

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

Sunday 7th January 2024

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

| TODAY'S SERVICES - Epiphany 1. | |
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| St John the Baptist - Northwood | All Saints - Gurnard |
| Sunday 7 th January 2024 11:00 Holy Communion BCP. Refreshments served before the service | Sunday 7 th January 2024 09:30 All Age Worship with Christingles, refreshments served after the service. |
| THIS WEEK'S SERVICES - Epiphany 2. | |
| St John the Baptist - Northwood | All Saints - Gurnard |
| Sunday 14 th January 2024 11:00 All Age Worship with Christingles, refreshments served before the service. | Sunday 14 th January 2024 09:30 Said Holy Communion and Junior Church, refreshments after the service. 17:00 – Soup, 1800 – Service: Taste of Taizé (see notices) |

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Northwood - St John the Baptist Church

'Spread God's peace, love and friendship within our church and wider community'.

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Gurnard - All Saints' Church

'A welcoming church, for the community, sharing God's love'.

Sandie Munt (Tel. 07814 876 583)

OUR PRAYER LIST

Those struggling in one way or another: Suzanne L, Dave and Joanne, Emily S, Nikki C, Jill F, Laurence, Karen K, Jane W, Gilly H and family, Ian M, Colin & Clisby & family, Paul and Val M, Athalie H, Clive M, Joan H & son Lee, Susan W, Wendy H, Brian C, Rachel & her children, Graham & Pauline, Freddie, Janet A, Joan H, Ann H, Peter M-C, Brenda & Brian D, Linda S and Alan W.

The bereaved families and friends of: Michael Hall, Wendy Mumford, Wendy Taylor, Robert Ferguson, Donald Wright, Margaret Hawkins, Bobbie Howard, Jeanne Fish, Will, John Chapple, Lillian Prowse, Rita Scott, David Martin, and all whose loved ones' anniversary falls this week.

Other friends far and near: Bishop Jonathan, Archdeacon Steve, Revd. Amanda & family, our friends & colleagues in CTiC, the Deanery & Diocese.

Collect (Special Prayer for today):

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, **Amen**

Old Testament Reading from Isaiah, Chapter 60:1 to 6

The Ingathering of the Dispersed.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Reading From Psalm 72, Prayer for Guidance and Support for King Solomon

1 Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.
2 May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.
3 May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness. 4 May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor. 5 May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations. 6 May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.
7 In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more. 8 May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. 9 May his foes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust. 10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts. 11 May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service. 12 For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper. 13 He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy. 14 From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight. 15 Long may he live! May gold of Sheba be given to him. May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all day long. **Alleluia.**

Epistle - Ephesians 3 1-12, Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to

me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel Reading from Matthew 2: 1 - 12, Th Visit of the Wise Men.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Post Communion Collect

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NOTICES: Northwood, and Gurnard with Cowes St Faiths

| EVENTS HAPPENING THIS WEEK | |
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| Mon 8 th Jan | 14:00 to 16:00 Scrabble Club, All Saints' Garden Room |
| Tue 9 th Jan | 10:30-12:00 Bible Study, All Saints' Church, Gurnard |
| Wed 10 th Jan | 10:30am Said Holy Communion at All Saints' Church, Gurnard |
| Thurs 11 th Jan | 14:00-16:00 Elephant's Singalong, All Saints' Garden Room 14:00-16:00 Coffee and Chat Northwood Scout Hall |
| Fri 12 th Jan | 18:30- 20:00 Community Choir Practice, All Saints in Gurnard |
| Sat 13 th Jan | 12:30-14:00 Lunchtime Concert, see notices below. |
| Sun 14 th Jan | 17:00 Soup 18:00 Service - Taste of Taizé, see notices below. |

BIBLE STUDY Tuesday 9th January, 10:30-12:00, All Saints' Gurnard.
Looking at the Gospel of Mark, all welcome and refreshments will be served.

ELEPHANT CLUB SINGALONG Thursday 11th January, 14:00-16:00 at All Saints' Church Garden Room - all welcome, no charge. For any information contact Mandy on 07812 131 359

COMMUNITY COFFEE AND CHAT Thursday 11th January, 14:00-16:00 at Northwood Scout Hall. You'll find a very warm welcome at Our Coffee and Chat gathering with free entry, free cup of tea or coffee and cake.

LUNCHTIME CONCERT BY TRADITIONAL JAZZ DUET Saturday 13th January 12:30-14:00 at All Saints' Church, Gurnard. With Dave Bryant and Martin Dover, there will also be an art exhibition by Maria Ward to view and buy. Bring your own picnic lunch, hot and cold drinks and shortbread will be available. Suggested donation of £5 to cover costs.

TASTE OF TAIZÉ Soup and Services will continue at All Saints' Church in 2024 on the second Sunday of the month: 14th January, 11th February, 10th March. You are welcome from 5pm for a shared meal of soup and bread and /or for the Taizé service from 6 - 6:45pm. A gentle contemplative service of prayer, Taizé song and silence.

ADVANCE NOTICES -

Tuesday 23rd January at 13:30, Wendy Mumford's funeral at the Crematorium, and afterwards at Lakeside Inn, Wootton.

Thursday 25th January, Coffee and Chat at All Saints' Gurnard will be at the earlier time of 09:30 to 11:00 just for this month.

Thursday 25th January at 12 Noon, Michael Hall's funeral at All Saint's Church, Gurnard.

Sunday 28th January, Northwood Church's 'Fellowship Feast' at The Traveller's Joy. Contact Mike, Jan or sign the sheet in Northwood Church.

Sunday 28th January, Bishop Jonathan will preach and preside at a JOINT service at All Saints' Church, Gurnard at the amended time of 10:30, refreshments will be served after the service.