



**Cowes Group Ministry**  
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 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025,  
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.**

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	Morning Praise
11:00	St John's Church, Northwood	Holy Communion BCP
11:00	St Mary's Church, Cowes	Holy Communion

**Collect for Today**

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18 (NRSV)**

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

**Reading from Psalm 112 (CW)**

Alleluia. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments. Their descendants will be mighty in the land, a generation of the faithful that will be blest. Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness endures for ever. Light shines in the darkness for the upright; gracious and full of compassion are the righteous.

It goes well with those who are generous in lending and order their affairs with justice, For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance. They will not be afraid of any evil tidings; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. Their heart is sustained and will not fear, until they see the downfall of their foes. They have given freely to the poor; their righteousness stands fast for ever; their head will be exalted with honour. The wicked shall see it and be angry; they shall gnash their teeth in despair; the desire of the wicked shall perish.

### **New Testament reading from Hebrews 13:1-8, 15, 16 (NRSV)**

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

### **Gospel reading from Luke 14:1, 7-14 (NRSV)**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the

lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

**Post Communion Collect**

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**COWES ANGLICAN MINISTRY’S PRAYER LIST**

**We pray for** Peter E, Peter S, Peter L, Paul & Val M, Pat R, Rachel T, Rosie L, Rosemary & John, Ruth C, Rachel & children, Sophie, Sophie, Terry G, Thelma, Vivienne, Amy & Wendy H. Diana S and Ann B.

**Recently departed:** Please pray for Athalie Hustler and her family, Kay Banks and her family, and for Alan Pullinger and his family.

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**BIBLE STUDY** next week (9<sup>th</sup> September) when we begin Hazel Offner’s 9-session study on The Fruits Of The Spirit.

CHURCH SERVICES HAPPENING THIS WEEK		
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	St Mary’s Church, Cowes	10:30 Holy Communion
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> September	All Saints’ Church, Gurnard	09:30 Holy Communion
	Holy Trinity, Cowes	09:30 Holy Communion
	St John’s Church, Northwood	11:00 Holy Communion BCP
	St Mary’s Church, Cowes	11:00 Holy Communion

EVENTS HAPPENING THIS WEEK	
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> September	14:00-16:00 St Mary's Garden Group. 14:00-16:00 Scrabble Club, All Saints' Garden Room. 14:00-16:00 Table Tennis at St Mary's Church.
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bible Study is paused until next week. 10:45 Northwood Standing Committee meeting in church.
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	13:00 All Saints' Standing Committee in the Garden Room.
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:00-12:00 Northwood Coffee, Craft and Cake. 14:00-16:00 Art & Craft Group at St Mary's Church. 14:15-15:45 Circle Dancing in Gurnard village hall.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES (1 hour sessions)** from 7pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, this is a six-week course open to anyone 12 to 100+ years old, finalising in a Confirmation Service at St Mary's in Brading. To find out more and register your interest, please contact the Parishes' Office - parishofficeiow@gmail.com

**CIRCLE DANCING** 14:15 to 15:45 at Gurnard Village Hall - gentle, supported exercises in a simple dance format, currently seated. As part of our 'Elephant Club' programme, the Circle Dancing sessions offer the same warm welcome and friendly encouragement to all our memory-challenged guests and their Carers. No special clothing, equipment or ability required. Free tea and refreshments are provided - all welcome, no charge. For any information contact Mandy on 07812 131 359

**NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY COFFEE, CRAFT & CAKE**, 10:00-12:00 at Northwood Scout Hut. You'll find a warm, friendly welcome at our Coffee, Craft & Cake gathering. Bring your projects to finish, share hints, tips & ideas with friends. Or come for a chat with coffee or tea and cake. Craft Magazine swap available too! Free entry and refreshments.

**WESSEX ROTARY SHOEBOX SCHEME.** Northwood Parish Church Will be participating in this year's Wessex Rotary Shoebox Scheme for Christmas. Please obtain a form and a box from Northwood Stores or Northwood Church, the form provides all details, instructions and advice on how to make up your box; please do not use shoeboxes, only the boxes provided as they will pack better in the lorry for transporting. Please return filled boxes with £2.00 on the top to either of the above by Sunday 19th October 2025. Thank you.

**FOOD BANK DONATIONS**, Soup, puddings (fruit in jelly, etc,) long-life milk, tinned potatoes, coffee (small jars), baked beans. Thank you.

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