

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

'Moses listened...'

Exodus 18: 24

Thought for the week

Moses' job was to be a listener. He listened to God so he could give the people God's instructions and he listened to the people so he could take their problems to God. But there were so many people it was overwhelming. When Jethro saw that he had some practical advice and Moses listened, then acted on it. We are called to be listeners too, but in a world full of noise it can be hard to hear what any one is saying. Just as Moses listened to Jethro so we need to listen, really listen to others and to God. Why not have a go this week when you talk to others and also take time to listen to God when you read your Bible. You never know what good advice you might hear.

Best wishes,

Ethne

Collect;

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING; Life of Moses: Exodus 18: 1, 13-27

Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses's father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for his people Israel, how the Lord had brought Israel out of Egypt.

The next day Moses sat as judge for the people, while the people stood around him from morning until evening. When Moses's father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, while all the people stand around you from morning until evening?" Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God. When they have a dispute, they come to me, and I decide between one person and another, and I make known to them the statutes and instructions of God." Moses's father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good. You will surely wear yourself out, both you and these people with you, for the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone. Now listen to me. I will give you counsel, and God be with you! You should represent the people before God and bring their cases to God. Teach them the statutes and instructions and make known to them the way they are to go and the things they are to do. You should also look for able men among all the people, men who fear God, are trustworthy, and hate dishonest gain; set them as officers over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens. Let them sit as judges for the people at all times; let them bring every important case to you but decide every minor case themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. If you do this and God so commands you, then you will be able to endure, and all these people will go to their homes in peace."

So Moses listened to his father-in-law and did all that he had said. Moses chose able men from all Israel and appointed them as heads over the people, as officers over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens. And they judged the people at all times; hard cases they brought to Moses, but any minor case they decided themselves. Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went off to his own country.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING; Matthew 14: 22-33

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Post communion prayer;

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

What's on in our parish?

Sunday Beach Worship & Prayer Night: Yaverland Beach, 9 August and Totland Bay, 23 August from 5.30pm. Come along, all are welcome! We look forward to spending time together on the beach as we worship together and share food together. Bring a picnic — and maybe a little extra to share with others too. If the weather looks unsettled, we'll make a decision the day before via Facebook on whether to go ahead or cancel, so keep an eye on our page.

St. John's Midweek Service: There will be no mid-week service during August.

Benefice Songs of Praise service: Sunday 30th August, St. John's church at 9.30am. If you have a favourite hymn or song then do please email Revd Emma (emma.cooksey@cofeheartofwight.org) or sign up on the sheet at the back of church with your favourite by 16th August & we will try to include as many as we can.

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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