

St. Paul's News

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4th Sunday before Lent

Welcome...

To our **All-Age Service** today with Canon Stuart Holt.

Coronavirus: latest updates

Covid guidance re removal of Plan B measures

The Plan B Covid restrictions imposed as a result of the spread of the omicron variant were removed on January 27th. The updated national CofE guidance on public worship now applies. Full details can be found at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance>

The guidance states that face coverings are no longer mandatory in any setting but may be recommended in enclosed or crowded places, particularly where you come into contact with people you don't normally meet.

It is up to individual parishes to decide their own policies with regard to face-coverings, social distancing and ventilation, to keep their congregations and communities as safe as possible.

Keep an eye on [churchofengland.org/coronavirus](https://www.churchofengland.org/coronavirus) for the latest information.

As always, should you prefer a quieter service with smaller numbers, no singing and more space in the building there is a service of Holy Communion at St. Paul's on Wednesday mornings at 10:15am.

Getting back to "normal"...

We are reverting the communion format (and serving rota) to our pre Covid practice, and the offering bag has made a comeback! If you are interested in joining the Worship Team to increase our vocal capacity speak to Andrew.



Why not have some coffee, tea and fellowship at the **Coffee Morning on Saturday?** Enjoy some time to meet and enjoy one another's company again.

Please pray...

For Andrew who is speaking at The Wayfarer's Fellowship in Carisbrooke this morning.

**World Day of Prayer
Praying for England, Wales**

&

**Northern Ireland
In the church at St. Paul's**

**"A Service for Everyone"
Friday 4th March
at 10:30am**

For more information speak to Margaret P.



Tithe Donations for 2021

Christian Friends of Israel (CFI)

Thank you for the generous gift of £570 from St. Paul's Church Barton. We are most grateful for your ongoing support.

Compassion UK

Dear everyone at St Paul's Church Barton, I am pleased to confirm that we have received and processed your generous donation.

Your donations will provide vital support to children and families living in poverty. Our Most Needed Fund is

**Fellowship
Coffee Morning
Saturday 12 February**



10am to 12noon

In the Christian Centre

Join us if you can!

used to meet various needs including supporting children in Compassion projects who are waiting for a sponsor and covering the costs of emergency medical treatment for critically ill children.

Thank you once again for your support. Every blessing

**Suzette - Engagement Centre Assistant
Compassion UK**

Revive Newport - February Prayer Letter

Dear Prayer Partners,

A belated Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all had a blessed time at Christmas, and that your new year has started well. I am not one for making resolutions, but at our Revive retreat day, we were asked to consider what our goals might be for this year. This last two years have been very unsettling, as everything seemed to be constantly uncertain and temporary, and the desire to be stable, or 'rooted and grounded' in God, came to me, with **Jeremiah 17: 7,8**. "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, and his confidence is in Him. He will be like a tree planted by the water, that sends out his roots by the stream." This was cross referenced to **Psalms 1:3** "He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season, and whose leaf does not wither, and whatever he does prospers"

That sounds good to me, and then I read the study notes for that verse in my bible, which said this "Such a tree withstands the buffeting of the winds, and flourishing, it blesses man, animals and birds, with it's unflinching fruit, and with it's shade." I think that is definitely my personal goal for this year, to be such a tree, and surely for Revive also, to be able to stand strong, even when buffeted, and flourish so that we can bless others with our fruitfulness, and provide shelter, protection, encouragement and strength to those who come under our care!

So, let us make a start, with our prayer points for this month:

Pete and Family

Let's start the year by saying a big thank you for all your prayers for Pete. He is doing much better, taking time to look after himself properly, and aiding his recovery by being good at taking his supplements and attending counselling! He is gradually getting back to work, and is hoping to increase his hours so that he will be back on track by the end of February.



The children are continuing to develop and grow, Asher is especially doing well, so please pray that the intense physio this month will continue to help with his mobility and core strength. Niki has her book about TAPS coming out on Amazon on 3rd March, so pray for health and strength as she meets with similar organisations, to launch the book and get to those who need it. Please continue to pray for them all.

The Living Room

The café has had a good start to the new year, with a good number of regulars returning after the Christmas break. The coffee, breakfasts, and meals are helping to build up a good customer base, who also enjoy the company and atmosphere. The team are daily having opportunities to care, help and give value to customers, and share about Jesus, so please continue to pray for Michele, Sally, Sammie, Kevin and Mike as they work and serve.

Please also remember in your prayers the two other members of the team, who keep everything working and running smoothly in the back ground.

Liz is our office administrator, dealing with all the paperwork, the Newsletter etc. and Becci, our financial manager in Scotland, who keeps us afloat and makes sure the bills and wages are paid!



Newport Youth Café

Due to lack of sufficient helpers to run the group at present, we decided to close for a few weeks, reopening on **2nd March**. At present we are concentrating on the



detached youth work, going out and reaching those who really need the help most, especially working one to one, until Pete is fully recovered.

Please pray for Marie who is bearing the brunt of this

work at present, and for her and Pete, as they continue in the future to meet the needs of all these young people.

Finance

Last year was obviously a difficult and slow year financially because of the pandemic, so now we will be focusing on ways to bring in more income, including seeking grants from the Police and Crime Commissioner again, to help fund the outreach work. Please pray for release of funds to finance all of the important work done by the Revive teams.

