Sunday 15th November 2026
– Second Sunday before Advent
"The Way, the Truth, the Life"

Parish of Newport and Carisbrooke with Gatcombe

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 answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'

John 14:6

Thought for the week

When I was a teenager I went on a package holiday to Italy. Our Italian guide spoke very good English but every time we stopped to visit an archaeological site he said, 'Please pass through me to collect your tickets.' We tried to correct him but it didn't work. What was bad English for our guide is very good English for Jesus for, as he says to his disciples, the only way to the Father is through him. It is only through faith that Jesus' death has paid the price for our sins that we gain eternal life and a new relationship with God. In a world full of fake news this is not only good news but true. The question is do we believe it?

Best wishes Ethne

Collect;
Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING; 'I am' series: Deuteronomy 30: 11-20
"Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe."

"See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING; John 14: 1-7
Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John
Glory to you, O Lord

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Post communion prayer;
Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

What's on in our parish?

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

4pm Service - Sunday 15th November: Our new service at 4pm, starts this Sunday, particularly aimed at those who might be busy on a Sunday morning and are looking for a relaxed, family friendly service. We are looking forward to beginning together and seeing it grow. All are welcome.

Worship and Prayer Sunday Evening Service: Back on today at 6.30pm in the Minster. Join us from 6pm for refreshments.

Remembrance: A big thank you to everyone who supported our Remembrance services across the parish.

Advent & Christmas Services: Keep an eye out over the next week or so for more information about our Advent & Christmas Services across the parish.

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