

# 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, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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 their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word,  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favour of God was upon 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](mailto:joseph.shurmer@cofeheartofwight.org) to sign up.

**Ash Wednesday Services:** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.