



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 Wednesday 25th December 2024
Christmas Day

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	All Age Worship
09:30	Holy Trinity Church, Cowes	Christmas Holy Communion
11:00	St John's Church, Northwood	Christmas Day Service
11:00	St Mary's Church, Cowes	Christmas Day Service

Collect for Today

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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 9:2-7 (NRSV)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Old Testament reading from Psalm 96 (CW)

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord and bless his name; tell out his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples. For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods. For all the gods of the nations are but idols; it is the Lord who made the heavens. Honour and majesty are before him; power and splendour are in his sanctuary. Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honour and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; bring offerings and come into his courts. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him. Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is king. He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity. Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; Let the fields be joyful and all that is in them; let all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord. For he comes, he comes to judge the earth; with righteousness he will judge the world and the peoples with his truth.

New Testament reading from Titus 2:11-14 (NRSV)

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Gospel reading from Luke 2:1-14 & 15-20 (NRSV)

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a

Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!’

[15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

Post Communion Collect

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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We pray for Daisy, Dawn, Graham & Pauline, Ian M, Jane P, Janet A, Karen K, Kevin, Lee H, Mollie & Rob E, Moira, Martin and Wendy H.

We pray for recently departed Carol Baker, Maureen Lewis and Janet Price.

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

NOTICES:

Church Services this week		
Sun 29 th Dec	All Saints' Church, Gurnard	No Service
	St John's Church, Northwood	No Service
First Sunday of Christmas	St Mary's Church, Cowes	No Service
	Holy Trinity, Cowes	10:30 Carols and Croissants

Events this week
Monday 23 rd to Sunday 29 th December 2024 There are no events this week.

2025 ~ Happy New Year! ~ 2025

CHURCH SERVICES <u>THE FOLLOWING WEEK</u>		
2025	Second Sunday of Christmas	2025
Sun 5 th	All Saints' Church, Gurnard	09:30 All Age Worship
	Holy Trinity, Cowes	09:30 Morning Praise
Jan 2025	St John's Church, Northwood	11:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
	St Mary's Church, Cowes	11:00 Holy Communion

2025	EVENTS <u>THE FOLLOWING WEEK</u>	2025
Monday 30 th December 2024 to Sunday 5 th January 2025 There are no events this week.		

BIBLE STUDY will resume on Tuesday 7th January 2025, 10:30-12:00 noon in All Saints' Garden Room. Come and join in or just sit and listen, refreshments will be served. Free.

Tuesday 7th January - Romans 4 Peace

Tuesday 14th January - Romans 5 Freedom

Tuesday 21st January - Romans 6 Hope

Tuesday 28th January - Romans 7 Mystery

Tuesday 4th February - Romans 8 Devotion

Tuesday 11th February - Romans 9 Community

Tuesday 18th February - Romans 10 Mission.

HOLY TRINITY'S CAROLS AND CROISSANTS, if you are interested in attending, please sign the list in your Churches for catering purposes.