

Weekly Pew Sheet for the benefice of Newport and Carisbrooke with Gatcombe



Sunday 3rd March 2024 - Third Sunday of Lent

Welcome to our benefice! If you are visiting one of our churches for the first time, please introduce yourself to us!

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Collect; Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING; John 2: 13-22

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John
Glory to you, O Lord

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said

this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

Post communion: Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

What's on in our parish?

Play Café: The Minster's new Tots and Toddlers Group is open to all pre-schoolers and their parent/carers every Tuesday morning in the Parish Centre 10.30am-noon.

Parson's Pantry: Wednesday mornings, 10-12 noon in Carisbrooke Church Hall. Come and enjoy a chat over tea, coffee and cake. All welcome.

St. John's Midweek Service: takes place on Wednesday at 11am. This week the service is **Morning Prayer**.

Singing for Fun: Join us to sing some of your favourite songs from over the decades. Every Wednesday at 7pm in the Newport Parish Centre.

Friday Café 10am-12.30pm: Everyone is very welcome to join us every Friday for hot drinks, biscuits and company in Newport Parish Centre. On the last Friday of every month Debbie from the Living Well and Early Help team will be available for advice, information and signposting.

Lent Course: Our Lent course will be running soon using the book 'Meeting God in Mark' by Rowan Williams (order via Waterstones/online bookstores, priced up to £10). There will be the following house groups running:

- Mon 4th, 11th & 18th March @ 7pm at the Parish Centre Conference Room, led by Steph Taylor.
- Tues 5th, 12th & 19th March @ 10am at Pete & Ethne's house. 5 Goldcrest Close, Newport.
- Tues 5th, 12th & 19th March @ 2pm at Anne & Peter Hewitt's house, led by Richard Smout. 84 Clatterford Rd, Carisbrooke.
- Fri 8th, 15th & 22nd March @ 2pm, led by Steve Brett-Hill (venue to be confirmed).

Please do come along to the group that suits you. Just make sure you buy a copy of the book before you go!

Volunteering: The first training session will be held on Saturday 16th March at The Parish Centre starting at 2.30pm. You can call Hannah on 821961 or call into the Parish Centre if you would like more information or just to chat about what is happening and how you might be able to help us. You will need to complete an application form before the training session.

Easter Chocolate Tombola: At the Parish Centre after the service on Sunday, 17th March. We would be grateful for donations of anything chocolate.

Monthly Prayer Meeting: The monthly prayer meetings will continue but on the 3rd Tuesday of every month starting in March. The next dates will be as follows - March 19th at the home of Steve & Marian Brett-Hill (14 Mount Pleasant Road, Newport, PO30 1EU), then April 16th at the home of Peter & Ethne Whitlock (5 Goldcrest Close, Carisbrooke, PO30 5FX).

Knitting Chicks: We are knitting chicks to stuff with a small Easter egg for the Food Bank to be delivered to your church/Parish Centre by Easter.

Spring Talk: After our series of talks last autumn we are pleased to announce we have another talk planned for 26th March at 7pm with Gary Newman from The Commonwealth War Grave Commission. Bookings being taken now, please contact admin@cofeheartofwight.org or Vicky 01983 821961.

On Maundy Thursday (March 28th): St Olave's are holding a Lenten Soup Supper at 6pm, to be followed by a Holy Communion Service. All are very welcome, but it would be helpful to know if you are coming to the supper so that we don't run out of soup. Please contact Jill Webster (jill.webster@outlook.com or ring 01983 721483).

We need you!: Our APCM will be on Tuesday 14th May at 7pm in the Minster. There are several vacancies across the parish that need to be filled this year including PCC vacancies, Churchwarden vacancies at St John's, Newport Minster and St Olave's, Treasurer for the Parish, Treasurer for St Olave's, PCC Secretary for the parish. Please do consider whether you would be able to fill one of these much needed roles across the parish.