



## St. Paul's Barton - Sunday 05.12.21 Second Sunday of Advent

### Welcome...

To our **All-Age Worship Service** with Rev. Dozie Mone today.



Second Sunday of Advent

As it is now a 'personal choice' as to the wearing of masks, do please respect one another's preferences with regard to the wearing (or otherwise) of masks and social distancing etc.

**Please remember to maintain social distancing when going forward to receive Holy Communion.**

Tea & coffee is available after the service.

Should you prefer a quieter service with no singing and more space in the building there is a service of Holy Communion or Morning Prayer every Wednesday morning at 10:15am.

Sunday services are streamed live on [Facebook](#) and are available later on our [YouTube](#) channel.

**Little Church** On Sundays (except for 'All-Age' Services), there is provision, in the Christian Centre, for children (3 years to the end of Primary). Parents, Grandparents or Guardians can bring them to the Centre just before 10:00am. **Please come and collect them at 10:40am to join the service in the church.**



### School Christingle Services

Sadly, in the light of recent Covid developments, our friends at Summerfields Primary School and Medina House School have decided to cancel their planned Christingle services. Please remember all our schools in your prayers during these challenging times.



### New Intercessory Prayer Group for 2022

St. Paul's Intercessory Prayer Group will be starting in the new year. The meeting will be held fortnightly from Friday 7th of January 2022 from 12:00pm -2:00pm.

For more details, please speak to Pam or Margaret T.

### GAFCON Isle of Wight

Each month Gafcon IOW host a Zoom prayer meeting. Following a time looking at a Bible passage and seeing what the Lord might be saying to us through it we have a time in prayer. If you've signed up to our mailing list

then you are most welcome to join us in January and it would be great to see you! To join us go to the website



[gafconiow.org.uk](http://gafconiow.org.uk) and click on the 'Join' tab.

For the season of Advent and Christmas there will be new videos to watch on our YouTube channel. Rev. Kelvin Burke's reflection on Advent Sunday starts it off and is available to watch now with others to come over the month. So if you haven't already subscribed please search YouTube for 'Gafcon Isle of Wight' or follow the link on the website

We pray you will have a happy and blessed Christmas,

**Gafcon IOW Steering Group**

### Offering / Giving

Thank you for your giving to the work at St. Paul's. If you have not yet committed to regular giving, we would ask you to prayerfully seek God's will regarding this.

**Ways to Give: You can put your offering in the offering bag or the plate at the back of the church.**

**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 give (or post) it to her or phone her for more details or to arrange for your form to be collected.

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](#).

### New to St. Paul's? You are very welcome!

Our usual Sunday services are very simple - an opening hymn, a time of prayer, some liturgy and confession, a talk, followed by a time of worship and prayers then (twice a month) we have Holy Communion (all are welcome) and finally, a closing hymn.

There is an offering plate at the back of the church, we welcome contributions but please don't feel obliged to give! If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian speak to Rev. Dozie or Andrew and Josephine our Churchwardens.

### Take your second chance!

**Jonah Ch2 v1-2 Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you."**

A "second time." Jonah's repentance gave him a second chance to obey the Lord and to fulfill his ministry. And he did it successfully.

The apostle Paul tells us that "the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable" (Romans Ch11 v29). Jonah's disobedience did not take away his calling as a prophet. The discipline of the Lord was fruitful in his life. But compare King Saul. He also got a second chance after failing to wait for Samuel (1 Samuel Ch13) and he diso-

