

St. John's News and Prayers, Sunday 1st February

Candlemass

Welcome to Everyone

Please see the Parish News too,

9.30a.m. Holy Communion

Monday 2nd February 9.30a.m. Chatterbox Mother and Toddler Group

Wednesday 4th February 11a.m. St. John's Midweek Service:
Holy Communion

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

EASTER FAIR 2026 – A message from Jane

Hello everyone, our Easter Fair will be held on March 28th 10.00 until 2.00 in the Hall.

There will be Stalls, Refreshments and Light Lunches, Raffle and an Easter Activity for Children.

Please will you support this event by coming on the day and, as usual, I will be putting a box at the back of the church for any donations of Easter chocolate, bottles or any gifts you would like to pass on to us. I appreciate the price of chocolate has risen in the last year and eggs are smaller, but anything is welcome.

ROMANS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT- PORCIUS FESTUS

Porcius Festus was the Governor of Judea from AD 60 to AD 62. He appears to have died in office. Unlike the corrupt Felix, Festus was an honest man with no understanding of spiritual matters but anxious to forge a better relationship with the Jews. He was really a blunt, rough soldier. Impressed by Paul, he treated him fairly.

Paul, frustrated by his continual imprisonment, appealed to Caesar invoking his right as a Roman citizen. Festus was bound to send him to Rome, but he had no idea on what charge. Consulting the last of the Herods, Herod Agrippa 11, King only in name of the small principality of Chalcis, they jointly examine Paul. Festus has such little understanding of the issues that at one point in exasperation he tells Paul he is mad, caused by too much learning! At the end of the proceedings Festus and Agrippa declare Paul innocent of any charge, but they are forced to send him to Rome.

Again, Festus shows many of the best qualities in Roman officers that we find in the New Testament - an honest decent man with no concept of God.

JOHN MATTHEWS

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.

▫ **St. John's Prayers**

- 11th February at 11a.m.
- Pray for all who work so hard in our Parish.
- 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 those who work in our Emergency Services.
- 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, flooding 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 swift, sympathetic approaches to refugees.
- For Christians to work together in unity.

Please note this information from Graham.

ONLINE DONATIONS

Every donation to St Johns Church helps us to continue inspiring, supporting and serving our community. You can donate at any time by scanning the QR code below.



As a registered charity, we can claim further 25% of the value of your donation from HMRC. If you are eligible to, please fill in a Gift Aid Envelope or scan the QR code. St Johns Church is part of the Parish of Newport and Carisbrooke and is a registered Charity, number 1170906

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

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

Website: www.stjohnsnewport.org

Facebook: stjohnschurchnewportisleofwight. *Wifi password* – subject

Please email 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 by **Wednesday at 12.00** for inclusion in the next edition. Thank you, Liz