

Today

Welcome to St. Paul's Worship & Communion Service this Sunday. We are very pleased to welcome today as our speaker Mike Connolly from Victorious Life Church in Newport. Rev. Carol Smart will be taking Communion for us.

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 Eira & Rex

All being well Rex will be moving to the Isle of Wight next Wednesday, February 22nd, to Solent Grange Nursing Home, Staplers Road, Wootton.

We are both delighted after 4 months of walking through an intense time on the mainland. We are looking forward to special times together.

Much love from Rex and Eira x▲

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. It's a day of penitence to clean the soul before the Lent fast. Some churches hold special services at which worshippers are marked with ashes as a symbol of death and sorrow for sin.

The service draws on the ancient Biblical traditions of covering one's head with ashes, wearing sackcloth, and fasting. In Ash Wednesday services churchgoers are marked on the forehead with a cross of ashes as a sign of penitence and mortality.

The use of ashes, is very symbolic. The minister or priest marks each worshipper on the forehead, and says remember you are dust and unto dust you shall return, or a similar phrase based on God's sentence on Adam in Genesis 3:19. The cross is a reminder of the mark of the cross made at baptism.

The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are made by burning the palm crosses that were blessed on the previous year's Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, so



when the crosses used in the Palm Sunday service are converted to ashes, the worshippers are reminded that defeat and crucifixion swiftly followed triumph.

But using the ashes to mark the cross on the believer's forehead symbolises that through Christ's death and resurrection, all Christians can be free from sin. **The Ash Wednesday Service at St. Paul's, with Rev. Carol will be at 10:15am on 1st March▲**

Collect

**Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your
works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns
supreme over all things,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Christian Friends of Israel Conference I.W.

**Is this the generation
of the coming King?**

with David & Julia Soakell

Saturday 25th March

**St. Paul's Church
Staplers Road,
Newport, Isle of Wight**

**4pm - 5pm Julia Soakell
'A heart for a generation'**

- Refreshments & time to
browse the book stall -

**6pm - 7.30pm David Soakell
'Your King is coming'**

Also join us
Sunday 26th at 10am
when David will be
speaking on **'Why Israel'**



David & Julia are
Christian Friends of Israel
Representatives, David being
UK Liaison Officer & News
Report Correspondent.
Julia is responsible for Church
Liaison Support &
Prayer Encouragement.
www.cfi.org.uk



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This week

Date	Time	Event
Mon 20th	7:30pm	Ladies Fellowship - See <i>Mary or Margaret</i> .
Wed 22nd	10:15am 7:30pm	Morning Prayer. Evening Prayer.

Looking ahead: Dates for your diary...

Date	Time	Event
Sun 26th	10:00am	All-Age Worship & Communion Service - <i>Canon David Isaac</i> .
March Wed 1st	10:15am	ASH WEDNESDAY Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes - <i>Rev. Carol Smart</i> .
Sat 4th	9:00am	Prayer for Israel & The Middle East - <i>In the church 9:00am - 10:00am</i>
Sat 18th	3:30pm- 5:30pm 7:30pm	Messy Church at St. Paul's! <i>Come and join us for Messy Church! It's for all the family but if you're under 16 you must bring a grown up with you. Text 07470 959 576 to book your place!</i> 'Barnabas' - A New Christian Musical - <i>Ryde Methodist Church</i> .
Sun 19th	3:30pm	'Barnabas' - A New Christian Musical - <i>St. John's Church Newport</i> .
Sat 25th	4:00pm	Christian Friends of Israel Conference - <i>Isle of Wight - in the church at St. Paul's.</i> 4:00pm - 5:00pm <i>Julia Soakell "A heart for a generation"</i> 6:00pm - 7:30pm <i>David Soakell "Your King is coming"</i>
Sun 26th	10:00am	Word & Worship Service - <i>Speaker David Soakell "Why Israel"</i> .

Something different this Lent? **40acts** is the generosity challenge for Lent, created by UK Christian charity, Stewardship. For seven years, 40acts has asked a question: what if Lent could be about more than just giving stuff up? What if it could be a time of radical generosity as well as spiritual discipline? Over the years, 40acts has become a movement of over 100,000 people on a mission to impact their communities with generosity – during Lent and beyond. Find out more at the website <https://40acts.org.uk/>

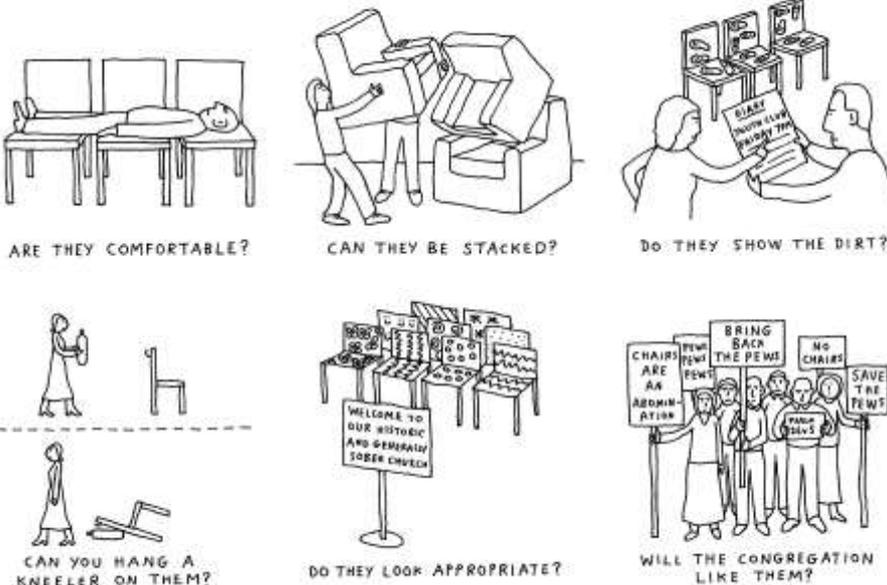


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CHURCH CHAIRS

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN CHOOSING NEW ONES



Women's World Day of Prayer

Praying for the Philippines

On Friday, 3rd March, 2017

ST. THOMAS R.C. CHURCH, PYLE STREET

At 10.30 am

"Am I being unfair to you"

*** All are welcome ***