The Parish Church of St Paul Ansdell & Fairhaven

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A few words from your Reader ...

Dear Friends,

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU!

I wonder how many of you have made New Year Resolutions? As each New Year begins, we are filled with the hope and expectation of what lies



ahead. Many of us like to make resolutions to change the way in which we think and act. The more popular resolutions include things like getting fitter, losing weight, taking up a new interest, being more organised, finding more family time and so on. And, how many of those resolutions actually last for more than a few days? The fact is, that to maintain a new interest or activity, you need to keep going for at least 21 days. It seems that once you pass that magical 21st day, the pattern is more or less set and it becomes easier to maintain.

From a Christian perspective, how many of us set ourselves a New Year's Resolution based around Bible study, worship or prayer? How many of us make the conscious decision to tithe our income or increase our stewardship in terms of both time and money? Our Christian faith should be an active and vibrant faith, in which we search for ways to become more like Christ. When God came down to earth at Christmastime, He came to show us how much He loves us. Jesus instructs us to do the same ~ to love God and to love our neighbour as we would love ourselves ~ and how do we respond?

Just before Christmas, we saw the devastation caused by Storm Desmond in Cumbria and elsewhere. Homes and livelihoods were destroyed; villages were cut off by roads blocked with landslides. Those storms left many thousands of people without heat and power; and unable to prepare meals. They became reliant upon the generosity of others. The offers of help soon poured in from people of all faiths, and none; neighbourhoods pulled together to clear up the mess and devastation left behind. It didn't matter who or what you were; the help was still given and as those communities continue to rebuild their lives now that the media has turned its mind to other news, I hope that the generosity of others will live on.

So, what of our future, here at St. Paul's? This year will be what we make it and we look forward with hope and expectation. We are still in

Vacancy and will remain that way for several more months. The Churchwardens and PCC are working tirelessly to keep the Parish running smoothly; and to make sure that the services and events that usually take place are happening. There are also many other people working hard in the background, supporting and encouraging; and for that we are extremely grateful.

The next major event in our Church calendar is the Churches Together Service during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It is our turn to host this service and I would encourage you to support us on Wednesday 20th January. The following Sunday (24th) will be our Patronal Festival weekend and a Jacob's Join is being organised for after the 10:30am Service. More details will follow but make a note of it in your diary now.

As we begin 2016, let us all make a resolution to live in the love, joy and fellowship of Christ as we seek to serve Him and our neighbours throughout the coming year.

Yours in Christ

Janet K.

A Prayer for the Vacancy

Heavenly Father, you have called us together as members of your Church in this parish. Deepen our love for you and strengthen our fellowship one with another as we face this time of uncertainty and change. Keep us faithful in prayer and worship; and fill us with your vision and



energy as we seek to bring new life to our community.

Strengthen and guide Alan and Sheila, the PCC and the Parish Representatives as they take the Parish forward; and speak into the hearts of all those whom you are calling to serve in this Parish, that they may hear your call and be obedient to your calling. This we ask in the name of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Hello and Happy New Year to you all. Another year has started meaning that Christmas is now behind us, the rest of the turkey is in the freezer awaiting yet more inspiration, and why oh why did we buy/make so many mince pies?

Our Christmas lunch at the Chadwick Hotel was a great success with a lovely atmosphere and most enjoyable meal. Our guest was the M.U. Deanery Presiding Member Elizabeth Carey.

Our Annual General Meeting is on 25th January when our subscriptions of £19.00 are due. Please put the correct amount in an envelope with your name on and hand it to Judith. Don't forget to bring something for our red and green stall.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Calling all parishioners ~ on 25th February we have Mr John Boe to speak at the meeting, telling us of his army career and service in Afghanistan.

Please take note of the date and bring along a friend to support this meeting.

Once again may I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Jean Lyon

<u>Congratulations</u> to Victoria and Stuart Pallister on the arrival their baby Amelia Rose, a sister for Chloe; and

<u>Welcome</u> to Trisha Godley, who will be our Temporary Shop Manager during Victoria's Maternity Leave.



