

St. Paul's Barton Newsletter 28.01.21



"For those of you joining us online, please comment on something besides my fashion sense."

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New Lent Sermon series and study materials...



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 1:1-11, 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?

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St. Paul's Barton
www.stpaulsbarton.co.uk

We will be running a six week Lent course/Sermon series

that will begin on **Sunday February 21st** using a book by Dave Smith called **"40 days with Jesus"**.

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.

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

You are encouraged 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.

Each week the Bible study notes will be sent out by our usual email and postal distribution channels. If you need a printed copy let Kevin know.

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

We are also 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!

To enable this to happen we need helpers - this could be every week or once a month. If you

feel like this would be something you're interested in please get in touch with Josh.

New Homegroup!

To accompany our **"40 Days with Jesus"** studies here 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 - details in the church directory or via

stpaulsbarton@hotmail.co.uk

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 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).*

- **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**

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

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

Bible teaching from Rivi Litvin.

To take part please send your email address to stpaulsbaron@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

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany - Presentation of Christ.

Word & Worship Service - Speaker: Andrew Day.

Zoom Coffee at 12 noon.

Wednesday 3rd February at 7:30pm

Evening Prayer (at home).

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

Readings: Psalms 11, 12 & 13, Genesis Ch19 v1-3 & 12-29 and Matthew Ch27 v45-56.

Collect:

*God of our salvation,
help us to turn away from those habits which harm our bodies,
and poison our minds,
and to choose again your gift of life,
revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

Thursday 4th February at 7:30pm (Zoom)

Bible teaching from Rivi Litvin.

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

Prayer for Israel & the Middle East (Zoom)

Sunday 7th February at 10:00am

Worship & Communion Service - Rev. Dozie Moneme.

Monday 8th February at 7:30pm (Zoom)

Monday Fellowship Group - To join speak to Andrew.

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.

Worship & Communion Service - Rev Dozie Moneme.

Wednesday 24th March at 7:30pm

PCC Meeting (Zoom).

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 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**.

Rev. Dozie's latest Reflection - on our YouTube Channel



Psalm 23 verse 4 - "A walk with God".

After Church Coffee

Join us on Zoom for Coffee at 12:00 noon after the Sunday Service (make your own of course!). Phone **07947 153 344** or Email stpaulsbaron@hotmail.co.uk for a link.



Prayer for Israel & the Middle East

After a break of many months our Prayer for Israel & the Middle East group will be reconvening via Zoom. The meeting will be on **Saturday 6th February between 10:00am and 11:00am.**



The format will be around 30 minutes of Bible study (Psalm 91) and 30 minutes in prayer.

To take part please send your email address to stpaulsbaron@hotmail.co.uk and you will then receive a Zoom invitation for the session. New members are welcome - if you would like to know more about the group please contact us

PCC News

Items from the PCC meeting held on 20.01.21

- An expenditure budget for 2021 was agreed - see details below. This represents the anticipated costs involved in running the church for the year (excluding the costs for our Youth and Families Worker which is separately funded for 2021). The one 'fixed' figure in the budget is our Parish Share for the year. At £31,896 this represents almost 60% of our total expenditure.

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
Total expenditure for the year	53,980

Parish Share due to the Diocese per week = £613.38

- It was agreed to continue with our Tithe giving as a church, from our income and to honour the Lord's provision to us in 2020 and therefore distribute £222 to each of the following organisations.

Barnabas Fund
Christian Friends of Israel (CFI)
Church's Ministry among Jewish people (CMJ)

Compassion UK

Isle of Wight Foodbank

Isle of Wight Youth for Christ (YFC)

Revive Newport

Samaritan's Purse (Operation Christmas Child)

Wheels For The World

- It was noted that the Covid pandemic requires additional expenditure in respect of broadcast equipment, internet costs and additional licences required for copyright etc.
- The organ requires some repairs and these were agreed.
- The existing (ageing from 2008) overhead projector and screen are to be replaced with a large screen TV (75").
- A letter was agreed in response to the ongoing 'Deanery Plan' proposals. This confirmed St. Paul's single parish status as decreed by the Church Commissioners in 2019 and our positive moves in working in collaboration with other Biblically orthodox fellowships.
- Our Covid-19 Risk Assessment has been reviewed and updated.
- Rev. Dozie reported that he had been contacting as many of the congregation as possible by 'phone and is looking forward to when he can meet everyone face to face!
- Preparations are underway for a teaching and study series based on **"40 Days with Jesus"** commencing on **Sunday 21st February.**
- John, our church Architect, has approached our builders in relation to looking at repairs to the church tower and roof - with particular attention to our, now resident, Buddleia bush that has made itself rather at home at the top of the tower(!). John will also be undertaking our mandatory Quinquennial Inspection later in the year.
- Our Safeguarding and DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) obligations were reported on, with a reminder that all PCC members and leaders or helpers in any activities need to undergo ongoing checks as well as Safeguarding Training.

The PCC next meet on 24th March.

Around the Fellowship

Happy Birthday To You Wow! We've had two "significant" birthdays this week at St. Paul's... Valerie (60) and Darren (50).

Love and best wishes to both from everyone at St. Paul's - here's hoping you can properly celebrate in better times ahead. PS don't worry, the secret of your ages is safe with us!

Vicarage on the horizon... Dozie is pleased to report that the Diocese have confirmed that the vicarage should be vacant and ready for him and the family to move in at some

point in March. Thank you for your prayers concerning this - please do keep praying that this will all go smoothly.

Bits & Pieces >>>

Cleaners this week - This week the church is being cleaned by Penny & Kevin - thank you!

