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NEWS

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



Special Christmas Services at
St John's Church, Northwood

12th December, 11.15am - Family Service;
Christingle, Toy & Gift Service for Frontline.

19th December, 6.00pm - Service of Nine
Lessons and Carols by Candlelight.

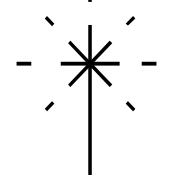
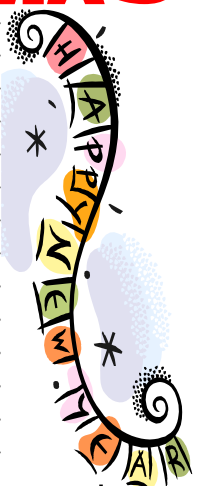
Friday 24th December Christmas Eve, 4pm -
Children's Crib Service;
11.30pm - Midnight Service Holy Communion
by Candlelight.

Saturday 25th December Christmas Day,
11.15am - Family 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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Scouts Monday 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Cubs Friday 6.45pm to 8.15pm

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PAGE 16**2nd NORTHWOOD BROWNIES meet on WEDNESDAYS**

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in Northwood Cricket Club. Tickets £4.The **JANUARY** meeting is on Thursday 13th January at 2.30pm
in the IW Community Club, Park Road, Cowes**SPEAKER: MIKE PARSONS** - "Enigma and a Short History of Computing"**NEW YEAR LUNCH:** Tuesday 18th January - 12.30pm for 1.00pm

in the New Holmwood Hotel, Cowes

For membership details contact Mary Mead on 01983 298154 or visit the **CREEA** webpage in the **Local Groups** section of the village website where you can also download a copy of our 2011 Programme and view photos of past events.**Subs remain at £6 for 2011****New Members are always Welcome****COWES AMATEUR OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY**

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

CHRISTMAS PARTY

COMPETITIONS: Homemade Christmas Card (any medium); Best Garden Bloom

The JANUARY meeting is on Thursday 6th January at 2pm in the Northwood W.I. Hall.

SPEAKER: PAUL ROGERS - "Community Chef"

COMPETITIONS: Favourite Recipe - with taster; Best Garden Bloom

TABLE-TOP SALE: Saturday 19th February 2011 from 2pm.

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The DECEMBER meeting is on Monday 13th December at 7.30pm in the Northwood W.I. Hall.

CHRISTMAS PARTY (WITH RAFFLE)

COMPETITION: A Christmas Decoration; Best Bloom

REFRESHMENTS: American Supper (The Committee).

SALES TABLE

Sorry, no details received for January 2011

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NORTHWOOD FLORAL ART GROUP

The DECEMBER meeting is on Monday 6th December at 7.30pm in the Northwood W.I. Hall.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

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NORTHWOOD VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

The DECEMBER meeting is on Friday 10th December at 7.30pm in the Northwood W.I. Hall.

CARROT TROPHY ~ Quiz Vs Gurnard at Northwood

NO MEETING IN JANUARY

Visitors & New Members are always Welcome - Contact 01983 295556

COWES-DEAUVILLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

CHRISTMAS DINNER

4th December at 7.00 for 7.30pm in the New Holmwood Hotel, Cowes

MINCE PIES AND COFFEE MORNING

at Peggy's on Sunday 12th December from 11am to 1pm.

COFFEE MORNING

with Tony and Gladys on Saturday 22nd January (TBC) at 10.30am.

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Contact John Isham on 01983 295074.

We had a successful 5th November evening. Some 29 members attended and enjoyed a short display of fireworks, mulled wine, hot soup and hotdogs to keep warm alongside a roaring chimonia.

It is hoped that a small delegation from CDTA can attend the 150th celebrations of Deauville in early December.

A local artists group have completed a selection of paintings of the Deauville Mairie (Town Hall) along with some examples of needle work. These will be taken for display in Deauville.

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BEING A PARISH COUNCILLOR

What is a councillor?

Councillors are elected to represent the entire Parish or Town Council area. They are generally elected by the public every four years.

