

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



**Sunday 29th March 2026 - Palm 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;** True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen.

**Some of our congregations will be following the Passion narrative in services today (Matthew 26.14-end of 27). The other set readings for Palm Sunday are as follows:**

**FIRST READING; Philippians 2: 5-11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he existed in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be grasped,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly  
and gave him the name  
that is above every other name,  
so that at the name given to Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## **GOSPEL READING; Matthew 21: 1-11**

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

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

“Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

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

**Post communion prayer;** Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **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!

**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 in Holy Week.

**Holy Week & Easter:** We have the following services coming up for Holy Week & Easter:-

Maundy Thursday (2nd April): 6pm meal followed by a reflective Holy Communion service at 7pm in the Minster

Good Friday (3rd April): 10am Reflective service at St Mary's  
12 midday: Newport Walk of Witness starting at The Church of the Double Portion  
2pm Hour at the Cross Reflective service at Newport Minster  
7pm Stainer's Crucifixion at St John's.  
Performed by St John's Choir and Guests

Easter Day (5th April): 6am Dawn service at St Olave's  
8am Holy Communion at St Mary's  
9:30am Holy Communion at St Mary's & St John's  
11am Holy Communion at Newport Minster & St Olave's

You would be welcome to come to all of our Holy Week & Easter services - it would be lovely to see you there.

**Thank you:** A huge thank you to everyone for their kind words, gifts, hugs and smiles to send me on my way. I will miss you all so much. Until next time. Love Hannah.

**Electoral roll:** The electoral roll will be revised before the Annual Parochial Church meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> 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.