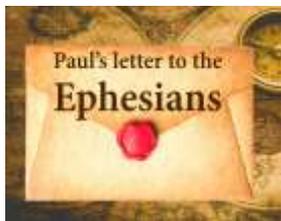


# St. Paul's News

**St. Paul's Barton - Sunday 31.10.21**  
**4th Sunday before Advent - All Saints' Day**  
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**Welcome** To our **Word & Worship Service** today.



Our speaker is John Yates. We continue our series looking at the book of Ephesians (Session 6) Ch5 v3 - 21. Pages 1176 & 1177 in the church Bibles.  
*From darkness to light and being careful how you live."*

It is now a 'personal choice' as to the wearing of masks, the use of venue check-ins and the like, so please respect one another's preferences with regard to the wearing (or otherwise) of masks and social distancing etc. Tea & coffee is available after the service, you may wish to enjoy a cup inside or outside the building.

**Please remember to maintain distancing when going forward to receive Holy Communion.**

Should you prefer a quieter service with no singing and more space in the building there is a service of Holy Communion or Morning Prayer every Wednesday morning at 10:15am.

Sunday services are streamed live on Facebook and available later on our YouTube channel. The talks are also available to listen to or download on the Audio page of the church website.

## "Little Church"

On Sundays (except for 'All-Age' Services), there is provision, in the Christian Centre, for children (3 years to the end of Primary). Parents can bring them to the Centre just before 10:00am and collect them at approx. 10:40am to join the service in the church.



## Shoebox Appeal

**Don't forget the box in the porch for your shoebox items!** There is a list of suggestions for what you can contribute at the back of the church. If you are able please add a photograph of yourself to the box as well.

**The boxes cost around £5 each to send** and any financial contributions towards this would be much appreciated. Please place these in the offering plate in an envelope clearly marked "Shoebox Appeal" - thank you.

We will be packing the boxes on **Monday 15th November** in the Christian Centre between 10:30am and 12noon. All are welcome to come along and help spread some joy!



## Available on YouTube

Rev. Dozie's latest reflection on the Beatitudes - No. 7, "Blessed are the peace makers" is now available to view on the St. Paul's YouTube Channel. Find this by following the YouTube link on the St. Paul's website.  
[www.stpaulsbarton.co.uk](http://www.stpaulsbarton.co.uk)

## Harvest Gifts & Offerings

The Isle of Wight Foodbank say:

"Dear St. Paul's Barton,

We would like to thank you for your kind and generous donation of **61.68kg's** of food items. This will go towards the work we do with families and individuals in need throughout the Isle of Wight.

The Isle of Wight Foodbank has fed 5136 people in the last financial year. This can feel like a seemingly hopeless situation and the Foodbank can never be the whole answer but, with your support, you have brought hope to those in crisis.

The foodbank relies on the support of people across the Isle of Wight and further afield, especially as we have noted there is a greater level of need to families and individuals.

Your compassionate contribution helps us to continue helping serve those who are in hunger poverty.

Thank you again for all your support."

**Hannah**

**Foodbank Centre Co-ordinator**

## Let all Creation Praise the Lord!

**Psalm 148** is a beautiful call to all of creation to worship their Maker. When God created the world as we read in **Genesis 1**, He declared that it was all good. But looking at the state of the world today, we can see that all is not good and we have no one to blame but ourselves. God trusted mankind to take care of creation, to love and value it as He does. Not to dominate it or exploit it for our own selfish gains. A love of fast fashion, cheap goods packaged in plastic, flying, over-spending, hoarding 'stuff' and being wasteful has contributed to its destruction. God doesn't care much for our selfishness and greed.

I am studying the Living World as part of a 2 year course called 'Christian Rural and Environmental Stud-

## This week

Date	Time	Event
Mon 1st	7:30pm	<b>Monday Online Fellowship Group (Zoom)</b> - Ephesians Session 6. For more information speak to Andrew or <a href="#">contact us</a> .
Tue 2nd	9:45am-11:30am 7:15	<b>Little Rascals Toddler Group</b> - The group meets in St. Paul's Christian Centre from 9:45am to 11:30am each Tuesday in school term time. <b>Tuesday Online Fellowship Group (Zoom)</b> - Ephesians Session 6. For more information speak to Rev. Dennis or <a href="#">contact us</a> .
Wed 3rd	10:15am 2:30pm	<b>Holy Communion BCP</b> (Book of Common Prayer) - Rev. Dozie Moneme. <b>Funeral Service.</b>
Thu 4th	2:15pm	<b>Ladies Fellowship</b> - In the Christian Centre. For more information speak to Mary or Margaret P.
Sat 6th	10:00am	<b>Prayer for Israel &amp; the Middle East</b> - An hour of prayer and Bible study in church - all welcome.