Thanks for the stamps! - a big 'thank you' to our very special 'Postal People' who have kindly sent in stamps to help with the cost of postage for the newsletters we send out each week.



Out in the Churchyard - It's good to see that the IW Council have been hard at work in the churchyard. The contractors have done a lot of hedge and tree maintenance along with the removal of the waste from our last congregational 'tidy up'. Although very waterlogged at the moment it is looking in good shape.



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News from CMJ

(The Church's Ministry among Jewish People)

An invitation to reflect and remember...

CMJ UK Holocaust Memorial Service

"You are welcome to join us for a time of reflection at our Holocaust Memorial Service on **Sunday 31st January 2021 at 2:00pm**. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Susanna Kokkonen.



Susanna is Finnish, she worked at Yad Vashem as the Chris-

tian link for 7 years. She travels around the world speaking to Christian, Jewish and civic audiences about the Holocaust, Genocide, anti-Semitism and Israel today.

You are very welcome to join the Zoom meeting just before 2:00pm using this link. The link and further details are on our Facebook page and website. Please pass on the link to anyone who may wish to join us."

www.cmj.org.uk

The signs of the times are changing!

Luke 21:25-28 "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

SIGNS *of the time*

Is it me, or is the world going nuts? As if we've entered the "Twilight Zone"? However, the Bible gave us an understanding of what the last days would entail. We are witnessing the groanings of creation, the literal birth-pangs of the "Day of the Lord", we also must be awakened and prepared for the coming HARVEST.

The fig tree provides an example: this tree spends a year growing its green fruit, until suddenly, within a few weeks the figs mature and must be harvested. The majority of the fruit is harvested in those last weeks. I believe we are in that time when the fruit of the world is rapidly ripening and will be needing US to be laborers for this final Harvest.

The harvest season is upon us - and as the signs of the times intensify - as the birth pangs become shorter and shorter and harder and harder - we will see many more we've been praying for, suddenly begin asking questions; questions for which we have answers, real answers. It may not be uncommon to hear, "I'm terrified! What must I do to be saved?"

In the past month, we have been delighted to hear how two people came to faith in our house in Israel, despite the fact we've been re-deployed to the States for the past year. I believe this is just the beginning!

The signs of the times are literally screaming at us, "Prepare yourself spiritually for the harvest season is upon us!" God has appointed us to live in this day... for "such a time as this", to help fulfill the Lord's great desire that His house be filled. So... let's get our "gospel" shoes on for the harvest of a lifetime!

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

Encouragement As We Start A New Year...

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust!" Psalm 91:1-2.

You may be glad to see the back of 2020. The head of the year is for many a time when new promises and resolutions are made. No doubt these will be influenced by the multitude of voices that compete for our attention during the course of the coming months. A frequent question that has appeared over the last few months is: 'Where is God in the pandemic? What is He going to do?'

Perhaps this is the wrong focus. Maybe our thoughts should be grounded in what God has actually done time and again?

Let's look.

Shelter brings transformation

What exactly has God done in the past and what were the consequences? Well, He sheltered the following people:

- Noah in the Ark during the time of global judgement until Noah emerged to father the nations of the earth.
- Jacob in the home of Laban when he needed to escape the wrath of Esau, his brother. 20 years later Jacob had a new identity. He became Israel, the name for God's chosen people.
- Joseph in Egypt from his jealous brothers. However, through slavery and prison Joseph became favoured in the eyes of Pharaoh and Potiphar as God prepared him for greatness.
- Moses in a remote desert for 40 years. Moses emerged to lead and liberate the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt.
- David for 15 years after he had been anointed King of Israel. When David finally assumed the throne, he became a man after God's own heart and wrote many of the beloved Psalms.
- Elijah by the brook Cherith. After this sheltering he stood alone against the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel.
- Daniel for 70 years in Babylon where he wrote the Old Testament book bearing his name, outlining the future of God's dealings with His people.
- Esther whilst in the palace of the Persian King Ahasuerus, where she saved her people from destruction.
- The disciples in the upper room for 10 days until the Holy Spirit descended in divine power to form and fashion His church.
- The apostle Paul in the desert of Arabia for 3 years. When he returned, he turned the world upside down through his preaching, the establishment of churches, and missionary journeys.
- Paul in a Roman prison. By the time he was free he had written the 'prison epistles', Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon.
- The apostle John on the island of Patmos and the

greatest prophetic document of all time was given to us. The book of Revelation.

- Most importantly and most amazingly, God sheltered Jesus in the tomb for 3 days. On that 3rd day Jesus emerged forth in power to defeat death and bring Salvation to the whole Earth.

Sheltered in Hope

Regarding what is God going to do, none of us can determine. However, what we can say with certainty is what He has already done as evidenced in the above references, and this is where our assurance comes from. The same God who sheltered His people in history will continue to shelter and teach us His truth. This is what we must hold on to at the beginning of this New Year. God has not left us to wilt and dissolve as a result of the situation this past year.

"For You have been a stronghold for the helpless, a stronghold for the poor in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat." Isaiah 25:4.

Paul Smith - Director Prayer for Israel

Who are Prayer for Israel?



Prayer for Israel began its ministry in 1969 as a response to the growing Messianic movement in Israel after the 6-day war of 1967. Since the pioneering work of the founder Ken Burnett and his wife Lillie, PFI has seen the number of Messianic fellowships grow in Israel from around two to now well over 100.

The first concern of PFI is prayer for Messianic and other believers in the Biblical Land of Israel.

Prayer Partners also direct their giving to provide practical support and relieve hardship and distress in Israel and elsewhere. PFI is a UK Registered Charity. www.prayer4i.org

And Finally...

Only in Newport!

