

St. Paul's Barton Christmas 2021 & New Year

Welcome...

To our services over this Christmas and New Year period.

New Covid guidance re omicron variant

As you will be aware the Covid precautions have changed. Dozie, Andrew, Josephine and Tom our Health and Safety Officer have been in contact and would like to point you to the current information on the Diocesan 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 or Morning Prayer most Wednesday mornings at 10:15am.

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

From the Vicars Desk.... Are you ready for Christmas?

I love the Christmas season. It's my favourite time of the year. Everyone seems to want to celebrate this special time of the year. As people prepare for Christmas, a question that is often asked many times is this, "Are you ready for Christmas?"

Once this question is asked, the response can go any direction - Not yet because I haven't finished shopping, or I am yet to wrap the gifts or better still - I haven't put up the Christmas tree neither have I posted the Christmas cards. The responses always revolve around people's activities. We meet ourselves coming and going, so we call it "the Christmas rush." Sometimes the Christmas season becomes very hectic, and because of that we tend to forget much of the reason for the season.

So, what's the reason for the season - you may ask? When I was a child, I asked my mum the same question with real childhood innocence. I remember my





CHRISTMAS AT ST. PAUL'S

<p>Sunday 19 December Word & Worship 10am Carols by Candlelight 6.30pm</p> <p>Christmas Eve - Fri 24 December Communion 9pm</p>	<p>Christmas Day - Sat 25 December Worship & Communion 10am</p> <p>Sunday 26 December Word & Worship 10am</p>
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JESUS BE THE CENTRE OF IT ALL

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mum telling me that Christmas was a celebration party to mark the birth of Jesus Christ our Saviour. A bit like a birthday party for Jesus. I believed my mum. Sadly, as I grew older, I observed that my childhood understanding of this season was far from reality.

I watched people exchange gifts with each other without giving any offering in church. I saw people drinking, eating, and partying without any mention of the name of Christ Jesus. It was even more puzzling to notice that some people have nothing to do with church although they celebrated this event in their own way.

Imagine if you had a birthday party and all the people you invited turned up. Then when it was time to present gifts, surprisingly your guests gave the gifts to each other instead of you - the celebrant. How will you feel? I am pretty sure you will be upset. No celebrant will be happy when the focus shifts from him/her to the guests. This is a clear example of how most people treat Jesus during Christmas. We spend more time focusing on giving to ourselves and others more than giving to God.

Permit me to ask you this question, "Are you ready for Christmas?" This pertinent question I'm asking you refers to more than your activities. I'm asking about your attitudes.

What does Christmas really mean to you. Can you pause from the busyness and ponder on this salient question? Christmas says that "God became a human being." **We see this in John chapter 1 verse 14; The Word became a human being and, full of grace and truth, lived among us. We saw His glory, the glory which He received as the Father's only Son.** God expressed His love by living



among us, by walking with us, and talking to us."

That's what Christmas means.

What are the right attitudes we ought to have so that Christmas can really happen in our homes and in our lives? Remember every year Christmas is a special and blessed time. If you haven't made that crucial decision yet to let Jesus into your heart, now is the time to do so, and years from now you will rejoice, remembering that Christmas in 2021 was the most blessed that ever happened to you.

Merry Christmas!

Rev Dozie Moneme.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. PAUL'S

Carols by Candlelight **Sunday 19th December at 6:30pm**

Opening Prayer and Collect

Lighting of the Candles

Joy To The World

Lesson 1 - Genesis Ch3 v1-19

Once In Royal David's City - Solo v1

Lesson 2 - Genesis Ch22 v15-18

See Amid The Winters Snow
- v3 Women v4 Men

Lesson 3 - Isaiah Ch9 v2, 6 & 7

Light Has Come - Worship Team

Silent Night

Lesson 4 - Isaiah Ch11 v1, 2, 4 (part 1) & v6-9

Ding Dong Merrily On High

Lesson 5 - Luke Ch1 v26-38

O Little Town Of Bethlehem

Lesson 6 - Luke Ch2 v1-16

Jesus Was Born In A Stable - Worship Team

Go Tell It On The Mountain

Lesson 7 - Matthew Ch2 v1-12

We Three Kings

Lesson 8 - John Ch1 v1-14

Solo

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

- v3 Men v4 Women

Lesson 9 - Micah Ch5 v2-5

Vicar's Address

The Angels Knew - Worship Team

Blessing

Hark The Herald Angels Sing



Little Rascals

Our parent and toddler group "Little Rascals" recently held their last meeting of the year and had a very special visitor!



They will be meeting again at 9:45am on Tuesday 11th January 2022 in St. Paul's Christian Centre (School Lane, Newport). For more information see the [Little Rascals page](#) on the church website.

The leaders and helpers ("the grown-ups!") enjoyed a lovely lunch at "the best restaurant in town" (The Living Room).



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**



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.

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, especially to our services at Christmas! 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.



A prophecy brought to worship on Sunday 12th December by Di.

