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NEWS

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



Special Christmas Services at
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13th December, 11.15am - Family Worship;
Christingle & Toy Service.

20th December, 7.00pm - Service of Nine
Lessons and Carols by Candlelight.

Thursday 24th December Christmas Eve,
6pm - Children's Crib Service;
11.30pm - Midnight Service and Holy
Communion by Candlelight.

Friday 25th December Christmas Day,
11.15am - Communion.

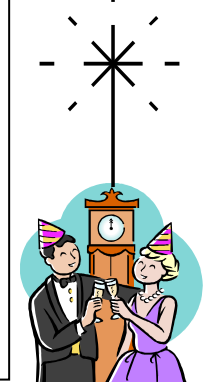


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News and Events of the Churches and Organisations in and around the Parish of Northwood, Isle of Wight

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 The next meeting is on Thursday 14th January at 2.30pm
 in the IW Community Club, Park Road, Cowes
SPEAKER: NOEL STIMPSON - "Titanic Mystery"
 The **NEW YEAR LUNCH** is on Tuesday 19th January at 12.30pm for 1.00pm in
either the New Holmwood Hotel, Cowes or The Conservative Club, Shanklin (TBA).
 For membership details contact Mary Mead on **01983 298154** or visit the **CREEA**
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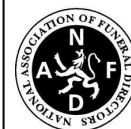
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NORTHWOOD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The **DECEMBER** meeting is on Thursday 3rd December at 2pm in the Northwood W.I. Hall.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

COMPETITIONS: 4 Mince Pies; Best Garden Bloom

The **JANUARY** meeting is on Thursday 7th January at 2pm in the Northwood W.I. Hall.

SPEAKER: LOUISE WATSON - "Earl Mountbatten Hospice"

COMPETITIONS: Prettiest Cloth Napkin; Best Garden Bloom

TABLE-TOP SALE: Saturday 20th February 2010 from 2pm.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY (with Grand Raffle)

COMPETITIONS: Small Christmas Decoration; Best Bloom

AMERICAN SUPPER

The **JANUARY** meeting is on Monday 11th January at 7.30pm in the Northwood W.I. Hall.

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COMPETITIONS: Any Theatrical Memorabilia; Best Bloom

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NORTHWOOD FLORAL ART GROUP

The **DECEMBER** meeting is on Monday 7th December at 7.30pm in the Northwood W.I. Hall.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

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CARROT TROPHY ~ Quiz at Gurnard

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COWES AMATEUR WINEMAKERS

The **DECEMBER** meeting is on Saturday 19th December at 8pm
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CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Cowes Amateur Winemakers will continue in 2010
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NORTHWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
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NORTHWOOD PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS
(coordinated by Pete Brooker)

Future Meetings of Northwood Parish Council

The next meetings are currently scheduled for:

- December 1st** Full Council
- December 15th** Planning Committee
- January 5th** Full Council
- January 19th** Planning Committee

Meetings are held in the Northwood W.I. Hall and start at 7.45pm. Public attendance is welcomed and prior to each meeting there is an opportunity to ask questions of members of the Parish Council. Confirmation that any meeting is proceeding as scheduled may be obtained from the Clerk - contact details above. Minutes and agendas are always displayed on the Community Notice Board.

Summary of Recent Parish Council Meeting(s)

The Parish Council last met on October 20th (Planning Committee) and November 3rd (Full Council). Matters considered at these two meetings included:

- LBC applications for repairs and a new toilet at St John the Baptist Church (no objections raised)
- One further application (to which no objections were raised)
- Decisions from the IWC on planning applications since the last PC meeting
- Reports from the Local Safer Neighbourhoods Officer (Police) and the Environment and Neighbourhood Officer (IWC)
- Issues from and concerning Medham
- Village planters and the planting thereof
- The Clerk's report and the interim budget statement
- Working Parties' and IW Councillor's reports

The Council will be considering the planning application for the BAE Systems site on November 17th.