Saturday 2nd Men's Prayer Breakfast

8:15am ~ in the Shop

Sunday 3rd **Epiphany**

8:30am Holy Communion 10:30am Parish Eucharist 4:00pm Sung Evening Prayer

Wednesday 6th Holy Communion

10:00am in the Lady Chapel

Coffee Morning

10:30am in the Church Hall

Thursday 7th Thursday Worship

6:15 – 7:30pm in the Church Hall

Friday 8th Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

5 – 9pm in the Church Hall

Sunday 10th Baptism of Christ

8:30am Holy Communion 10:30am Parish Eucharist 4:00pm Said Evening Prayer

Tuesday 12th Beavers & Cubs

6 - 8:30pm in the Church Hall

Wednesday 13th Holy Communion

10:00am in the Lady Chapel

Coffee Morning

10:30am in the Church Hall

Thursday 14th Thursday Worship

6:15 - 7:30pm in the Church Hall

Friday 15th Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

5 – 9pm in the Church Hall

Sunday 17th Epiphany 2

8:30am Holy Communion 10:30am Parish Eucharist 4:00pm Sung Evening Prayer Tuesday 19th <u>Beavers & Cubs</u>

6 - 8:30pm in the Church Hall

Wednesday 20th Holy Communion

10:00am in the Lady Chapel

Coffee Morning

10:30am in the Church Hall

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service

7:30pm in the Church

Thursday 21st <u>Thursday Worship</u>

6:15 - 7:30pm in the Church Hall

Friday 22nd Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

5 - 9pm in the Church Hall

Saturday 23rd <u>Table Top Sale for Week of Prayer</u>

10:00am – 1:00pm at The Well Church (Baptist)

Sunday 24th **Epiphany 3 and Patronal Festival**

8:30am Holy Communion 10:30am Parish Eucharist

'Jacob's Join' after the Service

4:00pm Said Evening Prayer

Monday 25th Mothers' Union AGM

2:15pm in the Church Hall

Tuesday 26th Beavers & Cubs

6 - 8:30pm in the Church Hall

Wednesday 27th Holy Communion

10:00am in the Lady Chapel

Coffee Morning

10:30am in the Church Hall

Thursday 28th Thursday Worship

6:15 - 7:30pm in the Church Hall

Friday 29th Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

5 – 9pm in the Church Hall

Sunday 31st Epiphany 4

8:30am Holy Communion 10:30am Songs of Praise

4:00pm Service yet to be decided

Further details of the above events can be found on the Weekly Pews News Sheet

PARISHIONER'S CORNER

Thank You

Thanks to all the people who helped in the Christmas Coffee Morning and thanks to all who came and hopefully enjoyed their coffee and mince pies and a look around the stalls. Despite the weather we all enjoyed the morning. An amount of over £650 was made and is a welcome contribution to our Church Funds.

Also, it really was lovely to have the Church open during the morning and people enjoyed looking round our Church. Thank you to the volunteer quides and to Linda who added to it by playing so

guides and to Linda who added to it by playing some lovely music.

Sheila

Christmas Boxes

I have had a letter of 'Thanks' from International Aid for our boxes and donations of money. They looked good when they were loaded into the van. Once again a very big thank you to all who brought items each month. Hopefully we will start again in February.

Sheila

Leprosy Boxes

It is time once again to send off our Leprosy Donations. If anyone



has a Leprosy Box, or would like to make a donation, please would they let me have it as soon as possible. The total raised for 2015 has been £288.83.

Thank You

Janet K.

Thank You

David, Michael, Anthony and Kate Gaskell thank everyone at St. Paul's for their messages of sympathy and support over recent weeks. These have been a great help at a very difficult time.

I offer a special 'Thank You' to the ladies who worked so hard in the Church Hall before, during and after the Reception.

God bless you all.

David

NOTES FROM THE ORGAN LOFT

Last month our editor placed some delightful pictures of little fun-loving mice at the end of my Notes from the Organ Loft. I wonder whether these mice felt aggrieved that, on page 14 of the same magazine, the article on 'Silent Night' omitted the legendary story about the part



played by the mice in the composition of that carol tune. The story goes that the music was written so that it could be played on a guitar, because mice had damaged the mechanism of the church's organ, rendering it unplayable. It is true that small creatures like mice and moths can cause havoc with organs and pianos, but the mice would have had to nibble for a very long time before the organ would fail completely!

Carol Singing

At the time of writing we have made the first of our Carol Singing Visits in the local community. At South Hey Community Centre our singers, though small in number, conveyed the Christmas message through their smiling faces, their good humour and singing. David and Ken were a hit in their portrayal of King Wenceslas.

"Songs of Praise"

Our next "Songs of Praise" service is on 31st January. The deadline for hymn requests is Sunday 3rd January.

