

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



Sunday 4th January 2026 - Epiphany

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; Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING; Ephesians 3: 1-12

This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you gentiles, for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING; Matthew 2: 1-12

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

Post communion prayer; Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, 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 11th 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, 5th 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: The next service will be Morning Prayer on Wednesday, 14th January at 11am.

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

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