

Today

Welcome to St. Paul's Worship & Communion Service with Rev. Carol Smart. Our speaker today is Jane Shyvers.

If you are new or visiting please make yourself known and feel welcome to join us for tea and coffee after the service▲

For young people:

Crèche - facilities in the back room.

9:45am - 10:30am 'Ignite' for Young People 4-16 in St. Paul's Christian Centre▲



We are delighted to announce that tickets are now available for Isle of Wight day Songs of Praise 2017. This uplifting event features the Isle of Wight Symphony orchestra and is compered by Alan Titchmarsh. Come along on **Sunday 24th September** to **Cowes Enterprise College** for a 4pm start and enjoy singing some favourite hymns and worship songs.

Tickets are available at £2.50 per person with a maximum of ten per transaction. There will be a retiring collection in aid of IOW day fund which benefits local charities.

Order online at:

isleofwightday.com/songs-of-praise

Shoebboxes!

The coffee morning on Saturday 9th and Then donations given at the service on Sunday raised £230.

This is a really generous start and we are so blessed because they have increased the cost of postage this year. We will still be able to send our usual target of at least 50 boxes. Thank you! Ian & Kathy▲



Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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.

HELP WANTED!



Could this be you? We're in need of help to keep things running at St. Paul's! Already many people contribute to the running of the church and our events and activities but we're growing... See the list below and do volunteer if you can!

HOUSEKEEPING

Keeping our buildings and grounds clean and tidy for just a few hours every few weeks - See Liz C if you could help.

COFFEE

We love our coffee (Decaff available) and you'd be surprised how much we get through! Preparing, serving, clearing and washing up on Sunday mornings on a rota basis would be appreciated - See Michele.

LITTLE RASCALS

It's great to welcome parents and toddlers to the Christian Centre to a well subscribed group each Tuesday in term-time. If you think you could join the team speak to Liz D.

WELCOMING

Everyone is welcome at St. Paul's. To help on our 'meet & greet' rota speak to Margaret P.



PCC News

- ◆ Although Ian is already a member of the PCC it was good to welcome him as a Churchwarden at the meeting this week. We appreciate him taking on this role and also that of Parish Representative along with Andrew during the vacancy process.
- ◆ As well as advertising our vacancy in the Church of England Newspaper shortly, the Diocese will also be including this in a Church Times advertisement along with other opportunities for ministry on the Island.
- ◆ In a realignment responsibilities on the PCC, Liz D has kindly agreed to take on the role of PCC Secretary and Kate with assistance from Ian will be our Safeguarding Officers.
- ◆ Finally, the details for our Faculty application for heating and lighting improvements in the church were unanimously agreed and we will now commence the formal process of submitting this to the Diocese for approval▲



Calling anyone who works with children and families in and around the Isle of Wight.

Come meet with some new friends and old to share together about our

ministry with children. Encourage and support one another. Eat breakfast and drink coffee - it costs as little as a cuppa all the way up to Full English.

We meet from 9:00-11:00am at The Chequers Inn, Niton Road, Rookley, Isle of Wight, PO38 3NZ on the following dates:

- ◆ Saturday 7th October 2017
- ◆ Saturday 20th January 2018
- ◆ Saturday 21st April 2018

The Wight Hub is run jointly by The Diocese of Portsmouth and CURBS.

For more details and to let us know you're coming contact The Diocese of Portsmouth on 02392 899652 or email: ben.mizen@portsmouth.anglican.org

Ben Mizen, Diocese Youth and Children's Work Adviser. Mission, Discipleship & Ministry Team▲

Do you hold a current First Aid Certificate? If so, can you let Michele know (along with the date)! We're updating our list of first aiders. Thanks▲



You are invited to... AN EVENING OF MUSIC, SONG & DANCE

7 o'clock
Saturday 7th October
St. Paul's Church
Staplers Road, Newport

Donations welcome to support
Ben Mulhern's visit to Ghana
with 'Wheels for the World'

From the Diocese

Healing Day: Encountering the God who Heals
Saturday 18th November
at Portsmouth Cathedral 9:30am - 3:30pm

Come and be inspired, encouraged and renewed!

- ⇒ A day for all interested in Christian Healing within our Diocese.
- ⇒ Explore Healing ministry through a variety of workshops.
- ⇒ Includes Healing Service led by the Bishop of Portsmouth.
- ⇒ Opening talk by Revd John Ryeland, Director of Christian Healing Mission, London.
- ⇒ Other contributors include Revd Dr Russ Parker, former Director of Acorn Christian Healing Foundation.