Linda



READERS' ROTA - SUNDAY (10:30am)

<u>Date</u>	Reading: 1st:OT & Psalm, 2nd:NT		<u>Name</u>
3rd January Epiphany	1st	Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Jo Pocock
	2nd	Ephesians 3:1-12	Ken Pocock
10th January Baptism of Christ	1st	Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29	Charlotte Johnston
	2nd	Acts 8:14-17	Bryan Nicholson
17th January Epiphany 2	1st	Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10	Barbara Jackson
	2nd	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	Marian Wood
24th January Epiphany 3	1st	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19:1-6	Sheila Swindells
	2nd	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Liz Geddes
31st January Epiphany 4	1st	Ezekiel 43:27-44:4; Psalm 48	Richard Redcliffe
	2nd	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Sheila Redcliffe

EVENING PRAYER ROTA – SUNDAY (4:00pm)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	Said/Sung	<u>Leader/Preacher</u>	
3rd January	Epiphany	Sung	At the time of printing,	
10th January	Baptism of Christ	Said	the Leaders and Preachers for Evening Prayer had not yet	
17th January	Epiphany 2	Sung		
24th January	Epiphany 3	Said	been discussed.	
31st January	Epiphany 4	(Format of Service yet to be decided.)		

Saint of the Month



Felix of Nola (d. 260)

Feast Day ~ 14th January

What do you do when you find a large spider web in your house? If you ever feel some sympathy for the spider who went to all that trouble, then Felix is a good patron saint for you. He was

saved by such a spider, spinning such a web.

Felix had been born to a Syrian soldier who had retired to Nola, near Naples in Italy. When his father died, Felix gave his property and money away, and was ordained by St Maximus of Nola. Felix went to work with him, ministering to the people of Nola.

Then Decius, the Roman Emperor, began another persecution of the Christians. Maximus escaped to the mountains, but Felix was arrested and badly beaten. Legend has it that he was rescued – and freed from captivity - by an angel. In any case, Felix followed Maximus and found him sick and in need. Felix hid him in an empty building, and prayed for God's protection. The soldiers were out looking for the two men, but then a spider arrived at the door of the building where they were hiding. The spider spun such a magnificent web across the door that it fooled the imperial soldiers into thinking the building was long abandoned. The spider save Maximus and Felix that day, and the two men stayed on the run until Decius' death in 251.

After that, the people of Nola wanted Felix as their bishop. But Felix refused, and returned to farming his lands; giving the poor most of the food that he managed to grow. Though Felix went on to die naturally, he was still thought of as a martyr, or 'witness' because he had suffered torture, imprisonment and privations in the persecution. Felix did not mind: he served a King who was not of this world, and he looked forward to a better future life with that King in a new heaven and a new earth.

NEW YEAR 2016

If we put our hand in God's hand As we enter this New Year Not knowing what the future holds But that our Friend is near.

We shall not fear what lies ahead If He is by our side, Nor wander from the pathway If He will be our guide.

The Sinless One from heaven came
To dwell with us on earth,
He sought and bought us with His blood
And offered us new birth.

Now as we travel through this year He knows the things He's planned, So let us trust and know just this -Our times are in His hands.

By Megan Carter

A New Year's Resolution Prayer Following in His Footsteps

Almighty, eternal, just and merciful God, grant us the desire to do only what pleases you, and the strength to do only what you command. Cleanse our souls, enlighten our minds, and inflame our hearts with your Holy Spirit, that we may follow in the footsteps of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

St Francis of Assisi 1182 – 1226

Most popular Bible Stories

No. 1 ~ The Feeding of the 5000 (Matthew 13:13-21)

This month sees the start a new series on Scripture Union's Top Ten Must Know Stories. These were voted by parents and teachers as the most important Bible stories to share with the next generation. We begin with the feeding of the 5000, a story found in all four gospels and telling us important truths about Jesus and our relationship with Him.

Jesus and His disciples were confronted with a huge crowd (at least 10,000 including the women and children) in a lonely place with no food! When the disciples suggested that He send them away, Jesus challenged them: 'you give them something to eat' (v.16). When we see the spiritual needs of own community, Jesus challenges us with the same words! So how do we respond?

Look with compassion: 'When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, He had compassion on them' (v.14). Do we see people in the same way, as those in all kinds of need, often lacking meaning and purpose in their lives? Unless we feel the needs as Jesus did, we cannot respond to those we meet at work, school, or in our community.

