

St. Paul's News

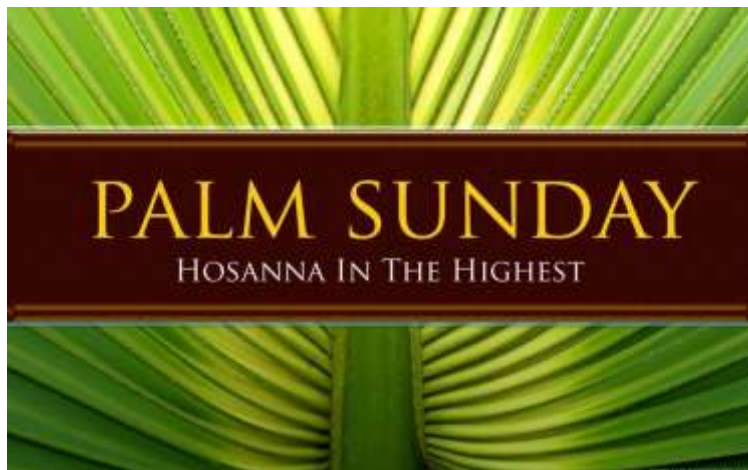
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St. Paul's Barton Palm Sunday 10.04.22

Welcome...

to our Palm Sunday, Breakfast Church, Word and Worship Service.



We are very pleased to welcome as our speaker today, a good friend of St. Paul's Church, Charlynne Boddie.

Charlynne will be speaking on 'Being led by the Spirit in a post pandemic world' Isaiah Chapter 33 verse 6:

*He will be the sure foundation for your times,
a rich store of salvation and wisdom and
knowledge;
the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure.*

Charlynne will be also speaking at our 'Seven O' Clock Service' at 7:00pm this evening.

Services On-line

Our Sunday morning talks are available on the St. Paul's YouTube channel later in the day. The St. Paul's YouTube Channel is:

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCXTXCKIRFHVUHn3HB6A22zw>



There is also a page on the church website where you can view them:

<https://www.stpaulsbarton.co.uk/video/>

Electoral Roll 2022

If you are not currently on the roll, missed re-enrolling in previous years, or need to update your details **your last opportunity is today!**

Forms are available at the back of the church, they can be passed to Andrew, Josephine or Margaret W. our Electoral Roll Officer.

You can also check your current entry on the list at the back.

Little Church Meets 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

New on our website from Rev. Dozie How Are The Mighty Fallen...

My name is Dozie. I would like to share a little about my early experiences when I arrived in the U.K. As an ordained minister in the Anglican Church in Nigeria, I had all sorts of imagination as my lovely wife Nnenna told me what church was like in the UK. Her emphasis was on the way churches were being closed down or turned into pubs. I couldn't connect with what she said until I finally came to join her and began seeing things for myself.

My visit to the first Anglican Church gave me the first shock. I saw a barely empty church with little or no young people. The liturgy was simply different and people seemed to want the service to be as short as possible. There was no mention of prayer meetings or weekly bible studies that could build the believer's life.

After church, I spent the rest of the week seeking to understand the culture that I had become part of- surveying the land- so to speak. I discovered more people spent their Sundays in the gym, or at the shops than in church. What puzzled me most was hearing people say I DON'T BELIEVE IN GOD. I couldn't comprehend how people could say they didn't believe in GOD when the whole earth declares his glory.

I began to wonder if this was the same UK that sent its missionaries to Africa. I thought of John Knox who said God give me Scotland or I die and Mary Sumner the Mother's Union founder. These missionaries turned Africa around with the gospel of Christ. However, on arriving in their country, it seemed like no one cares about GOD anymore. The many mighty works of God had become history. As my heart began to bleed, the only scripture that could describe my grief fully is David's poetry in 2 Samuel 1: 27-**how**



**are the mighty fallen and the weapons of war per-
ish?** Like David, I wept in prayers to GOD mourning
the loss of a great Christian nation whose love for God
seems cold or perhaps lost. How can the mighty fall
when GOD is still mighty to save (Isaiah 63:1)?

Coming from an environment where evangelism and
discipleship form the core of our Christian faith, you
can begin to connect with my cultural shock on arrival
to the UK. My wife was not left out as she found it ex-
tremely difficult to tell people about the love of Christ at
work. She was always tagged RELIGIOUS and seen
as different for talking about GOD when all the people
want to hear is revolving around illicit sex or their last
visit to the pub.

