

St. Paul's Barton Newsletter 14.01.21

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Every tithe of the herd, or flock, or (click of mouse).. will be holy to the Lord. **Lev 27:32**

Offering / Giving

The PCC will be meeting on 20th January to consider a church budget for 2021. As things stand at the moment, we are looking at a rather large gap between income and expenditure.

The PCC is grateful to the 41 people in our congregation who are giving regularly, either direct to our bank account or by sending cheques to Penny.

If you are part of St. Paul's and have not yet committed to regular giving, we ask you to prayerfully seek God's will regarding this.

Ways to Give:

1. **Set up a Standing Order*** from your bank, you can use the form enclosed, or download one from our website. Just fill it in and send it to Penny (our treasurer) - for more details or to arrange for your form to be collected. **A Standing Order is an instruction from you to pay from your bank account to the church. You can cancel it at any time (it is not the same as a Direct Debit and the church cannot take money out of your account).*
2. **You can send a cheque**, payable to: **PCC of St. Paul's (Barton Parish)** to Penny (address above).
3. If you use online banking, you can give to St. Paul's by **Bank Transfer or by setting up a Standing Order**. De-

tails 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**

In addition, if you are a tax payer and have not filled in a **Gift Aid Form** these are available on the church website (Administration > Giving). Please complete and return to Penny. This will enable us to claim from the government the tax that you have paid on the amount that you are giving.

What's Happening...

Thursday 14th January at 7:30pm (Zoom)

Bible teaching from Rivi Litvin

To take part please send your email address to stpaulsbar-ton@hotmail.co.uk and you will then receive a Zoom invitation for the session along with an email with a handout for the study from Rivi.

Sunday 17th January at 10:00am

Second Sunday of Epiphany

Worship & Communion Service - Rev. Dozie Moneme.

Monday 18th January

Day of Prayer & Fasting for the Covid situation, followed by Zoom Prayer Meeting at 7:30pm (See details below).

Monday 18th January - Monday 25th January

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - See the website:

<https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/>

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2021 has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme that was chosen, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", is based on **John 15:1-17** and expresses Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family.

Tuesday 19th January

Churches Working Together in Newport - Leader's Meeting (Zoom).

Wednesday 20th January at 10:15am

Holy Communion (BCP) Service - **Service Cancelled.**

Wednesday 20th January at 7:30pm

PCC Meeting (Zoom).

Wednesday 20th January at 7:30pm

Evening Prayer (at home)

If you can, join with us at home as we come before God.

Readings: Psalms 97 & 98, Genesis Ch8 v1-14 and Matthew Ch24 v29-51.

Collect:

*Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Sunday 24th January at 10:00am

All-Age Worship Service - Rev. Dozie Moneme & Josh Haywood.

Sunday 24th January at 7:00pm on YouTube

Christian Friends of Israel - Holocaust Memorial Event.

Monday 25th January at 7:30pm (Zoom)

Monday Fellowship Group - To join speak to Andrew.

Services

Our Sunday services are all streamed live on the church Facebook page and are available to watch later on the church's Facebook page, Website and YouTube channel.



You need to book for our Sunday services as due to Covid restrictions seating capacity is limited.

Remember, that due to the current restrictions and the current level of infections on the Island at the moment, you must maintain strict social distancing in the church and enter and leave without standing around talking!

To book contact Ian Pugh (see the Church Directory for the number) or text **07947 153 344**.

St. Paul's Barton 'Day of Prayer and Fasting'

Monday 18th January 2021



Please join us at home on **Monday 18th January** for a **'Day of Prayer and Fasting'** for those that can, to pray against the spread of Covid 19.

We will finish the day with a Zoom prayer meeting at 7.30pm contact Andrew for details)

where we can pray together and share anything the Lord has spoken to us about. When we pray I believe we need to come before God's throne with humble, repentant hearts and with thanksgiving.

Some suggestions for prayer include:

- A miraculous end to the pandemic here and around the world.
- Healing for those who have contracted Covid.
- That the Lord will comfort those mourning the loss of loved ones.
- That the vaccines will be rolled out quickly and safely here and in other countries.
- For hospital staff, carers and key workers to stay safe and not be overwhelmed by the workload.
- For those who struggle with the lockdown due to mental health issues or abusive relationships.

- For those who have lost jobs or their business and are struggling financially.
- For parents trying to juggle work, childcare and home schooling.
- And anything else...

2 Chronicles 7:13-14 Says...

"When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, 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 I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Thank You. I hope to see some of you on Zoom.

Blessings,

Michele

'Light In The Darkness'

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Holocaust Memorial

7- 8:30pm Sunday 24th January 2021

www.youtube.com/cfiuk

Helen's Story
David Soakell

Journey to the Holocaust
Dr Susanna Kokkonen

Forsake Them Not
Survivors

Christian Friends of Israel
United Kingdom

Christian Friends of Israel

Holocaust Memorial Online Event

This year, a Holocaust Memorial event will take place online on the CFI YouTube channel at **7:00pm - 8:30pm on Sunday 24th January 2021**.

Presented by Christian Friends of Israel UK, the event will be an evening of film, music, art and poetry as we remember and learn regarding the Holocaust. See the trailer at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCw5NSWj_SsAyhghoEVuJUA

Out in the community for evangelism

Saturday 9th January...

Dozie says "Just finished distributing evangelism leaflets this morning. As I was putting them through the letterbox in the Pan estate, it was a blessing to have a little conversation at the doorstep and introduce myself as the new Vicar from their local church.

A question someone asked me today was - Are you a postman? I said no, I am from your local church St. Paul's. We are praying for you all in this time of uncertainty. I thought you are a postman.



