

St. Paul's Barton Newsletter 22.04.21

APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting)

This year's meeting will take place on Wednesday 28th April at 7:30pm in the church and will also be available 'live' on Zoom. All are welcome to join us, either in person or on Zoom. To book contact Ian (see the Church Directory for the number), contact us via the church website or text **07947 153 344**. Let us know if you would like the Zoom link.

Enclosed are the following documents:

- APCM Agenda.
- Minutes of the previous APCM (Held in October 2020).
- St. Paul's Annual Report and Accounts.
- St. Paul's Christian Centre Annual Report and Accounts.

PCC Vacancies / Nominations

This year we have 5 vacancies on the PCC.

- Three for a 3-year term.
- One for a 2-year term.
- One for a 1-year term.

By rotation, 3 members will be standing down:

- Penny (Treasurer).
- Kathy (Safeguarding Contact, and DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) Officer).
- Kirsty (PCC Minute Secretary).

We also need to appoint two Churchwardens (which are annual appointments).

Our current Churchwardens are Josephine and Andrew.

All of the above are eligible for re-election should they wish to stand. If you are on the Church Electoral Roll and would like to nominate someone to serve the church as a member of the PCC or as a Churchwarden, forms are available at the back of the church, on the church website or can be sent to you by post (contact Kevin). Please remember that you need the candidate's agreement to stand and that they must meet the criteria detailed on the nomination form.

Our Sunday services are streamed live on the church Facebook page and available to watch later on the church Facebook page, Website and YouTube channel. Audio copies of most of the talks are also available on the church website.

As the services are getting busier, if you would like to attend in person you need to book as due to ongoing Covid restrictions seating capacity is limited. **Remember that you must maintain strict social distancing in the church.** To book contact Ian (see the Church Directory for the number) contact us via the church website or text **07947 153 344**. **If you do book and are unable to come please cancel to allow the space for others.**



What's Happening

Sunday 25th April at 10:00am
Fourth Sunday of Easter
All-Age Worship Service -
Speaker Josh Haywood.

Join us on Zoom for Coffee at 12noon after the Sunday Service Phone or text **07947 153 344** or contact us via the church website for a link.

Monday 26th April at 7:30pm

Monday Fellowship Group (Zoom) - Speak to Andrew for more information. Contact us for a link.

Monday 26th April at 7:00pm

IW Deanery Synod - House of Laity Meeting (Zoom). Our Reps are Kevin & Di.

Wednesday 28th April

No Evening Prayer this week as we are holding our APCM.

Wednesday 28th April in the church at 7:30pm

APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting).

Also live on Zoom. Contact us for a link

Thursday 29th April at 7:30pm

Bible teaching from Rivi Litvin - The Trial of Jesus

To take part please contact us with your email address and you will then receive a Zoom invitation for the session along with an email with a handout for the study from Rivi.

Saturday 1st May at 10:00am - 11:00am

Prayer for Israel & the Middle East (Zoom)

Contact us for a link.

Sunday 2nd May at 10:00am

Worship & Communion Service - Canon Stuart Holt.

Monday 3rd May - Early May Bank Holiday.

Wednesday 5th May at 7:30pm

P.C.C. Standing Committee Meeting (Zoom).

Church Finance

Thank you for your giving to St Paul's.

Thank you to everyone who has set up a new regular payment, and to those who have increased their existing giving. There are now **54** people who have committed to regular giving, mostly through payments direct to our bank, but also by postal cheques or (for a few who have been able to attend services in person) by weekly envelopes.

The PCC is grateful to everyone who has committed to regular giving. Our total expenditure budget for 2021 is **£53,980** (see below for more detail) and your commitment really helps us to forecast ahead for the rest of the year.

At the end of March, we are forecasting a small deficit for this year - a deficit that has decreased considerably since January because of the increase in regular giving (thank you!).

We are still living in difficult times, and we know that many people in our church family have not been able to be in the

church building for over a year - so we are particularly thankful for your continued financial support for St. Paul's - which ultimately enables the continued presence and preaching of the gospel in our parish.

If you would like information about regular giving, please contact Penny.

