

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



Sunday 1st February 2026 - Candlemas

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; Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. **Amen.**

FIRST READING; Hebrews 2: 14-end

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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

GOSPEL READING; Luke 2: 22-40

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

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.”

The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

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

Post communion prayer; Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; 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 Holy Communion.

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.

Ash Wednesday Services: Wednesday 18th February, 11am at St. Johns and 6.30pm at Newport Minster.

The coat of hopes - afternoon of Tuesday 17th & all day Wednesday

18th Feb Newport Minster: The coat of hopes is a patchwork coat on an ongoing walking pilgrimage through the UK highlighting climate change. It has been made by and worn and walked by many hundreds of people on a journey of over 190 miles so far. The coat will be joining us on its pilgrimage walking from St. Helens on the afternoon of Tuesday 17th February to Newport Minster. It will be available to look at on Tuesday afternoon and all day Wednesday 18th February before continuing on its pilgrimage on the island during February. Please do come and have a look and pray for all those involved in the pilgrimage on the island.