

St. Paul's News

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St. Paul's Barton - Sunday 16.01.22 Second Sunday of Epiphany

Welcome...

To our **Worship & Communion Service** with Rev Dozie Moneme. Today our speaker is Lloyd Actkinson.

New Covid guidance re Omicron variant

Current information is available on the Diocese of Portsmouth website along with this summary...

"Face-coverings are now mandatory in churches, unless you have an exemption, or are leading worship.

You are legally allowed to remove face-coverings when singing in church, but the C of E's advice is to encourage congregations to keep them on".

You can find out more information at the website below www.portsmouth.anglican.org/coronavirus/

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

Should you prefer a quieter service with no singing and more space in the building there is a service of Holy Communion on Wednesday mornings at 10:15am.

THE Ven Peter Leonard is to step down as Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight and team rector of Newport and Carisbrooke with Gatcombe...

He will switch roles to work for a charity after almost eight years working for the Church of England, three of which have been as the senior clergy person on the Isle of Wight. His final day working as archdeacon and team rector will be on February 28.

Peter will become Chief Executive of Family Links – the Centre for Emotional Health, a national charity and training organisation dedicated to the promotion of emotional health at home, at school, and at work.

He has paid tribute to those he has worked alongside on the Isle of Wight, and to colleagues in the Diocese of Portsmouth.

"It has been a real privilege to work alongside people in the island's churches and communities," he said. "It has been exciting to help to set up new projects, such as the team ministry covering Newport, Carisbrooke and Gatcombe and I hope the groundwork has been laid for my successor there.

"I've enjoyed being part of the island community for the past few years and have been especially pleased to see it pulling together during the pandemic. I think island people have done superbly well to care for each other at a time of great stress and anxiety – it has shown off the island at its best.

"It has also been a joy to work with colleagues in the Diocese of Portsmouth, both at Portsmouth Cathedral and as Archdeacon."

The commissary bishop for the Diocese of Portsmouth, the Rt Rev Rob Wickham, said: "The Ven Peter Leonard has managed to bring together a number of significant responsibilities in the diocese with great skill and resilience.

"We will miss his questioning mind, and strategic and solution-focussed energies abundance. I hope you will join me in praying for him in his next chapter of serving Jesus Christ."

Peter was originally ordained in 1997 and served as a priest in Guildford diocese, then became a teacher and a headteacher before coming to Portsmouth Cathedral as a residentiary canon in 2014. He was acting Dean of Portsmouth before being appointed as Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight in 2019. In 2020, he also became team rector for Newport and Carisbrooke with Gatcombe after a parish reorganisation.

His final Sunday as archdeacon and team rector will be on February 27. Peter and his partner Mark will then move to live on the mainland.

<https://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/news/2022/01/09/archdeacon-isle-wight-step-down/>



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 new 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.

Is God calling you to be part of this invaluable ministry in these crucial days? Fasting is preferred if able, and social distancing and all precautions will be in place for your safety.

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 will forgive their sin and will heal their land.
2 Chron 7 v 14 NIV

Session 2 of Pam Yates's A Call to Prayer - "What is Intercession" is attached. You can find Session 1 "Why Pray" on the News & Events page of the church website.

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](#)

This week		
Date	Time	Event
Tue 18th	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 19th	10:15am 7:30pm	Holy Communion BCP (Book of Common Prayer) - Rev. Dozie Moneme. PCC Meeting.
Thu 20th	2:15pm	Ladies Fellowship - Meets in the Christian Centre for fellowship and Bible study. More information from Mary or Margaret P.
Next week		
Sun 23rd	10:00am 6:30pm	All-Age Worship - Speaker Jane Shyvers. Holocaust Memorial Service.
Tue 25th	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 26th	10:15am	Holy Communion BCP (Book of Common Prayer) - Rev. Dozie Moneme.
Thu 27th	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		
Fri 4th Feb	12:30pm	Intercessory Prayer Meeting - In the church.
Sat 5th Feb	10:00am	Prayer for Israel & the Middle East.

[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.

Feeling Bookish?



Why not browse our church library for books, DVDs and CDs to borrow?

Revive Newport - The Living Room Café

Dear church. The Living Room Community Café reopened this week. A warm welcome awaits from yours truly.

We are looking for two volunteers, one on Tuesdays and one on Wednesdays from approx. 11am to 2pm which may include serving and welcoming customers, praying, making coffee and washing up. In return, free hot drinks, and an opportunity to serve (and lots of fun according to Kevin our Thursday volunteer!)

Blessings, **Michele**.

The Living Room Café, is a ministry of Revive Newport, located at 82-83 High St, Newport PO30 1BH and is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 11:00am and 2:00pm. revivenewport.org

Diocesan News

The Rev Allie Kerr, currently Associate Archdeacon, will become our Acting Archdeacon for the Isle of Wight. As a former Area Dean on the Island, Allie knows the churches and many of God's treasures well, and I know that her presence, wisdom and holiness will provide an important stability to the Archdeaconry in this particular season. **Rt Rev Rob, Wickham, Commissary Bishop of Portsmouth.**

Gafcon Isle of Wight - YouTube Channel

See the latest video from Rev Kelvin Burke where he shares a reflection on Epiphany.

Matthew Ch2 v1-12.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BV_jlVOrz8s



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