

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



Sunday 30th November 2025 - Advent Sunday

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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Advent Wreath Prayer: Lord Jesus, light of the world, born in David's city of Bethlehem, born like him to be a king: be born in our hearts at Christmas, be King of our lives today. **Amen.**

Collect; Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

FIRST READING; Romans 13: 11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING; Matthew 24: 26-44

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

So, if they say to you, 'Look! He is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look! He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the eagles will gather.

"Immediately after the suffering of those days
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;
the stars will fall from heaven,
and the powers of heaven will be shaken."

"Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see 'the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven' with power and great glory. And he will send

out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.”

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.”

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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

Post communion prayer; O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

What's on in our parish?

Informal Evening Service: There will not be an evening service at the Minster this Sunday. We are having a contemporary Christmas Carol Service next Sunday 7th December at 6.30pm. Come early to enjoy mince pies and non-alcoholic mulled wine and community before we begin. All are welcome — we'd love to see you there!

Morning Prayer at The Minster: Monday-Friday 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.

Parson's Pantry: Wednesday mornings, 10-12 noon in Carisbrooke Church Hall. 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.

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 Di Hayman on 07901 553674.

Minster Memory Café: Winter 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.

Minster Volunteers: We need your help! We have a lot of events and services coming up in Newport Minster over the Christmas period and we need a few more helpers to help welcome guests. Would you be able to volunteer and spare a few hours over the Christmas period to help? If so please speak to a member of the clergy, email cec@cofeheartofwight.org or phone 01983 559257.

Darkness to Light Service: Sunday 30th November at 6.30pm. One service will be held at St. John's and the other at St. Mary's.

Christmas Coffee Morning at Chillerton Village Hall: On Saturday December 6th from 10am until noon. Lots of delicious cake and festivities to enjoy.

Saturday 6th December: Christmas Coffee Morning and Sale at Carisbrooke Church Hall from 10.00-12.00. Organised by Friends of Carisbrooke Church. Homemade cakes, Raffle, Gifts, Books and Tombola. Come and join us!! Donations of homemade cakes and Tombola prizes gratefully received. Contact Peter or Allan.

The Royal Foundation Christmas Carol Service: Will be happening on Friday 12th December at 6pm in Newport Minster. This will be a fun-filled Carol service that we will be hosting on behalf of the Lord Lieutenant. All welcome to come along.

Christmas service leaflets: Are now available at the back of church - please do take one for yourself and also some to invite friends and family. It would be lovely to see our churches full over the Christmas season.