For more details see the 'Events' pages on the Diocese of Portsmouth Website▲

Who's Who? If you're new and not sure who the leaders of Homegroups or anyone else you need to contact is, then ask Andrew or Ian our Churchwardens (or Kevin who can nearly always be found sleeping at the sound desk at the back) and they will point you in the right direction!



An English Summer One of the things I enjoy about summer in England are the country fairs. This year we sampled Chale fair on the Isle of Wight.

There were many shows and stalls but my favourites were a display of big old steam engines parading around the ground, a show of prize cockerels and chickens and a tasty ploughman's lunch in the tea tent. And the sunshine was broken by just one small rain shower.

At times like these I find it easy to think that despite the problems with which we are bombarded by the news media, all is actually safe and well in our beautiful British Isles.

Divided, Unfaithful Israel

To give some balance to my romanticism, I have been reading the Bible's historical accounts of divided Israel under the various kings, good and bad, and the associated prophets of their times.

What has come across to me is that for both nations under these kings, in spite of empires growing around them with resulting international disputes and their awful consequences, and this together with times of national hardship, there seemed to be a pervading self-satisfaction and sense of prosperity amongst national decision-makers, leading to a false sense of security (Amos 6:1- for instance). Meanwhile, for the many, there was increasing poverty and hardship, often as a result of unfair business practices (Isa 10:1-2).

Spiritually speaking, it was a time when folks were apparently very religious, choosing for themselves various non-gods to go alongside Adonai God (Isa 10:10-11, Hos 3:1, etc.). The majority of people would not seek the one true God wholeheartedly, paying Him the same sort of attention that they paid their idols - making the appropriate sacrifices at Passover and other feast days, but all the while anxious to get back to making the next business killing.

Don't get me wrong. There were several times of great revival under such kings as Jehoshaphat (2 Chron 17-20), Hezekiah (2 Chron 29-32) and Josiah (2 Chron 34-35), with memorable feast day celebrations and times of worship that would have been the subject of reminiscence around the meal table for generations afterwards, together with memories of the times God miraculously saved each nation from apparent disaster.

But then there were the 'doomsayers', those prophets like Isaiah, Hosea and Jeremiah who were considered wet blankets on any self-advancement of or within Israel and Judah. They warned everybody of the disasters awaiting if they



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didn't turn back to God in total trusting obedience.

Stronger Measures

Now in spite of my romantic picture of English summers, I can see another picture surfacing, similar to that of the divided Israeli kingdom. Have you noticed the way that some of our traditional summer events now include an element of multi-faith worship? This is just one of the many signs of our humanistic age.

For the kingdoms of Israel and Judah, history shows that the prophets were right. God's patience came to an end and He used the stronger measures of conquest and exile to bring His holy, set apart nation of Israel back to Him in repentance.

Our British Isles could once be described as a God-fearing nation. We can reminisce around our meal tables about great times of spiritual revival and survival from enemies against all odds. But now that we have drifted into humanistic paganism, can we expect God to be any more lenient with us than He was with Israel?

The era of Britain as a great Christian nation is over. It is now the time for each of us to seek God for His mercy and to do all we can to bring the lost, one by one, into the protection of our Heavenly Father's sheepfold as times of hard testing come upon our nation. John Quinlan

(This article appeared on the Prophecy Today UK Website)

St. Paul's Church

Staplers Road, Newport



GUEST SPEAKER

Andrew Kane

Andrew is a trustee of Ezra UK, a charity which helps Jewish people return to Israel (make Aliyah) in fulfilment of Biblical prophecy.

After qualifying as a Chartered Quantity Surveyor, Andrew received a clear call to pastoral ministry in the mid 1960s. He studied for a London University Bachelor of Divinity degree and preparation for ministry at Spurgeon's College, ordained September 1970 with the Baptist Union and became Pastor of Durrington Free Church until 1986 and then Pastor of the New Life Church Woking in 1988.

Andrew retired from full time pastoral leadership in June 2008. He established a UK charity 'The Andrew Kane Partnership Trust' to oversee an itinerant teaching role in the UK and overseas. He has written 2 books: 'Let there be Life' and 'Strengthening The Shepherds - a book for pastors, church leaders and all who have them!'

From March 2014 - August 2016, Andrew became Teaching Pastor at Christ Church Woking with responsibilities in teaching, preaching, training and the preparation of study materials, and is currently in a similar role at St. Paul's Church, Salisbury.