What do councillors do?

Councillors have three main components to their work.

1. Decision making – Through meetings and attending committees with other elected members, councillors decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented.
2. Monitoring – Councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by keeping an eye on how well things are working.
3. Getting involved locally – As local representatives, councillors have responsibilities towards their constituents and local organisations. These responsibilities and duties often depend on what the councillor wants to achieve, how much time is available, and may include:

- Going to meetings of local organisations
- Going to meetings of bodies affecting the wider community
- Taking up issues on behalf of the general public
- Running a surgery for residents to bring up local issues
- Meeting with individual constituents in their own homes

Attending a meeting of Northwood Parish Council (held in Northwood primary school on the first Tuesday of every month) or speaking to any of the Parish councillors, or clerk, is the best way to see what happens there.

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How much time does it take up?

Quite often councillors say that their duties occupy them for about two to three hours a week, but obviously some may spend a lot more than this and others less. In the main, being a councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your local community, and in making it a better place to live and work. Various training sessions (including those on the responsibilities and duties of a councillor, and the Code of Conduct) are organised by the IW Association of Local Councils, and are highly recommended.

What does the Parish Council do?

The Parish Council is that part of local government closest to the people. They serve the smallest area and are responsible for the most local of matters. Very importantly, the Parish Council can 'precept' – raising a sum collected with the council tax each year to improve facilities and services for local people.

Parish councils have a number of basic responsibilities in making the lives of local communities more comfortable. Essentially these powers fall within three main categories; representing the whole electorate within the parish, delivering services to meet local needs, and striving to improve quality of life within the parish.

A full list of powers and duties is available at:

http://www.nalc.gov.uk/About_NALC/What_is_a_parish_or_town_council/All_about_local_councils.aspx

Parish councils also comment on planning applications – they are statutory consultees (they have to be consulted if they so wish) and can be represented at Public Enquiries.

What next – contact the clerk in writing by 31st December expressing your interest.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH *(John Pullen)*

PC Mark Thomas has reported that two offenders have been identified as causing damage to the Bus Shelters, and have admitted it. The IOW Council was to take civil action to recoup the cost of repairs.

A number of cycles have been stolen in the Gurnard and Cowes areas, please ensure your cycles are locked away safely. Also take a note of the frame number and if possible, a photograph.

Several thefts have taken place from unlocked motor vehicles in Cowes and Gurnard.

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Proposed Precept 2011/12

Clerk's Salary	5323
Payroll costs	72
Pension Contributions	1198
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Holiday/Sickness cover	200
Clerk's car mileage	80
Use of Clerk's home	300
Stationery & Books	100
Photocopying & Printing	150
Postage	30
Telephone	
Publicity	300
Advertising	50
Insurance	300
Subscription & Registration Fees	420
Meetings costs	220
Office Equipment & Software	400
Audit Fee	150
Training	100
Election costs	
TOTAL ADMIN COSTS	<u>9393</u>
Grants for Good Causes	300
Poppy Wreath	25
Emptying Dog Bins	770
Community Projects	
Village Design Statement	100
Village Improvements	500
Village Planting	300
TOTAL SPEND	<u>11388</u>
Less Bank Interest received	160
PROPOSED PRECEPT	<u>11228</u>

Total Balances of £2,650.00 to be carried forward from current financial year.

**Proposed increase will see a rise of 1% on the precept for year 2010/11.*

Any comments on the proposed Precept should be sent to the Clerk,

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Thursday 25th March
Thursday 22nd April
Thursday 20th May (AGM)
Thursday 24th June

Thursday 15th July
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Thursday 23rd September
Thursday 21st October
Thursday 18th November
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Sunday	19th	10.30am	CAROL SERVICE Mr Graham Fowler
Friday	24th	5.15pm	CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE Rev'd Malcolm Stinton
Saturday	25th	10.00am	Local Arrangement
Sunday	26th		NO SERVICE



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The **LADIES' SISTERHOOD** will meet on Tuesday 7th December at 2.30pm

SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2011

Sunday	2nd	10.30am	Local Arrangement
Sunday	9th	10.30am	Mr Geoff Ryall
Sunday	16th	10.30am	Mr Den Brewin
Sunday	23rd	3.00pm	COVENANT SERVICE United Service with Churches Together in Cowes
Sunday	30th	10.30am	Mr Ray Felton

Cups of tea and coffee are served after the Services.