Together, our hearts burned like Nehemiah who saw
the ruin of Jerusalem and asked GOD to help him re-
build the walls of Jerusalem. We are trusting GOD that
we will team up with other believers to bring revival
back to our nation. We believe that soon we will re-
joice like Nehemiah when we see the walls rebuilt!
Amen!

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 re-
quest 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, Bar-
ton 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](#).

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New to St. Paul's?

You are very welcome...

Our usual Sunday services are very simple - an open-
ing hymn, a time of prayer and confession, a talk, fol-
lowed 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 contribu-
tions 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.



Revive Newport Prayer Letter April 2022

Dear Prayer Partners,

I trust that this Prayer Letter finds you fit and well and
full of the joys of spring!? If it does, Hallelujah, but I
feel you are in the minority at the present!

Certainly, I find watching the lambs leaping around
makes me feel even more tired, and most people I
have spoken to also say how weary and lacking in en-
ergy they feel also. Maybe it is a post viral thing, but it
seems as though it is not just health wise, but in work,
projects, etc. there seems to be a lack of progress or
growth. As someone said, it is hard to see God's hand
at work at the moment.

As I was praying about all this, I was reminded of the
verse **"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their
strength"** and when I looked up Isaiah 40 where that
verse is found, I thought all the surrounding verses,
were very relevant also, so here are verses 27 - 31:

**"Why do you say, O Jacob, 'My way is hidden from
the Lord; my cause is disregarded by my God?' Do
you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is
the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the
earth,. He will not grow tired or weary, and His un-
derstanding no-one can fathom. He gives strength
to the weary and increases the power of the weak.
Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men
stumble and fall, but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength. They will soar on wings
like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they
will walk and not be faint."**

I pray those words over all of you who are feeling wea-
ry, but who hope in the Lord, and especially over Pete,
and Revive, as we cover the prayer points for this

month:

Pete

has been back working full time, and is feeling very tired, and lacking in strength and energy. Please pray as above! Niki is also very tired after all the hard work in promoting her book, and a lot of her support and help have had covid. Please pray for her too.

The twins celebrated their 2nd birthday on Monday (4th), please continue to pray for their development and growth. Asher especially will need ongoing physio as he grows into his teens. Pray for the whole family, for rest and renewed strength.

The Living Room

Please pray for the Café and staff, as they are making some experimental changes from the end of the month, the 29th, and then throughout May. The cafe will be closed on Wednesdays, but will be open on a Friday instead, so the cafe will be open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 11:00am til 2:00pm.

Then on Wednesday they will be opening 12:00am - 2:00pm for 'Creative Cafe' where people can come and bring their own crafts to do, and connect with others doing the same. It will cost £4, and includes bottomless tea and coffee.

We are praying this will expand our reach and support to the community, and draw in new customer awareness. The menu will also be changed. With these changes in mind, please pray for this new venture, that it will be successful, especially in reaching out to more people to share the gospel of Jesus.

Newport Youth Café

These young people are really struggling with the present situation, with school, work, and personal health. They have a lot of needs, and are looking for a lot of support, emotionally and practically. Both Pete and Marie are both feeling so tired and below par themselves at the moment, so please pray that the Lord will renew their strength, so that they can rise up and continue to carry out this very important work.

Finances

As we have reported before, our financial position is very low at present, 17k down. Last year, giving was down, there were no one off donations, and The Living Room was closed for many months.

As we enter a new financial year please pray that the financial floodgates will be opened for us to continue and expand the work we would really like to do. On the 19th of this month we will hear if we were successful in the big bid we put in to the Police Commissioner for the work of NYC. Please pray for a favourable response as this will really make a big difference for NYC and the work of Revive.

Prayer Room

We really need prayer, prayer and more prayer, for every aspect of Revive at this time - its staff, projects and hopes for the future.

Please remember the prayer room is there if you can set some time aside to focus on intercession for us all. I will be in on Thursday morning the 7th and the 21st April, God willing, from 11:00am - 1:00pm, but the prayer room is open whenever the cafe is open, for you to pop in. Thank you.