Parking - School Lane / Cross Lane or at Broadlands House

www.stpaulsbarton.co.uk

Sunday 15th
October 2017

10am

Worship &
Communion

"He ever lives"

7 o'clock Service

"The debt we owe"

This week

Date	Time	Event
Mon 18th	8:00pm 7:30pm	Monday Christian Centre Fellowship Group - See Andrew. <i>This Week Alpha Video Sessions 10 & 11 'How Can I Be Filled With The Holy Spirit?' & 'How Can I Make The Most Of The Rest Of My Life?'</i> - All Welcome. Ladies Fellowship - See Mary or Margaret.
Tue 19th	9:45am 1:30pm 7:15pm	Little Rascals Parent and Toddler Group - For 0 - Pres-school 5's. Meets in St. Paul's Christian Centre 9:45am - 11:30am during term time - See Liz D for details. St. Paul's Craft Group - Meets in the Christian Centre - See Brenda. Christian Centre Tuesday Group - See Malcolm or Gary.
Wed 20th	10:15am 12:00pm 7:30pm 8:00pm	Holy Communion - Rev. Carol Smart. Funeral. Evening Prayer - In the Church for an hour - All Welcome. St. Paul's Fellowship Group - Christian Centre - See Leigh. Rosh Hashana is the Jewish New Year. It is the first of the High Holidays or Yamim Noraim ("Days of Awe"), celebrated ten days before Yom Kippur and is described in the Torah as Yom Teru'ah, a day of sounding the Shofar. Rosh Hashana begins at sundown 20th.
Thu 21st	10:15am 7:00pm	Thursday Prayers - 10:15am -11:15am in Paul's Christian Centre. Worship Team Practice.
Fri 22nd	Sat 23rd	Christian Friends of Israel Conference - Eastbourne.
Sat 23rd	7:30pm	Isle of Wight Day - The Phoenix Choir will be performing at All Saints Church, Ryde in aid of the Isle of Wight Street Pastors. Admission is free and there will be a retiring collection.

Looking ahead - Dates for your diary...

Date	Time	Event
Sun 24th	9:45am 9:30pm+ 10:00am 4:00pm	Ignite - For Young People 4-16. Breakfast Club - Meet in Church. 'Bring & Share Breakfast' . Breakfast Church - Word & Worship - With DVD Presentation. Isle of Wight Day - Songs Of Praise - At Cowes Enterprise College. Admission by ticket £2.50. Tickets are available on-line only at http://isleofwightday.com/songs-of-praise
Thu 28th	7:15pm	Deanery Synod Meeting - <i>St. Mary's Church, Cowes.</i> Our Reps Di & Kevin.
Fri 29th		Yom Kippur (Jewish Day of Atonement) - <i>Is the holiest day of the year for the Jews. Its central themes are atonement and repentance. Jews traditionally observe this holy day with a 25-hour period of fasting and intensive prayer, often spending most of the day in synagogue services. Yom Kippur begins at sundown on Friday 29th September.</i>
Sat 30th	2:00pm To 5:00pm	CMJ (Churches Ministry Amongst Jewish People) Yom Kippur Prayer Event A unique annual event for a range of Jewish ministry staff and supporters to unite in order to pray. Stanstead House - The venue is Close to Portsmouth and the Chapel at Stanstead House has a very interesting history via Lewis Way and a unique stained glass window representing mission to the Jewish people! (See Kevin or Penny).
Sun 1st Oct	9:30a 10:00am	'Messy Harvest' - Starts in the Christian Centre for Children & Parents/Carers. 'Messy Harvest!' - In the Church.
Sat 7th	7:00pm	An Evening of Music, Song & Dance at St. Paul's Donations welcome to support Ben Mulhern's visit to Ghana with 'Wheels for the World'.
Mon 9th	7:00pm	EDGE St. Paul's Men's Group and Friends - In the Christian Centre. Speaker -Heath Monaghan 'My Journey - My Story'. Order your food on the list at back of Church by ticking your choice and pay either Paul or Gary by Sunday 8th October.
Sun 15th	10:00am 7:00pm	Worship & Communion Service - Rev. Carol Smart. Guest Speaker Andrew Kane. "He Ever Lives" Andrew is a trustee of Ezra UK, a charity which helps Jewish people return to Israel (make Aliyah) in fulfilment of Biblical prophecy. The 7 O'clock Service - Andrew Kane - "The Debt We Owe".



Vacancy Prayer Father God. You know all our needs and the plans you have for us at St. Paul's. We pray for the person of your calling who will be our new Priest and for the church they are leaving. We continue to stand on all you have asked us to do and trust in your provision and timing. In Jesus name. Amen.

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