

Weekly Pew Sheet for the benefice of Newport and Carisbrooke with Gatcombe



Sunday 19th November 2023 - Second Sunday before Advent

Welcome to our benefice! If you are visiting one of our churches for the first time, please introduce yourself to us!

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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; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a

breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING; Matthew 25: 14-30

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord

“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’ His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’ His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’ His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit

with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.’ ‘So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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?

Verbum Dei Community Mid-week Pre-Advent Retreat Day:

Living Faith on the Margins: Mary - Woman of God

Wednesday 22nd November 2023 10.00am-3.45pm. Venue: Verbum Dei Catholic Retreat Centre, Nunnery Lane, Carisbrooke. Please bring a Bible, notebook, and pen. Coffee at 10.00, a light lunch will be provided, the day ends with tea and cake. Cost suggested donation £15. To book a place or for more information contact Patricia Yandell on 07835948435 or Sr Margarida on 07970083252.

St. John's Midweek Service: takes place on Wednesday at 11am. This week the service is **Morning Prayer**.

Singing for Fun: Join Anna to sing some of your favourite songs from over the decades. Every Wednesday at 7pm in the Newport Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome.

Friday Café Extra 10am - 12.30pm: On Friday, 24th November we have a member from the Living Well Team coming along to Friday Café offering information and advice. Everyone is welcome to come along and please bring friends and neighbours if you think it would be helpful. Drop into Newport Parish Centre, for tea and company.

St. John's Angel and Star Festival, 24th and 25th November:

Contributions are needed please for the Angel and Star Festival:

1 - A bought or handmade Angel or Star, made out of anything, any size, or a painting/picture/poem, etc. that can be displayed in St. John's church over Festival dates. They will be illuminated on the Friday

evening when people will be invited to come along and see them, whilst listening to relaxing music and left up on display on the Saturday whilst the Christmas Fair is going on. If you wish, you can have a donation box with it for your church/charity. Contributions can be dropped off at St. John's church on the morning of Friday 24th (between 10-12), please put your name on the back so that it can safely be returned and let us know if you need help with transportation.

2 - There will also be a cake competition for adults, which must be Angel themed (either 6 cupcakes or 1 large cake) and a biscuit competition for children, which must be Star themed (6 biscuits). Prizes will be given!! These can be dropped off at the church on the morning of Saturday 25th (at 10am). Please e-mail familyrolf@googlemail.com for further info.

Saturday 25th November: 7pm St Andrew's Evening at the Parish Centre. Broth, pudding, table quiz and musical entertainment for only £10. Contact Janet.

Chocolate Tombola: We are holding a Chocolate Tombola on Sunday 26th November after the Service at the Parish Centre. All donations welcome.

Prayer evenings: To pray about mission, vision and discernment for this parish. All are welcome to attend. Prayer evening will be on Tuesday 12th December and Tuesday 16th January 7-8pm at Sarah's vicarage (72A Medina Avenue).

Carols in the Square: on Saturday 16th December at 4.30pm.