

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

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away."

Matthew 13: 24-25

Thought for the week

Hello friends,

In this week's gospel reading, Jesus is once more helping us to reflect upon the good seed, that is the word of God. But this week he is guiding us to always hold true to that perspective, even when times are difficult. We know we live in a broken world. A world that so often feels full of anger and frustration. But within the Kingdom of God, life is so very different. Despite the challenges that life brings, our faith informs our own integrity and helps us to realise the hope that the Kingdom of God brings. As we reflect upon our readings, may we this week be reminded of the promises and the hope that life in the Kingdom of God brings us all.

With love, Revd Steve xx

Collect;

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING; Life of Moses: Exodus 3: 16-17, 4:1-17

"Go and assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, has appeared to me, saying: I have given heed to you and to what has been done to you in Egypt. I declare that I will bring you up out of the misery of Egypt, to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, a land flowing with milk and honey.'"

Then Moses answered, "But look, they may not believe me or listen to me but say, 'The Lord did not appear to you.' " The Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A staff." And he said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw the staff on the ground, and it became a snake, and Moses drew back from it. Then the Lord said to Moses, "Reach out your hand and seize it by the tail"—so he reached out his hand and grasped it, and it became a staff in his hand— "so that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you."

Again, the Lord said to him, "Put your hand inside your cloak." He put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, his hand was diseased, as white as snow. Then God said, "Put your hand back into your cloak"—so he put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored like the rest of his body— "If they will not believe you or heed the first sign, they may believe the second sign. If they will not believe even these two signs or listen to you, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground, and the water that you shall take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground."

But Moses said to the Lord, "O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." Then the Lord said to him, "Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak." But he said, "O my Lord, please send someone else." Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and he said, "What of your brother Aaron, the Levite? I know that he can speak well; even now he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you his heart will be glad. You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you what you shall do. He indeed shall speak for you to the people; he shall serve as a mouth for you,

and you shall serve as God for him. Take in your hand this staff, with which you shall perform the signs.”

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING; Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

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

Glory to you, O Lord

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Post communion prayer;

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

What's on in our parish?

Worship and Prayer Sunday Evening Service: Sunday evening – doors open at 6pm at the Minster for coffee, with the evening starting at 6:30pm. All are welcome – we would love to see you there!

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

Songs of Praise service: On Sunday 30th August, St. John's church at 9.30am - we are planning a benefice Songs of Praise service. If you have a favourite hymn or song then do please email Revd Emma (emma.cooksey@cofeheartofwight.org) with your favourite & we will try to include as many as we can. We are also looking for a few volunteers to be able to share their favourite hymn & why it is your favourite with the congregation e.g. perhaps it was important when you were going through a difficult time in your life or was important in your faith journey - if you would be interested then please do let Emma know.

Confirmation: Are you interested in being confirmed? If you would like more information then please speak to one of the clergy team. The Confirmation service is on Saturday 12th September at 6pm in Newport Minster.

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