

**St. John's News and Prayers, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**  
**Welcome to Everyone**  
**Please see the Parish News too,**

**9.30a.m. Holy Communion**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 9.30a.m. Chatterbox Mother and Toddler**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 11a.m. Morning Prayer**

**Alpha**

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](mailto:Joseph.Shurmer@cofeheartofwight.org)

**Save the Dates:**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Book and Cake Fair 2p.m.**

Could we please have a plentiful supply of home-made cakes, if possible, brought to the Hall after 1.p.m. The event is in aid of 2020Vision. Thank you.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Coffee Morning 10a.m. -12.**

**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.

**Paul Gustar's funeral** will be at The Minster on Monday 23rd March 2026 at 12.00 midday with a gathering after at The Minster. There will be a private committal at the crematorium for family only. Marian

**Please remember the Foodbank Lent Appeal**  
**Give a Little – Change a Lot**

The Foodbank is particularly asking for donations of the following six items:

- Tinned Soup, Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned Tomatoes, Potatoes  
Tea or Coffee, Easter Eggs

While everyday food essentials are always needed, Easter Eggs are especially important at this time of year, helping ensure children supported by the Foodbank can still enjoy a treat at Easter.

**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 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.

**St. John's Prayers**

- For the family and friends of all those who have died recently, especially our Jennie Ives and Paul Gustar.
- 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 our Government and Parliament.
- 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 an end to the escalated conflict happening 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 and Iran.
- For swift, sympathetic approaches to refugees.
- For Christians to work together in unity.

**Please note this information from Graham.**

## **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

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:stjohnadmin@cofeheartofwight.org)**

**Website: [www.stjohnsnewport.org](http://www.stjohnsnewport.org)**

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

**Please email [lizstjohn@gmail.com](mailto:lizstjohn@gmail.com) this week by WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> March, 12.00 for inclusion in our next newsletter.**

You may send items for the next Parish Pew News directly to [admin@cofeheartofwight.org](mailto:admin@cofeheartofwight.org) by **Wednesday at 12.00** for inclusion in the next edition. Thank you, Liz