

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



Sunday 25th January 2026 - Third Sunday of 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; God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING; 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ."

Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? I thank God that I did not baptise any of you except Crispus and Gaius, so no one can say that you were baptised in my name. (Yes, I also baptised the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptised anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

GOSPEL READING; Matthew 4:12-23

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

When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.”

From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

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

Post communion prayer; Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

What's on in our parish?

Morning Prayer at The Minster: Monday-Friday at 8.30am. All welcome.

Informal Sunday Evening Service: Our informal evening service will be at Newport Minster at 6.30pm. All are welcome – we'd love to see you there!

The Minster Knitters group: Meeting on Mondays, 11am-12.30pm in the Minster Café. All are welcome to come along for a knit/crochet and a natter with Ruth.

Play café: Has spaces available for pre-school children at the Minster on Tuesday mornings from 10.30am-noon. Play café will be open during the school holidays, older siblings are welcome.

Parson's Pantry: Wednesday mornings, 10-12 noon in Carisbrooke Church Hall. Enjoy a chat over tea, coffee and cake. All welcome.

St. John's Midweek Service: Takes place on Wednesday at 11am. This week the service is Morning Prayer.

St. John's Lunch Club: Wednesday, 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, 2-4pm every Wed and Fri.

Singing for Fun: Wednesday at 7pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

Alpha Course at St. John's Church: Join us on Alpha a 10 week course exploring life and faith. Every Tuesday at 7.30pm. Email joseph.shurmer@cofeheartofwight.org to sign up.

Island Church Celebration: Friday, 30 January at 7.30pm, doors open at 7pm, Cowes Enterprise College. An evening of worship and teaching with Pete Greig - founder of 24-7 Prayer. Everyone welcome.