

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 said to them, "I am the bread of life".

John 6: 35

Thought for the week

Bread gives us nourishment and strength. In the same way, Christ gives us what we need spiritually when we feel uncertain, empty, or afraid of what lies ahead. This week has been my last week in this parish – a week of finishing off tasks and saying my goodbyes to the people and communities that I love – it really has felt like a week of blessings even though it is always bittersweet when we say goodbye. Leaving can be difficult because it means stepping away from what is familiar and comfortable. Yet, in every departure, we are reminded that we cannot hold on to everything forever. We must trust God as we move into something new.

As we leave places, people, or seasons of our lives, we can carry with us the assurance that Jesus does not leave us. He remains our source of strength and hope. We may not know exactly where the road will lead, but we can trust the God who walks with us.

Best wishes Emma

FIRST READING; 'I am' Series: Exodus 16: 2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.' " And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.' "

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it

was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING; John 6: 35, 41-51

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

What's on in our parish?

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

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 is still time to come to the first session on 24th September, 7:30pm at The Vicarage. Speak to Rev. Chris for further details. 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 are welcome to attend.

Worship and Prayer Sunday Evening Service: Returns Sunday evening, 27th 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!

Harvest: Sunday, 4th October we will be collecting for Feeding Isle of Wight and The Food Bank. Most needed items are: tinned fruit, soup, puddings, coffee, rice puddings, tinned meat meals, female deodorant, shaving gel/foam, laundry tablets/powder and shampoo.

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