Respond in obedience: The disciples simply offered what they had to Jesus: 'Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, He gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.' (v.19)

When meeting the needs of others we simply offer to Jesus what we have, however insignificant it may seem, for Him to multiply to feed the crowd. He will use our plans, skills, time and energy. However, it is often only when we come to the end of ourselves, that God's power can be released through us.





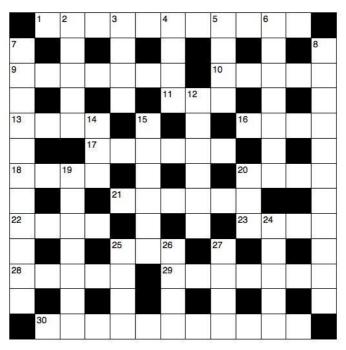
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Association of Church Editors monthly edition of "Ideas Forum"

January 2016 Crossword

(The Bible version used in these crosswords is the NIV.)



ACROSS

- 1 Paul said the wrath of God 'is being revealed from heaven' against this (Romans 1:18) (11)
- 9 Go smite (anag.) (7)
- 10 'But I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee' (Matthew 26:32) (5)
- 11 'Take and —; this is my body' (Matthew 26:26) (3)
- 13 Type (2 Thessalonians 2:10) (4)
- 16 'Woe to those who iniquity' (Micah 2:1) (4)
- 17 'How shall we if we ignore such a great salvation?' (Hebrews 2:3) (6)
- 18 Opposite of evens (4)
- 20 Previously cited (Latin) (4)
- 21 'There is surely — of God in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife' (Genesis 20:11) (2,4)

- 22 The Thessalonians were warned to keep away from every brother who was this (2 Thessalonians 3:6) (4)
- 23 Beat (anag.) (4)
- 25 To trouble or afflict (Job 16:3) (3)
- 28 Part of a roof (1 Kings 7:9) (5)
- 29 Attain (Job 5:12) (7)
- 30 Insect noted for its gymnastic ability (Psalm 78:46) (11)

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- 2 Smell (John 11:39) (5)
- 3 Lion's home (Jeremiah 25:38) (4)
- 4 'Jesus Christ is the yesterday and today and for ever' (Hebrews 13:8) (4)
- 5 Tidy (4)
- 6 Made their home (Genesis 47:27) (7)
- 7 Their task was to carry the curtains of the tabernacle (Numbers 4:25–26) (11)
- 8 Timothy's was called Lois (2 Timothy 1:5) (11)
- 12 The Lover likened the fragrance of the Beloved's breath to these (Song of Songs 7:8) (6)
- 14 Times Educational Supplement (1,1,1)
- 15 Eight-tentacled sea creatures (6)
- 19 'And lead us not into temptation, but us from the evil one' (Matthew 6:13) (7)
- 20 D.L. Moody's legendary song leader, D. Sankey (3)
- 24 Rarely used musical note (5)
- 25 'Your will be done on earth it in heaven' (Matthew 6:10) (2,2)
- 26 and 27 'The Lord Almighty will them with a , as when he struck down Midian at the rock of Oreb' (Isaiah 10:26) (4,4)
- 27 See 26 Down



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A Quiz for January 2016

In January the Church celebrates the naming of Jesus, the Epiphany, and the baptism of Jesus. And so our quiz this month is based on Matthew 2 and Luke 2 & 3.

Questions

- 1. Who said that Jesus should be called Jesus?
- 2. Which two people welcomed the infant Jesus at the Temple?
- 3. What would Jesus be to the Jews?
- 4. What would Jesus be to the Gentiles?
- 5. Whom did the wise men upset when they arrived in Jerusalem?
- 6. What three gifts did the wise men bring to Jesus?
- 7. How did the angel warn Joseph?
- 8. Where did Joseph take Mary and Jesus, to keep them safe?
- 9. In which body of water was Jesus baptised?
- 10. Who baptised him?
- 11. What happened when the heavens opened?
- 12. What did the voice say?

(Answers at the bottom of the page)

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Observations on Christian life and faith:

If we are taken up with our own personal needs, or if we are looking for position and status in the church, we shall be of little use to God. - David Watson

We are not always doing the most business for God when we are the busiest. - John Henry Jowett

Answers to the quiz above

- 1. The angel
- 2. Simeon & Anna
- 3. Many would fall, and many would rise because of him.
- 4. A light for revelation.
- 5. Herod
- 6. Gold, frankincense & myrrh

- 7. In a dream
- 8. Egypt
- 9. Jordan
- 10. John
- 11. A dove descended
- 12. You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.