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Northwood Parish Council - Draft Precept (Paul Fuller)

Owing to slipped timescales, this year it has not been possible to publish a draft precept yet in Northwood News. A Parish Council working party was set up in November to agree a draft precept to be taken to the December Parish Council meeting. With any amendments this will then be consulted upon during December and formally agreed in January, following feedback. Given the economic climate and number of projects identified, the working party was mindful of setting a very prudent budget for the next financial year.

If you are interested in the proposals for the precept for 2010/11 a copy can be viewed on the village notice board, on the Northwood village website or obtained via the Parish Council Chairman, John Pullen (01983 281250).

Bus Services (Paul Fuller)

I can now confirm that bus services will alter little following timetable changes on 20th December. The only change from the current service is that the 03:35 and 04:40 Newport – Cowes – Newport journeys during the early hours of Saturday and Sunday Mornings on **Service 1** will be withdrawn.

As for the local **Wightbus Cowes Town Service (Service 32)**, which serves Northwood, Cowes Medical Centre and Gurnard, I have been advised that over the Christmas period this service will operate a normal weekday schedule this year (Bank Holidays & Weekends excluded), rather than the reduced Saturday service which was in operation last year. The only change in **Service 30** (to and from Newport) will be the 17:10 from Cowes not operating between Tuesday 29th & Thursday 31st December 2009.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT (John Pullen)

There have been several incidents lately of glue put into locks on garage doors. This is not only annoying and inconvenient, but is costly to put right. The locks either have to be cleaned or replaced. The police have been informed and will monitor the garage areas in the village.

The Neighbourhood Watch AGM was held on 10th of November at the Riverside Centre and some 60 people attended. There was a presentation from Special Branch officers and an address from Chief Superintendent Dave Thomas.

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For example, following issues raised by our members, the Isle of Wight LINK is currently working with the Local Authority to redress possible inequities with the fee structure associated with application for disabled parking bays on the Isle of Wight.

The Isle of Wight LINK needs local people of any age to become LINKs members so that we can form a stronger, unified voice. Registration is entirely free and enables you to be involved in many ways and gives you influence over how your local LINK is run.

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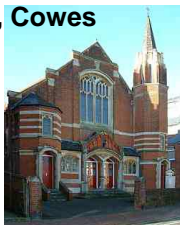
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| Friday | 25th | 10.00am | CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE (to be arranged by Church members) |
| Sunday | 27th | 10.30am | Mr Peter Tilley |

The **LADIES' SISTERHOOD**
will meet on Tuesdays 1st and 8th December at 2.30pm.

The **FELLOWSHIP GROUP**
will meet at 7.30pm on Monday 7th December at 8 Pallance Road, Northwood.

SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2010

| | | | |
|--------|------|---------|---|
| Sunday | 3rd | 3.00pm | COVENANT SERVICE - United Service with Churches Together in Cowes. |
| Sunday | 10th | 10.30am | Mr Ray Felton |
| Sunday | 17th | 10.30am | Rev'd Robert Delap |
| Sunday | 24th | 10.30am | Mrs Gladys Delap |
| Sunday | 31st | 10.30am | Rev'd Malcolm Stinton |

Cups of tea and coffee are served after the Services.

The Ladies' Sisterhood and Monday Fellowship Group
will recommence in February.

The Church's **NEW YEAR DINNER**
will be held on Saturday 23rd January at 5.00pm.

FRIENDS OF NORTHWOOD CHURCH

The **WIGHT SEASONS** calendars featuring the winning entries from the Friends of Northwood Church Photographic Competition are proving very popular at only £2.99 each. Copies including envelope for postage are still available from Northwood Stores, St John the Baptist Church, Northwood, All Saints Church, Gurnard and Field's Nurseries at Niton. Our thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the 2009 Photographic Competition and 2010 calendar: photographers, sponsors, distributors and purchasers.

In response to enquiries we are pleased to announce that plans are already in place for the 2010 Photographic Competition and 2011 calendar. The theme will be **WIGHT LANDSCAPES**. The closing date will be 30th June 2010. Competition entry forms will be available from the Northwood website and from jayship1955@yahoo.com. All entries to be identified with the photographer's name and the Island landscape featured. Photographs will be displayed in Northwood Church throughout June with the 2011 calendars available from early September. We look forward to receiving your entries.