## December

Date	Time	Event
Tue 7th	9:45am-11:30am	<b>Little Rascals Toddler Group</b> The group meets in St. Paul's Christian Centre from 9:45am to 11:30am each Tuesday in school term time.
Wed 8th	10:15am	<b>Holy Communion BCP</b> (Book of Common Prayer) - Rev. Dozie Moneme.
Thu 9th	2:15pm	<b>Ladies Fellowship</b> - In the Christian Centre. For more information speak to Mary or Margaret P.
Sun 12th	10:00am 10:00am	<b>Worship &amp; Communion Service</b> - Rev. Dr. Dennis Lloyd. <b>Little Church</b> - in the Christian Centre.
Tue 14th	9:45am-11:30am 12:00pm	<b>Little Rascals Toddler Group</b> The group meets in St. Paul's Christian Centre from 9:45am to 11:30am each Tuesday in school term time. <b>Little Rascals Team Lunch</b> - The Living Room.
Wed 15th	10:15am	<b>Holy Communion BCP</b> (Book of Common Prayer) - Rev. Dozie Moneme
Thu 16th	2:15pm	<b>Ladies Fellowship</b> - In the Christian Centre. For more information speak to Mary or Margaret P.
Sun 19th	10:00am 6:30pm	<b>Word &amp; Worship Service</b> - Speaker: John Yates. <b>Carols by Candlelight</b> - Speaker Rev. Dozie Moneme.
Mon 20th	7:30pm	<b>Monday Online Fellowship Group</b> For more information speak to Andrew or contact us.
Wed 22nd	10:15am	<b>Holy Communion BCP</b> (Book of Common Prayer) - Rev. Dozie Moneme
Fri 24th	9:00pm	<b>Christmas Eve Holy Communion</b> with Rev. Dozie Moneme.
Sat 25th	10:00am	<b>Christmas All-Age Worship and Communion</b> with Rev. Dozie Moneme.
Sun 26th	10:00am	<b>Word &amp; Worship Service.</b>



beyed again, and lost his kingship (1 Samuel Ch15). But even that took many years to transpire after David was anointed.

We are often taught, "Our God is a God of second chances." And He is. Our failures in ministry do not automatically disqualify us, for the Lord is patient with us and He knows our weaknesses and predilection to sin, and He knows we are always on a learning curve. But He does expect us to learn from our mistakes, and honestly repent from our failures.

Now there are examples in scripture where sin and failure to obey brought immediate irrevocable judgment with no second chance: witness Ananias and Sapphira, or Lot's wife. So we ought to take notice that there are critical moments, decisions, and situations when our disobedience won't be tolerated with patience. Thank God they are probably rare, for He is amazingly patient.

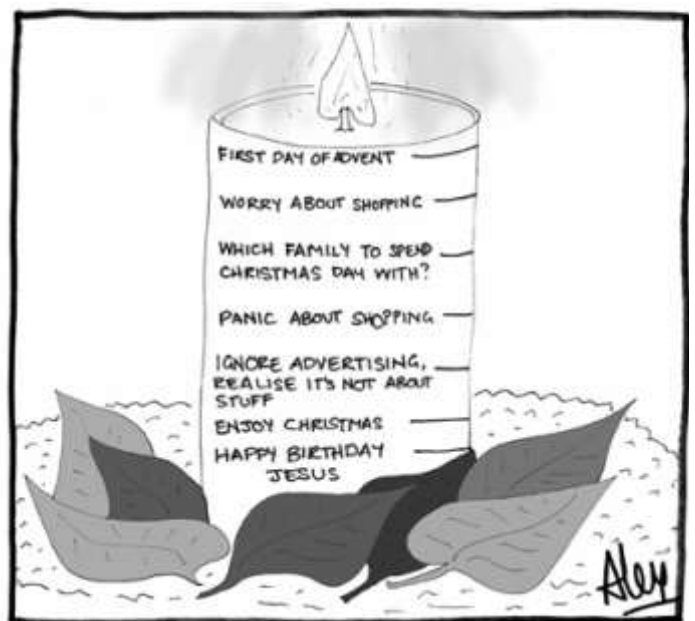
You may have failed the Lord in your service to Him through some character flaw or hidden sinful attitude which has been brought to light. Repent, and get back in fellowship with Him. And watch that you don't make the same mistake or worse. He will restore your ministry because He loves you and has called you; and will probably use your failure to make you even more effective. Our God is so wonderful.

**George Whitten - [worthyministries.com](http://worthyministries.com)**

**For Your Prayers** Please remember all those who are unwell. Those with Covid, as well as John G. and Karen who will be undertaking chemotherapy in the coming weeks.

# CHRISTMAS AT ST. PAUL'S

See the attached poster for details of this year's Christmas Services at St. Paul's. Why not display one or invite a guest?



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# CHRISTMAS AT ST. PAUL'S

**Sunday 19 December**

Word & Worship 10am

Carols by Candlelight 6.30pm

**Christmas Eve - Fri 24 December**

Communion 9pm

**Christmas Day - Sat 25 December**

Worship & Communion 10am

**Sunday 26 December**

Word & Worship 10am



**JESUS BE THE CENTRE OF IT ALL**

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