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**Sunday 15th December 2024 Christmas Edition**

**‘To know God for ourselves. To grow in God together. To share God with othe**r**s**’

**22nd December Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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9.30am Morning Worship, Newport Micah 5. 2-5a

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Description automatically generated](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=600840288) Luke 1. 39-45

4pm Carol Service, Quendon

**24th December Christmas Eve**

3pm Crib Service, Widdington

5pm Crib Service, Newport

11.15pm Midnight Mass, Newport Romans 16. 25-27

Luke 1. 26-38

**25th December Christmas Day**

9am Christmas Day service, Quendon Luke 2. 1-7, 8-23

Psalm 97

10am Christmas Day Service, Newport “

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**COLLECT**

God our redeemer,

who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary

to be the mother of your Son:

grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,

so we may be ready to greet him

when he comes again as our judge;

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**AMEN**

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No activities this week beginning 22nd December.

**FURTHER AHEAD**

Tuesday 31st December 9am Online Morning Prayer

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Please Pray

For our services led by David Baker and Gavin Sunshine on the 22nd. For our services led by Peter Allen and Helen Vass on the 24th and for our services led by Peter Allen and Gavin Sunshine on Christmas Day.

For Anne Marie Leys who passed away on the 11th November, please pray for her family and friends at this sad time.

For the healing of Gary H, Ben and Kay Ledden, Rob Griffiths, Margaret Moule, Martin Folland, Charlotte, Sue Hurley, Pauline Potterill, Ron Woodthorpe, Sylvia Wright and Louise, Julie Hancock, Beryl Sears and for God’s healing for those known to us.

For His Majesty the King and Catherine Princess of Wales. May they and all who suffer from cancer know the healing presence of God’s love.

For the people of Ukraine and all those caught up in conflict. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. For those with the power over war and peace, we pray for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions.

For the people of Israel and Gaza, for those suffering, we ask that God provides peace in this crisis and protection and comfort for all those who have been impacted.

For the work of Streets2Homes, Jimmy’s Night Shelter & other charities supporting homeless people.

***Thank you for your prayers.***

***Contact*** [***church.jo@yahoo.com***](mailto:church.jo@yahoo.com) ***for prayer inclusions.***

Christmas Message from Reverend Peter Allen

Dear Church Family.

As we approach the close of another year, I rejoice and give thanks for the goodness of God who has placed Sharon and myself amongst you all and for love he pours into our hearts for each other.

When I think about the past year my faith is encouraged in knowing that we have worshipped, prayed, served, laughed, cried, and grown in fellowship. We have celebrated life’s milestones, supported one another in times of difficulty, and carried the light of Christ into our community.

I hope you too can take a moment to reflect on the blessings of this year, both seen and unseen. Though the path may not always have been easy, God has walked alongside us, guiding our steps and reminding us of His steadfast love.

As we look to the year ahead, may we recommit ourselves to being His hands and feet in the world, sharing the hope and peace of the Gospel with all we encounter. Let us continue to build each other up in love, deepen our faith, and seek God’s will for our lives and our church.

I encourage you to carry the words of Philippians 3:13-14 into the new year: “Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

Thank you for your faithful prayers, service, and generosity this past year. May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly as we step into a new season filled with His promise and purpose.

With every blessing, Pete

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A birthday cake with sprinkles and a gold topper

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Please extend our Christmas and New year greetings to all the church family from us in our new home in Polegate.

With love

From Andie and Kudzo Azamede

**World Vision Christmas Card**

Don’t forget we are using a Christmas tree at Newport as our Works Vision Christmas card, which this year will be in the Prayer Corner inside church. If you would like to send a Christmas greeting to the church family rather than sending individual cards, then please write a message on one of the cards provided and hang it on the tree. There is a box for a cash donation to World Vision or you can donate online via their website [www.worldvision.org.uk](http://www.worldvision.org.uk/)

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**Church office open every**

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Childrens Christmas Party

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A stone building with a monument in front of it

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Our Children’s Christmas Party was a huge success with many new and happy faces, over 35 children! This was an event for the community to welcome them into church.

We raised £70 towards the church funds. Santas Christmas presents were donated by members of the Newport Club.

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**SATURDAY**

**4TH JANUARY 9am**

Meet outside

Newport Church

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

Any questions please ask Helen or Kathy and they will be happy to help.

**WALK YOURSELF FIT IN 2025!**

Helen Vass & Kathy Nixon will be starting a regular walk from Newport church once a month and the first one starts on:

Yesterday 40 bags were taken to [**Streets2Homes**](https://www.facebook.com/Streets2Homes?__cft__%5b0%5d=AZVtsCGOcdMTBGgIw0HA0Bjzw-QEbIiAxmPxqm6kr25oeoeGVu3id5JYoas4nRT5PEGLFsvKOCbdtlWOxY4ty5WfWIDdNJ4Z7lQIjvEijgHEWFYIms-caiaiUpqzxJnSQcHupNU4lcxV-3YbBA6_1IXDPu290Sp3DC6vaGLhH5C30g&__tn__=-%5dK-R) in Harlow helping those who are homeless. A big thank you to all who brought in filled bags and all those involved in helping to sort them and deliver them today. 🥰You are all amazing!

Gavin and Pete spreading Christmas cheer this morning at Stansted Airport. Save me a Malteser one 😊