



17th December 2017

Welcome to St. Paul's

3rd Sunday of Advent

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Today

Welcome to our Worship & Communion Service for this, the third Sunday of Advent. Our service & Communion will be led by Rev. Carol Smart and our speaker today is Linda Sourris who has been working with refugees in Greece.

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

For young people

Crèche - facilities in the back room

9:45am 'Ignite' in the Christian Centre ▲

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

This evening at 6:30pm in the church we have our annual '**Carols by Candlelight**' Service with Rev. Howard Cunnington ▲

Messy Christmas
St. Paul's
Staplers Road, Newport

10am
Christmas Eve

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever Amen



There's still time to sign our '**Big Card**' at the back of the church. Send Christmas greeting and make a donation to the Newport Salvation Army Night Shelter work ▲

Heating & Lighting Update...

We were very pleased to hear this week that the Portsmouth Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) have approved our plans to upgrade our heating and lighting. As a part of the official Faculty process we are today posting a public notice (for 28 days) of our intentions. All the details can be found in a black folder at the rear of the church or speak to Kevin for more information ▲

This Christmas at St. Paul's

Christmas Eve
10am Messy Christmas
Fun for all the family, with breakfast!
9pm Holy Communion

Christmas Day
10am All Age Worship & Communion

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Our 'Messy Christmas' next Sunday will include a 'Bring & Share' Breakfast so don't forget some food! There will be fun and activities for all ages. For more information speak to Kathy.

This week

Date	Time	Event
Mon 18th	2:15pm	Summerfields Primary School Christingle Service (2:15pm - 3:00pm)
Wed 20th	10:15am	Holy Communion - Rev. Carol Smart.
Thu 21st	7:00pm	Worship Team Practice.



Looking ahead - Dates for your diary...

Date	Time	Event
Sun 24th	10:00am 9:00pm	'Bring & Share' Breakfast followed by 'Messy Christmas...' - for all the family! Christmas Eve Communion Service - Canon Alan Brown.
Mon 25th	10:00am	CHRISTMAS DAY - All Age Worship & Communion for Christmas Morning - Rev. Carol Smart.
Sun 31st	9:30am+ 10:00am	'Bring & Share' Breakfast. Breakfast Church - Word & Worship with video presentation



Gary & Iris's Grandson Samuel... heading for the Ukraine!

It's always exciting to see young people from the Island going on mission.

To find out more about what Samuel is up to speak to Gary or go to:

<https://www.ajesusadventure.com/>

Good to see the Tuesday Christian Centre Homegroup enjoying a Christmas meal this week.... Of course only Gary & Malcom can explain why it was fish & Chips!!!

THE PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE

THE THINGS THAT ARE HANGING ON IT (AND THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE DONE THE HANGING)*

We have a Vicar on our can you find him?

*Liz & David!

- SPACE FOR LITTLE ANGEL, IF ANYONE CAN FIND ONE
- CHILDREN'S INSTRUMENTS (NO ONE WILL ADMIT TO LOFTY PLACEMENT)
- BELL (BELL RINGERS)
- SAW USED TO CUT TREE DOWN (MEN'S GROUP)
- TINSEL MADE FROM OLD SHREDDED SERMONS (THE VICAR)
- BANNERS AND BADGES (UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS)
- TRADITIONAL NATIVITY ANIMALS - GOAT, ZEBRA, TRANSFORMER ETC (SUNDAY SCHOOL)
- MEMORY STICK CONTAINING CHRISTMAS IMAGES (PARISH I.T. EXPERT)
- TEA BAG (COFFEE ROTA VOLUNTEER)
- CHURCH MOUSE (CHURCH CAT)
- CORKS (SOCIAL COMMITTEE)
- WRAPPED PRESENTS DESTINED TO FORM SLIGHTLY AWKWARD SERMON ILLUSTRATION
- THRIBLE (HIGH CHURCH ENTHUSIAST)
- HAND-KNITTED BAUBLES (LADIES' GROUP)
- HYMN NUMBER CHAIN (SIDESPEOPLE)
- DUSTERS (CLEANING VOLUNTEERS)
- TRACT DISPLAY (LOW CHURCH ENTHUSIAST)
- GLITTER (MESSY CHURCH)
- ARGUMENT BETWEEN RIVAL 'COLOURED TREE LIGHT' AND 'WHITE TREE LIGHT' FACTIONS
- BOX OF NON-COLOUR-SCHEME DECORATIONS REMOVED FROM TREE (BY UNNAMED PARTY)