

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

Sunday 5th December 2021 - Second Sunday of Advent

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 Our Christingle Service 3.00pm Community Christingle
NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES	
Northwood	Gurnard
Sun 11.00am Our Christingle Service 3.00pm Community Christingle	Sat 10.00am Thanksgiving Service 1.30pm Wedding Sun 9.30am Holy Communion service

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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'.
Sandie Munt (tel. no: 295258)

Those struggling in one way or another: Isaac, Joan H, Den C, Hugh R, Karen, Sarah, Rita O, Pam D-L, Pam D, Jill G, Dave A, Janet F, Ann B, Katie L, Sheila H, John D, Karen N, Ian M, Wendy, Athalie, Christine, Liz W, Andy, Kay O, Finley, Frank G, Doris C, Roger G, Dave B, John M, Will, Mary, Billy S, Susan C, Malcolm B, Sarah & Den H, Betty M, Ronnie H, Pauline & Graham, David P, Derek D, Jan & Michael, Michael & Ann, Jane W, Brian G and Diana S.

And the bereaved families and friends of: Ron Hoverd, John McDine, Pamela Whitby, Avril Mackett, Michael Light, Gwen Summerscales, David Hopkins, Jean Chilcott, Rita Williams, Clive Pardey, Ken Lambert, Edna Burnan, Betty Richardson, Shirley Rich, Gordon Cleall, Emma French, John Parker, Harry Flood, Rosemary Jeffrey, Jill Dargan, Lambert W, David Chilcott and all those whose loved ones' anniversary falls this week.

Other friends far and near: Our friends and colleagues in CtiC, the Deanery, Archdeacon Peter, our new Bishop Rt Rev Dr Jonathan Frost and the Diocese.

Collect: Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

A prophecy about the coming of Jesus.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Second Reading - Philippians 1:3-11

Paul encourages and prays for his readers to be ready for the return of Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the

harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

Gospel Reading - Luke 3 : 1 - 6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”’

Post Communion Prayer: Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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Mon 6 th Dec	2.00pm Scrabble Club in the Garden room
	7.45pm Cowes Concert Band in AS
Tue 7 th Dec	9.00am Lanesend Mums coffee morning at AS
	3.30pm Area Deans meeting via zoom
Wed 8 th Dec	10.00am Archdeacons and Area Deans meeting in Portsmouth

	10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's
Thu 9 th Dec	10.30am AS Coffee and Chat on zoom
	2.00pm NW Coffee and Chat in Scout Hut, Wyatts Lane
	4.00pm Wedding rehearsal at AS
Sat 11 th Dec	10.00am Thanksgiving Service at AS
	1.30pm Wedding of Tash and Will at AS

NW COFFEE AND CHAT: 2-4pm at Northwood Scout Hut. Come along, drink tea, eat cakes and have some fellowship and fun!

AS THANKSGIVING SERVICE: Everyone is welcome whether your bereavement is recent or many years ago. The services will be held on 11th Dec at 10am. Do invite any family or friends you know who may benefit from it.

NW CHRISTINGLE SERVICE: Please bring along any toys you are able to donate as Christmas presents to Frontline to our Christingle service next week and invite any families to either the morning service or our Community Christingle on Sunday at 3pm.

ADVENT COURSE: All Saints, Ryde are holding an Advent Course on Zoom, and invite us all to join them. The theme is around Luke's Gospel - 'Luke: artist, physician and historian. Exploring the Gospel of Luke'. There are two more sessions: 10th and 17th December at 7pm. If you would like to join (you can also connect via phone), contact Amanda and she will give you the zoom details.

NW FUNDRAISING PAGE: Please click on and more importantly share this link which is a new fundraising page for our heating.

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/a0e845d4-3b77-424b-b8a4-90b74778943b> If you have any questions or queries about it, please speak to one of the churchwardens or Amanda.

FOODBANK: Current need is as follows: packet rice, tinned spaghetti, tinned potatoes, squash 750ml, pudding (sponge/rice/instant whip), biscuits, coffee, laundry tabs/powder, washing up liquid, toothbrushes (single), razors, toothpaste, shaving gel. At the moment Sainsbury's is matching like for like on any donation given to Foodbank in its stores. If you feel able to donate anything at all it would be much appreciated. Thank you. Sandie