



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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# NEWS from

## ST. DUNSTAN'S SUNDAY 24 JANUARY

### CONVERSION OF ST PAUL



#### SUNDAY SERVICES

10.15am MORNING PRAYER via Zoom—please see over for details.

#### READINGS:

Galatians 1: 11-16a  
Matthew 19: 27-30

#### COLLECT

Almighty God,  
who caused the light of the gospel  
to shine throughout the world  
through the preaching of your  
servant Saint Paul:  
grant that we who celebrate his  
wonderful conversion

may follow him in bearing witness  
to your 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

#### PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Today, as we celebrate the Conversion of St. Paul, it's interesting to note that in all the descriptions of it, in his former life he was totally self-absorbed. It was "I, I, I," but after the great event, the focus shifts and it's **God, through Jesus Christ**, who moves into the centre of the action.

So it was that **Saul**, that anti-Christian zealot, became **Paul** an apostle of Christ.

To quote Oscar Wilde: "Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future." Saul's future was Paul, the great Apostle to the **Gentiles**, i.e. **you and me both ..... be grateful.**

Di

#### A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

*From Christian Aid - an adapted prayer for this time of coronavirus. This might be helpful before a period of quiet meditation.*

Loving God,  
I seek Your presence in the silence beyond words;  
Looking to You for comfort, strength, protection and reassurance;  
breathing with gratitude  
Holding on to hope, trusting with faith  
That You are still God in the midst of turmoil  
And that Your love reaches to the ends of the earth.  
Be present with me now. Amen

#### ... AND A VERSE FROM SCRIPTURE

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am Your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. *Isaiah 41 v 10*

#### PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Giving thanks for:** Deacon Di, our Churchwardens and PCC, Nicky in the Office, and all those working hard to keep things going during the vacancy.

**For those who are anxious or fearful** about the future.

**For parents and teachers** struggling with the demands of home schooling.

**For all known to us who are sick in body, mind or spirit:** Pam Mather, Alf Thompson.

**For the recently departed:** Meriel Packman and Colin Harvey.

**For those whose anniversaries fall this week:** Alfred Humphrey, Jane Hallett, John Turnnidge-Rosindell, Peter Bridger, Margaret Winter, Alan Parry, Elizabeth Harvey, Charles Lemesurier, Denis Hand-Bowman, Anne Dalton

#### AND FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WIDER WORLD

**For our Queen and for her ministers** as they lead our nation particularly in this time of pandemic crisis.

**For the NHS** as they struggle to meet excessive demands.

**For all national leaders**, that they will be guided by a Godly wisdom rather than a selfish gain. For the new administration in the United States.

**For scientists** giving thanks for the roll out of the coronavirus vaccine.

**All who work to alleviate poverty, hunger and disease.**

## THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Sun 24th: 10.15am MORNING PRAYER via Zoom (see below)  
Sun 31st: 10.15am 'CANDLEMAS' MORNING PRAYER via Zoom

### \*\* SUNDAY'S SERVICE via ZOOM \*\*

On Sunday we launch our first service by Zoom. Deacon Di gives the homily and members of the congregation do readings and prayers and we have recorded hymns. Unlike our previous YouTube Services, Zoom allows us to take part in a live service and see one another (if you choose). After the service there will be the option to join a smaller group to enable you to chat freely together for about half an hour (not possible with the whole congregation). To join the service you need either to have signed up to zoom on your browser and followed the instructions or to have downloaded the 'zoom cloud meetings' app. If you have any trouble doing this we happy to give you a hand - call 01435872665 (Philip James) or 07710 319348 (Mike Hand-Bowman). Having got your zoom facility, simply click on the link below:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82110568906?  
pwd=TDJ3MU85L2dmTmZaU28va2JYM3dMUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82110568906?pwd=TDJ3MU85L2dmTmZaU28va2JYM3dMUT09)

Or enter the ID 82110568906, passcode: 506133

If you DONT have internet or don't wish to use it, simply call on your telephone 0203 4815240. You will be asked for the meeting code which is 82110568906 followed by #; your participant code which is simply #; and the passcode 506133 followed by #

Any problems on the day please call 01435 872665 (Philip James) or 07710 319348 (Mike Hand-Bowman).

The zoom service will be open for people to join from 9.45am and if you are a zoom 'first timer' join us early so we can help you get settled.

Our Zoom Service is, of course, open for all who wish to attend but to keep the meeting safe, please ask anyone who is interested but is not subscribed to Enews to contact the office for login details.

If you don't want to join live on Zoom, the service will be recorded and available for one week on YouTube, hopefully by Sunday afternoon. Just search 'St Dunstan's Mayfield' if you are not already subscribed to our channel.

### BIBLE READING NOTES

Please contact Nicky in the office, by 1st February, if you would like to continue your annual subscription or to newly subscribe. Booklets available are: **New Daylight, New Daylight Deluxe, Guidelines, Day by Day, Upper Room, Bible Reflections for Older People** (details can be found on: <https://www.brfonline.org.uk/collections/subscriptions>). The cost will be £4.70 or £5.15 per copy dependant on booklet selected.



### ADDITIONAL ONLINE OPTIONS for SUNDAY

For BBC Radio 4 Sunday Services (and lots more):  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qnds>

For BBC 1 Services: [https://www.bbc.co.uk/  
programmes/m000h05p/episodes/player](https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000h05p/episodes/player)

C of E Services: [https://www.churchofengland.org/  
more/media-centre/church-online](https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online)

From Chichester Diocese: [https://  
www.chichester.anglican.org/  
liveservices/](https://www.chichester.anglican.org/liveservices/)

Phoneline for those unable to  
access online church services:



PLEASE KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE!



## CHURCHWARDENS' BULLETIN

We approach another week of lockdown and all that entails. Sadly we are unable to open the church for private prayer or services. We will keep you up to date on any changes. Meanwhile we look forward to seeing you on our zoom Sunday service.

We are all trying to cope in these testing times. Not everybody can show their frustrations and emotions and we appreciate that everybody is struggling in some form or another.

We pray for all those who find life difficult at the moment and we thank God for the love he gives.

Jo and Sheila



God of life, you have created everyone in your image and likeness. We sing your praise for the gift of our many cultures and traditions. Grant us the courage to stand against injustice and prejudice.

Merciful God, you have shown us in Christ that we are one in you. Teach us to use this gift in the world so that believers of all faiths in every country may be able to listen to each other and live in peace.

O Jesus, you came into the world and shared fully in our humanity. You know the hardships of life for people who suffer in so many different ways. May the Spirit of compassion move us to share our time, gifts and resources with all those in need.

Holy Spirit, you hear the fury of your wounded creation and the cries of those already suffering from climate change. Guide us toward new ways of living that are in harmony with all creation.

**God of peace, God of love, in you is our hope!**

### FLYING THE FLAG FOR THE NHS



### Sunday Club

Prayer: Thank you, God, for sending your Son, Jesus, to save us from our sins. Thank you for the miracles he did and for the love he showed.

Thank you for showing us why we can believe in Jesus! Help us to always remember who Jesus is. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Please see the Church website for further details of the weekly activities posted by Margaret Neve for our younger members.



John 2: 1-11  
Jesus performs  
His first miracle  
at a wedding in  
Cana

### USEFUL CONTACTS:

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PLEASE BE IN TOUCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE NAMES ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST.

MAYFACS HELPLINE: 01435 873888.