

# 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**

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—

Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

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**

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
    are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for out of you will come a ruler  
    who will shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

**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 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:** 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.

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