

**St. John's News and Prayers, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

**Epiphany**

**Welcome to Everyone, Happy New Year!**

**Please see the Parish News too,**

**9.30a.m. Holy Communion**

**Chatterbox Mother and Toddler Group will begin again on Monday January 5<sup>th</sup> at 9.30a.m.**

**St. John's Midweek services will begin again on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January.**

**Information from Andy and Marian, our churchwardens**

**NOTICEBOARDS**

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

The Minutes of our most recent DCC meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> November are available to read there too.

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?



**17th January**  
7pm till 9pm

St John's Church Hall Newport

To help fundraise for  
Naomi Hallam  
to attend the  
World Scout Jamboree in 2027

**£2 per book**  
**Or**  
**£10 for 6 book**  
5 games per book

Isle of Wight Scout Council: Registered Charity Number: 302138

**Gallio**

Gallio is the very high-ranking Pro-consul at Achia before whom Paul is brought into court at Corinth during his 2nd missionary journey on charges against the Mosaic Law. He hears the complaint from the Jewish leader Sosthenes, but before Paul can begin his defence, Gallio intervenes and dismisses the case. He has rightly surmised it is a religious dispute in which the Roman Law has no jurisdiction and being a man of justice and integrity, he sends Paul away from the court. Sosthenes is then beaten in the court, but Gallio is indifferent and does not intervene. It is known that Gallio, (his full name is Lucius Junius Gallio Amaenus) was Pro-consul during the years 51-52 A.D. He returned to Rome for health reasons. He became Consul of Rome in 55 A.D. and was a prominent member of the Roman Senate being the brother of the great Roman philosopher, Seneca. He was forced to commit suicide by Nero in 65 A.D. when he was about 70 years of age. In no way a religiously inclined man and certainly not interested in the Jewish God, Gallio is an example of Roman justice at its best. John Matthews

### **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**

### **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.
- 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 having a New Year Break and especially those travelling.
- 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 and Sudan.
- 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.**

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Please email [liztstjohn@gmail.com](mailto:liztstjohn@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, 7<sup>th</sup> January for inclusion in the next edition.

Many Thanks,  
Liz