## Dates for your diary

Date	Time	Event
Sun 7th	10:00am	<b>All-Age Worship</b> - Canon Stuart Holt.
Tue 9th	9:45am-11:30am	<b>Little Rascals Toddler Group</b> - The group meets in St. Paul's Christian Centre from 9:45am to 11:30am each Tuesday in school term time.
Wed 10th	10:15am	<b>Holy Communion BCP</b> (Book of Common Prayer) - Rev. Dozie Moneme.
Thu 11th	2:15pm	<b>Ladies Fellowship</b> - In the Christian Centre. For more information speak to Mary or Margaret P.
Sat 13th	10:00am-	<b>Carisbrooke Priory</b> - Christmas Fair. 10:00am - 2:00pm. The Tea Room will be open.
Sun 14th	10:00am 10:00am-10:40am	<b>Remembrance Sunday Worship &amp; Communion</b> - Rev. Dozie Moneme. <b>Little Church</b> - (For children Age 3 to end of Primary School) in the Christian Centre. For more information speak to Kathy.
Mon 15th	10:30am-	<b>Shoebox Appeal 2021 - Shoebox Packing</b> - in the Christian Centre 10:30am - 12noon.
Sat 20th		<b>November Away Day</b> - We are planning a church away day at the Westbrook Centre in Puckpool, Ryde We will be joining with our brothers and sisters from Christ Church, Sandown and St. Paul's, Shanklin as we seek to grow and work together.

ies'. I am amazed at how much biodiversity there is and much that has yet to be discovered. However I am deeply saddened by the huge number of creatures already extinct, some naturally but many of man's doing and of those on the verge of becoming extinct due to poaching and habitat destruction for example.

The climate crisis has highlighted the divide between the rich and poor and how fragile our planet is. It is an issue of justice. Those who suffer the most consequences of climate change are those least responsible for it. How can we claim to love our neighbours as Jesus taught us when we allow them to suffer? Wildfires, floods, droughts, ice caps melting, and other extreme weather is the result of our planet heating up to dangerous levels due mainly to burning fossil fuels.

At the COP (Conference of the Parties) 21 in Paris every country agreed to work together to limit global warming to less than 2 degrees and aim for less than 1.5. Every fraction of a degree of warming will result in the loss of many more lives, homes, livelihoods and biodiversity all over the world.

Today is the start of COP26. Until 12th November the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference is taking place. The UK has been working with other nations to reach agreement on how to tackle climate change. Over 100 World leaders, Government repre-

sentatives, Businesses and citizens will come together for 12 days of talks.

We must care for the earth because it is the Lord's. He created it and loves it. We are dependent on it to sustain us, it is beautiful and diverse and here for us and future generations to enjoy.

Amongst the lamenting, there is always hope and much we can do. We can ensure that our lifestyle



choices and shopping habits line up with God's desire for us as Christians. 'The Creation Care Scheme' is an online questionnaire that helps households make progress in caring for creation. [creationcare.org.uk](http://creationcare.org.uk)

We can pray for World and Church leaders to wake up to the urgency of the situation and make right decisions for the good of everyone on this planet.

We can be better informed. I recommend listening to the Christian scientist Katharine Hayhoe on YouTube and listening to the BBC's coverage of the COP26 Conference.

We can speak out, lobby our MP or even protest if you feel called to. Doing nothing is not an option. We must act now! I would be interested to know what you are doing or plan to do.

**Michele Pepperrell**

### ***Bible Studies with Rivi Litvin (Zoom)***

**Thursday evenings at 7.30pm**

**4th Nov** - New Testament on Sabbath

**18th Nov** - Considering the time of the resurrection

**2nd Dec** - Topic to be decided – Hanukkah perhaps

**16th Dec** - Topic to be decided

If you'd like to join the study lectures, let Andrew or me have your email address and we'll arrange with Rivi to send you a link. If you'd like to know more about Rivi, just type into a web search "Rivi Litvin" and you should find several pages of internet addresses that you can visit.

Contact me [via the church website](#). Shalom,  
**John Q.**

**Offering / Giving** Thank you for your giving to the work at St. Paul's. If you have not yet committed to regular giving, we would ask you to prayerfully seek God's will regarding this.

**Ways to Give: You can put your offering in the offering bag or the plate at the back of the church.**

**Set up a Standing Order** from your bank, you can request a form from Penny (our treasurer), or [download one from our website](#). Just fill it in and give (or post) it to her or phone her for more details or to arrange for your form to be collected.