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NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

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NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REPORT

(Colin Palmerton, Chairman)

It is very pleasing to note that residents have appreciated the 'Welcome Pack'. On the slightly embarrassing side, we have received one (and noted another) omission.

Please make a note, in your pack, of the following –

Coronation Avenue was omitted. Its location should be marked as being off the east side of Newport Rd, the junction being just south of Northwood Stores.

Within 'contacts for the Police', please add –

Crimestoppers - contactable, anonymously, on 0800 555 111 or online at crimestoppers-uk.org

The new village 'gateway' sign has been delivered and with fair weather should be in place by the time you read this newsletter.

The 'Northwood Gnomes' have now planted all the village troughs for the winter and have received some offers to 'Adopt a Pot.' Please read last month's edition for details of this scheme or contact any Partnership member. A few more 'Adopters' are still needed.

There will be **NO MEETING** of the Community Partnership in December. However, if you have ideas for any future projects to benefit our village, you are always most welcome to the next meeting, on:

Tuesday 26th January 2010 starting at 7.45pm
in the Northwood W.I. Hall, Newport Road.

Have a very peaceful, relaxing, enjoyable and safe Christmas season. Please accept thanks from all Partnership members for your kind comments and support throughout 2009.

We trust that 2010 will prove as successful for everyone living in, or visiting, this wonderful village of Northwood.

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REPORT - DECEMBER 2009 / JANUARY 2010

VILLAGE GREEN

The October meeting to decide the way forward regarding the application for village green status for the field between Wyatts Lane and Pallance Road containing the public footpath overwhelmingly voted to continue with the application and to claim village green status for the whole of the field.

An independent village green expert has been appointed to conduct a public hearing at County Hall during the week commencing 8th February 2010. He has now issued wide-ranging directions for the hearing which will take up much of my time over the next two months.

More additional evidence has been offered to me, for which I am most grateful. The Inspector has directed that both parties must file their cases no later than 21 days before the hearing. So if you have any evidence supporting the unrestricted use of the field for recreational purposes over say the last 30 years which you have not raised with me, please contact me on 01983 295556, email roger.mazillius@iow.gov.uk or write to me at 21 Oxford Street, Northwood, PO31 8PT as soon as possible.

I will update everyone in my January Report and in the meantime many thanks again to my supporters, particularly Jacquie Pearce, for their invaluable assistance to date.

ROAD WORKS

By the time you read this I expect the long-running British Gas pipeline installation on the Newport Road by the prisons and the works at the Stag Lane junction to be completed. May I thank residents for their stoicism and understanding whilst all these necessary works were completed.

One point of interest that has sometimes been raised with me is the apparent lack of workmen on the sites at certain times. The answer is usually that the trench infilling and concrete layer has been carried out leaving a clear 24 hours necessary to properly dry out the concrete before laying the final bitumen/tarmac top coats.

WOODSIDE CLOSE

May I thank the residents of this Close for offering to replant the two places in the paved area where trees had died. The Council contractors duly removed the dead trees and roots with the minimum of displacement, leaving those caring residents to replant and leave this area neat and tidy and "green". My renewed thanks to Don Harrison and his team for their community spirit and action.



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PANTO PLAYERS - 80s FANCY DRESS DISCO

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Tickets are £2 each available now from the club.

Online reservations and requests may be made at www.pantoplayers.com

There will be a prize for the best 80s costume.

NORTHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christmas is fast approaching and we are holding our KS1 Nativity on Tuesday 15th December at 9.30am and 2.00pm and again at 9.30am on Wednesday 16th December. Our **CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE** will take place at Northwood Church on Thursday 17th December at 6pm. We will finish the term with our big Christmas Party on Friday 18th December. On behalf of everyone at Northwood School may I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Gill Miles, Acting Headteacher

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**BAE SYSTEMS PLANNING APPLICATION
NEWPORT ROAD / THREE GATES ROAD SITE
APPLICATION NUMBER P/01589/09**

This major application for full planning consent for an ALDI food store with associated parking, landscaping and balancing pond, vehicular access from Three Gates Road plus outline consent for commercial/industrial development also with vehicular access from Three Gates Road has now been filed and both Northwood Parish Council and Cowes Town Council will be considering the application at their mid-November Planning meetings.

