

Today

Welcome to St. Paul's. Today we have a Worship and Communion Service with Rev. Dennis Lloyd and on Wednesday Holy Communion with Rev. Carol Smart.

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.

9:00am Fusion - Christian Centre▲

Collect

**Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of
your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteous-
ness:**

**grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things that are con-
trary to their profession, and follow all such
things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

'LENT – A Retreat Blessing'

I recently discovered a treasure in the form of The Greenhouse Christian Centre in Poole, Dorset. I booked in for a 5 day Art course, but God had other plans! I was disappointed when low numbers meant the course was cancelled but chose to go anyway and so glad I did.

I have been truly blessed by the wonderful welcome and hospitality of the leaders, staff and volunteers for whom nothing is too much trouble. The food is all home cooked and way too much if you stay as I did, Full Board! You can stay for Bed and Breakfast or Half Board too.



My disappointment was short lived when I discovered they had a well stocked Art cupboard in the TV lounge. God unleashed my creativity in the form of paintings and card making. With a huge lounge, library, conservatory, prayer room and chapel there is space to be quiet, read,



study, take part in Morning or Evening prayers or make new friends as I did. They run a programme of speakers and events throughout the year or you can just go for a rest from the busyness of life

The beach is a 20 minute walk away with a cafe on the seafront. I travelled by train from Southampton which took approx 2 hours from the Red Jet at Cowes with a short walk at the other end.

As I said before, God had other plans for me. I arrived not realising I was carrying so many burdens until one of the leaders prayed for me, saw a picture of me holding a very heavy bag and told me I needed to let go of its contents. In that respect I have come home feeling much lighter but made up for it by the full English breakfasts and the naughty but very nice puddings I consumed. Well it would be rude not to! More information on their website www.the-greenhouse.org Michele▲

Please pray for the work of Compassion in India, we have this report:

You may have heard... The government in India are stopping Compassion from working there by stopping the funds that enable them to run the Projects in local churches. That means 147,000 babies children and mothers will be affected. 127 staff losing jobs and 589 churches left to manage without the support of Compassion and the sponsors. They need prayer for everyone affected, that the leaders in India will speak directly to Compassion to come to an agreement and for new doors to be opened. March 15th is deadline to turn this around▲ **ST. PAUL'S SUPPORTS COMPASSION**



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This week

Date	Time	Event
Mon 13th	2:45pm 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 14th	9:45am 7:15pm	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 (7:15pm - 9:15pm) - See Malcolm or Gary.
Wed 15th	10:15am 8:00pm	Holy Communion - Rev. Carol Smart. St. Paul's Fellowship Group - Meets in St. Paul's Christian Centre - Contact Leigh.
Thu 16th	10:15am 7:00pm	Thursday Prayers - Join us in St. Paul's Christian Centre 10:15am - 11:15am. Worship Team Practice - See Andrew.
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.



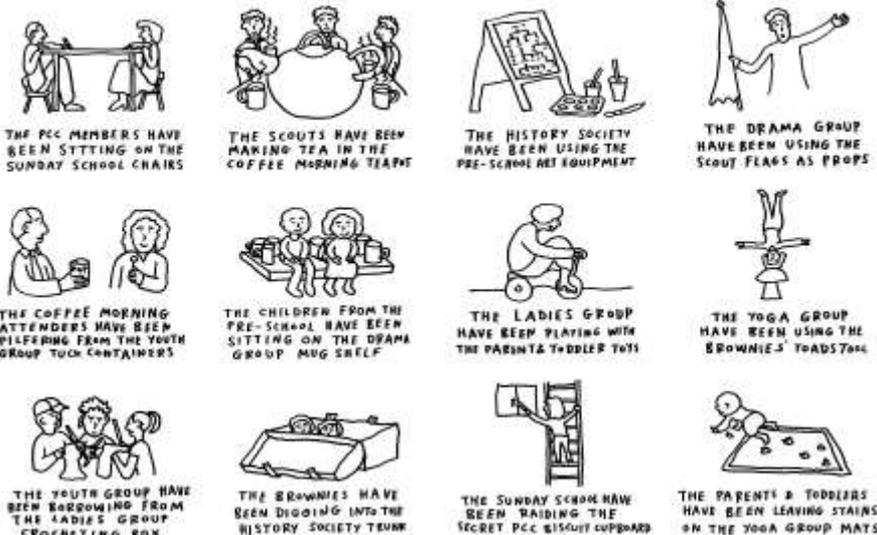
Looking ahead: Dates for your diary...

Date	Time	Event
Sun 19th	9:00am 9:45am 10:00am 3:30pm	Fusion - Christian Centre. J.A.M. Gang! - Christian Centre. Worship & Communion Service - Rev. Carol Smart. Speaker: Mary Prangnell. '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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THE CHURCH HALL

WHY WE ARE CALLING AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING



You are encouraged!

- to come along to our Christian Friends of Israel Conference - Isle of Wight - which will be held in the church at St. Paul's on Saturday 25th April.

There will be two sessions:

4:00pm-5:00pm with Julia Soakell

speaking on "A heart for a generation" and between 6:00pm - and 7:30pm David Soakell with "Your King is coming".

David will also be speaking on the topic of "Why Israel" at our Morning Service on 26th. Do join us if you can for teaching and information on the roots of our faith and Israel today.