

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



Sunday 15th March 2026 - Mothering Sunday

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; God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING; Colossians 3: 12-17

Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING; Luke 2: 33-35

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

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too."

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

Post communion prayer; Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

What's on in our parish?

Worship and Prayer Sunday Evening Service: Our informal evening service will be at Newport Minster. Doors open at 6:00pm for coffee and biscuits, with the evening starting at 6:30pm. All are welcome – we'd love to see you there!

Morning Prayer at The Minster: Monday-Friday at 8.30am. All welcome.

Stations of the Cross: Mondays in Lent. 6pm-6:40pm approximately at St. Mary's church, Carisbrooke.

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

Jammin' Session: The next one will be on Wednesday 25th March, 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 continue on Thursday 19th-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

Palm Sunday: Each church will be holding its own Palm Sunday service this year. St. Mary's will be starting at the castle at 10am and processing with the donkeys down to St. Mary's for 10:30am. St. John's will have a service at 9:30am. Newport Minster and St. Olaves will be having a service at 11am. All are welcome to attend.

Electoral roll: The electoral roll will be revised before the Annual Parochial Church meeting on 28th April 2026. If you wish to be included on the roll, please complete the requisite form and return it to Ruth Chambers at the Parish Centre by 31st March 2026. Forms are available at the back of the church.

Parish Centre Car Park: The Parish Centre car park is getting very congested particularly on Sunday mornings. This is a reminder that permit holders only are permitted to use the Parish Centre car park. Permits are restricted to the times you are working/volunteering for the Parish and shouldn't be used ad hoc. e.g. If you are a cafe volunteer on Tuesday mornings, then the permit applies for this time only and does **not** include Sunday mornings. The permit restrictions apply at all times (including evenings) as hall hirers also hire spaces in the car park as part of their hire agreement. Thanks Rev. Chris.