The I.W. Council Planning Committee will hear the application either in December or January and residents will have been able to make their views known in the usual way. I will be reminding residents who log on to northwoodvillage.org.uk of this and the two dates for the local Councils' meetings. I will also be reporting further in my January Report.

In the meantime I look forward to hearing from you with your views about this important application.

RAINWATER HARVESTING

At this time of year when so much rain falls it is not surprising that rainwater butts, tanks etc. fill up so quickly. Of course as well as being useful for garden and greenhouse watering in the summer, this "free" water can also be used for a variety of other uses depending on how keen you are to "save the planet" e.g. car washing, toilet flushing, cleaning garden tools etc. Indeed it is estimated that rainwater can replace around one third of each person's clean water requirements annually!

I don't know about that but I do appreciate having my four water butts full come the dry season! Here we have local experts **Engenius** to advise on most energy and other environmentally friendly steps you can take to reduce your carbon footprint. Tel: **01983 247981** for further information.

ISLAND INSULATION SCHEME

Further to my report last month, residents who would like to arrange a free no obligation home survey can book this direct on iwight.com/islandinsulation or phone trading standards on **01983 823370** for further information. The street-by-street thermal imaging process will take place during 16th - 29th November. This will build a picture of heat losses from homes which should prove of real interest to residents considering home or additional home insulation.

SEASONAL GREETINGS

Jill and myself send the warmest of personal Christmas and New Year greetings to all residents. Have a happy, safe and peaceful 2010.

As usual I am always available throughout the year to deal with any concerns or matters you may wish to raise with me.

Best wishes**Roger.**Please tell our advertisers that you saw them in **NORTHWOOD NEWS!**

The Rev'd Keith Adlam

c/o The Rectory, Chawton Lane, Northwood

I am writing this in mid-November and the first signs of Christmas have appeared so my letter for this edition is a Christmas parable (slightly adapted) written many years ago by Louis Cassels, one-time religious editor of United Press International.

Once upon a time there was a man who looked upon Christmas as a lot of humbug. He wasn't a Scrooge. He was a kind and decent person, generous to his family, upright in all his dealings with other men. But he didn't believe all that stuff about the birth of Jesus Christ which churches proclaim at Christmas. And he was too honest to pretend that he did. "I am truly sorry to distress you," he told his wife, who was a faithful churchgoer. "But I simply cannot understand this claim that God becomes man. It doesn't make any sense to me."

On Christmas Eve his wife and children went to church for the midnight service. He declined to accompany them. "I'd feel like a hypocrite," he explained. "I'd rather stay at home; but I'll wait up for you." Shortly after his family drove away in the car, snow began to fall. He went to the window and watched the flurries getting heavier and heavier. "If we must have Christmas," he thought, "it's lovely to have a white one." He went back to his chair by the fireside and began to read his newspaper. A few minutes later he was startled by a thudding sound. It was quickly followed by another, then another.

He thought that someone must be throwing snowballs at his living room window. When he went to the front door to investigate, he found a flock of birds huddled miserably in the storm. They had been caught in the storm and in a desperate search for shelter had tried to fly through his window. "I can't let these poor creatures lie there and freeze," he thought. "But how can I help them?" Then he remembered the barn where the children's pony was stabled. It would provide a warm shelter.

He put on his coat and boots and tramped through the deepening snow to the barn. He opened the door wide and turned on a light. But the birds didn't come in. "Food will lure them in," he thought. So he hurried back to the house for breadcrumbs, which he sprinkled on the snow to make a trail into the barn. To his dismay, the birds ignored the breadcrumbs and continued to flop around helplessly in the snow. He tried shooing them into the barn by walking around and waving his arms. They scattered in every direction - except into the warm lighted barn.

