

Today

Welcome to St. Paul's All Age Worship & Communion Service with Canon David Isaac. This Wednesday (1st March) is Ash Wednesday and Rev. Carol Smart will be taking Holy Communion with the imposition of ashes for us.

If you are new or visiting do make yourself known and feel very welcome to stay for tea and coffee after our Sunday 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

Collect

**Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with
him and be changed into his likeness, from
glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Something to think about...

The Elephants of Phuket *(Contributed)*

No one is insignificant in the eyes of the Creator, and what He makes, He cherishes. Consider the elephants of the Pavilion Hotel in Phuket, Thailand, where one of the most popular attractions is the elephant rides. As many as eight tourists ride on one elephant. The elephants take them first in to see the surrounding forest, then down to the beautiful beach, then to stop for lunch at a freshwater lagoon, then finally back to the hotel.

"Our nine elephants," writes Pavilion Hotel Group Manager Jim France, "are kept chained to in-ground posts, not because they need to be, but because it makes the tourists feel better because their children feel safer from a tromping when they're feeding the beasts.

About twenty minutes before the first wave of the recent tsunami hit, our elephants became extremely agitated and unruly. Four of the elephants had just returned from a trip and their handlers had not chained them.

In a desperate panic, the four unchained elephants helped the other five elephants tear free from their chains. Then they all climbed a hill and started bellowing. Many people followed them up the hill.

Then the waves hit. As soon as the waves subsided, the elephants charged back down from the hill and started picking up children with their trunks and running them up the hill. When they had taken all the children to safety, the elephants began helping the adults.

God's elephants rescued forty-two people that day. Then they returned to the beach and carried four people who had been killed by the waves; one of which was a child. Not until the task was done did they allow their handlers to mount them. Then, with handlers atop, they began moving the wreckage."

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.
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Collect for Ash Wednesday
**Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who
are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
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.**

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This week

Date	Time	Event
Mon 27th	2:45pm 7:30pm 8:00pm	St. Paul's Leading Worship at Polars. <i>A Service of Hymns, Bible Reading, Message and Prayers for the Residents of Polars.</i> Ladies Fellowship - See Mary or Margaret. Monday Christian Centre Fellowship Group - See Andrew.
Tue 28th	9:45am 7:30pm	Little Rascals (9:45 - 11:30am) Parent and Toddler Group For 0 - Pre-school 5's. Meets in the Christian Centre. Christian Centre Tuesday Group - See Gary Or Malcolm.
Wed 1st March	10:15am 8:00pm	ASH WEDNESDAY Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes - Rev. Carol Smart. St. Paul's Fellowship Group - Christian Centre - See Leigh.
Thu 2nd	2:00pm 7:00pm	Tea & Chat 2:00pm - 4:00pm Come along to the Christian Centre for friendship, tea, coffee and cake! All are very welcome, why not bring a friend? Worship Team Practice - See Andrew.
Fri 3rd	10:30am	Women's World Day of Prayer - Praying for the Philippines At St. Thomas R.C. Church, Pyle Street, Newport - All are welcome - See Margaret.
Sat 4th	9:00am	Prayer for Israel & The Middle East - In the church 9:00am - 10:00am



Looking ahead: Dates for your diary...

Date	Time	Event
Sun 5th	9:00am 9:45am 9:30am+ 10:00am	Fusion - Christian Centre. J.A.M. Gang! - Christian Centre. 'Bring & Share' Breakfast. Breakfast Church, Worship & DVD presentation with Julian Richards - Senior Leader of Cornerstone Church, Swansea.
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 6 you must bring a grown up with you. Text 07470 959 576 to book your place</i> 'Barnabas' - A New Christian Musical - Ryde Methodist Church.
Sun 19th	3:30pm	'Barnabas' - A New Christian Musical - St. John's Church Newport.
Sat 25th	4:00pm	Christian Friends of Israel Conference - Isle of Wight - in the church at St. Paul's. 4:00pm - 5:00pm Julia Soakell "A heart for a generation" 6:00pm - 7:30pm David Soakell "Your King is coming"
Sun 26th	10:00am	Word & Worship Service - Speaker David Soakell "Why Israel".



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CHURCH POLITICS EXPLAINED USING CHESS PIECES

BISHOP:
MOVES DIAGONALLY.
COMES IN TO PLAY
EVERY NOW AND
THEN FOR
CONFIRMATIONS
ETC

VICAR:
FOR EVERY
STEP FORWARD
TAKES TWO
TO THE SIDE.
LOOKS A BIT
LIKE A HORSE

**CHURCH
FIXTURES AND
FITTINGS:**
MAY NOT BE
MOVED
WITHOUT
A FACULTY

**ORDINARY
CHURCHGOER:**
LOTS OF THEM,
MOVE SLOWLY
IN ONE
DIRECTION.
FAIRLY
DISPENSABLE

CHURCHWARDEN:
MOST
POWERFUL
PIECE.
CAN ATTACK
IN ANY
DIRECTION

**THIS PIECE
IS THE ONE WE
ARE TRYING
TO PROTECT.
I FORGET WHAT
IT IS CALLED**

**WE'RE SEARCHING FOR
100 HEROES
WITH A QUID**

TO HELP SAVE

newport youth café

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Just a pound a week will help transform life for young people on the IOW

Help Revive Newport with the running of Newport Youth Cafe... that meets in St. Paul's Christian Centre See <https://www.nowdonate.com/checkout/518rjxw991nc70eb6m6z>