

St. John's News and Prayers, Sunday 8th February
Second Sunday before Lent
Welcome to Everyone

Please see the Parish News too,

9.30a.m. All Age Service

Monday 9th February 9.30a.m. Chatterbox Mother and Toddler Group

Wednesday 11th February 11a.m. Celebration of Life Service for our dear Jennie Ives

Alpha

The Alpha Course has begun. You are invited to St John's every Tuesday at 7.30p.m.

Alpha at St John's is a welcoming, 10-week journey exploring life, faith, and meaning through short films and open conversation.

Contact Joseph.Shurmer@cofeheartofwight.org

Join our Fun Quiz led by Angela on 21 Feb 2026, 7 p.m.

£2 per person and teams of 4 (we can help you find a team if you'd like us to).

Refreshments at half time.

EASTER FAIR 2026 – A message from Jane

Hello everyone, our Easter Fair will be held on March 28th 10.00 until 2.00 in the Hall.

There will be Stalls, Refreshments and Light Lunches, Raffle and an Easter Activity for Children.

Please will you support this event by coming on the day and, as usual, I will be putting a box at the back of the church for any donations of Easter chocolate, bottles or any gifts you would like to pass on to us. I appreciate the price of chocolate has risen in the last year and eggs are smaller, but anything is welcome.

FEBRUARY: Items most needed for the Foodbank and a message.
Tinned Soup, Tinned Tomatoes, Rice Puddings, Bottles of Squash, Bags/Packets of Rice, Tea and Coffee, Jams and Spreads Razors and Shaving Gel, Shampoo, Male and Female Deodorant.

January has been busy, on top of December when we fed over 1000 people, which was one of our busiest months in the 15 years we have been here. There is an article in the Isle of Wight Beacon about our Foodbank and the 2025 Report is displayed on our noticeboard in St. John's.

ROMANS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT – Julius the Centurion

Julius the Centurion is the officer commanding the guard escorting Paul and other prisoners on a long journey from Caesarea to Rome. From the beginning he treats Paul kindly - allowing him no doubt on parole, the opportunity to visit friends in Sidon, one of the early stops on the way. He listens to Paul who to some extent takes over the conduct of the ship until its wreck on the coast of Malta. To prevent prisoners escaping, the guard prepare to kill them just as the ship founders, but Julius intervenes and so saves Paul's life. Julius then delivers up his charges in Rome, and we hear no more of him.

Julius is yet another example of the disciplined Army officer honest and straightforward. Whilst there is no suggestion that he becomes a believer himself, his long contact with Paul certainly has a great influence over him.
JOHN MATTHEWS

Information from Andy and Marian, our churchwardens

NOTICEBOARDS

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

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

ONLINE DONATIONS

Every donation to St Johns Church helps us to continue inspiring, supporting and serving our community. You can donate at any time by scanning the QR code below.



As a registered charity, we can claim further 25% of the value of your donation from HMRC. If you are eligible to, please fill in a Gift Aid Envelope or scan the QR code. St Johns Church is part of the Parish of Newport and Carisbrooke and is a registered Charity, number 1170906

Please note this information from Graham

St. John's Prayers

- For the family and friends of all those who have died recently, especially our Jennie Ives.
- For all who work so hard in our Parish.
- For Edna's son- in- law, Mark and his family as they cope with appointments, cancellations and the changes that may result after his accident.
- For all those who are unwell and their families.
- For all those working in St. Mary's, and all those in our NHS.
- For those who work in our Emergency Services.
- 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 at school and college.
- 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, flooding and road works.
- 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, Sudan, Iran, Venezuela and Greenland.
- 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

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.

email: stjohnadmin@cofeheartofwight.org

Website: www.stjohnsnewport.org

Facebook: [stjohnschurchnewportisleofwight](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnschurchnewportisleofwight). *Wifi password* – subject

Please email lizstjohn@gmail.com by **WEDNESDAY 12.00, THIS WEEK, PLEASE**

NOTE, for inclusion in our next newsletter.

You may send items for the next Parish Pew News directly to

admin@cofeheartofwight.org by **Wednesday at 12.00** for inclusion in the next edition. Thank you, Liz