"They find me a strange and terrifying creature," he said to himself, "and I can't seem to think of any way to let them know they can trust me. If only I could be a bird myself for a few minutes, perhaps I could lead them to safety. . . ."

Just at that moment the church bells began to ring. He stood silent for a while, listening to the bells pealing the glad tidings of Christmas. As if a light had been switched on in a dark room he understood the significance of Christ's birth. He understood "Emmanuel - God with us." Then he sank to his knees in the snow. "Lord, now I do understand," he whispered. "Now I see why you had to do it."

May you all be blessed however you spend Christmas.

Keith Adlam, Associate Priest

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| <p>NORTHWOOD CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR - THANK YOU! The grand total raised at our Christmas Fair was £902.52 for Church Funds! Thank you to everyone who helped organise the Fair, those who manned the stalls, donated the items for sale and to the huge number of people who supported us by turning up on the day and purchasing the goods - there were some real bargains there!</p> | |
| <p>NORTHWOOD CHURCH WINDOW APPEAL COLLECTION BOXES If you have a collection box please return it to Northwood Church or call Sarah on 01983 527948 for collection by 13th December 2009. If you pay tax don't forget to sign the Gift Aid form on the back of the box so we can claim back 28p in every £1 you donate. Thank you for your support over the year.</p> | |
| <p>ALL SAINTS CHURCH, GURNARD The TRITONE SINGERS, one of the leading choirs on the Island, will present CHRISTMAS IN WORDS AND MUSIC on Saturday 12th December at 7.30pm. FREE ENTRY Retiring collection and interval refreshments. Highly recommended.</p> | |
| <p>May I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, a Peaceful yet Joyful New Year, and the Best of Health throughout 2010. <i>Alan Welfoot, Editor</i></p> <p><i>Seasons Greetings</i> * MERRY CHRISTMAS</p> | |
| <p>A huge THANK YOU to all our ADVERTISERS for all their support during 2009, without whom Northwood News simply could not exist. We are now sending out our renewal letters to each of our existing advertisers, so could we ask that they respond as quickly as possible to make sure of their space in 2010. This is also the best time for potential new advertisers to get in touch. Our rates are exceptionally reasonable (see below) so contact the Editor, Alan Welfoot, at nneditor@northwoodvillage.org.uk or telephone 01983 523818 to find out how we can help. The full advertisement scale is given on the village website.</p> | |
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ANYA BALL on 22nd November 2009

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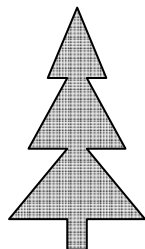
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 on 5th December 2009  
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 We remember in our thoughts and prayers those who have died recently,
 remembering especially their families.

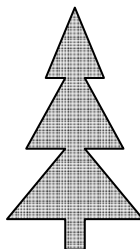
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### MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Do you know of someone who would appreciate a visit by the church? Or would you, yourself, like to meet and talk with someone from the church? Please let Lyn know or contact one of the Churchwardens whose details are given above. We're happy to meet with you, to bring communion to you if you cannot come to church - or to explore with you if you just want to know more about the Christian faith. We are always here for you - because that's what we're about!

*The Churchwardens*

*Peter Lambert & Anne Brooker*

*wish everyone a*

*Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year*

### CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR DECEMBER 2009

| DATE | CHURCH                | BRASS              |
|------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 4th  | ANNE & PETER BROOKER  | VOLUNTEER REQUIRED |
| 11th | VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED   | DOROTHY PIMM       |
| 18th | MOLLY & RICHARD ELLIS | PAM WIMPENNY       |
| 25th | PAT & PETER LAMBERT   | MARY CHICK         |

### CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR JANUARY 2010

| DATE | CHURCH                          | BRASS              |
|------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1st  | JILL MAZILLIUS & PAULINE PLEDGE | JACQUIE PEARCE     |
| 8th  | VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED             | JAY SHIPLEY        |
| 15th | KAY WELFOOT & ELIZABETH BANKS   | JANE PEAKALL       |
| 22nd | VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED             | VOLUNTEER REQUIRED |
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**NORTHWOOD PARISH CHURCH SERVICES**

in St John the Baptist Church, Chawton Lane, Northwood  
**DECEMBER 2009**

**6th Second Sunday of Advent**

11.15am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP)

*Readings: Baruch 5.1-9; Philippians 1.3-11; Luke 3.1-6.*

**13th Third Sunday of Advent**

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP)

11.15am **FAMILY WORSHIP; CHRISTINGLE AND TOY SERVICE.**

*Readings: Zephaniah 3.14-20; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18.*

**20th Fourth Sunday of Advent**

11.15am **MORNING PRAYER** (BCP)

followed by said Holy Communion at 12.15pm.

 *Readings: Micah 5.2-5a; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-55.*

 7.00pm **SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS**

**AND CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

**24th CHRISTMAS EVE**

 6.00pm **CHILDREN'S CRIB SERVICE**

11.30pm **MIDNIGHT SERVICE - COMMUNION** (CW)

**BY CANDLELIGHT**

*Readings: Isaiah 52.7-10; Hebrews 1.1-12; John 1.1-14.*

**25th CHRISTMAS DAY**

11.15am **COMMUNION** (CW)

*Readings: Isaiah 9.2-7; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-14.*

**27th John, Apostle and Evangelist**

11.15am **HOLY COMMUNION** (CW)

*Readings: Exodus 33.7-11a; 1 John 1; John 21.19b-end.*

**FLOWER ROTA FOR DECEMBER 2009**

6th - WEDDING; 13th - VOLUNTEER REQUIRED;  
20th - VOLUNTEER REQUIRED; 27th - NOT REQUIRED.

**PRAYER GROUP MEETING FOR DECEMBER 2009**

Tuesday 15th December 2009 10.30am at 89 Wyatts Lane



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**NORTHWOOD PARISH CHURCH SERVICES**

in St John the Baptist Church, Chawton Lane, Northwood  
(unless otherwise stated ✽)

**JANUARY 2010**

**3rd Epiphany**

11.15am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP)

✽ 3.00pm **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN COWES** - Covenant Service  
at Cowes Methodist Church, Birmingham Road, Cowes.

*Readings: Ecclesiasticus 24.1-12; Ephesians 1.3-14; John 1.1-18.*

**10th Baptism of Christ**

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP)

11.15am **FAMILY WORSHIP**

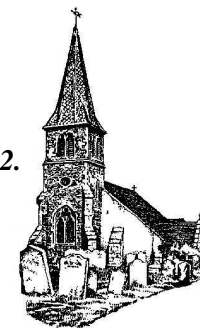
*Readings: Isaiah 43.1-7; Acts 8.14-17; Luke 3.15-17, 21-22.*

**17th Second Sunday of Epiphany**

11.15am **MORNING PRAYER** (BCP)

followed by said Holy Communion at 12.15pm.

*Readings: Isaiah 62.1-5; 1 Corinthians 12.1-11; John 2.1-11.*

**24th Third Sunday of Epiphany**

11.15am **HOLY COMMUNION** (CW)

*Readings: Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a; Luke 4.14-21.*

**31st Candlemas - The Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

11.15am **HOLY COMMUNION** (CW)

*Readings: Malachi 3.1-5; Hebrews 2.14-18; Luke 2.22-40.*

**7th February 2nd Sunday before Lent**

11.15am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP)

*Readings: Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-25; Revelation 4; Luke 8.22-25.*

**FLOWER ROTA FOR JANUARY 2010 - HELP!**

3rd - VOLUNTEER REQUIRED; 10th - VOLUNTEER REQUIRED;  
17th - VOLUNTEER REQUIRED; 24th - VOLUNTEER REQUIRED;  
31st - VOLUNTEER REQUIRED.

**PRAYER GROUP MEETING FOR JANUARY 2010**

Tuesday 19th January 2010 10.30am at 89 Wyatts Lane.