The **LADIES' SISTERHOOD** and **FELLOWSHIP GROUP** will recommence in February 2011.

The Church's **NEW YEAR DINNER** will be held on Saturday 29th January 2011 at 5.00pm.

NORTHWOOD ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

As most Northwood News readers will know, in March 2009, after some considerable amount of work by the Parish Council, a site for 20 allotments was opened on Newport Road. By May, all allotments were leased and being enthusiastically worked. During the season new friendships were made, the site was a hive of happy activity and was a source of fine fresh vegetables. Unfortunately for all concerned the site flooded quite spectacularly in the winter, first the site flooded and ducks found a new home there, then it froze over – and froze out the ducks and the allotment holders for the rest of the year. The land owner then decided that the lease would not be extended beyond September 2010 – bad news for all.

However, the story has a happy ending. A new site was found at Lower Luton Farm, Pallance Lane, and the Northwood Allotment Association (NAA) was formed – largely thanks to the energy and enthusiasm of Paul Morris, the new association Chairman. While the NAA is independent of the Parish Council it acknowledges a debt of gratitude to them for setting the process in motion.

At the new site there are 30 allotments all actively and happily being worked and there is a waiting list. Northwood Primary School has one of the plots and we look forward to seeing the results of their activity in the spring. Look out for NAA news periodically in Northwood News. We will certainly have an Open Day in spring 2011 and look forward to showing interested visitors around the site.

C.J. Bradshaw

NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

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NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REPORT

(Eileen Turner-Palmeron, Secretary)

As I mentioned in the last report, we have been very fortunate to receive funding from the Safer Neighbourhood Team. This will enable us to continue our Residents Events well into next year. Our special thanks must go to P.C.S.O. Steve Oatley for his support.

Our last event, 'Christmas Comes Early' was a great success and enjoyed by all. The hall was decorated with balloons and a small tree. While Christmas music played, we pulled the Christmas crackers, eat Christmas cake and mince pies and even chocolate buttons. Our thanks to all who came for the afternoon.

Our next Residents Event will be on

WEDNESDAY 19th JANUARY 2011, 2.30pm - 4.30pm

at the W. I. Hall, Northwood.

Hope you will be able to come along.

**On behalf of the Northwood Community Partnership,
 I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

The next Community Partnership meeting is on

TUESDAY 25th JANUARY 2011, 7.45pm

at the W. I. Hall.

All are very welcome to attend.

**Why not come along to the special Christmas Services
 at St John the Baptist Church, Chawton Lane, Northwood
 where everyone will be very welcome:**

Sunday 12th December

11.15am - Family Service; Christingle, Toy & Gift Service for Frontline

Sunday 19th December

6.00pm - Service of Nine Lessons and Carols **by Candlelight.**

Friday 24th December

Christmas Eve 4pm - Children's Crib Service;
 11.30pm - Midnight Service Holy Communion **by Candlelight.**

Saturday 25th December

Christmas Day 11.15am - Family Communion.

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REPORT - DECEMBER 2010 / JANUARY 2011
COUNCIL BUDGET 2011 / 2012

Residents will of course be aware that following last year's General Election and the formation of the Coalition Government, a Comprehensive Spending Review has been published highlighting the state of the nation's finances.

This has shown the huge multi-billion pound national debt and the high cost of repaying that debt which falls on every taxpayer in the country including those who will have to pay tax in the future, i.e. your children and grandchildren. Whilst such future liability has ever been thus the present scale of national debt is unprecedented in modern times.

So the Government has announced a massive curtailment in public expenditure over the next four years in a bid to not only hugely reduce that debt but also to keep the interest we pay on that debt as low as possible.

