Cowes Group Ministry

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

Sunday 8th November 2026
Remembrance Sunday.

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

Collect for Today

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; 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 Amos 5; 18-24 (NRSV)

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Old Testament Reading from Psalm 70 (NRSV)

O God, make speed to save me; O Lord, make haste to help me. Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confusion; let them be turned back and disgraced who wish me evil. Let those who mock and deride me turn back because of their shame. But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say always, 'Great is the Lord!'

As for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay.

New Testament Reading from 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 (NRSV)

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel reading from Matthew 25:1-13 (NRSV)

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

Post Communion Collect

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

COWES GROUP MINISTRY'S PRAYER LIST (group 1)

We pray for those struggling in one way or another: Andrew C, Ann B, Ann H, Arthur & Jane W, Audrey R, Barbara S, Betty B, Brenda P, Brenda & Brian, Brian C, Clive M, Christopher T, Amy & Wendy H, Colin & Clisby.
We pray for the bereaved families and friends of: Hayley, rest in peace.

If you would like to contact any of our Clergy or Church Wardens please email ParishOfficeiow@gmail.com or call 07472 358917.

CHURCH SERVICES HAPPENING THIS WEEK		
Sun 8th Nov	St Mary's, Cowes	10:50 Act of Remembrance, Northwood Park 11:15 RBL Remembrance Service
	Holy Trinity, Cowes	09:30 Remembrance Service.
	All Saints', Gurnard	10:30 Remembrance Service.
	St John's, Northwood	10:45 Remembrance Service.
	All Saints', Gurnard	17:00 Taize shared supper 18:00 Taize Service
Wed 11th	All Saints', Gurnard	10:30 Holy Communion

TASTE OF TAIZÉ Soup and Services. Sunday 8th November. You are welcome from 5pm for a simple, shared supper and/or for the Taizé service from 6 to 6:45pm; a gentle contemplative service of prayer, Taizé song and silence. Free, donations welcomed.

EVENTS HAPPENING THIS WEEK	
Mon 9th Nov	09:15-11:15 Cloud Tots' at All Saints'. 10:00-12:00 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 Hall. 19:30-20:30 Rev'd Diana's Knit & Crochet Group.
Tues 10th	10:30-12:00 Bible Study in All Saints' Garden Room. 12:00 for 12:30 All Saints' Parish Lunch. 15:15 Julian Meeting at Gill's Home.
Thurs 12th	14:00-16:00 St Mary's art and crafts group. 14:00-16:00 Elephant's Singalong, in the Garden Rm.
Sat 14th	09:00 CTiC Prayer Breakfast at Cowes Baptist Church. 10:00-12:00 St Mary's Church Autumn Fair (see posters) 11:00-14:00 Northwood Christmas Fair (see posters)

REV'D DIANA'S PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY, calling all knitters and crocheters! We are creating prayer shawls and blankets to give away, donations and collections of wool and patterns can be found at the back of the church - please feel free to take away and make items at home if you cannot make it to the All Saints' Garden Room on a Monday. A yarn donation box can be found at the back of All Saints' and St John the Baptist, Northwood.

BIBLE STUDY, All Saints' Church's Garden Room, all are welcome to join in or just sit and listen. Refreshments served.

JULIAN MEETINGS, 15:15, meeting for meditation/ contemplation inspired by Mother Julian of Norwich, a 14th Century recluse and her Revelations of Divine Love. Meditations by email if you can't attend.

THURSDAY QUIZ MORNINGS, "I do enjoy my Thursday Mornings!" a fun, friendly and relaxed weekly online quiz for about an hour, all welcome.

ELEPHANTS' SING-A-LONG 2nd Thursday each month, 14:00-16:00 in the Garden Room at All Saints' Church, Gurnard. Join us for an afternoon of singing, tea and cake. Everyone welcome - no charge! Tea and refreshments are included. Just come along and have some fun!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AT NORTHWOOD CHURCH, £20 per person, all materials included, home made refreshments, step by step instructions, ample free parking. To book, call 01983 527948.

Thurs 19th Nov – Christmassy Kinusaiga
Thurs 3rd Dec – Christmas door wreath
Fri 4th Dec – Christmas door wreath

ALL SAINTS' FILM NIGHT The Church Film club is on the last Thursday of each month, at 6.30pm for refreshments, with the film to start at 7pm. It will be in the Garden Room at All Saint's Church, Gurnard ..(walk around the left side of the Church and the Garden Room is a separate building behind the Church). The films will all have a Christian theme and are free.

26th November, at 6.30pm (film starts 7pm) "The Nativity Story" (2006) Mary is visited by an angel and told she will fulfil a prophecy and give birth to God's son, the saviour of the world. Mary's pregnancy brings her the scorn of the community and Joseph struggles to believe her seemingly outlandish story. This film is based on the Biblical account of the birth of Jesus Christ. There is no film in December.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS, Jam, long-life milk, rice, shampoo, shaving foam/gel, sponge puddings, squash, tinned custard, toothbrushes and women's deodorant. Thank you.

NORTHWOOD FELLOWSHIP FEAST. on 22nd November, 12.45pm at Cowes Community Club, please sign the book in church for catering numbers.

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

If you would like any information about any of our groups, clubs or events, contact CowesGroupMinistry@outlook.com / 07472 358917.