

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 our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

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 drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?”

“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

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 Wednesday Service, 11a.m. This week the Service is a special Celebration of Life for Jennie Ives, a friend and very valued member of the congregation.

St. John's Lunch Club: Wednesday, 11.45am-1pm in St John's Church Hall. £4.50 per person. This will not be running on 11th February. In future 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 it's 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 it's 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.