.

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:

1. **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 for more details or to arrange for your form to be collected.

**A Standing Order is an instruction from you to pay from your bank account to the church. You can cancel it at any time (it is not the same as a Direct Debit and the church cannot take money out of your account).*

2. **You can send a cheque**, payable to: **PCC of St. Paul's (Barton Parish)** to Penny.
3. 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**

In addition, if you are a tax payer and have not filled in a **Gift Aid Form** these are available on the church website (Administration > Giving). Please complete and return to Penny. This will enable us to claim from the government the tax that you have paid on the amount that you are giving.

What's Happening

Monday 18th January - Monday 25th January

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

See the website:

<https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/>

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2021 has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme that was chosen, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", is based on **John 15:1-17** and expresses Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family.

Sunday 24th January at 10:00am

Third Sunday of Epiphany

All-Age Worship Service - Josh Haywood.

Zoom Coffee at 12 noon

Sunday 24th January at 7:00pm - 8:30pm - YouTube

'Light In The Darkness' - Christian Friends of Israel Holocaust Memorial Online Event (See below).

Monday 25th January at 7:30pm (Zoom)

Monday Fellowship Group - To join speak to Andrew.

Wednesday 27th January at 7:30pm

Evening Prayer (at home)

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

Readings: Psalms 21 & 29, Genesis Ch14 and Matthew Ch26 v36-46.

Collect:

*God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Thursday 28th January at 7:30pm (Zoom)

Bible teaching from Rivi Litvin

To take part please send your email address to stpaulsbarton@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 31st January at 10:00am

Word & Worship Service - Speaker: Andrew Day.

Sunday 7th February at 10:00am

Worship & Communion Service - Rev. Dozie Moneme

Sunday 14th February at 10:00am

Word & Worship Service - Speaker: Jane Shyvers

Sunday 21st February at 10:00am

"40 Days With Jesus" Sermon Series Begins.

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.

You need to book for our Sunday services as due to Covid restrictions seating capacity is limited.

Remember, that due to the current restrictions and the current level of infections on the Island at the moment, 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**.

"4th Sundays"

On the fourth Sunday of each month we have scheduled 'All-Age' Worship. These services will have Josh Haywood speaking and will have content appropriate for our young people. Please pray for Josh in the current situation where 'face to face' work with young people is not possible.

'Light In The Darkness'

Christian Friends of Israel

Holocaust Memorial Online Event

This year, a Holocaust Memorial event will take place online on the CFI YouTube channel at **7:00pm - 8:30pm on Sunday 24th January 2021.**



Presented by Christian Friends of Israel UK, the event will be an evening of film, music, art and poetry as we remember and learn regarding the Holocaust. See the trailer at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCw5NSWj_SsAyhgihoEVuJUA

Bits & Pieces >>>

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

Send Us A 'Selfie!' - Please!

Although Rev. Dozie has been with us since November, due to the current situation he has not been able to meet, or even see, us all, which is very sad!

So... It would be great if you could take a "selfie" on your 'phone or tablet and send it in to us (by email to stpaulsbar-ton@hotmail.co.uk or by text / WhatsApp etc. to Kevin)

We can gather these together and he will then be able to put a face to a name. Don't be shy!

PS Thanks to the **one** person who has responded so far - you know who you are!

Nice one George!



Guess who's "Seventy-Seventeen"?

A very happy 87th Birthday to George for Monday 25th January. Love and best wishes from all at St. Paul's!

Isle of Wight Foodbank

Kathy always reminds me how absent minded and forgetful I am. Of course I was convinced she was mistaken. But when doing our weekly shop I realised that since the start of the new year I had been forgetting to purchase items for the IOW Foodbank. It took a chance glimpse of a lady putting items in the Foodbank crate at Sainsbury's to remind me.

A quick check with the Foodbank website showed me that they were in need of:

- Deodorants for Males & Females.
- Razors and shaving gel.
- Toothbrushes.
- Shower gel for Men.
- Squash.
- Sponge puddings.
- Packet dry rice..

Apparently, people have had more than enough mince pies!