Please pray for the people living in the 50 houses covered and those that heard the word/spoke with me today that God will make himself known to them. I will go out again on **Saturday 23rd January at 11am.**

My wife Nnenna supported me and took the pictures while I went door to door." **Blessings- Dozie.**

(If you'd like to see the letter to our Parishioners it is the current wording on the St. Pauls website Home Page).

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TOGETHER - WHATEVER!

What a great idea!

What have you been up to during lockdown or furlough? Katie from the Monday Fellowship Group has been knitting!

She says "So this is what I was waving around on Zoom last night, a Christmas reindeer. I get a knitting magazine and make up all the free gifts then give them to one of the girls at work who's daughter has a tombola stall at the Chale Show. This is lockdown project number 2!" Let us know what you have been doing during this time.



Newsletters By Post

For those of you that receive this newsletter by post, please note that due to the recent large increase in postage rates from 1st January, from next week your copy will now be sent by 2nd Class mail.



If you are now able to access the newsletter by email please let Kevin know and he can then remove you from the postal list.

Prayer for Israel & the Middle East

In the days before lockdown and social distancing (remember them?), the St. Paul's Prayer for Israel & the Middle East Group were meeting on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00am in the church. We are now looking to set up a monthly meeting on Zoom - not at 9:00am you'll be pleased to hear! The group usually spend some time in study and is committed to prayer for the people and land of Israel, as well as the surrounding countries. If you are interested or would like to know more about forthcoming meetings let us know.

New on the St. Paul's YouTube Channel



From Rev. Dozie "Living in a Fearful World"

Bits & Pieces >>>

Be encouraged!

News from Ivan & Margaret... "A pastor we support over in the Philippines sent us this good news. Let us be encouraged! We can only pray it happens here in this country."

Pastor Chris says "Here are two pictures from December where the church we are working with baptised 196 people (another 40+ were baptised elsewhere). We are starting a training programme to continue to equip the workers and leaders as we plant more house churches across the area.

We continue to pray for you all as you face the new lockdown in the UK. Thanks again for all your prayer and support. Blessings."



Cleaners this week - This week the church is being cleaned by Kathy & Ian- thank you!

Send Us A 'Selfie'!

Although Rev. Dozie has been with us since November, due to the current situation he has not been able to meet, or even see, us all, which is very sad!

So... It would be great if you could take a "selfie" on your 'phone or tablet and send it in to us by email (stpaulsbarnton@hotmail.co.uk). We can gather these together and he will then be able to put a face to a name. Don't be shy!



Coronavirus (COVID-19) scams

– be extra vigilant

Tina has kindly passed on the following information:

The Hampshire Safeguarding Adults Board has been made aware that Scammers are trying to take advantage of people's worries and uncertainty about the pandemic, especially those who are alone, self-isolating or in financial difficulty within the Hampshire Area.

The latest incident they have been made aware of is an older person being cold called from an individual claiming to be able to provide a COVID vaccine for a fee.

The NHS is the only organisation which has access to the vaccine, and will never ask for money. Medical or health professionals will not come to your home unannounced and without prior notification. If anyone attempts to force or coerce you into handing over funds – in person or otherwise – always contact the police.

Coronavirus-related scams include:

- Sales of fake products such as face masks, supplements, anti-virus kits and sanitisers, which may be harmful or simply never arrive.
- Bogus healthcare workers who try to gain access to your home by claiming to offer testing for COVID-19
- People pretending to be from charities offering to do shopping or carry out cleansing tasks.
- Emails asking for donations to the NHS.

Which report will we give?

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children, that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

When the twelve spies were sent into Canaan to spy out the land, ten returned with a bad report. Their assessment was that it was impossible to conquer the land that God had promised them. Forgetting how God had led them with a pillar of fire by night, and fed them manna from heaven during the day, brought forth water out of a rock, and parted the Red Sea, they saw the situation with only their natural

eyes, failed to walk by faith, and succumbed to fear.

Joshua and Caleb however, returned with a good report. Refusing to be discouraged by what they saw, they fully trusted that their supernatural God was not going to break His promise to His people, Israel.

We are living in days where the world looks bleak, and the evils seem to grow more threatening and dangerous. How will we react? Will we be devastated and terrorized like the 10 spies with a bad report? Or will we do something extraordinary - will we walk by faith like Joshua and Caleb, trust in the love and power of our God, and seize the opportunities that are at hand?

Let's walk by faith and stand firm in it, facing every challenge, and laying hold of every opportunity that awaits us. May Joshua and Caleb be our examples of faith and courage these days. With our God going before us, we also, can take the land, glorifying Him in every battle.

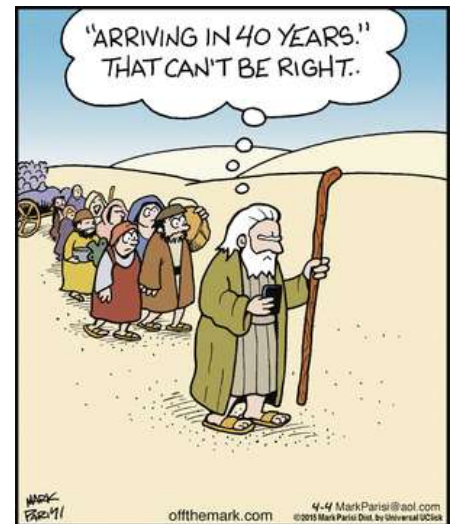
George Whitten - <https://worthyministries.com>

Thank You!

May I take this opportunity to thank the St. Paul's family for their many birthday greetings and telephone calls.

Blessings,

Tina and Quiz



A free phonenumber of hymns, reflections and prayers

0800 804 8044

Are you in need of some daily hope during this lockdown?

We have a new FREE telephone line for you to ring to hear comforting hymns, daily prayers and reflections.