

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



Sunday 5th October 2025 - Stewardship/Generosity

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; Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING; 2 Corinthians 8: 1-15

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia, for during a severe ordeal of affliction their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the favour of partnering in this ministry to the saints, and not as we expected. Instead, they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am, by mentioning the eagerness of others, testing the genuineness of your love. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my opinion: it is beneficial for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something. Now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. For I do not mean that there should be relief for others and hardship for you, but it is a question of equality between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may also supply your need, in order that there may be equality. As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING; Luke 21: 1-4

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

He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them, for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."

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

Post communion prayer; Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

What's on in our parish?

Morning Prayer at The Minster: Monday-Thursday at 8.30am. All welcome.

The Minster Knitters group: Will be meeting every Monday, 11am-12.30pm in the Minster Café. All are welcome to come along for a knit/crochet and a natter with Ruth.

Play café: Has spaces available for pre-school children at the Minster on Tuesday mornings from 10.30am-noon. Play café will be open during the school holidays, older siblings are welcome.

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

Alpha at Newport Minster: Join us on Wednesday's for our new Alpha courses: Morning Alpha: 10:30am-12:00pm or Evening Alpha: 7:00pm-9:00pm. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore life, faith, and meaning. Each week we look at a different question about the Christian faith, watch a short video, and share an open conversation in a relaxed setting. It is a great opportunity to meet new people, enjoy coffee (and pastries in the morning or puddings in the evening), and ask the big questions of life. Free and open to all. If you would like to attend please email: Joe Shurmer joseph.shurmer@cofeheartofwight.org

St John's coffee morning: Every Wednesday morning 10.30am in St. John's Church Hall, open to all.

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

St. John's Lunch Club: Every Wed, 11.45am-1pm in St John's Church Hall. £4.50 per person. To book a place, please contact lead, Di Hayman on 07901 553674.

Minster Memory Café: Autumn Timetable is now out and can be found at the back of church for anyone who might enjoy coming along or wanting to find out more.

Food Bank: At St. John's Church Hall from 2-4pm every Wed and Fri afternoon.

Singing for Fun: In the Parish Centre, Wednesday evening at 7pm. All welcome.

Harvest Festival donations in aid of IW Foodbank - Sunday 5th-12th October: We invite all to donate what you can from the list of 'most in need' items for those in need. Visit the Minster to find out more and donate. Cash & Card donations welcome.

Harvest Free 'Long Table' Lunch - Monday-Friday 6th-10th October: Serving freshly made soup, Grace's Bakery bread and dessert kindly donated by our sponsors. Join us weekdays between 12-2pm to eat or help with service.

Harvest Murder Mystery on Saturday 11th October 6.30-10pm: It's back and the party to die for! Join us as a detective or be a character at 'Harvest Murder at Dead Man's Saloon', fancy dress encouraged, £12 per person including a light supper. Tickets available from Janet/Debbie or email:

admin@cofeheartofwight.org

Quiet Retreat Day - "Ask for the ancient paths": 11th October, 10.30-16.30.

Venue: Verbum Dei Retreat Centre, Nunnery Lane, Carisbrooke, PO30 1YR. A light lunch is provided by the community. Please bring a Bible and notebook. The cost is £20. For more information, and to book a place, contact details are to Patricia Yandell on patriciam-c@hotmail.co.uk or mobile 07835 948435.

The Minster: Will be closed 13th October for the Law Service.

Friends of Carisbrooke Church: WANTED....WANTEDWANTED

Pre-loved and nearly new clothes of all shapes and sizes. Childrens, Mens, Babies, Womens! We are collecting items for our sale to be held on Saturday, 18th October from 10.00-12.00 in the Church Hall. Clothing can be brought to Parson's Pantry on Wednesday mornings or contact us by emailing:

friendsofcarisbrookechurch@hotmail.com or ringing Allan on 825539 or text Peter on 07919 096838 to arrange collection.

Choir at St. George's, Arreton: St John's Choir led the annual Victory over Japan Service anniversary at St George's Arreton in the presence of the Lord Lieutenant and the High Sheriff on the 15th August. The Choir, conducted by Jo Dover, sang the anthem "Brother, Sister let me serve you". John Matthews played the organ. This year is the 80th anniversary and it is unlikely that the same service will be held in the future.

Thank you! - A huge thank you to all those who came and supported our Coffee Morning which took place at the Minster on Friday 26th September in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. We raised **£284.80** which was fantastic! This has now been paid over to Macmillan to support the incredible work that the charity does.