This can only be done by initially making relatively short term, i.e. four year plans to reduce public spending whilst maintaining those services most vital to public need and keeping interest rates as low as possible to help industry expand, thus preserving and creating private sector employment and assisting families with mortgages in these difficult times. In addition, old age pensions increases have to be considered and made.

Many of these public sector cuts have been, as expected, targeted at local authorities whose increasing public sector role over the last decade or more has been a feature of public life in this country. So much so, many believe that this has led to Councils being seen as a first point of call for almost anything with the widely held view that "the Council should do this".

That perception has to be addressed because the money is no longer available to fund local Councils at those previous levels. The Isle of Wight Council expects to have to make large spending reductions over the next four years commencing with the budget for the fiscal year 1st April 2011 to the 31st March 2012.

The Government has indicated that the Council will need to find savings of at least £32 million during those four years with at least £17 million of those to be made in that first year. That will represent a 26% reduction in Government funding.

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NORTHWOOD CHURCH COLLECTION TINS

Please return all collection tins to Northwood Church by Saturday 4th December.
 If you would like to arrange for your tin to be collected please call Sarah on
 01983 527948. *Thank you for your continued support.*

NORTHWOOD CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR - THANK YOU!

The grand total raised at our Christmas Fair was £876.29 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!

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL SHOEBOX SCHEME
A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO DONATED A SHOEBOX!

We collected **72 boxes** in all.
 I would also like to give a personal *Thank You* to

NORTHWOOD STORES

for their help in collecting the boxes.

Pat Lambert

May I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, a Peaceful yet
 Joyful New Year, and the Best of Health throughout 2011.
Alan Welfoot, Editor

A huge **THANK YOU** to all our **ADVERTISERS** for all their support during 2010,
 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 2011.

This is also the best time for potential new advertisers to get in touch. Our rates
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Light Refreshments will be available

For details of categories contact Andy Neill on 01983 295344

In January we invite all Northwood Residents aged 65 and over

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in the Scout Hall, Wyatts Lane starting at 3pm

Tea, Coffee and Light refreshments ~ Beetle Drive and other Entertainment

Our numbers are limited so entrance is by complimentary ticket only.

If you would like to come please contact Eileen Finch on 01983 292904.

Coffee Morning

Jointly in aid of Church Funds and the Windows Appeal

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Christmas is on the horizon and schools are always an exciting place to work at this time of year. We are always busy, but this time of year is extra manic! The children held an International Trade Fayre on the 5th November, where they learnt about different countries and then sold artefacts that they had made. This took the place of a traditional harvest festival and they raised over £300 for charity. We are all looking forward to our **CHRISTMAS MARKET** on Friday 3rd December and all the Christmas Productions that are being planned. We do hope you will join us in our celebrations. Look out for the school newsletters or check the website for details.

The Christmas Market starts at 6pm and finishes at 8pm. It will include: Christmas stalls, Father Christmas, hot turkey baguettes, mulled wine, mince pies, carols and entertainment from the Vectis Corps of Drums and of course a Christmas Raffle.

All monies made will be used to benefit the children of the school so please come and have some fun.

All the staff and Governors of Northwood Primary wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Sarah Hussey, Headteacher

We are now engaged in that difficult process, the preliminary scope of which will be outlined at the Council's Cabinet meeting on the 7th December, the public papers for which will be available online at iwight.com for the end of November.

The national finances mean that all Council expenditure will be under review including services to schools, the elderly, libraries, leisure, public transport, housing, refuse collections and staffing at all levels. This will result in a number of very painful choices having to be made to balance the books.

As the former Chief Secretary to the Treasury said in his note to his Coalition Government successor, "There is no money left". Whilst this was not literally true, what it did mean was that too much money had been spent in the past to the extent that there was none available to continue spending at past high levels.

The Council has and continues to consult widely on these difficult spending decisions and I would be pleased to hear from residents with their views. As the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Housing, I am well aware of the importance of those services to Island residents but the time has come when all these service levels have to be reviewed. This is not something either myself or my colleagues take lightly and I must tell you that the responsibility for this weighs heavily on my mind.

