

## St. John's News and Prayers, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January

### Third Sunday of Epiphany Welcome to Everyone

Please see the Parish News too.

### 9.30a.m. Service of the Word

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 9.30a.m. Chatterbox Mother and Toddler Group

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January. 11a.m. St. John's Midweek Service:  
Morning Prayer

### Alpha

The Alpha Course has begun. You are invited to St John's every Tuesday at 7.30p.m.

Alpha at St John's is a welcoming, 10-week journey exploring life, faith, and meaning through short films and open conversation.

Contact [Joseph.Shurmer@cofeheartofwight.org](mailto:Joseph.Shurmer@cofeheartofwight.org)

### Items most needed by the Foodbank in January

Fruit Juice, Bottles of Squash, Bags / Packets of Rice, Tinned Fruit, Baked Beans, Coffee, Tinned Potatoes / Instant Mash Shaving Gel / Foam, Deodorant, Washing up Liquid

### Information from Andy and Marian, our churchwardens

### NOTICEBOARDS

Please remember to read the new noticeboards at the back of the church.

Also, there is a newer wheelchair available at the back of the church.

### BANNERS

We, as churchwardens, would like to hear from anyone who could look after the banners. This would include keeping them in good order, changing them when the seasons change, (this would take 2 or 3 people), We have dates and information etc. about which banners need to be rotated.

Also, would anyone be interested in making a new banner.

### ROMANS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT - FELIX

Antoninus Felix was appointed Governor of Judea in AD 52. His entire 8 year rule was chaotic and cruel, treating the Jews with great brutality. He was an immoral man seducing Drusilla, daughter of King Herod Agrippa 1 from her husband. He was also very greedy accepting bribes in great quantities.

Paul was sent to him from Jerusalem. He was manifestly not guilty, but Felix held him in custody for two years, hoping he would receive a payment from him to be released, which Paul refused to do.

One redeeming feature perhaps; he seems genuinely interested in Paul's teachings and listened to him on a number of occasions, without however changing his ways. Something in him must have been stirred by Paul's message.

Felix was recalled to Rome in disgrace in AD 60 but escaped any punishment.

John Matthews

### St. John's Prayers

- Pray for all who work so hard in our Parish.
- For the family and friends of all those who have died recently, especially our Jennie Ives.
- Give thanks that Edna's son- in- law, Mark, is now back at work.
- For all those who are unwell and their families.
- For all those working in St. Mary's, and all those in our NHS.
- For all those working and volunteering in our Hospice and the patients.
- For all care workers and all those they take care of.
- For the work of our Foodbank.
- For all those at school and college.
- For all social workers and those families with which they are working.
- For the work of our local council and all our public service workers.
- For those worried and affected by local landslips and road works.
- For our Government and Parliament.
- For attitudes of tolerance, fairness and understanding in our country and the wider world.

- For our new Archbishop of Canterbury.
- For Leaders to work together to combat the effects of Climate Change and for all of us to play our part.
- For all those around the world affected by climate change, drought, famine and disease. especially those in East Africa and Sudan.
- For all Relief Agencies in their work around the world and especially, at this time in Palestine.
- For conflict to stop in the Middle East and for all those suffering there.
- For world leaders to work together for just and lasting peace in all parts of the world, especially for Ukraine, Sudan, Iran, Venezuela and Greenland.
- For those affected by rail and road accidents, especially those in Spain.
- For swift, sympathetic approaches to refugees.
- For Christians to work together in unity.

**Safe from Harm.** We take safeguarding seriously. Before working with children or adults at risk in this church, volunteers will have provided references, completed DAB checks and agreed to follow CofE practice, for keeping children or adults at risk, safe. St. John's Safeguarding Officer is Peter Whitlock. Contact him on 07881 950284,

email [safeguarding@cofeheartofwight.org](mailto:safeguarding@cofeheartofwight.org)

**Contact details for St John's Church, St John's Road, Newport, PO30 1LN.**

**Please now phone the Parish Centre directly on 01983 821961 and messages will be forwarded to St. John's.**

email: [stjohnadmin@cofeheartofwight.org](mailto:stjohnadmin@cofeheartofwight.org)

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Please email [lizstjohn@gmail.com](mailto:lizstjohn@gmail.com) by **Thursday,**

**12.00, for inclusion in our next newsletter.**

You may send items for the next Parish Pew News directly to

[admin@cofeheartofwight.org](mailto:admin@cofeheartofwight.org) by **Wednesday at 12.00** for inclusion in the next edition.

Many Thanks,

Liz