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St John's Church email

24th January, 2021

Third Sunday of Epiphany

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Dear Church Family,

Another week under our belts in lockdown. This one certainly feels a bit relentless. I wonder whether we have got anything we are particularly looking forward to? Maybe it is just to cuddling your grandchildren again, or meeting up with friends for dinner or to belly laugh again at some hilarity or other. It certainly feels like there is a lack of hilarity at the moment! I am getting a dog at the end of February, so be ready to give him lots of cuddles if you see us out and about!

There are a few things parish-wise for your information:

- **Lent Course** – I know lent feels so far into the future and we barely know what is happening tomorrow, let alone next month! We are hosting two sessions, one on Tuesday mornings (beginning 16th Feb at 10.30) and one on Thursday evenings (beginning 18th Feb at 7pm) which will last until Easter. We will be exploring a book together called 'Living His Story' which will explore themes of evangelism. It will be very laid back and light hearted. Please do be in touch with me on Hannah.barraclough@cofenewportandcarisbrooke.org if you would like to take part.
- **Lent Devotions** – As we explore our stories of faith during the lent course during February and March, various faces from across the parish will be sharing a very short 2 minute video entitled 'what my faith means to me'. If you feel like you might be able to offer a very short snapshot of your faith which will be published on social media, do also be in touch. If you would like to simply send a written reflection that would be great too. Please again be in touch above
- **Tea @ 3** – we would like to be able to host a space across the parish for a drop in tea at 3. This will be on Zoom. It is a space for you to bring a cup of tea and a biscuit and have a chat with anyone else who drops in. It will happen Monday-Friday on St John's zoom and will begin on Monday 25th January.
- **Please ask for joining details.**

If you know of anyone else who might want to join, please do invite them.

As always, you are welcome to continue to worship with us on Sunday mornings at 9.30 on the St John's & St Mary's facebook pages. I know that it maybe doesn't really feel like Church at the moment, and we painfully miss the physical presence of one another. I certainly miss the cups of tea and chats after the service. However, the daffodils are starting to poke their heads through the wet and cold earth, a promise that there is hope and joy and laughter to come.

Lots of love to you all

Do be in touch if I can do anything to help

Love

Hannah

[Lent Course Poster](#)

Lent Devotions Banner

Service Sheet for Sunday - Epiphany 3 Holy Communion

Sunday morning recorded service at St John's will be streamed to our church Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsChurchNewportIsleOfWight/>) and also available on the front page of our website (www.stjohnsnewport.org) in the Facebook Feed. Services can be viewed at the time of the service at 9.30 am or later.

Please see the websites of The Minster, St. Mary's and St. Olave's for current information .

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If you prefer to join in with other services online, on the TV or radio here are a few -

- 8.10 Radio 4 Sunday Worship
- 9.00 Church of England Service on Facebook, Youtube and Church of England website
- 9.00 Diocesan Service streamed on the Diocesan website
- 13.15 BBC1 Songs of Praise

Please tell anyone you know who does not have internet access about the services on the television and radio and also about the free dial-in worship phone line from the Church of England called Daily Hope. The number is 0800 804 8044 and it offers hymns, prayers and reflections 24 hours a day.

[Pew News 24th January, 2021](#)



Zoom Bible Study

8.00pm Sundays

Please ask administrators for joining details.

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