

**St. John's News and Prayers, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

**Mothering Sunday**

**Welcome to Everyone**

**Please see the Parish News too.**

**9.30a.m. All Age Service**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 9.30a.m. Chatterbox Mother and Toddler**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 11a.m. Holy Communion**

**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)

**Future Dates:**

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

**EASTER FAIR 2026 – Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> 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 contributing donations of Easter chocolate, bottles or gifts to the box at the back of the church. I appreciate the price of chocolate has risen in the last year and eggs are smaller, but anything is welcome. Thank you, Jane

**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 and needs for March**

Tinned Vegetables, Baked Beans, Tinned Meat, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Fish, Rice Puddings, and Easter Eggs for, children plus Toothbrushes, Shampoo, Male & Female Deodorant and Washing Up Liquid

**PIANO IN THE HALL**

The new piano in the Hall is a most generous gift to the Church from St. Cross Residential Home. We are most appreciative. A generous donation was made by a member of the congregation which covers the cost of transport of the piano and other incidental expenses. Again, we are most appreciative.

John Matthews

**DCC Snippets from our recent meeting**

- St. John's may elect 3 members to the PCC in April.
- A Questionnaire will be presented to our Congregation, hopefully, just before Easter, to learn what everyone thinks about the way forward for us as a church.
- Marian is looking into the possibility of having a Defibrillator on our church site.
- We are hoping to renew our Pew Bibles with the New International Version. If you would like to donate a Bible or give towards the cost, please see Marian.
- A new updated Lectern Bible has been donated.
- Graham is looking after our finances and these are on an upward trend, so thank you. However, there have been expenses for repairs to the church boiler, hall radiator and our waterpipes.
- Graham would like an assistant to come forward to help in the actual payment of bills.
- The next form has been sent to the Diocese for the Faculty to replace the church doors. An application may now be made for grant funding.
- The hall is very much in demand as a venue and the fees help with our finances, although costs for heating, lighting and care are substantial.
- Chatterbox and the Never Alone Youth Group continue to be popular. However, we need to work on the way forward for

our Junior Church. Our children are very welcome in all our church services.

- Our Choir, with other choirs, will present The Crucifixion on Good Friday, 7p.m., April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Non-alcoholic wine is to be offered in Holy Communion.
- Christian Aid Week will be held from 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May.

### St. John's Prayers

We have focused on shortened list. Please send your prayer requests for the St. John's Pew News to [lizstjohn@gmail.com](mailto:lizstjohn@gmail.com).

- For the family and friends of all those who have died recently, especially our Jennie Ives and Paul Gustar.
- 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, especially Andy
- For all those in care, their families and carers.
- For all those working for our NHS, Emergency Services and in the Hospice.
- For an end to the escalated conflict happening in the Middle East and for all those suffering there.
- 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.**

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

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Please email [lizstjohn@gmail.com](mailto:lizstjohn@gmail.com) this week by Thursday, 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