However, we are faced with little choice in terms of having to make these spending reductions because the Council is not allowed by law to pass a deficit budget. This means that with less money to spend, we will simply not be able to provide the same level of services as in previous years. Whilst every effort will be made to maintain as many services as possible, even with what may well need to be substantial staffing reductions, services will be reduced from next year.

I hope residents will understand the difficult position we will all face over the next few years and that unless this debt problem is fully addressed now, the nation's finances will only continue to spiral downwards into an even higher level of national debt leading to even higher levels of interest rates leading in turn to even higher levels of eventual public spending reductions. You do not need a degree in economics to see the inevitability of that scenario.

In the meantime, all is not doom and gloom and we will do our very best to ensure that core services are protected and that appropriate safety nets are put in place to assist the most vulnerable of our residents whilst at the same time actually not increasing next year's rate of Council Tax.

Jill and myself send our usual sincere seasonal greetings to all residents with our best wishes for the new year.

Roger Mazillius

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Rita Goddard, Lay Minister

c/o The Rectory, Chawton Lane, Northwood

I write this article in the week it has been announced that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has signed up to Facebook. Facebook is a social network service and website launched in February 2004. As of July 2010 Facebook had more than 500 million active users, a number which will have increased considerably by now. Users may create a personal profile, add other users as friends and exchange messages, although I understand that we shall not be allowed to sign up as a friend of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II!

This news started me thinking about the whole subject of communication. We have so many different methods in this twenty-first century. Whether out of choice or ability not all of us will use every communication aid available. How different, though, are the ways and means of announcing news to our families and friends now to the way in which it was announced even just one hundred years ago. When we watch some of the period dramas on television we see, very often, a single sheet of paper being hand-delivered containing the news of some event which took place several days ago. Now we can immediately pick up the telephone, landline or mobile, to speak out the news as it happens. Alternatively we can text the news or even send an e-mail from our mobile telephone whilst on the move. Some of us become a little overwhelmed by such technology and perhaps we think it might be nicer to return to the days of long ago of simple but belated messages.

The Christmas Story of the nativity of the Lord Jesus Christ was shrouded in communication. God had an enormous task in letting everyone know of the birth of His Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. No mobile telephones or e-mails for Him! Firstly God wanted to communicate with his people to tell them the Good News of a Saviour who would be born. To do this he used some of his servants in their role as prophets. We are often reminded of this in Christmas Carol Services when a bible reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah in which verse six says, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, ... he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

How then, did God communicate His message when Christ was actually born in a rough stable in Bethlehem, surrounded by animals and without modern technology? God did it in a way which for me was far more wonderful than a page on Facebook. He used a great company of angels, humble shepherds and eastern kings known as Magi. Imagine those shepherds in a field in Bethlehem receiving the news of the Saviour's birth not just from one angel but as the gospel of Luke tells us, "Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests.'"

I think those shepherds originally became overwhelmed not by technology, but by the amazing way in which God communicated to them the great news of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the World.

Why not join us at our Christmas Services this year to hear again the greatest message ever told.

Happy Christmas and Every Blessing for the New Year.

Rita

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No Baptisms

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No Marriages

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We remember in our thoughts and prayers those who have died recently*, remembering especially their families:

- KENNETH JOHN HAYWARD** on 11th May 2010*
- JUDITH LORNA GASCOYNE** on 14th June 2010*
- ALAN GEORGE GREEN** on 17th June 2010*
- MARGARET ANN PASCOE** on 25th July 2010*
- RHODA KATE HUTCHINGS** on 24th October 2010*

* These entries record deaths which

we have previously been unable to record here.

They all appear within their respective months on the website.

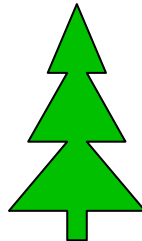
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**MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR**

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!

