

St. John's News and Prayers for 19th March

Please see the Parish News too.

9.30a.m. Mothering Sunday All Age Service

9.30a.m. Monday 20th March: Chatterbox in our hall

Wednesday 22nd March: 11a.m. Holy Communion

Saturday 25th March: EASTER FAIR, 10a.m. -2p.m.

Please support the Fair and remember to bring your donations for the Chocolate Tombola, Bottle Stall and Gift Stall.

EASTER LILIES

Mentioned many times in the Bible, the white lily symbolizes purity, re-birth, new beginnings and hope and is most often associated with the resurrection of Jesus Christ. If you would like to remember a loved one this Easter by giving a small donation towards having these beautiful flowers in our church this Easter please speak to Jane or Pete. Thank you.

St John's Church Choir and friends sing

'Olivet to Calvary'

(Maunder)

Good Friday

7th April 7pm

St John's Church,
Newport

Tenor soloist: Nathan Stubbings
Baritone soloist: Aaron Briggs
Organist: Martin Dover
Conductor: Jo Dover



EASTER PARTY

Kitchen roll inners needed for the Easter party (April 8th). Please could you save any kitchen roll inners you have (not toilet roll inners, we need the long ones) and let me have them for the Easter party. Thank you. Ethne

CORONATION: STREET PARTY

As part of the Drake Road community we have been invited to join the Drake Road Coronation Street Party on Sunday 7th May (probably 12 noon to 4pm but this could change). Drake Road will be closed and there will be games, competitions and other entertainment. The church hall is being used for refreshments. The residents are setting up a group to help arrange the event and if you're interested please let someone know by either dropping a note through the door of 1 Drake Road or on the Drake Road Community Facebook Page (as members of St John's Church we can join the page). We will need numbers for catering nearer the time. Ethne

BILL STOCKING

Bill Stocking died during the last week. He and his wife, Carol, and their 3 children, David, Jeremy and Mandy, joined St John's in 1977. Bill, Carol and Mandy joined the Choir in 1978 with Bill in the bass line and Carol in the soprano line. Bill and Carol remained at St John's until about 1995, when they left the island and spent many years touring Europe in their mobile home. They eventually returned to the Island and settled at Godshell. Bill originally was a greengrocer living in the Midlands but became a Prison Officer at Parkhurst eventually serving in the Prison Hospital. Bill was a genial larger-than-life character and a man of great kindness. John Matthews

SKITTLES

Before Covid, the Men's Group of St John's met the Men's Group of Newport Methodist Church twice a year for a contest of Skittles at the Methodist Hall. Neither Church now has a functioning Men's Group. However I have recently discussed with Bill at the Methodist Church. the idea of reviving Skittles and a notice has now appeared in that Church's Newsletter. We are thinking of a Friday evening in March or April (more likely April). We used to field 2 teams of about 6. Any

man or boy (with parent's permission) interested , please speak to me. John Matthews

Winter Warm Hubs - run from 10am to 12.30pm and are free

Monday - St Mary's Hall from November 2nd

Wednesday - St Mary's Hall, Parson's Pantry

Friday - Parish Centre

FILL THE BOTTLE FOR CHURCH FUNDS

The Church has been given a monster Bell's Whisky bottle(Sadly empty) It will be on display in the Hall after every morning service and at our social and fundraising events. The Bottle is incredibly thirsty! Please slake its thirst regularly with loose change and those annoying little coins that cannot buy anything on their own. From time to time Graham will empty the Bottle and the amounts he finds will be donated to Church funds. Thank you, John Matthews.

St. John's Prayers

- For the aftermath of the earthquake affecting Turkey and Syria
- For the appointment of a new Team Leader for the Parish.
- For a second churchwarden to come forward for St. John's.
- For Les Snow, Peter's wife Wendy as she awaits treatment, Harry's mum in Northern Ireland, Jean, Margaret, Dot and Lawrence, Paul and Mary, Barry and Sally and all those who are unwell.
- For all those working in St. Mary's, and all other hospitals at this time.
- For all social workers and those families with which they are working.
- For all teachers and support staff in our schools.
- For the work of our PCC, DCC and '2020' plans.
- For the work of our Government, our local council and all our public service workers
- For those struggling to afford the huge increase in energy and food bills. For those living in inadequate homes which suffer from damp and mould.
- For Leaders to work together to combat the effects of Climate Change and for all of us to play our part.
- For all those around the world affected by drought, famine and disease, especially those in East Africa, being supported by Christian Aid.
- For all places in the world where there is conflict and danger and we think especially of the Ukraine, Iran, Israel, Palestine and Myanmar (Burma)

- For swift, sympathetic approaches to refugees, those who need to seek asylum and those who applying for visas.
- For Christians to work together in unity.

To add a prayer need or join the prayer chain contact Marian, (526632,) marianbretthill@yahoo.co.uk

Safe from Harm. We take safeguarding seriously. Before working with children or adults at risk in this church, volunteers will have provided references, completed DAB checks and agreed to follow CofE practice, for keeping children or adults at risk, safe. St. John's Safeguarding Officer is Peter Whitlock. Contact him on 07881 950284, email safeguarding@cofeheartofwight.org
Contact details for St John's Church, St John's Road, Newport, PO30 1LN. Please now phone the Parish Centre directly on 01983 821961 and messages will be forwarded to St. John's.

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by Thursday, 11a.m. for inclusion in the next St. John's News and Prayers.

You may send items for the Parish Pew News directly to

admin@cofeheartofwight.org by Wednesday at 12.00 for inclusion in that week's edition. Many thanks, Liz

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