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**Sunday 16th February 2025**

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

**16th February The Third Sunday before Lent**

9.30am Holy Communion, Newport [1 Corinthians 15. 12-20](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=605571252)

**Sunday Club and The Lord’s** [Luke 6. 17-26](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=605571305)

**Prayer video after service**

11.15am Holy Communion, Widdington [1 Corinthians 15. 12-20](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=605571252)

[Luke 6. 17-26](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=605571305)

**23rd February The Second Sunday before Lent**

9.30am Morning Worship, Newport [Psalm 65](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=606282855)

[Luke 8. 22-25](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=606282907)

11.15am Holy Communion, Quendon [Psalm 65](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=606282855)

[Luke 8. 22-25](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=606282907)

**COLLECT**

Almighty God,

who alone can bring order

to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:

give your people grace

so to love what you command

and to desire what you promise,

that, among the many changes of this world,

our hearts may surely there be fixed

where true joys are to be found;

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**

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**THIS WEEK**

Saturday 15th February 8am 5k easy run, Church House

Tuesday 18th February 9am Online Morning Prayer

Wednesday 19th February 10am Coffee Morning Newport

Thursday 20th February 10am Knit and Natter Newport

**FURTHER AHEAD**

Sunday 23rd February 3.30pm Messy Church, Newport

Monday 24th February 10am Little Fishes, Widdington

Tuesday 25th February 9am Online Morning Prayer

Wednesday 26th February 10am Coffee Morning Newport

Wednesday 26th February 10am Coffee Morning Widdington

Thursday 27th February 10am Knit and Natter Newport

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Please Pray

For our services led by Peter Allen and Becky Monk.

For the late Alison Bartlett of Newport who passed away on on 21st December 2024, the cremation will be held at Cam Valley on the 14th February at 2pm.

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.***

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A person sitting on a rock with his hands in his face

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If you would like to attend or would like more information,

please contact Pete [revpete07@gmail.com](mailto:revpete07@gmail.com)

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FAIRWELL TO NEWPORT’S PIPE ORGAN 11/02/25

*By Graham Daniels*

As you may have noticed the pipe organ in Newport Church has finally gone! The organ was professionally dismantled by an organ builder and is now in Ireland to be installed in a church there. We are not exactly sure where as yet as a few Churches are interested but once it has been installed we'll get more details along with some pictures. Don't hold your breath though, it could be a good few months (or years) yet!

A church with stained glass windows

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The removal of the pipe organ follows a lengthy faculty application process to replace the pipe organ with a new digital organ kindly gifted by Dr Tim Norris to the Church. I'd like to express my sincere thanks to Steve Smith for his huge efforts to reshape and paint the organ leading to the final approval of the faculty. I'd also like to thank Steve Hancock, Elaine Edwards, Bill Scott and others who have helped over the years with the faculty application.

I thought that you might also be interested in the history of music at Newport Church which was provided by Dr Tim Norris:-

By way of background, Newport Church originally in mediaeval times had a band of musicians with hurdy gurdies, trombones, sackbuts and such like. Around 1820, Newport Church purchased a barrel organ manufactured by prestigious Walker Organs and with 80 tunes to select amongst; it was located in the South transept of the church.  Shortgrove family Butlers bought the church a fine new pipe instrument, also built by Walker Organs, around the year 1876; the barrel organ was converted into a human-playable ("fingered') instrument and moved to Ugley Church where the instrument can be found today and is in good working order.  
  
Around year 1890, the congregation at Newport Church considered that the new Walker organ of year 1876 took too much light from the interior of Newport Church and a decision seems to have been made around year 1910 to move the Walker organ into the West-end tower of Newport Church; this created coordination problems with the organ at the West end and a choir in an East-end chancel region of the church in view of being at opposite ends of the church.  By circa 1960, the Walker organ of 1876 was in need of restoration, after circa 80 years of operation.  
  
To save money, George Quintrell had an amateur organ building mate/friend who offered to do the rebuild for a modest sum of money.  In 1965, the organ at the West end of Newport Church was dismantled and parts left strewn around the church, then parts of other organs started to accumulate in the church (including an old cinema organ console!).  Work dragged on and eventually Rev Reginald Humphries had to call in a solicitor to put a stop to activities of the amateur organ builder.  The situation was quite a mess, with a piano being used to accompany services while the pipe organ was out-of-action.  
  
A blurry image of a person

AI-generated content may be incorrect.Eventually, the Barnard family (farmers, Newport) gave a donation to Newport Church for rebuilding what was left of the 1876 Walker pipe organ.  The sum of money was modest.  Rev. Reginald Humphries then selected a cheap-rate organ building firm Robert Slater & Son (who had a questionable reputation in the branch) to rebuild the organ that the aforementioned amateur had managed to wreck.  To win the contract, ambitious plans were submitted by Slater & Son including major tonal changes to the organ; however, other parts were skimped with extensive use of chipboard.  By 1970, Slater & Son had finished their work, and I remember as a child of circa 11 years of age visiting Newport Church and being impressed at the sound of the organ shortly after its rebuild.  However, by that stage, the relationship between George Quintrell and Rev. Reginald Humphries had frayed.  Tim's family moved from Widdington to Newport in 1973, and Tim was immediately hired by Rev. Reginald Humphries to replace George Quintrell; it was a challenge for him to take on such a role at such a young age.  
  
Around the year 1972, a leak in the church tower meant that the Slater & Son rebuilt organ was flooded, so as a 13 year old, Tim was confronted by an only partially working organ at Newport Church.  Tim remained as organist at Newport Church for 4 years, frustrated by problems with the organ at the West end.  Amongst other things, the acoustic sound propagation delay and electro-pneumatic action delay of the organ were very hindering to sensitive fast organ playing.  By age 18 Tim was glad to go to university to study.  
  
Since 1977, Newport Church has had several organists and during the period 1977 to 2000, the Slater-rebuilt organ became increasingly unreliable.

Rev Humphries

A black and white drawing of an open casket

AI-generated content may be incorrect.In around 2008 Newport Church purchased a secondhand Bishop & Son organ from Bardwell Church in Suffolk.  Bardwell Church had decided to buy an electronic organ manufactured by Allen Computer Organ Company Inc. The pipe organ was installed in the South transept of Newport Church which shadowed much of the interior of the Church which ironically was the same problem that arose around year 1910, see above.  
  
Church services at Newport Church have now become very progressive, with a music band playing two Sundays each month, music streamed regularly over bluetooth and the pipe organ used for one Sunday each month. Ironically, Newport Church has evolved to what was happening in mediaeval times with a band of musicians, to something akin to a band of musicians in contemporary times.  
  
The key reason for the removal of the ex-Bardwell organ is to open up the historical beauty of the Church and remove the on-going maintenance costs of the pipe organ. The ex-Bardwell organ steals south transept light and crowds out the Mediaeval Chest (altar) that is a highly-prized exhibit of the church.  
  
Here is an extract from “A Guide and Brief History” of Newport church by Joy Pugh. “The altar chest in the south transept, known as the Newport Chest, is a portable altar of the late 13th century with space for communion vessels, vestments and missals. The false bottom conceals a secret compartment. The lid is raised to form a reredos and the panel depicts, from left to right, St Peter, the Virgin Mary, the Crucifixion, St John and St Paul, and these are some of the earliest known oil paintings on wood.” (Pugh 2008)  
  
The altar chest has not been used as a communion table since the Bardwell Organ was installed circa 2008.