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*The Churchwardens*

*Peter Lambert & Anne Brooker*

*wish everyone a*

*Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year*

**CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR DECEMBER 2010**

| DATE | CHURCH                     | BRASS                     |
|------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 3rd  | <b>VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED</b> | <b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b> |
| 10th | <b>VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED</b> | DOROTHY PIMM              |
| 17th | MOLLY & RICHARD ELLIS      | PAM WIMPENNY              |
| 24th | PAT & PETER LAMBERT        | MARY CHICK                |
| 31st | <b>VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED</b> | <b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b> |

**CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR JANUARY 2011**

| DATE | CHURCH                          | BRASS                     |
|------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 7th  | JILL MAZILLIUS & PAULINE PLEDGE | JACQUIE PEARCE            |
| 14th | SARAH & DEN HALLAM              | JAY SHIPLEY               |
| 21st | KAY WELFOOT & ELIZABETH BANKS   | JANE PEAKALL              |
| 28th | <b>VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED</b>      | <b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b> |

## NORTHWOOD PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

in St John the Baptist Church, Chawton Lane, Northwood  
**DECEMBER 2010**

### 5th Second Sunday of Advent

11.15am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP)

*Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12.*



### 12th Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP)

11.15am **FAMILY SERVICE; CHRISTINGLE, TOY AND GIFT SERVICE FOR FRONTLINE.**

*Readings: Isaiah 35; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11.*



### 19th Fourth Sunday of Advent

11.15am **MORNING PRAYER** (BCP)

12.15pm **HOLY COMMUNION** (CW)

*Readings: Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-end.*



6.00pm **SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS**

**AND CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

### 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

4.00pm **CHILDREN'S CRIB SERVICE**

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

**BY CANDLELIGHT**

*Readings: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-12; John 1:1-14.*



### 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

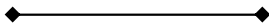
11.15am **FAMILY COMMUNION**

*Readings: Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:1-20.*

### 26th First Sunday of Christmas

11.15am **HOLY COMMUNION** (CW)

*Readings: Isaiah 63:7-9; Hebrews 2:10-end; Matthew 2:13-end.*



### FLOWER ROTA FOR DECEMBER 2010

5th - PAT LAMBERT; 12th - VOLUNTEER REQUIRED;  
 19th - VOLUNTEER REQUIRED; 26th - NOT REQUIRED.



### PRAYER GROUP MEETING FOR DECEMBER 2010

Tuesday 21st December 2010 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 2011**

### 2nd Epiphany

11.15am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP)

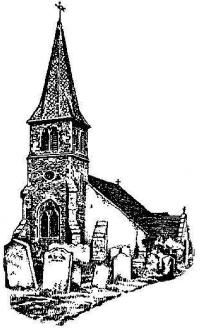
*Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12.*

### 9th Baptism of Christ

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP)

11.15am **FAMILY SERVICE**

*Readings: Isaiah 42:1-9; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-end.*



### 16th Second Sunday of Epiphany

11.15am **MORNING PRAYER** (BCP)

12.15pm **HOLY COMMUNION** (CW)

*Readings: Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42.*

### 23rd Third Sunday of Epiphany

11.15am **HOLY COMMUNION** (CW)

*Readings: Isaiah 9:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23.*

### ☼ 3.00pm CHURCHES TOGETHER IN COWES

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### 30th Candlemas - The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

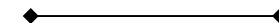
11.15am **HOLY COMMUNION** (CW)

*Readings: Malachi 3:1-5; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40.*

### 6th February Fifth Sunday before Lent

11.15am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP)

*Readings: Isaiah 58:1-9a; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20.*



### FLOWER ROTA FOR JANUARY 2011 - HELP!

2nd - VOLUNTEER REQUIRED; 9th - VOLUNTEER REQUIRED;  
 16th - VOLUNTEER REQUIRED; 23rd - VOLUNTEER REQUIRED;  
 30th - VOLUNTEER REQUIRED.



### PRAYER GROUP MEETING FOR JANUARY 2011

Tuesday 18th January 2011 10.30am at 89 Wyatts Lane.