The Prayer Room

All of our above points can only be accomplished by prayer, seeking God's wisdom, guidance and provision... You, our Prayer Partners, are our front line in this, as you read, and then commit all our requests to God. The Prayer Room was set up last year to provide

a tangible place where people can come in and pray, with the walls set up with prayer points, and with the Circle Of Hands project, to intensify our prayers for the work of Revive, and especially for the release of a building to house the youth work.

I know that we all live such busy lives, but if you are able to spare the time to pop in during the cafe opening times, I know you will be blessed, as well us! I am in every other Thursday, **11-1pm, the 10th and 24th in February**, if you would like to join me in prayer.

Thank you again, each and every one, for your ongoing support and loyalty, I am sure we can accomplish great things through our prayers this year. If you would like more information about Revive, please contact Liz at admin@revivenewport.org and she will be pleased to send you our Revive Newsletter.

God bless and keep you all. I know some of you are going through tough times, and we lift you to our heavenly Father, who knows and cares about each one.

Love and blessings,

Maureen - Revive Prayer Coordinator

Young People's Bible Study

There will be a Young People's Bible Study in the Christian Centre on the **first Wednesday of each month between 7:30pm and 8:30pm**. Rev. Dozie with the assistance of parents and Gisele will be hosting and leading.

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**

St. Paul's Intercessory Prayer Meeting

If you have a heart to pray and stand in the gap for our church, community, and nation, we have a meeting that all are welcome to attend. It is from 12.30am to 1.30pm in the church, on the first Friday of each month.

A Call to Prayer

Session 5 (of 6) of Pam Yates's **A Call to Prayer** - "Spiritual Warfare" is attached. You can find Sessions 1, 2 3 & 4 on the [News & Events page](#) of the church website.

New* *New* *New

Friday Fellowship Group

There will be a new weekly "in person" study group starting on **Friday 11th March at 10:30am** in the Christian Centre led by Margaret N.

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 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.

Choose Godspeed!

Proverbs 16:17 *The highway of the upright is to depart from evil; He who keeps his way preserves his soul.*

Mark 1:15 and saying, *"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."*

Proverbs says the "highway of the upright is to depart from evil". It's a highway - a way of life so to speak. And this proverb coincides with the central teaching of

This week		
Date	Time	Event
Mon 7th	7:30pm	Monday Online Fellowship Group (Zoom) - For more information speak to Andrew.
Tue 8th	9:45am	Little Rascals Toddler Group - The group meets in St. Paul's Christian Centre from 9:45am to 11:30am each Tuesday in school term time.
Wed 9th	10:15am	Holy Communion BCP (Book of Common Prayer) - Rev. Dozie Moneme.
Thu 10th	2:15pm	Ladies Fellowship - Meets in the Christian Centre for fellowship and Bible study. More information from Mary or Margaret P.
Sat 12th	10:00am	St. Paul's - Fellowship Coffee Morning (10:00am - 12:00noon) in the Christian Centre.
Next week		
Sun 13th	10:00am	Worship & Communion Service - Rev. Dr. Dennis Lloyd.
Tue 15th	9:45am	Little Rascals Toddler Group - The group meets in St. Paul's Christian Centre from 9:45am to 11:30am each Tuesday in school term time.
Wed 16th	10:15am	Holy Communion BCP (Book of Common Prayer) - Rev. Dozie Moneme.
Thu 17th	2:15pm	Ladies Fellowship - Meets in the Christian Centre for fellowship and Bible study. More information from Mary or Margaret P.
Dates for your diary		
Mon 21st to Fri 25th		SCHOOL HOLIDAY
Sun 27th	9:30am+	Breakfast Church (Bring & Share).
MARCH		
Tue 1st		SHROVE TUESDAY
Wed 2nd	7:30pm	ASH WEDNESDAY Young People's Bible Study - Christian Centre.
Fri 4th	10:30am 12:30pm	World Day of Prayer (Praying for England, Wales & Northern Ireland) in the church at St. Paul's. "A Service for Everyone" For more information speak to Margaret P. Intercessory Prayer Meeting.
Sat 5th	10:00am	Prayer for Israel & the Middle East
Fri 11th	10:30am	***NEW*** Friday Fellowship Group (Weekly 10:30am 12:30pm in the Christian Centre). For more information please speak to Margaret N.

Yeshua (Jesus) - "Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand." What does it mean to repent? The Greek Word is "metanoia" which simply means to change your mind about sin or to depart from evil.

Repentance is essentially a new attitude about the way I conduct my life. I don't expect perfection while remaining in this mortal body - but a lifestyle of repentance means that I choose to live my life set apart unto the Lord, in communion with His Holy Spirit who lives in me, constantly turning away from and/or confessing my sins. Repentance does not involve rehearsing guilt, regret, or sins of the past, because true repentance and confession removes those from our conscience and the Lord declares them to be as far as the east is from the west!

Friends, choose the highway of the upright and speed your way through life's journey to the Kingdom of Heaven which awaits you. The enemy would love to sidetrack or distract you with the enticement of sin - but even if he succeeds temporarily, you can always repent - and speedily, get back on the right road - the highway of the upright.

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

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more. **He 10:17** I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more. **Is 43:25**

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