Expenditure Budget for 2021	
	£
Tithe for 2020 and other giving	2,200
Parish Share	31,896
Ministry	3,000
Mission and outreach	600
Home groups, children and young people	600
Church building - utilities	2,250
Church building - cleaning and maintenance	1,000
Church building - insurance	1,874
Costs of services	1,000
Piano and organ tuning	400
Books, publications and other resources	100
Training and conferences	500
Use of St Paul's Christian Centre	2,500
Sundry expenses	300
Professional fees	750
Administration and licences	2,200
Equipment	1,000
Independent examiner's fee	810
Transfers to organ and choir funds	1,000
Total expenditure for the year	53,980
Parish share due to Diocese per week	£613.38

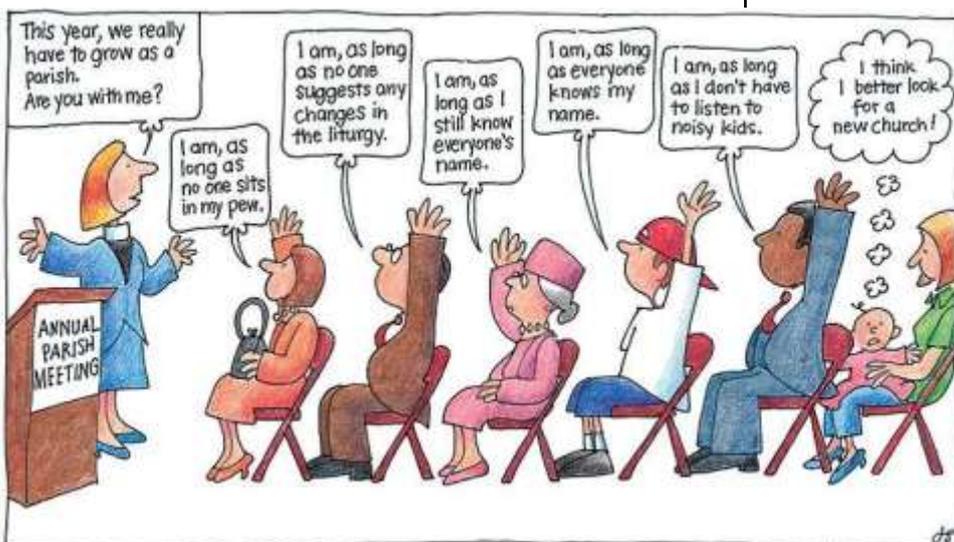
Bits & Pieces >>>

Cleaners this week - This week the church is being cleaned by Penny & Kevin - thank you!

Christian Centre Wi-Fi We now have a fast broadband connection and Wi-Fi in the Christian Centre. You'll find login details on the noticeboard in the lobby.

This has very kindly been provided free of charge by WightFibre under their 'Connected Communities Programme'.

They say "At WightFibre we want to support the important work of not-for-profit and community focused groups across the Island, by bringing a different kind of broadband to them and the communities they serve.



That's why, as we work hard to make the Island one of the best connected places in the world we are also



working hard to make full-fibre, ultrafast, future-proof broadband available to community groups, charitable organisations and special interest groups across the Island.

Through the WightFibre Connected Communities Programme we will fully or part fund the installation, rental and ongoing costs associated with bringing WightFibre full-fibre, ultrafast, future-proof broadband into community hub locations and their offices."

<https://www.wightfibre.com/connected-communities-programme/>

Quinquennial Inspection - This week John Q has been wearing his Church Architect hat and has undertaken our 2021 Quinquennial Inspection. This is a 5-yearly inspection and review of our building as required by ecclesiastical law no less! We await the results with interest...

St. Paul's Youth Bible Study Group

During the weeks of Lent we had the privilege of joining the youth of St. Paul's in it's first ever youth bible study group.

The course was led and organised by Josh, our Youth Leader and ably supported by Liz Day, Michele Pepperrell and Kathy & Ian Pugh, who shared the weekly schedule. The group met on Thursday evenings through the medium of Zoom to study the lead up to Easter. With ice breaker fun activities, reviews of the previous week, readings, discussions and questions and answers, the youngsters were encouraged to participate. Some were more enthusiastic than others but each one was prepared to give an opinion when asked.

During our times with the group, Kathy and I saw the group develop as each youngster gained in confidence and not to fear asking questions when unsure of areas studied.

Each session was organised with a great deal of thought and preparation by Josh. Everyone was welcomed at the start of the evening and the ice breaker activities were light-hearted and set up the easy communication within the group. The

weekly reading gave a focus for the discussions and questions that followed. It was rewarding to see how Josh led and involved everyone so that no one felt isolated - though we suspect that some would have welcomed this!!! Both of us felt the evenings rushed by as we enjoyed them so much. We hope that more activities like this can be provided in the future and that the youngsters will engage freely in them.

