



# St John's Pew News

Sharing Christ with others

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

**Sunday morning recorded service for St. John's, St. Mary's and St. Olave's**

It will be streamed on the church Facebook page at 9.30am on Sunday morning.

(<https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsChurchNewportIsleOfWight/>) and also available on the front page of our website ([www.stjohnsnewport.org](http://www.stjohnsnewport.org)) in the Facebook Feed. Services can be viewed at the time of the service or later.

There is now a Facebook page for the whole Parish. You can find it at <https://www.facebook.com/CofENewport/>

**8.00pm St John's Bible Study on Zoom (Please ask for details if you would like to join).**

**Tea@3 Zoom Meetings on Monday- Friday. Please contact Hannah for joining details or see weekly email.**

**The Lent Course has started on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 10.30a.m. and 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7p.m. on Zoom. Please register with Hannah on [Hannah.barraclough@cofenewportandcarisbrooke.org](mailto:Hannah.barraclough@cofenewportandcarisbrooke.org)**

Please send any items for the Pew News to the administrator by 6p.m. on Thursday.

**This week please pray:**

- For all those working in St. Mary's, and all other hospitals at this time.
- For all those working on the roll out of the Covid Vaccines.
- For those suffering from Covid or other illness and their families, who have been self-isolating.
- Those unable to visit loved ones.
- For Jo in hospital in Southampton and all her family
- For Dot and Lawrence, Avril, Paul and Mary, Barry and Sally, Brenda from Lunch club, Kizzie and Jim Baker and all those who we know personally.
- For the families of Rev. Richard Steel and Joyce Truscott.
- For all who are having to manage schools and online learning.
- For all school aged children and university or college students who are finding life to be challenging.

- For all key workers and those on the frontline, delivering services.
- Give thanks for all those who are volunteering to support others.
- Pray for our Parish, that we may continue to work together in unity.
- For all places in the world where there is conflict and danger.
- For David and Heather Sharland in Uganda.

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

## **Collect for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Heavenly Father,  
 your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
 and grew closer to you in the desert:  
 help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer  
 that we may witness to your saving love  
 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Readings: Genesis 9:8-17, God's Covenant with Noah**

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: <sup>9</sup>"I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth."

<sup>12</sup>And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: <sup>13</sup>I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life.

<sup>16</sup>Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."

<sup>17</sup>So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."

## Mark 1:9-15, The Baptism and Testing of Jesus

<sup>9</sup> At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

<sup>12</sup> At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, <sup>13</sup> and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted<sup>1</sup> by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

Jesus Announces the Good News

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

**A message from Harry Walker:**

**Love Russia is launching a Lent appeal. Donate the cost of a meal on behalf of the vulnerable in Russia.**

**Further details at Donate a Plate on their website [loverussia.org](http://loverussia.org)**

**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, [peter.whitlock@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.whitlock@btinternet.com)**

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**Bookings** - please contact the Administrator