

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

"All things come from you, and of your own do we give you"

1 Chronicles 29 v14 (adapted as offertory prayer)

Thought for the week

Today's Old Testament passage may ring bells. The words of David's prayer, as he receives the gifts of Israel's leaders for a new temple, are still used today when we place our own offerings on the altar. That's an astonishing span of 3000 years of giving thanks to God in the same time-honoured fashion. We are invited to consider how we might respond to God's grace: that generous, unmerited, care for humanity so freely given. We are asked to have the humility to accept with joy and gratitude what we cannot deserve, and think about what that means for us, and for how we live our lives.

Best wishes Richard

Collect;

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING; 1 Chronicles 29: 10-18

Then David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly; David said, "Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Riches and honour come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name."

"But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. For we are aliens and transients before you, as were all our ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. I know, my God, that you search the heart and take pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people who are present here offering freely and joyously to you. O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our ancestors, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SECOND READING; 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

“He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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Thanks be to God

Post communion prayer;

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

What's on in our parish?

Sunday 13th September: St Mary's Church hall at 1pm - Goodbye to Steve - there will be a bring and share lunch. All are welcome to come along.

Worship and Prayer Sunday Evening Service: Returns Sunday evening, 13th September – 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!

The Barnabas Way: Would you like to join in the Barnabas Way, a Year of Encouragement? There will be sessions on Thursday evening throughout the year looking at the Bible course, Acts: The Church in the making, and the Cloud of Witnesses. There will be a taster session on Thursday 17th September at St. John's Church Hall at 7:30pm - come with any questions; leave with no obligation. All are welcome to attend. To register please contact admin@cofeheartofwight.org

Jazz Eucharist: Sunday 20th September 11am Benefice service at Newport Minster - please come along to listen to some Jazz and worship together. This will also be the last service for Steve and Emma. All are welcome.

Choral Evensong: The Choir supported by the Choirs of the Minster and St Mary's Carisbrooke will present a full Choral Evensong Service in St. John's on Sunday 27th September at 5pm. All welcome to attend.

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