A prophetic word from David Noakes January 2021

"A Call to the Nation to turn to the Lord"



Introduction from Dr Clifford Hill

These are sombre days in the life of our nation and if ever there were a need for a word from the Lord it is surely now.

We cannot just ignore the tragic news of more than 100,000 deaths from the coronavirus in Britain. But the one thing that is totally missing from our Government and from our church leaders is what God is saying to us as a nation. I haven't heard a single politician, or a church leader even suggest that we should be crying out to God asking what has gone wrong and what God wants us to do.

If ever there were a day when churches should be calling for repentance and coming before God with prayers of humility, asking God to make it clear what he wants his people to do in the midst of this pandemic, it is surely today! God has been warning us for many years that he was going to shake all nations.

Those of you who have known the magazine "Prophecy Today" for a long time - will know that in 1986 at the big international conference that we organised at Mount Carmel and in Jerusalem, where we were seeking the word of God for our times, we were led to the Scripture in Haggai 2:6-7.

"This is what the Lord Almighty says: in a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord Almighty."

That is the warning that we have been taking around the world and the towns and cities of Britain for over 35 years - warning of a great shaking that would come upon all nations unless there was repentance and turning away from the things that were directly against the teaching of God. This includes polluting the land with the blood of the innocent, which in Britain means the nine million babies we have burnt since 1967.

David Noakes was one of the leaders at the 1986 conference and he gave one of the prophetic words which were accepted. Now he has received another word calling for repentance in the nation that I believe to be a word from the Lord.

I warmly commend it to you.

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DECEMBER / JANUARY

Date	Time	Event
Sun 19th	10:00am 6:30pm	Word & Worship Service - Speaker: John Yates. Carols by Candlelight - Speaker: Rev. Dozie Moneme.
Mon 20th	7:30pm	Monday Online Fellowship Group For more information speak to Andrew.
Wed 22nd	10:15am	Holy Communion BCP (Book of Common Prayer) - Rev. Dozie Moneme.
Fri 24th	9:00pm	Christmas Eve Holy Communion with Rev. Dozie Moneme.
Sat 25th	10:00am	Christmas Day All-Age Worship and Communion with Rev. Dozie Moneme. 
Sun 26th	10:00am	Word & Worship Service.
Sun 2nd	10:00am	Worship & Communion Service - Rev. Dozie Moneme.
Wed 5th	10:15am	Holy Communion BCP (Book of Common Prayer) - Rev. Dozie Moneme.
Fri 7th	12:00pm	Intercessory Prayer Group - For more details, please speak to Pam or Margaret T.
Sat 8th	10:00am	Prayer for Israel & the Middle East.
Sun 9th	10:00am	Word & Worship Service - Rev. Kelvin Burke.

Prophetic word received by David Noakes - 23rd January 2021

'Beloved, I have spoken before, but how many have listened? Yet now I speak again to those who have ears to hear, who call themselves by my Name.

Your nation is in great trouble and your national life is in disorder and ruins. Yet I listen in vain for voices of repentance.

There is anguish over the tens of thousands who have perished in the scourge of sickness which I have allowed to come upon you; yet hardly a thought is given to the millions of my unborn children whom I have created in the womb but whom you have killed before they have even come to the birth. Your nation is polluted with their innocent blood, yet you continue and even increase this unabated slaughter.

I honour those who strive to bring comfort and healing to those who are sick. I suffer with them in their exhaustion and despair; I weep with those who endure bereavement and separation and loneliness. I long to bring relief in the midst of this suffering.

O nation of Britain, turn back to me and be saved, for I am the only one with the power of life and death. You are placing your hope in the false god of Science to save you, but you will not succeed, for this enemy will return again and again, and only I can defeat it and bring an end to this suffering.

Where are your national church leaders in this hour of crisis? Where are those who have authority to counsel a call for the nation to turn to me and cry out for salvation in your helplessness? Where are those who style themselves with titles of leadership and wear robes of office, to whom your Queen may look for godly counsel? I listen for them to speak the words of God, but I hear only empty mouthings to please the world which has turned away from me as Creator and Lord.

Because of their silence, the blood of many will be on their hands when I call for an accounting. They are in great peril, and they do not even know it, or they would repent and seek to lead the nation back to the ways of God.

Beloved, you who know me, pray for these men and women who have accepted high office but walk in com-

promise with the world. Pray that they will seek me and turn to my ways. Pray that they will have courage to speak my word and call your nation back to righteousness. For if there is no repentance and turning to me, increasing disaster will come upon the nation. Sickness will continue and increase, natural disasters will multiply, your economy will collapse beyond recovery, and your enemies will rub their hands and take advantage of your utter helplessness.

My heart is in anguish for you, for I have loved your nation and I desire to show mercy and to bless you once again. I desire to restore my hand of protection to you, but not unless you will turn back to honouring me and repent of your sin of blood-guiltiness. Will you not, even at this late hour, turn back to me and be saved, for I long to show you my mercy and I shrink from allowing the terrible judgments which otherwise you will bring upon yourselves, reaping the results of all that you have sown.'

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