

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 came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience 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 up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

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

Jesus said to him, "Again it is 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 glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’ ”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:creationmattersx@gmail.com).