

Today

Welcome to St. Paul's Worship and Communion Service this Sunday. Rev. Carol Smart will be leading our service and communion and our speaker today is Jane Shyvers.

If you are new or visiting do make yourself known and feel very welcome to stay for tea and coffee after the service. Please take this newsletter home with you and use it as a prayer reminder during the week▲

For young people:

Crèche - facilities in the back room.

9:00am - Fusion - Christian Centre

9:45am J.A.M. Gang! - Christian Centre▲

News from the PCC

The PCC met this week for the first time in a new year, please remember to pray for them and our Churchwardens during this time of vacancy.

As many of you will know, we tithe our income from giving at St. Paul's and the allocation of the 2016 tithe has been apportioned amongst the following organizations, each of which will receive £500.



- CMJ (The Churches Ministry among Jewish People)
- CFI (Christian Friends of Israel)
- Wheels for the World
- Isle of Wight Youth for Christ
- Revive Newport
- Barnabas Fund
- Samaritans Purse (Shoebboxes)
- Isle of Wight Food Bank
- Local CAP Group (Christians against poverty)
- Compassion▲

Tearfund Haiti Emergency Appeal

Following our fundraising quiz in November we have received this letter from Tearfund.

Thank you so much for raising the wonderful total of £255 at your recent Quiz & Buffet, to help those recovering in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew in Haiti. Your money will be put straight to work, bringing vital support to families and communities who have lost everything.

Although media attention has largely moved away from Haiti, there is still a huge amount need. Tearfund and our partners are hard at work, providing



life-saving supplies to the people who need it most. Please pray for everyone carrying out this work in what are still extremely challenging conditions.

Jade Beakhouse, Tearfund's Programme Communications and Support Officer, was shocked by the level of destruction she saw when she visited Haiti: 'Some of the villages in the remote coastal regions were totally decimated - agriculture flattened, churches crumbled, houses blown apart.'

However, even amidst this desperate situation, hope remains. Tearfund partner World Concern have been distributing food parcels and hygiene kits to families in some of the worst-hit areas. During the distribution, Jade met a single mother who was taking care of five children. Thanks to the generous amount of food we provided, she was able to feed her children, who hadn't eaten properly for weeks.

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'Seeing the kids' faces brighten up when they talked about what food they could make with the provisions was so humbling,' says Jade. 'It was also incredible to see that those who received these food parcels often shared what they were given with their neighbours and families, to ensure that everyone benefited from the goods.' Tearfund are committed to staying for the long term, helping people to not only recover from this disaster, but also develop resilience for the future. Your support makes this possible.

Thank you again for joining us as we stand with the people of Haiti. Please continue to pray for all those affected.

Collect

**Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the
riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

This week

Date	Time	Event
Mon 16th	10:30am 7:30pm 8:00pm	St. Paul's leading worship at Polars Residential Home. Ladies Fellowship - See Mary or Margaret. Monday Christian Centre Fellowship Group - See Andrew.
Tue 17th	9:45am 7:30pm	Little Rascals Parent & Toddler Group (9:45am - 11:30am) - Christian Centre. Christian Centre Tuesday Group - See Gary or Malcolm.
Wed 18th	10:15am 8:00pm	Holy Communion - Rev. Carol Smart. St. Paul's Fellowship Group - Christian Centre - See Leigh.
Thu 19th	11:00am 7:00pm	Funeral Service of Beryl Grist at St. Paul's. Worship Team Practice.

Looking ahead: Dates for your diary...

Date	Time	Event
Sun 22nd	9:00am 9:45am 10:00am	Fusion - Christian Centre. J.A.M. Gang! - Christian Centre. Worship & Communion Service - Rev. Rob Wynford-Harris
Fri 20th	7:30pm	Wight Church Network: All Island Worship Event (7:30pm-9:30pm) - Cowes Enterprise College, Crossfield Avenue, Cowes PO31 8HB with Guest Speaker Andy Frost.
Wed 25th	7:00pm	IW Deanery Synod Meeting - Newport Minster (Preceded by the Eucharist at 6:15pm) Please pray for our Reps Di, Kevin & Carol.



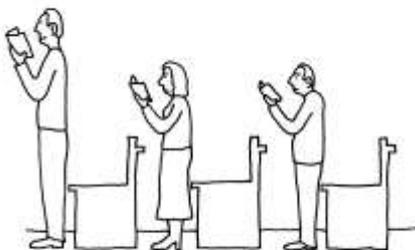
They say that 'cleanliness is next to Godliness'

So why not draw closer? We don't actually have a 'rota' for washing up our coffee cups on a Sunday - it just somehow gets done (often by the same people perhaps?). Anyway, please feel no embarrassment in entering the kitchen and picking up a tea towel or immersing your hands in the sink! It's a great place for a chat, to get to know each other and a second cup of coffee, provided the cup gets washed of course! Mustn't forget a big 'thank you' to Sandra one of our most regular contributors.

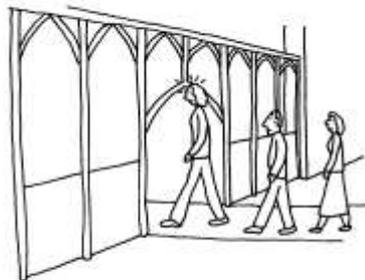
CartoonChurch.com Dave Walker

Dedicated to Andrew, Malcolm, Brian & Paul...

THE PERILS OF BEING TALL



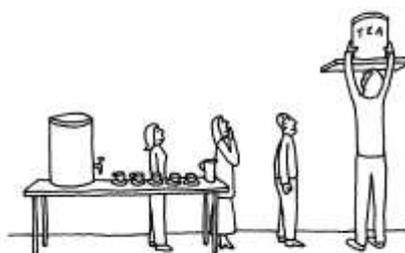
CAUSING AN OBSTRUCTION



BANGING ONE'S HEAD



IT IS DIFFICULT TO HIDE WHEN A VOLUNTEER IS REQUIRED



BEING ASKED TO RETRIEVE THINGS FROM HIGH SHELVES

Craft!
Praise!
Food!
Fun!

Messy Church

St. Paul's

Staplers Road, Newport

Saturday

February 4th

3.30 - 5.30pm

Come and join us it's for all the family!
(Children need to come with an adult)

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