Time for a Smile

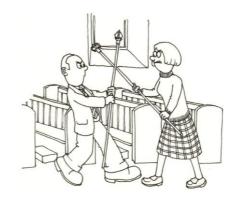
Cold Ministry

Two missionaries were comparing notes about their work in the arctic settlements of Siberia. "It was so cold where we were," boasted one, "that the candle froze during our church service and we couldn't blow it out."

"That's nothing," said the other.
"Where we were it was so cold
that my sermons came out in
chunks of ice and the
congregation had to thaw them
to see what I was talking about."



"The Vicar's New Year Resolution is to attract more people by implementing a less formal approach to church-going."



In a tradition dating back to 1977, the churchwardens re-enacted "Star Wars"

The Puppy

A clergyman was walking down the street when he came upon a group of about a dozen boys, surrounding a small puppy. Concerned lest the boys were hurting it, he went to investigate. One boy explained, "We just found this puppy, and we all want him. So we've decided that whichever one of us can tell the biggest lie will get to take him home."

The minister was taken aback. "Don't you boys know it's a sin to lie? Why, when I was your age, I never told a lie." There was dead silence for a moment. The minister thought he had got through to them.

Then the smallest boy gave a deep sigh and said, "All right, give him the dog."

Come and Join Us! Everyone is Welcome!

Regular Church Hall Activities

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	Organisation
4th Monday	2:15 - 4:15pm	Mothers' Union
	Evening	Zumba Class
Tuesday	6:00 – 8:15pm	Beavers & Cubs (Term-Time only)
Wadaaaday	From 10:30am	Church Coffee Morning
Wednesday	8:00 - 9:00pm	Zumba Dancing
Thursday	6:15 – 7:30pm	Family Service
Friday	5:00 - 9:00pm	Rainbows, Brownies & Guides (Term-Time only)

Other Regular Church Activities

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	Where
1st Saturday	8:00-9:00am	Prayer Breakfast	In the Shop

St. Paul's Fundraising Shop

(Woodlands Road)

Opening Hours

Monday to Saturday 10:00am until 4:30pm.



Volunteers are needed. If you can help in any way please contact Trisha Godley on 01253 732253.

Ansdell and Fairhaven St. Paul Church Services

Sunday

8:30am Holy Communion (BCP)
10:30am Parish Eucharist (CW)
4:00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Wednesday

10:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Thursday

6:15pm Thursday Service

(A service for the younger members of our church, including songs, Bible Stories, prayers and activities.)

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(BCP ~Book of Common Prayer; CW ~ Common Worship)

<u>'Parish Surgery'</u> ~ If you wish to arrange a baptism or a wedding; make a hall booking; or to discuss matters of concern, you are welcome to attend either of the following surgeries:

Tuesday ~ 4:30-5:30pm at St. Paul's Fund Raising Shop **Wednesday** ~ 9:00-9:30am at the Parish Office

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Requests for Weddings, Baptisms, etc.

Anyone wishing to arrange a wedding or baptism or perhaps to make an appointment on another matter, please:

- visit our website and complete/submit the form available;
- attend one of our parish surgeries (listed above)
- speak to one of the churchwardens;
- ring or email the parish office;

All relevant contact details are provided elsewhere.

Please note that baptisms may be accommodated at any of our services with the main options being:

- during the Sunday morning 10.30 service;
- a separate family service at 12 noon on a Sunday; or
- at the Family Service on Thursday at 6.15pm.

Dates for Your Diary January 2016

Saturday 2nd Men's Prayer Breakfast

8:15am ~ in the Shop

Friday 8th Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

1st meeting of 2016

5 – 9pm in the Church Hall

Tuesday 12th Beavers & Cubs

1st meeting of 2016

6 - 8:30pm in the Church Hall

Wednesday 20th Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service

7:30pm in the Church

Saturday 23rd Table Top Sale for Week of Prayer

10am – 1pm at The Well Church (Baptist)

Sunday 24th Patronal Festival Jacob's Join

In the Church Hall after the 10:30am Service

Monday 25th Mothers' Union AGM

2:15pm ~ in the Church Hall

Sunday 31st Songs of Praise

10:30am ~ in Church

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FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Thursday 25th February at 7:30pm Guest Speaker ~ Mr John Boe

(More details on p. 5)

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ARTICLES FOR THE FEBRUARY PNE

If you have an article for inclusion in the February PNE, please make sure that I have it by **Friday 15th January**Thank you.

Janet Kimber

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For more information about our Weekly Services and Activities please see pages 18 and 19