If you use online banking, you can give to St. Paul's by **Bank Transfer or by setting up a Standing Order**. Details of the church bank account are:

Bank: **NatWest Newport Isle of Wight** Account Name: **Parochial Church Council of St. Pauls, Barton Parish** Sort Code: **54-10-34** Account Number: **92513263**

If you are a tax payer and have not filled in a **Gift Aid Form** these are available from Penny or [on the church website](#).

### ***New to St. Paul's?***

**You are very welcome!**

Our usual Sunday services are very simple - an opening hymn, a time of prayer and confession, a talk, followed by a time of worship and prayers then (twice a month) we have Holy Communion (all are welcome) and finally, a closing hymn.

There is an offering plate at the back of the church, we welcome contributions but please don't feel obliged to give! If you would like to know more about what it

*Hello!*

means to be a Christian speak to Rev. Dozie or Andrew and Josephine our Churchwardens.

### ***Carisbrooke Priory - Christmas Fair***

All are welcome to the Priory Christmas Fair on Saturday on **Saturday 13th November** between 10:00am and 2:00pm. The Tea Room will be open for cakes and drinks. <http://carisbrookepriory.org.uk/>



### ***Church Directory***

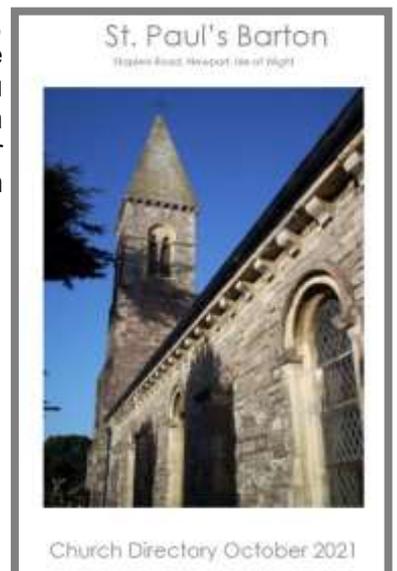
The Church Directory has recently been re-issued with all the latest updates for 2021.

The October 2021 version has been sent out by email and post for those without internet access.

Let Kevin know of you would like a printed copy

If you are not in the directory and would like to be, forms are available at the back of the church. You can pass these to Kevin on the sound desk or complete one on-line on the church website.

<https://www.stpaulsbarton.co.uk/administration/consent-form/>



## Face Everything And Rise!

**1 John 4:18** *There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.*

**Isaiah 60:1-2** *Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.*

Ever since the Garden of Eden where the story began and our first parents sinned, fear has permeated humankind. The fracturing of relationships, God to man, man to man, man to woman, engendered a universal pandemic of fear and alienation. Fear supplied the Adversary, Satan ("satan" means adversary in Hebrew) with a powerful means for control, manipulation, and deception of fallen humanity, with nearly infinite varieties of expression.

In this light, **1 John 4:18** is perhaps one of the most significant and profound statements in all of scripture, and one which we do well to memorize, meditate upon, and pray into. "There is no fear in love..." In a sense we could say that fear is the greatest enemy of love. If love is our goal, if God is love and we seek to be like Him, then fear must be acknowledged and banished from our motivations. This may not be easy, but is a worthy and entirely possible approach.

Whatever causes fear in us will be a test; it will bring out our best... or worst response. The emotional or even physical reaction of "fight" or "flight" will threaten to overwhelm my connection with God's Spirit within. If I allow fear to manipulate or control me and drive me into a reactive mode rather than a responsive Spirit-controlled one, love will evaporate. This reaction to fear might simply be expressed by another F-E-A-R acronym, Forget Everything And Run.... or Fight Everything And Ram.

But how about Face Everything And Rise!!! Those who do will reveal the growing perfection in love which is our inheritance in Messiah Yeshua. Where love is made perfect fear is cast out! With fear conquered we are equipped to be light in darkness because the Holy Spirit in us will not be quenched from revealing the glory of God through us.

**Can you** imagine a more perfect time in these days of growing darkness to take this word to heart? Can you begin to fathom the opportunity to rise above your fears and to reveal the glory of God?

**How to do it?** Cast anxieties on Him; (1 Peter 5:7); pray and supplicate with thanksgiving; (Philippians 4:6); if you lack wisdom, ask with faith; (James 1:5-6); let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; (Colossians 3:16); fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; ([Matthew 10:28). Face and rise above your fear now, today. The glory of the LORD will arise upon you.

**George Whitten**

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