

# 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 Lord's My Shepherd, I'll not want"  
Psalm 23 (Scottish Psalter, 1650)



## Thought for the week

This week, we come to the best known of all the "I Am" verses as Jesus declares "I Am the Good Shepherd: I know my sheep and my sheep know me". At the heart of this passage is the assurance of God's love for his people, and a sense of the deep trust that has been built up between shepherd and flock. The flock follow, knowing that Jesus' love is so great that he is prepared to lay down his life for them, and with a deep sense that he will lead them into safety, to the places where "sheep may safely graze". The work is incomplete. There are others who need to be brought into the flock so that "there shall be one flock and one shepherd." Today we give thanks to where Christ leads us, not forgetting Emma and Steve as they are licensed to their new parishes, today and on Tuesday. All the time we need to be asking ourselves who else needs to be offered the opportunity to follow Christ, and how do we come together as one flock, giving thanks for the Good Shepherd who transforms our lives. Best wishes, Richard

**Collect;**

God, our light and our salvation:

illuminate our lives,

that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,

and looking on your beauty

may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING; 'I am' Series: Ezekiel 34: 11-16**

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **GOSPEL READING; John 10 v 11- 16**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord**

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. "

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

### **Post communion prayer;**

God our Father,  
whose Son, the light unfailing,  
has come from heaven to deliver the world  
from the darkness of ignorance:  
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding  
that we may know the way of life,  
and walk in it without stumbling;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## What's on in our parish?

**St. John's Midweek Service:** Wednesday at 11am, this week is Holy Communion.

**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 7.30pm 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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