So a big thank you to Josh and all the youngsters for being good hosts and fun to be with.

Thank you - Ian & Kathy

Book Review

Amazed by Jesus - Simon Ponsonby
2020 Muddy Pearl. Edinburgh

Simon is a passionate follower of Jesus whose love for the Lord shines out of the pages of this book. He Describes the power, the beauty and the wonder of who Jesus Christ really is.

Each chapter gives a rich and authoritative exploration of Jesus, using history, art and literature , making deep theological truths accessible to me. I was inspired and challenged by the whole book. Yes, Jesus is Amazing!

Catherine H

Available from St. Andrew's Bookshop (and cheaper than Amazon!)

<https://standrewsbookshop.co.uk/product/amazed-by-jesus/>

Read a good book lately? We'd love to hear from you! - Send your review to Kevin.

GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY...

Operation Christmas Child 2020

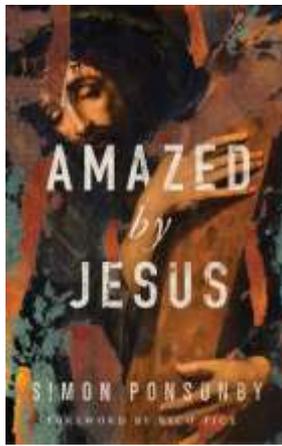


Back in March I had the privilege to join a Zoom meeting to celebrate Samaritan's Purse and this year's Shoe Box Appeal.

Due to COVID 19 and the pandemic, this year's campaign was greatly challenged. There were real difficulties, yet real blessings witnessed. Despite all the restrictions, particularly from November in the UK and across the world, with closed borders, lockdowns and greatly reduced travel opportunities, as well great sickness and deaths from the virus, almost **266,000** boxes were packed and distributed, although many didn't arrive at their destination until recently.

Within St. Paul's people continued to be so generous and donated items for the boxes, gave money and prayed and although we couldn't meet together to wrap and pack boxes, volunteers wrapped boxes in their own homes and Ian and I packed the boxes in our home.

We were blessed to be able to deliver the boxes on time for the next part of their journey by still being able to drop



them off at **The Entertainer**, our collecting point in Newport, through their 'Click and Collect' arrangements! God still led us on.....no restrictions for God!!

The packed boxes reached children sharing the love of God around the world in South America, Brazil, Zambia and West Africa, via lorry, train, plane, canoe and even camel.

Each box contained a booklet for the children 'The Greatest Journey', with the invite to join a 12-week Bible programme run by a local area church with trained leaders resourced and financed by Samaritan's Purse and the £5 donation included with each donated box. There is a celebrated graduation for all the children at the end of the course and they are given a New Testament. More than a million children have heard the gospel story as a result of receiving a box and 1 in 6 boxes brings a child to know and follow Jesus.

The boxes bring a ripple of God's love. (300 leaders in various countries are trained each year and churches are growing in numbers too.)

A huge 'thank you' to you all for last year's effort and please start looking ahead to this year's appeal!!!



Please continue to pray for all the children and their families supported by Samaritan's Purse, living in many of the world's most difficult, damaged and testing circumstances and living conditions.

Kathy

For Your Prayers

There are many prayer needs among our fellowship at this time so it's good to reflect on our friends and family in the fellowship at St. Paul's. Please remember particularly those with health issues at this time: Pat A, Pat T and Dave Cl.

Isle of Wight Deanery Synod News You may remember that the IW Deanery, along with all Deaneries in the Diocese, was required to submit a 'Deanery Mission Action Plan' to the Bishop and senior staff. The Island did so and the feedback was "They were very impressed with the focus on mission and the enthusiasm and energy of our plan. However, they were concerned that our proposal may not achieve the necessary impact or sustainability we want as our collaboration was based purely on mutual agreement which depends upon personalities or individuals."

The proposal split the Island into nine geographical areas, Barton was set aside outside these based on it's 'Evangelical Orthodox Churchmanship' and opportunities to work on developing mission with similarly focused churches.

A Synod meeting has been called for Monday 26th April for the 'House of Laity' (i.e. no clergy present) to enable further discussion and consultation going forward. Please pray that the Lord's will for his church and it's mission here on the IW will be revealed. **Kevin.**