

Today

Welcome to St. Paul's Worship & Communion Service this morning with Rev. Carol Smart. Our speaker today is Mary Prangnell.

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.

'Ignite' for young people 4-16. 9:45am-10:30am in the Christian Centre▲

HARVEST FOOD OFFERINGS

Thank you all for your generous gifts of food at our Harvest Service. This was a wonderful opportunity to show our Christian love and care for those who live on the Island who are in need.



The amount collected on this occasion was 99.75 kilos. Many thanks to Anita for transporting our weekly food donations to the Foodbank warehouse, Love Lane, Cowes.

Please continue to help people in crisis by regularly donating non perishable food or toiletries. Many thanks, Gary▲

SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOXES

We will be wrapping the boxes this Wednesday (11th October) from 1.30pm - 3.00pm in the Christian Centre. If you can join us please let us know. We will present all the finished boxes in church on Sunday 12th November. Ian & Kathy▲

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TEA & CHAT

Good to see a busy Tea & Chat this week in the Christian Centre.

Why not join us next time on Thursday 2nd November?▲

Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.

Here's a photo of Felicity & Olivia ready for 'Putting on the Ritz' last week. The girls performed brilliantly and really enjoyed themselves and the show was a great success!



Watching the Seasons When on a cycle ride recently in the late afternoon sunshine, I was delighted by a wonderful autumnal aroma of wood smoke. A mist was settling in the valley, leaves on the trees were starting to display beautiful reds and yellows and through this vision, the silhouette of a church tower in the next town created within me thoughts of chestnuts roasting on a fire and the joys that come with winter.

And then another thought popped into my head - different season, but the same principle. Jesus taught them: *"Now let the fig tree teach you its lesson: when its branches begin to sprout and leaves appear, you know that summer is approaching. In the same way, when you see all these things, you are to know that the time is near, right at the door."* (Matthew 24:32-33)

Staying Alert So, following the principles of this lesson, I need to be watching for the signs Jesus gave in chapter 24, in order to understand when "the branches begin to sprout", so I can get ready for the approaching summer. Or, in my own autumnal picture, having seen the start of autumn I need to prepare for winter. **Continued over...**



This week

Date	Time	Event
Mon 9th	7:00pm 7:30pm	EDGE St. Paul's Men's Group and Friends - <i>In the Christian Centre. Our speaker is 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 today!</i> Ladies Fellowship - See Mary or Margaret.
Tue 10th	9:45am	Little Rascals Parent and Toddler Group - <i>For 0's to Pres-school 5's. Meets in the Christian Centre from 9:45am to 11:30am during term time - See Liz D for details.</i>
Wed 11th	10:15am 1:30pm	Morning Prayer. Shoebox Wrapping - <i>in the Christian Centre. See Ian or Kathy. All are very welcome, please come along and help!</i>
Thu 12th	10:15am 7:00pm	Thursday Prayers - <i>in St. Paul's Christian Centre.</i> Worship Team Practice.

Looking ahead - Dates for your diary...

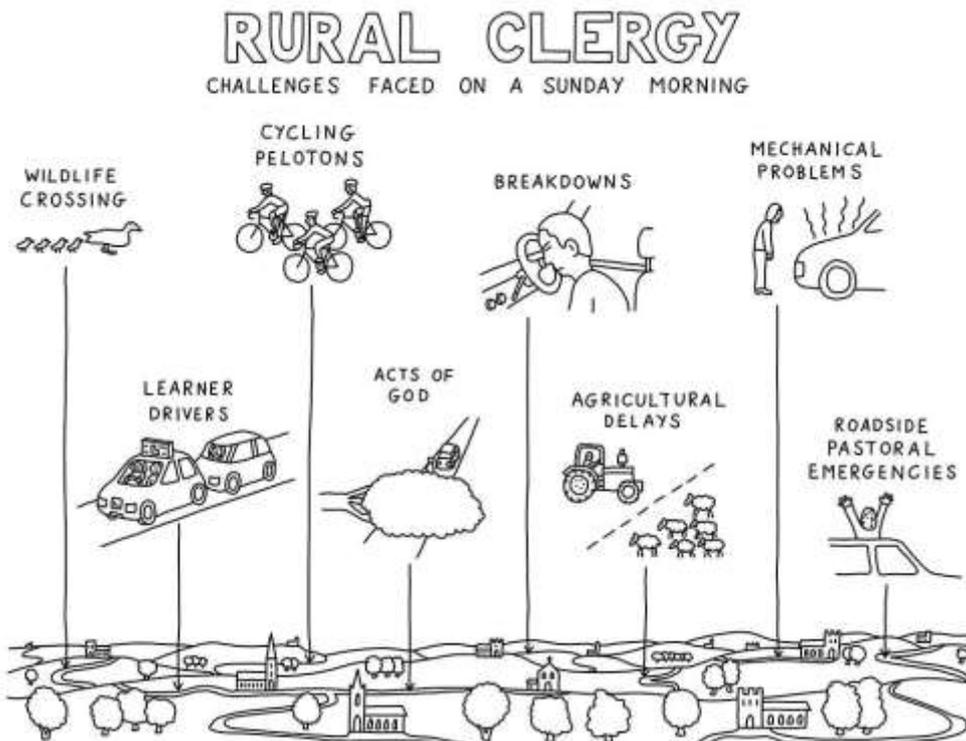
Date	Time	Event
Sun 15th	9:45am 10:00am 7:00pm	Ignite - <i>For Young People 4-16. Meets in the Christian Centre.</i> Worship & Communion Service - Rev. Carol Smart. Guest Speaker Andrew Kane. "He Ever Lives". Andrew is a trustee of Ezra UK, a charity which helps Jewish people return to Israel (make Aliyah) in fulfilment of Biblical prophecy. The 7 O'clock Service - Andrew Kane - "The Debt We Owe".
Sun 22nd	9:45am 10:00am 12:30pm	Ignite - <i>For Young People 4-16. Meets in the Christian Centre.</i> Worship & Communion Service - Rev. Dennis Lloyd. Baptism - Officiant: Val Hards.

Paul gave a similar lesson in 1 Thessalonians 5:3-6: "When people are saying 'Everything is so peaceful and secure,' then destruction will come upon them, the way labour pains come upon a pregnant woman...But you brothers, are not in the dark, so that the Day should take you by surprise like a thief...so let's not be asleep, like the rest are; on the contrary, let us stay alert and sober."

None of us know the day when summer, winter or a pregnant woman's labour pains will start, but we all understand the signs when these are drawing close and the wise ones among us start to get ready in good time. Now, I believe that the miraculous re-birth of Israel back in 1948 was such a sign. We need to be watchful and ready for the last prophecies of this age to unfold, culminating in the return of Jesus. On a national scale I believe God is giving us warnings of coming judgment upon our land. John Quinlan▲



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**Next Messy Church at St. Paul's
Saturday 11th November You can ring
or text to book... 07470 959 576
or see the church website.**

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.