

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

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

*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
11.00am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Celtic Morning Prayer
NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES	
Northwood	Gurnard
11.00am Service of the word	9.30am Holy Communion

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## Church Wardens

Northwood (NW) - 'Encouraging peace, love & friendship within our community'  
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Gurnard (AS) - 'A welcoming church, for the community, sharing God's love'  
Graham Lloyd (tel. no: 299051) Sandie Munt (tel. no: 295258)

**Those struggling in one way or another:** Ann B, Katie L, Sheila H, John D, Karen N, David C, Ian M, Wendy, Athalie, Christine, Liz W, Andy, Kay O, Finley, Frank G, Gordon & Doris C, Roger G, Dave B, John M, Will, Mary, Billy S, Susan C, Malcolm B, Sarah & Den H, Betty M, Jill D, Ronnie H, Lambert W, Pauline & Graham, David P, Derek D, Jan & Michael Webb, Ann H, Stuart N, John G, Jane W, Darren, and Brian G.

**And the bereaved families and friends of:** Monica Probert, Dom, Peggy Lein, Wendy Windsor, Heidi Wray, Pat Bissell, Dave Davies, Stephen Appell, Jill Smith, Jerry Walker, Ed Whipp, John Longley, Thomas Sellick, John Chambers, 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 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, Archdeacon Peter and the Diocese.

**Collect:** Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

### **First Reading: Acts 8: 26 - end**

*Philip meets an Ethiopian, and explains the meaning of a passage in Isaiah containing a prophecy referring to the Messiah*

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

### **Second Reading - 1 John 4 : 7 - end**

*John urges his readers to practice the virtue of love.*

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

This is the word of the Lord - **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading: John 15 : 1 - 8**

Jesus said 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

**Post Communion Prayer:** Eternal God, whose son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

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## **NOTICES:**

<b>EVENTS HAPPENING IN OUR PARISHES NEXT WEEK</b>	
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am - 1.00pm All Saints open for prayer
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30 - 11.30am Zoom' Coffee and Quiz!
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> May	11am AS APCM in church

**REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL:** Last call for any amendments or additions to our

churches' Electoral Rolls - please let Sandie (AS) and Peter (NW) know. Anyone is eligible to join our Electoral Roll if you are over 16 and living in the parish. Those living outside the parish need to have been coming to their church for 6 months.

**CHURCH APCMs:** Both churches will have their Annual Parochial Church Meeting next month - 9th for AS and 16th for NW after the morning services, where reports for the life of our churches in 2020 will be presented as well as the elections for Churchwardens and PCC members. Should you wish to volunteer for any of these posts, please complete a nomination form.

**NORTHWOOD'S PLANT SALE:** On Sat May 22nd (or if wet 29<sup>th</sup> May) our plants sale will be held OUTDOORS only between 10am and 12 noon. Any donations of plants would be gratefully received (please bring at 9.30am on the day). Regrettably there will be no refreshments but many other stalls including books and jigsaws. COVID regulations will be upheld, so face masks and maintaining distance will be required.

**2020 REMEMBRANCE BANNER AND ARCH:** We are creating a permanent banner in NW and an arch in AS and cover them with handmade flowers. We want you to be involved so please get knitting/crocheting some, of any type or colour, approx. 2" wide. Please can any flowers for the NW banner be in by the end of May.

**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. During the pandemic, 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.

**EASYFUNDRAISING:** Thanks to those who have been raising money via All Saints' Easyfundraising. If you haven't signed up yet, it is easy and free. Over 5000 retailers will give donations when you shop on line. The website for you to sign up is [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ascg](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ascg). Any queries, please speak to Wendy.

**PARISH GIVING SCHEME:** PGS is a simple way to sign up for regular giving to the Church. Either contact by phone 03330021260 or go on line to [www.parishgiving.org.uk/home](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home) If you need the postcode to find the church it is PO31 8JA. Any queries, please contact Wendy.

**PLANTS:** John Butler is growing some individual plants for collection in mid-May or late-May, for donations to the church - Red geraniums, Mixed geraniums, Mixed Begonias and Dahlias. Please ring 200980 if you would like some.

**RECYCLING PILL PACKETS:** If you have any empty pill packets, please bring them to church and drop them in the box for recycling!

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