Thank you all again, for taking the time to read this letter, and pray for us. We know that God hears our prayers, and He knows the plans He has for us, and we thank you for coming into partnership with us, in interceding for God's will for our future.

We lift you all in prayer also, as many of you I know, are also feeling weary and under pressure at this time. May you also rise up on eagles wings. Please pray for Andrew and Bridget, two of our prayer partners - for their son, Samuel, who is working for OM in Odessa, Ukraine - for their peace, and his protection.

So, until next month, ***"May the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord turn His face towards you and give you peace"***.

Blessings,

Maureen

Revive Prayer Coordinator

Easter
at St. Paul's
Staplers Road, Newport, IOW, PO30 2HZ

Palm Sunday April 10th

10am Breakfast Church, Word & Worship

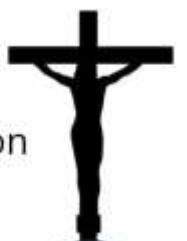
7pm Seven o'clock service both with
guest speaker Charlyne Boddie

Good Friday April 15th

2pm - Good Friday Reflection with
Rev. Dr. Dennis Lloyd

Easter Sunday
April 17th

10am - Worship & Communion
with Rev Dozie Moneme



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This week		
Date	Time	Event
Wed 13th	10:15am	Holy Communion - Rev Dozie Moneme.
Thu 14th		MAUNDY THURSDAY
Fri 15th	12:30pm 2:00pm	GOOD FRIDAY Newport Churches Walk of Witness - Starts at the Congregational Church in Pyle Street. St. Paul's Good Friday Reflection - Rev Dr Dennis Lloyd.
Looking forward		
Sun 17th	10:00am	EASTER SUNDAY Easter Sunday Worship & Communion Rev Dozie Moneme.
Mon 18th		EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY
Wed 20th		No Holy Communion this week.
Sun 24th	10:00am	Worship & Communion Service - Rev Dennis Lloyd Continuing our study in Galatians - Study 6 (Galatians Chapter 3 verse 26 - Chapter 4 verse 7)
Mon 25th	7:30pm	Monday Fellowship Group - For more information speak to Andrew.
Tue 26th	9:45am 7:15pm	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. Tuesday Fellowship Group - For more information speak to Rev. Dozie.
Wed 27th	10:15am 7:30pm	Holy Communion - Rev Dozie Moneme. Annual Parochial Church (APCM) Meeting - In the church.
Thu 28th	2:15pm	Ladies Fellowship - Meets in the Christian Centre for fellowship and Bible study. More information from Mary or Margaret P.
Fri 29th	10:30am	Friday Fellowship Group - 10:30am - 12:30pm in the Christian Centre. For more information speak to Margaret N.

Church Communications

It was reported at the last PCC meeting, after many years of producing our weekly newsletter Kevin has decided to step down from the role. Kevin took over the job at the start of the vacancy, preparing and printing it for the last 7 1/2 years.

After meeting together, the Vicar and Churchwardens felt this was the right time to review our communication, Website and social media as a team together and to determine the most efficient way to communicate, inform, support and encourage each other.

As a result, Rev. Dozie, Andrew & Liz D, Josephine and Kevin met this week. Amidst much prodding of screens tapping of keyboards and synchronizing of passwords etc. as far as possible, the ability for all concerned to communicate over all the various electronic platforms we have was put in place. This should help to cover absences / holidays etc.

Moving forward:

- The printed weekly Newsletter will cease after Easter.
- The weekly church email with an electronic copy of the Newsletter will cease although the 'Mailchimp' email will still be used for communication to everyone signed up.
- Our various electronic platforms will continue as sources of information i.e.
 - St. Paul's Website
 - Facebook
 - Twitter

- Instagram
- St. Paul's YouTube Channel
- Church WhatsApp Group

An information/welcome sheet will be updated termly, starting in April for the Spring and Summer. The second for the Autumn term in September and the third in early January at the start of the new year. We hope this will make communications easy and more streamlined.

Finally, Andrew will of course continue to update us with his verbal reporting of all that's happening at the start of our Sunday Services. However, his bad jokes and odd comments regarding senior CofE clergy may need to be limited to two a month!



THESE DAYS WE DO NOT NEED HYMN BOOKS
AS ALL OF THE WORDS TO THE SONGS
CAN BE FOUND ON THE INTERNET