



**The Cowes Cluster of Churches**  
 All Saints' Gurnard with St Faith's,  
 Holy Trinity Cowes, St John the Baptist  
 Northwood and St Mary the Virgin Cowes.



**Weekly notices for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024**  
**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!

09:30	All Saints' Church, Gurnard	Holy Communion
09:30	Holy Trinity Church, Cowes	Holy Communion
11:00	St John's Church, Northwood	All Age Worship, Toy & Christingle Service
11:00	St Mary's Church, Cowes	Morning Praise
5pm/6pm	All Sait's Church, Gurnard	Taste of Taizé (see below)

**Collect for Today**

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

**New Testament reading from Philippians 1:3-11 (NRSV)**

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.

### **Gospel reading from Luke 3:1-6 (NRSV)**

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 Collect**

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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**St Mary's Church** - Janice Pearcey (293974), Barbara Winder (293103)

CHURCH SERVICES HAPPENING THIS WEEK		
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup>	All Saints' Church, Gurnard	10:30 Said Holy Communion
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	All Saints' Church, Gurnard	09:30 Celtic Morning Prayer
	Holy Trinity, Cowes	11:45 Sailor's Carol Service
	St John's Church, Northwood	11:00 Holy Communion
	St Mary's Church, Cowes	11:00 Holy Communion
	All Saints' Church, Gurnard	16:00 Carol Service

EVENTS HAPPENING THIS WEEK	
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00-12:00 Garden Group, St Marys Church. 14:00-16:00 Scrabble Club, All Saints' Garden Room. 14:00-16:00 Table Tennis at St Mary's Church.
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:30-12:00 ADVENT Bible Study, Garden Room at All Saints'. 15:15 Julian Meeting at Gill's home.
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	12 Noon, Funeral of Janet Price at the Crematorium.
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	09:30-10:30 Gurnard Preschool Nativity at All Saints' Gurnard. 14:00-16:00 Northwood Church Coffee & Chat (see below) 14:00-16:00 Art & Craft Group, St Mary's Church. 14:00-16:00 Elephants' Singalong-a-Bingo (see below)
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	16:00 Carol Service at All Saints' Gurnard.

### COWES CLUSTER OF CHURCHES' PRAYER LIST

**We pray for** Peter S, Peter L, Paul & Val M, Pat R, Rosie L, Rosemary & John, Ruth C, Rachel & children, Sophie and Wendy H.

**We pray for recently departed** Carol Baker and Maureen Lewis.

**TUESDAY ADVENT BIBLE STUDY** All Saints' Garden Room. 10:30-12:00 noon. led by Reverend David Heatley. Come and join in or sit and listen, refreshments will be served. Free.

\* Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Dec, Changes at the Reformation. Mass, Eucharist, Holy Communion, Lord's Supper, Divine Liturgy.

\* Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec, From BCP to Common Worship; A look at the present service and "What Happens"?

**THE JULIAN MEETINGS**, 15:15, a monthly meeting for meditation / contemplation inspired by Mother Julian of Norwich, a 14<sup>th</sup> Century recluse and her Revelations of Divine Love. Meditations by email if you can't attend. Enquiries to Gill (292778).

**NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY COFFEE AND CHAT** 14:00 to 16:00 at Northwood Scout Hall. You'll find a warm, friendly welcome at our Coffee and Chat. Why not come for a chat with coffee or tea and cake? Free entry & refreshments.

**ELEPHANT CLUB SINGALONG-A-BINGO**. 2-4pm in the Garden Room. No charge. It is a musical Bingo session with small prizes and an opportunity to song along to the excerpted of 1960's music. Everyone welcome - no charge! Tea and refreshments are included, just come along and have some fun! For information contact Mandy on 07812 131 359.

**TASTE OF TAIZÉ** Soup and Services at All Saints' Gurnard. You are welcome from 5pm for a shared meal of soup & bread and/or for the Taizé service at 6 to 6:45pm; a gentle contemplative service of prayer, Taizé song & silence.

**COWES CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2024** hosted by St Mary's Church, Cowes, from Fri 13<sup>th</sup> to Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10:00 - 16:00 daily (including Sunday). Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Father Christmas will make a flying visit, donations needed of gifts for Father Christmas to give to children up to 9 years old, the gift should be new, small, unwrapped, and to a value up to £2.50.

**ALL SAINTS' CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**. The congregation have signed up for contributions to a number of Christmas Hampers, please bring items to Church. Raffle tickets for the hampers are to be drawn at the Christmas Party on Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec (14:00-16:00). Please check the date stamps!

**GURNARD SCHOOL NATIVITIES & CAROLS** will be held at All Saints, Gurnard  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec, 09:30 - 10:30 Gurnard Pre-school Nativity  
Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec, 18:00, Gurnard School Carol Service.

**CTiC CAROL SINGING IN CARE HOMES** If you are interested in Churches Together in Cowes' (CTiC) annual carol singing in Care Homes contact Helen Parry on 07831913004 for venue details. Dates and times are ...

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 14:00

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 14:00

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 15:30, children welcome!

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 14:00

**FOOD BANK DONATIONS**, Tinned fruit, tinned veg, tinned soup, tinned meat meals or fish, 1kg bags of rice, puddings, deodorants, shaving gel, razors and shampoo.

**RECYCLING INK CARTRIDGES, STAMPS, PENS AND BATTERIES**: Boxes are available in Northwood Church for recycling.