

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



Sunday 8th March 2026 - ~Third 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;** Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING; Romans 5: 1-11**

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

**GOSPEL READING; John 4: 5-42**

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

So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this

water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.” “I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.” “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.” “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.” The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?” Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.” Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?” “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labour.” Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we

have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world.”

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

**Post communion prayer;** Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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 approx. at St. Mary's church.

**St. John's Midweek Service:** Morning Prayer on Wednesday at 11am.

**Jammin' Session:** The next one will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 continue on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> 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)

**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.

**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.