



St John's Pew News

Sharing Christ with others

Sunday 22nd November: Christ the King, Sunday next before Advent

Our service, shared with St. Mary's and St. Olave's, 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. They can be viewed at the time of the service or later.

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

Church opening times for private prayer:

St. John's: Wednesday- 10.30-11.30a.m.

Saturday - 10.30-11.30a.m.

St. Mary's: Wednesday- 2-3p.m.

Sunday- 10.30-11.30a.m.

As a small and rather isolated church building, St. Olave's cannot be left open for private prayer. It can, however, be opened by request for a half hour of private prayer by ringing one of the churchwardens, Harriet Robinson on 01983 721766 or Liz Taylor on 01983 840575.

Please send any items for the Pew News to the administrator by 9am on Friday.

This week please pray for:

- All those who will find Lockdown difficult through loneliness or lack of finances.
- For those waiting for hospital appointments and diagnosis.
- Those unable to visit loved ones.
- All places in the world where there is conflict and danger and those who have died or suffered there.
- David Soper, Sian and family, Dot and Lawrence, Paul and Mary, Barry and Sally, Brenda from Lunch club, Edna's family and all those who we know personally.
- For teachers, support staff and pupils in our schools, trying to manage the changing Covid situation.
- All care workers and medical staff.
- For Janet and all hospital chaplains.
- For support for foodbanks.
- Pray for our Peter, our new Newport Parish Team Leader, our wardens and the new PCC.
- For the Planning application for the windows and 2020 submission.

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

Christ the King

The Sunday next before Advent

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

‘For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. ¹²As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. ¹⁴I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. ¹⁶I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

²⁰“Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, ²²I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. ²³I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. ²⁴I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.

Matthew 25:31-end

The Sheep and the Goats

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

⁴⁴ “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

⁴⁵ “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

⁴⁶ “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Words for our hymn: King of Kings

King of kings, Majesty
God of Heaven living in me
Gentle Saviour, closest friend
Strong Deliverer, beginning and end
All within me falls at Your throne

Your Majesty, I can but bow
I lay my all before You now
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve Your Majesty

Earth and Heaven worship You
Love eternal, Faithful and True
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls
Brought this sinner near to Your throne
All within me cries out in praise.

Your majesty, I can but bow
I lay my all before You now
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve Your Majesty

Your majesty, I can but bow
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Living Faith Course

The next module (4 – Shaping the Church) will start after Christmas **on Friday 8th January**, when the tutor will be Richard Smout, a Reader at St Mary's, Carisbrooke, and the Island Archivist. It is the current expectation that this module will also need to be conducted by Zoom.

New students are able to join the course at the start of any module, so if you would like to embark on this course (or to find out more about it) please contact Rodney Fox (r.fox330@btinternet.com or 01983882291). More details can also be found on the Diocesan website at <https://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/mission-evangelism/living-faith/>.

St. John's, St. Mary's and St. Olave's

Darkness to Light Holy Communion Service

Advent Sunday, November 29th Premiere at 9.30a.m.

on St. John's Facebook site, and available to view later.

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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Interim Team Rector – Peter Leonard; peter.leonard@portsmouth.anglican.org

Curate – Hannah Barraclough;

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Administrators – Cathy and Mike Green, Liz Thorne, 01983 522972,

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