



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 11th January 2026

Baptism of Christ - First Sunday of Epiphany

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		
Sun 11 th	All Saints', Gurnard	09:30 All Age Worship and Birthday
	Holy Trinity, Cowes	09:30 Holy Communion
	St John's, Northwood	11:00 Holy Communion
	St Mary's, Cowes	11:00 Holy Communion
	All Saints', Gurnard	5pm Shared supper 6pm Taizé Service

Collect for Today

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 42:1-9 (NRSV)

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no

other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Reading from Psalm 29 (CW)

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare; in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'
The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

New Testament reading from Acts 10:34-43 (NRSV)

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel reading from Matthew 3:13-end (NRSV)

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you,

and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Post Communion Collect

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COWES GROUP MINISTRY'S PRAYER LIST

We pray for Peter E, Peter S, Peter L, Pat R, Rachel T, Rosie L, Rosemary & John, Ruth C, Rachel & children, Sophie, Sophie, Terry G, Thelma, Vivienne, Amy & Wendy H.

Recently bereaved families of Michael Buckett, Reverend Roger Salter, Jill Garret and Carole Topple.

* Michael Buckett's funeral will take place in St. Mary's Church, Cowes at 12 Noon on Monday 12th January 2026, followed by private interment afterwards for family only at Northwood Cemetery.

* Carole Topple's funeral will take place in London on Friday 16th January at 12 noon. Please contact her son, Chris Topple, for more information at c.topple784@btinternet.com or telephone 07770941185.

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

CHURCH SERVICES HAPPENING THIS WEEK		
Weds 14 th	St Mary's Cowes	10:30 Holy Communion
Sun 18 th Jan'	All Saints', Gurnard	09:30 Celtic Morning Prayer
	Holy Trinity, Cowes	09:30 Holy Communion
	St John's, Northwood	11:00 Morning Prayer BCP
	St Mary's, Cowes	11:00 Holy Communion

EVENTS HAPPENING THIS WEEK	
Mon 12 th	10:00-12:00 St Mary's Garden Group. 12 Noon- Funeral of Michael Buckett at St Marys, Cowes. 14:00-16:00 Scrabble Club, All Saints' Garden Room. 14:00-16:00 Table Tennis at St Mary's Church Hall.
Tues 13 th	10:30-12:00 Bible Study at All Saints' Garden Room. 15:15 Julian Meeting at Gill's house.
Thurs 15 th	14:00-16:00 Art and Crafts at St Mary's, Cowes. 14:00-16:00 Elephant Club, All Saints' Garden Room.
Fri 16 th	12 Noon, Funeral of Carole Topple in London.

JULIAN MEETINGS, 15:15 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. Enquiries to Gill Murray (292778).

ELEPHANT CLUB 14:00-16:00 in the Garden Room at All Saints' Church, Gurnard. This free, monthly meeting provides a gentle, friendly group activity that helps exercise your memory muscles. Come along and have fun, Tea & refreshments included! For info contact Mandy on 07812 131 359.

NORTHWOOD FELLOWSHIP FEAST The Next Fellowship Feast is on 25th January at 12.45pm at the Cowes Community Club. Please sign the book in Church or see Pam Please note the change of venue and time.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS, Tinned meat meals, tinned mixed veg, tinned spaghetti, long-life milk, puddings, custard, shampoo and toothbrushes.

ALL SAINTS' FILM CLUB is on the last Thursday of each month

* 29th January 2026, refreshments at 6.30pm (film starts 7pm). This film is 'Paul, Apostle of Christ' (2018) - The film tells the story of Paul, a ruthless persecutor of Christians prior to his conversion to Christianity. The plot focuses on his life in the formation of the early church before being executed by Emperor Nero in Rome.

All Saints' Garden Room is a separate building behind the Church. The films will all have a Christian theme and are free. For any more information people can email Marie-Ann on marieannfountaine@hotmail.com If anyone has any ideas for films, (with a Christian theme), please email me.