

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



Sunday 22nd February 2026 - First Sunday of 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; Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING; Romans 5: 12-19

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING; Matthew 4: 1-11

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

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’ ”

Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’ ”

Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

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

Post communion prayer; Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

What's on in our parish?

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.

St. John's Midweek Service: Takes place on Wednesday at 11am. This week the service is Morning Prayer.

Jammin' Session: starts on **Wednesday 25th February, bi-weekly, 5:30-6:30pm, at St. John's Church Hall.** This is an open, relaxed space to gather, play, worship, and grow together – whether you're confident, curious, or just starting out. The whole parish is very welcome, and it's going to be a great time of connection, learning, and worship together. To sign up please contact joseph.shurmer@cofeheartofwight.org

Our Lent Course: will be looking at Growing Good. Course will be Thursday 26th Feb - Thursday 26th March at 7pm at St. John's Church Hall. The Growing Good toolkit is designed to help you and your church to connect the dots between social action, discipleship and growth. Each session includes questions to get you thinking, Bible passages, a short film and lots of time for open discussion. Each session starts at 7pm with refreshments. It would be lovely to see you there. If you are interested in attending please email emma.cooksey@cofeheartofwight.org

Island Day of Prayer - Wight Church Network: The Wight Church Network invites churches and individuals from across the Isle of Wight to gather for an Island Day of Prayer at True Vine Church on Friday 28th February, from 10:00am-4:00pm. Throughout the day, we will pray for every part of the Island, with worship and prayer focused on different regions and communities. You are welcome to come for the whole day or join for a portion, as we seek God together for unity, renewal, and transformation across the Isle of Wight. All are welcome.

An Evening with Ruth Valerio: Monday 2nd March, 7-9pm at Carisbrooke Priory. Ruth Valerio is an environmentalist and theologian, social activist and author - ruthvalerio.net. She is giving a talk on "How to Survive a World in Crisis". Free entry, donations encouraged. For enquiries and bookings please email creationmattersx@gmail.com.