

# Parish News

Weekly Pew Sheet for the benefice of Newport and Carisbrooke with Gatcombe  
*To know Jesus and to make him known*

Welcome to our benefice! If you are visiting one of our churches for the first time, please introduce yourself to us!



## **Verse for the week**

'For in Him we live and move and have our being'

**Acts 17: 28a**

## **Thought for the week**

Dear Friends,

Today, Jesus, just hours before his betrayal, offers the prospect of life for those who believe in Him. "Because I live, you all will live." How will we use that extraordinary gift? With Walk the Wight and Christian Aid Week upon us, we may choose to reflect God's generosity in material ways, but this generosity is also shown in how we spend our time, listen to others, and pray for them. As we wait for Christ's Ascension we remember Christ's words, "Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves Me."

Richard

**Collect;**

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING; Acts 17: 22-31**

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said,  
“Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’”

“Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he

has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL READING; John 14: 15-21**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John

**Glory to you, O Lord**

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.”

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Post communion prayer;**

God our Father,

whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:

may we thirst for you,

the spring of life and source of goodness,

through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## What's on in our parish?

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

**Lunch club:** Would you like company and friendship over lunch? If yes, you would be welcome to come along to the Lunch Club at St John's Church Hall on Wednesdays 11- 1. Two course meal for £4.50. Contact Di on 07901 553674

**Alpha is continuing this term at Carisbrooke Church Hall!:** Join us every Wednesday from **1:00–2:30pm**, for a relaxed space to explore life, faith, and meaning. Each session includes a **free lunch**, a short **video**, and open conversation where no question is off limits. Everyone is welcome.

**Christian Aid Week: 10th-16th May:** Envelopes available in church, or donations can be made on-line. All support gratefully received. Thank you to Tim Thorne for organising the Christian Aid Quiz last weekend, and to all who supported the event, raising just over £125 plus Gift Aid.

**Benefice Ascension Communion service:** There will be a joint Holy Communion service for Ascension on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 11am in Newport Minster. All are welcome to attend.

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