



LENT

Today

Welcome to St. Paul's. Today we have a 'Bring & Share' Breakfast followed by Worship and a DVD presentation with Julian Richards - Senior Leader of Cornerstone Church, Swansea.

If you are new or visiting do make yourself known and feel very welcome to join us for breakfast and 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.

9:00am Fusion - Christian Centre.

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

Collect

**Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in
the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in
obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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.**

'LENT – Path of Blessing'

Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.

Fast from criticism; feast on praise.

Fast from self-pity; feast on joy.

Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.

Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from jealousy; feast on love.

Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.

Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.

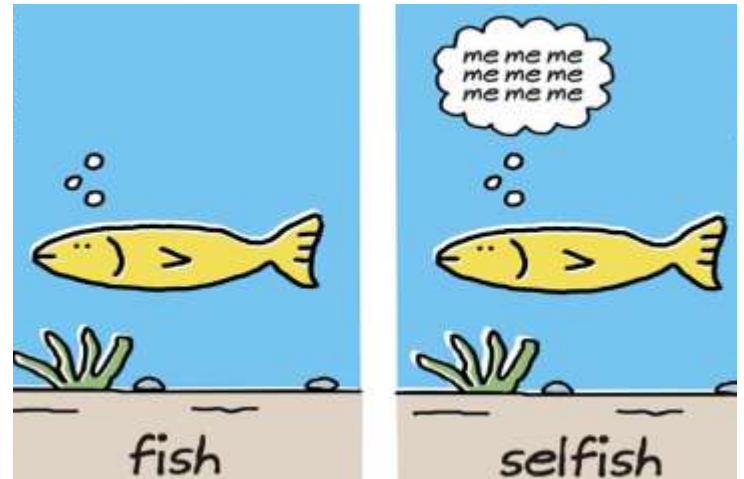
Fast from selfishness; feast on service.

Fast from fear; feast on faith.

Fast from anger; feast on patience.

Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.

Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.



TEA & CHAT

Our challenge and responsibility is to reach out to the lost in our community. Through discussions and prayer it was decided to hold a monthly Tea and Chat event at St Paul's Christian Centre where we could invite those in our parish especially the lonely and the elderly and also our church members. Since June 2016 approximately twenty per cent of church members have regularly attended this event. Sadly, the response from those who live locally has been disappointing.

It has been suggested that the words "Tea and Chat" may not be the most suitable title to attract non-christians to our event. Statements have been made that we should have the word 'CAFE' incorporated in the name.

eg 'St Paul's Centre Cafe'
'or 'St Paul's Community Cafe'
'or simply 'Community Cafe'

We are inviting members of our congregation to suggest a suitable name for our monthly Tea and Chat event. You may wish to include or exclude the word 'Cafe'.

When you have prayerfully considered a suitable name please contact Malcolm or Gary with your suggestion..



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This week

Date	Time	Event
Mon 6th	7:30pm	Ladies Fellowship - See Mary or Margaret.
Tue 7th	9:45am	Little Rascals (9:45 - 11:30am) Parent and Toddler Group For 0 - Pre-school 5's. Meets in the Christian Centre.
Wed 8th	10:15am 7:30pm 8:45pm	Morning Prayer. Evening Prayer. P.C.C. Standing Committee Meeting.
Thu 9th	10:15am 7:00pm	Thursday Prayers - Join us in St. Paul's Christian Centre 10:15am - 11:15am. Worship Team Practice - See Andrew.



Looking ahead: Dates for your diary...

Date	Time	Event
Sun 12th	9:00am 10:00am	Fusion - Christian Centre. Worship and Communion Service - Rev. Dennis Lloyd.
Sat 18th	3:30pm-5:30pm 7:30pm	Messy Church at St. Paul's! 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! '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	MOTHERING SUNDAY Word & Worship Service - Speaker David Soakell "Why Israel".
Sat 1st April	9:00am 10:15am - 12:15pm	Prayer for Israel & the Middle East - In the church 9:00am - 10:00am. The Big Spring Clean! Come along and help us clean the church ready for Easter. We have a sign-up list at the back of the church - choose your job now (Others available!)
Tue 4th April	7:00pm	'EDGE' - St. Paul's Men's Group & Friends. Christian Centre - "Something" & Chips Supper! With discussion led by Chris Neal. See Paul or Gary.
Fri 14th	3:00pm	GOOD FRIDAY - Good Friday Reflection. (In the Church)
Sun 16th	10:00am	EASTER DAY - Easter Sunday Worship & Communion.
Wed 26th	7:30pm	St. Paul's APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) Don't miss it!



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LENT IS A TIME FOR QUIET REFLECTION AND CONTEMPLATION



IT IS A SEASON OF ABSTINENCE AND FASTING



SOME CHRISTIANS GIVE SOMETHING UP DURING LENT



OTHERS CHOOSE TO CARRY OUT ACTS OF PENANCE



Saturday

March 18th

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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