

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



Sunday 21st December 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

*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, blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news; blessed is Mary, your mother and ours. Bless your Church preparing for Christmas; and bless us your children, who long for your coming. **Amen.**

**Collect;** Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING; Romans 1: 1-7**

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the gentiles for the sake of his name, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**This is the word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God**

## **GOSPEL READING; Matthew 1: 18-25**

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

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

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

**Post communion prayer;** Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## What's on in our parish?

**Informal Evening Service:** Our informal evening service will be back at Newport Minster on 11<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm where we will be praying for the year ahead. All are welcome – we'd love to see you there!

**The Minster Knitters group:** Will be meeting again on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 11am-12.30pm in the Minster Café. All are welcome to come along for a knit/crochet and a natter with Ruth.

**St. John's Midweek Service:** There are no services during the Christmas Break. The next service will be Morning Prayer on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January at 11am.

**St. John's Lunch Club:** Will be back on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January, 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:** Will be back on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

**The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS):** Is a simple and secure way for churches to receive gifts by Direct Debit, credit and debit cards, Apple and Google Pay. Your generosity enriches the life of our church in our community - so thank you for all that you can donate. Donations can be made through PGS for both regular and one-off donations. With your permission, we are also able to reclaim the Gift Aid for our church. If you would like to donate via PGS please speak to a church warden or your PGS administrator.