



Cowes Group Ministry
All Saints' Gurnard with St Faith's,
Holy Trinity Cowes, St John the Baptist
Northwood and St Mary the Virgin Cowes.



**Wednesday 24th December 2025,
Christmas Eve**

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

CHURCH SERVICES HAPPENING THIS WEEK		
Wed 24 th	All Saints', Gurnard	10:30 Holy Communion
	All Saints', Gurnard	16:00 Crib Service
	Northwood Church	16:00 Crib Service
	Holy Trinity	16:00 Nativity
	All Saints', Gurnard	21:30 Midnight in Bethlehem
	Northwood Church	23:30 Midnight Mass by candlelight

Collect for Today

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; 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.

Reading from Psalm 98 (NRSV)

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory. The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Old 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 (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!’

Post Communion Collect

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; 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.

COWES GROUP MINISTRY’S PRAYER LIST

We pray for Dave P, Elizabeth K, Graham, Ian M, Ingrid B, Jane P, Janet A, Jay H, Karen K, Lee H, Liz, Mollie & Rob E, Moira, Martin, Amy & Wendy H.

Recently bereaved families of Michael Buckett who went to Heaven on Sunday 14th, funeral to be held at St Marys in the New Year. Reverend Roger Salter, a previous Vicar of our Cowes Churches. Also Jill Garrett who went to Heaven on Thursday 19th.

CHURCH SERVICES HAPPENING THIS WEEK		
Thurs 25 th	All Saints’ Church	09:30 Celtic Holy Communion
	Holy Trinity	09:30 Holy Communion
	St John’s Church	11:00 Holy Communion
	St Mary’s Church	11:00 Holy Communion
Sun 28 th Dec’	All Saints’ Church	09:30 Carols & Croissants
	Holy Trinity	10:30 Carols & Croissants (no service)
	St John’s Church	11:00 Carols, poems and cake
	St Mary’s Church	11:00 Carols & Croissants

FOOD BANK DONATIONS, Tinned meat meals, tinned mixed veg, tinned spaghetti, long-life milk, puddings, custard, shampoo and toothbrushes. If you can support us financially please email the Office Manager at info@isleofwight.foodbank.org.uk or write / visit us at the Isle of Wight Food bank, Love Lane, Cowes, PO31 7ET.

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

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