But it did make me realise, that with everything else that is going on, people are still desperately in need and if we can help in any small way we should take the opportunity to do so.

So, next time you are in any of the larger supermarkets on the Island please purchase a few extra items and find that donation box. It will make all the difference and will let people know that they are not forgotten.

Thank you,

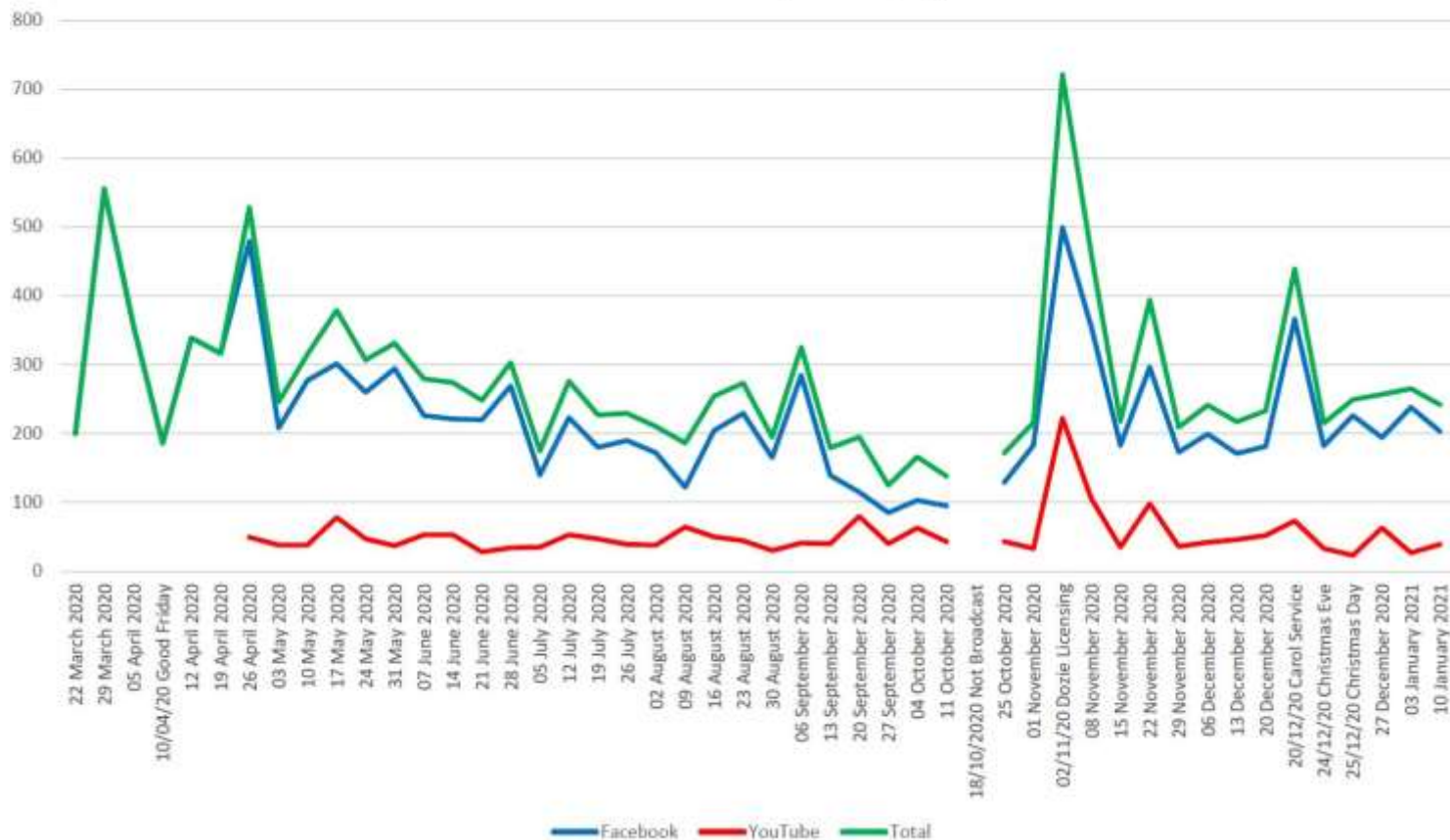
Ian & Kathy

Numbers, Numbers, Numbers...

