

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



Sunday 8th February 2026 - Second Sunday before Lent

*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;** Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING; Romans 8: 18-25**

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labour, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

## **GOSPEL READING; Matthew 6: 25-end**

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

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

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

**Post communion prayer;** God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour’s cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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](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.