

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

'The Levites read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read.'

Nehemiah 8:8 NIV

Thought for the week

This Sunday is Bible Sunday so we're taking a break from the 'I Am' series to think about the Bible. It's a collection of 66 books of stories, poems, history, letters and prophecy written by a range of people from kings to shepherds. It can be studied just like Shakespeare or any other book. But it's much more than that, it's God's living word to us today, a library of books God has given us to guide, instruct, encourage and, at times, correct us. Some bits are easy to understand but for others we need help, just as the people in Nehemiah's time did. Today that comes in many ways but the one thing we need most of all is to pick the Bible up, read it for ourselves and hear God speak to us through it. Why not give it a try this week? Mark's Gospel is a good place to start. Ask God to help you understand before you read and listen to what God is saying as you read. If you get stuck ask someone about it. Then let's celebrate like the people in Nehemiah 8:12 as we hear God speak through his word to us.

Best wishes Ethne

Collect;

Merciful God,

Teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING; Nehemiah 8: 1-4a, 5-6, 8-12

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So, they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING; Matthew 24: 30-35

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

Glory to you, O Lord

"Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see 'the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven' with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Post communion prayer;

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and forever.

Amen.

What's on in our parish?

St. John's Midweek Service: Wednesday at 11am, this week is Morning Prayer.

Morning Prayer: Please note that Morning Prayer at Newport Minster is no longer taking place.

The Barnabas Way: There is still time to join on a Thursday Evening at 7.00pm at St John's Hall and it's okay to miss a session or two. Speak to Rev. Chris for further details. All are welcome.

Worship and Prayer Sunday Evening Service: 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!

Memorial Service: Sunday 1st November, 2pm, Newport Minster. All are invited to our memorial service to remember and give thanks for loved ones who have died, no matter how long ago. During the service names of loved ones will be read out, if you would like your loved ones name included, please write their names on the sheet at the back of church.

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