

Weekly notices for the parishes of Northwood, and Gurnard with Cowes St Faith

Sunday 21st February 2021 - First Sunday of Lent

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

TODAY'S SERVICES	
Northwood	Gurnard
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NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES	
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Northwood (NW) - 'Encouraging peace, love & friendship within our community'
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Those struggling in one way or another: Ann B, Katie L, Sheila H, John D, Karen N, David C, Ian M, Wendy, Athalie, Dave D, Christine, Liz W, Andy, Kay O, Finley, Frank G, Gordon & Doris C, Roger G, Dave B, Heidi W, John M, Will, Mary, Billy S, Susan C, Malcolm B, Sarah H, Betty M, Jill D, Ronnie H, Lambert W, Pauline and Graham, David P, Derek D, Jill S, Jan & Michael Webb, Ann H, Stuart N, John G, Jane W, Darren, Brian G, Sue and Ian G.

And the bereaved families and friends of: Isabelle Lansdowne, Susan Bradley, Joyce Wills, Diane Bishop, Olive Stay, Jean Green, Brian Richardson, Maureen Burlison, Barry Cass, Dorothy Pimm, Maggie Merchant, Kathleen Prouten, Madge Gilbert, Margaret Burnett, Jennifer Sheppard, John Weekes, Clive Brooks, Sandra Fussell, Gary Slater, Harry Brinton, Mary Edney, Anne Brooker, Wendy Bonser, Rosemary Price, Phyllis Parkin, David Carley, John Seeney, Maurice (Doug) Puckett, Doris Martch, and all those whose loved ones' anniversary falls this week.

Other friends far and near: Our friends and colleagues in CTiC and the Central Cluster, the Deanery, Bishop Christopher, Archdeacon Peter and the Diocese.

Collect

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. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading - Genesis 9: 8 - 17

God promises never again to flood the world.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

New Testament Reading - 1 Peter 3: 18 - end

Peter explains that the effect of Christ's death and resurrection is to enable the salvation of not just eight people, as in Noah's Ark, but of all people.

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in

former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel Reading - Mark 1: 9 - 15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’ And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.’

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NOTICES:

Things that are happening in our parishes next week	
Tues 23 rd Feb	12 noon: Interment of John Charteris’ ashes in the AS Garden of Remembrance
Wed 24 th Feb	11.00am - 1.00pm All Saints Church open for prayer
	6.00pm Amanda presents Deanery Plan to Bishop

Thu 25 th Feb	10.30 - 11.30am 'Zoom' Coffee and Chat
Fri 26 th Feb	3.00pm Funeral of Olive Stay at the crem
Sat 27 th Feb	10.00am Lent Course via Zoom
Sun 28 th Feb	11am - 12 noon Coffee after the service via Zoom

CHURCH CLOSURES: Due to the high number of Covid-19 cases on the Island and in our area, both Northwood and Gurnard PCC's have made the difficult decision to stay closed for the month of February. This will be reviewed once again in time for March.

LENT COURSE: As is our normal custom, we will be running a Lent Course this year on Saturdays at 10am, starting on 27th February. Sadly, due to Covid this course will have to be run via Zoom (online and over the phone). Each session will be a maximum of 90 minutes and is stand alone, so you don't have to attend every session but come when you can. Please contact Amanda or Steve if you wish to join us and we can let you know the joining details.

HYMN LOTTERY (£1 a week): If you would like to take part in this, please contact Rosemary on 200980 or Wendy on 292145.

FOODBANK: If you are able to buy a little extra grocery item when you go shopping, please consider getting it for Foodbank. They are in desperate need of sponge puddings, toothbrushes, laundry tablets and female deodorant along with any money donations. At this current time of increased Covid infection, please can you place your donations directly into the supermarket baskets. Thank you so much, your gifts continue to support those most in need in our community.

ZOOM CONNECTIVITY: Whilst we are unable to meet in church, please do get in contact with us if you want to use Zoom or speak to the others who have joined our online services via the phone and find out how easy it is! So many people have hugely benefited from being able to meet up, even online, it can be a tonic to feeling lonely and isolated.