



St John's Pew News

Sharing Christ with others

Sunday 24th January 2021, 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

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) 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).

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

A message from Jane Salter:

Yesterday we heard the sad news that a very loyal member of our past congregation had passed away. Joyce Truscott who was 93 came regularly to services and joined in with the life of the church before becoming frailer and moving into residential care, she will be remembered by many of the older members of St John's. We hold Lyn and Alan Thompson and their family in our thoughts as they mourn the passing of Lyn's mum.

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 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 family of 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 those suffering from flooding and severe weather.
- For all places in the world where there is conflict and danger.
- For David and Heather Sharland in Uganda.
- For the transition to a new President in the USA.

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

Collects for 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

God of all mercy
 your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
 release to the captives,
 and freedom to the oppressed:
 anoint us with your Holy Spirit
 and set all your people free
 to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Almighty Father,
 whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
 may your people,
 illumined by your word and sacraments,
 shine with the radiance of his glory,
 that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
 to the ends of the earth;
 for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Readings: Genesis 14: 17-20

¹⁷ After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

¹⁸ Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, ¹⁹ and he blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth.

²⁰ And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

John 2: 1-11

Jesus Changes Water Into Wine

² On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

⁴ "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so,⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside¹⁰ and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Information received from Wight Churches



Carers Together is a new initiative to support informal carers (unpaid carers who look after a friend or relative), organised by Embracing Age, with funding from Allchurches Trust.

Lockdown has been particularly tough on carers and we want to come alongside and support them. We are looking for informal carers to participate in our pilot project. Starting on **21st January** we'll be hosting zoom meetings for informal carers **every Thursday at 3pm**. Those without internet access can phone in. The idea of the meetings are to give carers the opportunity to chat with others in similar situations for mutual support, in small breakout room groups. They'll also be monthly guest speakers on relevant subjects with discussions afterwards.

For those who would like prayer support there will be opportunities for this as well. The initiative will have a distinctive Christian flavour but be accessible and welcoming to those outside the Christian faith as well.

For more information, or if you would like to get involved, email tina@embracingage.org.uk or phone her on 020 3778 0035, and see [The Web Site](#)

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

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