Are you getting a bit fed up with being bombarded day in and day out with statistics and charts relating to Covid? Notwithstanding the recent slow downturn in IOW cases (Hooray!).

Well, here's some, perhaps, more interesting numbers... We have been streaming our Sunday worship and services live on Facebook, and making them available to watch later, since the first lockdown starting on 22nd March last year. Following that they were also available to watch on our

St. Paul's Barton - Sunday Viewing Figures



YouTube channel in April 2020.

Each platform shows the number of views ('live' and later) and I have collated these up until last week. We have been able to broadcast every week with the exception of one which I think is pretty good going. The numbers below show the number of "views" - how long anyone actually "views" for is not known but at least some of the content must have been seen. Along with many other churches, how we react to this change in church connection, make new believers or grow our congregation from it is still something of an unknown! **Kevin**

Pam's Prayer Page - 16.01.21

Clarion Call Ministries



A Voice Crying in The Wilderness

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness in Judea, and saying **"Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven has come near."** **This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness. "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight paths for him. Matt 3:1-3**

John the Baptiser was a special herald of Christ, our Lord. He was literally crying in the wilderness of Judea. At that time there was a spiritual wilderness, confusion, rather like there is today. He was responsible for turning many sinners to righteousness, and a people prepared for the Lord. He

prepared the people for Christ's first coming. As Christians today, we are called to prepare the way for Christ's second coming,

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the Name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age. Matt 28:18-20

A Spiritual Battle

Ever since creation, the earth has been in a spiritual battle. Everything God created was good, and for His pleasure, but satan, a fallen angel had been cast out of heaven because he got too big for his boots, and disguised as a serpent, persuaded Adam and Eve to eat the forbidden fruit in the garden of Eden from the "tree of the knowledge of good and evil" causing them to disobey God bringing a curse, and separation. on mankind. Gen 3:1-10

Satan continues to tempt men, until he is thrown into a pit for a 1,000 years after Jesus returns. Rev 20.

Consequently, we inherited that fallen sin, and the only way to be reconciled to God, is to confess our sins and invite Jesus into our hearts, to be born again. Victory can only come through the shedding of Jesus blood at Calvary, and nothing else. John 3:16.

Throughout history, God has had to intervene on the earth, due to man's disobedience and wickedness. Noah, was the only one deemed righteous to build an ark, to save every specie and Noah's family, as God flooded the earth. The tower of Babel was destroyed through idolatrous worship, and men's tongues were confused, and multiple languages ensued. That spirit of Babylon, is still at work today.

A Nation Chosen by God

The Jewish people have suffered immensely through time. Why is this?

Because since satan's fall, he has attempted to build an evil empire to deceive God's creation. Trying to destroy the chosen line from which our Messiah comes. However God's word says. **"Come Zion escape, you who live in Babylon. For this is what the Lord Almighty says. "After the glorious One has sent me against the nations that have plundered you – for whoever touches you – touches the apple of his eye, I will surely raise my hand against them so that their slaves will plunder them. Then you will know the Lord Almighty has sent me. "Zec 2:8.**

Preparing the Way

So how do we believers today, prepare for the second coming of our Lord?

As already mentioned, we are to make disciples of all nations. But first and foremost, we must repent wholeheartedly for our sins, the sins of the church and the sins of our Nation. "Let Your will be done." Jesus is a voice in the wilderness, weeping for His bride, His creation, His church, the lost. He has had enough of being rejected through the rebelliousness of man.

His desire is for us as Christians to be co-workers with Him. We must not pray against His will and purposes to halt the COVID-19. He is allowing society to be broken down and shaken to the core, so folks recognise their desperate need of a Saviour.

