

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

Sunday 23rd January 2022 - Epiphany 3

*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 Morning Prayer	9.30am Celtic Communion
NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES	
Northwood	Gurnard
30 <sup>th</sup> Jan 11.00am Celtic Communion 3.00pm Tea@3 in Scout Hut	26 <sup>th</sup> Jan 10.30am Holy Communion 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan 9.30am Saints Alive - Café Church

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## Church Wardens

Northwood (NW) - 'Encouraging peace, love & friendship within our community'.  
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Sandie Munt (tel. no: 295258)

**Those struggling in one way or another:** Ben, 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, 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, Diana S, Trish G, George G and Kelly.

**And the bereaved families and friends of:** Brenda Ounsworth, Jean Musson, Pauline Goldthorpe, 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 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, Bishop Jonathan Frost and the Diocese.

**Collect:** 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. Amen

### **First Reading: Nehemiah 8 : 1 - 3, 5 - 6, 8 - 10**

*The lost book of the law has been found, and it is being read aloud to the assembled population*

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12 :12 - 31a**

*Paul explains the equal importance of all the different gifts of the spirit.*

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of

many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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

### **Gospel Reading - Luke 4 : 14 - 21**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has

anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

**Post Communion Prayer:** 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.  
**Amen**

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**EVENTS HAPPENING IN OUR PARISHES NEXT WEEK**

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Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2.00pm Scrabble in Garden Room
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.00am Mums Coffee Morning at AS
	12.45pm Deanery Team meeting at The Boltons
	2.00pm NW SC in The Rectory
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	7.00pm Deanery Council meeting in Newport Minster parish rooms.
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.30am AS Coffee and Chat - in church!
	12.30pm Chapter in Newport Minster
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11.00am - 2.00pm AS Book Fair

**AS BOOK FAIR:** AS are again holding their popular Book Fair next Saturday between 11am and 2pm. Whilst there will be no lunches, refreshments will still be available. If you have any books that you wish to donate, please drop them in the church before Friday between 10.30am and 4pm or we can collect: just let a member of the Social Committee know!

**FOODBANK:** Current need is as follows: long grain rice 1kg, tinned spaghetti, sponge puddings/angel delight, tinned fruit, toilet rolls and squash. If you feel able to donate anything at all it would be much appreciated. Thank you. Sandie