It is so important that we pray with understanding, maturity, in unison, within the framework of God's word. Praying the prophetic word into being, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

"I will shake all nations and the desired of all nations shall come, and I will fill the house with the glory," says the Lord Almighty. Haggi 2:7.

We need an "Issacher anointing" to understand the times and the seasons we are living in, and God's strategy for our prayers. Issacher was Jacobs son, one of the twelve tribes, the tribe were men, who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do. 1 Chron 12:32.

Fulfilling the Conditions

God's greatest desire is to pour out His blessing upon His people and the land. However, most promises in the bible contain a condition that we have to fulfil, before that can happen. For example-a well known scripture on prayer.

"If My people who are called by my Name, will humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and forgive their sin, and heal their land." 2 Chron 7:14.

The Condition – humble ourselves, confess, repent, turn around and sin no more. The blessing – God will forgive our sin, and heal our land.

Prayers & Proclamations

Who can understand His errors?

Cleanse me from my secret faults.

Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins;

Let them not have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless.

And I shall be innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

Be acceptable in Your sight,

O Lord my strength and my Redeemer. Psalm 19:14

Forgive us Father, where we as a nation, have broken all the ten commandments since 1953. Legalising witchcraft, allowing abortion, killing millions of babies. Permitting homosexuality, even in the church. Allowing same sex marriage. Not keeping Sunday special etc.

We also failed to fulfil our obligation to Israel, for political and financial reasons, with the Balfour and San Remo declarations. Allowing millions to be executed in concentration camps. Those that survived, only to be turned away at Haifa, and then be drowned.

Father, we are so guilty, have mercy on our land we pray, because of your loving kindness. Now we have been cut off from the ungodly powers of the EU, you are giving us a second chance. Help us to flow with your plans for your chosen people. We thank you, that despite COVID-19, the Jewish people are still returning home in fulfilment to Your word. You are making a way in the wilderness. Praise Your Wonderful Name.

During this time of "shaking" may ungodly structures and thrones be displaced, and You Father will be given Your rightful place of Lordship in our land. Give us vision to see things as You do. We thank You Father, that you are seated on Your throne, exalted above every principality and power, above every king, queen, president or prime minister and kingdom. As your body, may we be brought back into alignment with Your will for the UK. We ask that a mantle of prayer be released, to partner with the Lord to bring healing, deliverance and salvation to our land. Eph 1 17-23.

We thank you that we belong to another government, an everlasting government. Only through Your grace, can we walk in victory, under the banner of Jesus Christ, and only through the shedding of your blood at Calvary, and nothing else. Because He lives, we can face tomorrow, whatever happens. Hallelujah.

Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His. And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and queens; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge and understanding. He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, And the light that dwells with Him....

For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His Kingdom is from generation to generation, All inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven, And among the inhabitants of earth. No one can restrain His hand, Or say to Him, "What have You done? Daniel 2: 20-22, 4: 34-35.

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore my beloved brethren, we are steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that our labour is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Cor 15; 57-58.

Amen **Pam Yates - Clarion Call Ministries**

<https://clarioncallministries.co.uk/>

Find power in prayer!

James 5:16 Confess faults to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous one avails much.

We all know that prayer needs to be an essential part of our lives. And if you're like me, we would love for the Lord to answer all our prayers instantaneously -- however, we know from experience this is not always the case!

Oswald Chambers was quoted as saying, "We tend to use prayer as a last resort, but God wants it to be our first line of defence. We pray when there's nothing else we can do, but God wants us to pray before we do anything at all.

Most of us would prefer, however, to spend our time doing something that will get immediate results. We don't want to wait for God to resolve matters in His good time because His idea of 'good time' is seldom in sync with ours."

While our prayers may not be answered immediately, we know the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man or woman radically changes the world around us!

Charles Spurgeon once said, "We cannot all argue, but we can all pray; we cannot all be leaders, but we can all be pleaders; we cannot all be mighty in rhetoric, but we can all be prevalent in prayer."

So let's commit to spending more time in prayer today! Make sure you don't allow the enemy to rob your time to pray -- for it's in prayer that we tap into God's unlimited power that makes demons tremble!

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



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