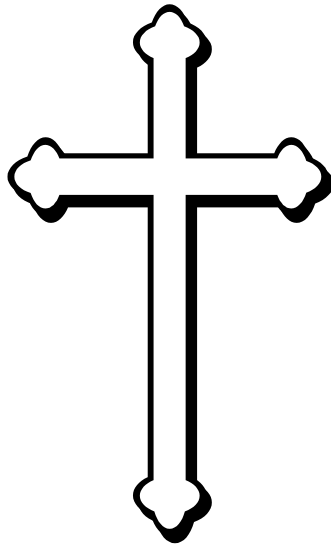


**The Minster Church of
St.Thomas the Apostle and
St. Thomas of Canterbury,
Newport**



The Minster Family Communion

Welcome to Newport Minster

A warm welcome is extended to all who attend our services on this Sunday morning. We are richly blessed to receive visitors not only from this Island but also from further afield. Members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you do not usually receive Holy Communion and would like to receive God's Blessing from the priest please come to the altar, along with other members of the church. It would be helpful if you brought an order of service so the priest knows your wishes.

The clergy are always available for private discussion or help – please do not hesitate to approach them.

The Family Communion is that time when young and old are united at the altar in the presence of God. We encourage our children to share with the priest in the blessing of bread and wine so that they might grow to see God's love poured out on us through the sacrament.

Services:

Today:	10.30am	Family Communion
	18.30pm	Compline
Wednesday:	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday:	10.30am	Minster Eucharist
	18.30pm	Taizé

Notices:

The Gospel Choir: meet in the Minster on Wednesday evenings from 7pm – 8.30pm all Welcome.

Alpha Course

The Alpha course: continues at 6:45pm on Tuesday evening in the Parish Centre.

The Minster Mothers' union: is venturing as far as Quarr Abbey on the 29th May, if you fancy joining us for a wander round the abbey and a cuppa afterwards please see Hilda. Time 1.45 back for 4.30 .

Save the Date: Sunday 30th June St. Thomas Day Lunch, Saturday 9th November Autumn Fair. Please note that the music quiz has been cancelled so as not to clash with the Isle of Wight Festival.

Come and join in, have fun and help raise funds for Newport Minster.

Newport Jazz Weekend: There will be live music in the Square on 31st May and the 1st of June to celebrate Newport Jazz Weekend. Sunday 2nd June will be Jazz Eucharist in the Minster.

Hymn: Love divine all loves excelling

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.**

**Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.**

**Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;**

**Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognize his presence with us.

Silence is kept

As God's people we have gathered:
All let us worship him together

PRAISING AND THANKING GOD

A large candle is lit.

We light this candle to remind us that the love of God is light
in our darkness.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, our God, for all who show your love for the
needs of the world.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, our God, for all who care for the daily needs of
others.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, our God, for Jesus, who had a special love for
those who felt themselves to be beyond hope or help.

All Blessed be God for ever.

CONFESSION

'I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink.'

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

'I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
Naked and you did not clothe me.'

Christ, have mercy

All **Christ, have mercy**

'I was sick and you did not visit me,
In prison and you did not come to me.'

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy**

THE PRESIDENT SAYS

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver *you* from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

GLORIA

**Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;
of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
you bore for us the load of this world's sin
O Lamb of God, your glorious vict'ry won,
receive our pray'r, grant us your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, you only are the Lord,
at God's right hand in majesty most high:
who with the Spirit worshipped and adored:
with all the heav'nly host we glorify.**

COLLECT

**Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command,
and draw your nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.**

All Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING

Acts 16.9–15

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’

When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony.

We remained in this city for some days.

On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.

A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us;

she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth.

The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul.

When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying,

‘If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.’

And she prevailed upon us.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

Hymn: Spirit of god as strong as the wind

***Spirit of God, as strong as the wind,
gentle as is the dove,
teach us the truth and help us believe,
show us the Saviour's love.***

**You spoke to us long, long ago,
gave us the written word;
we read it still, needing its truth,
through it God's voice is heard.**

**Without your help, we fail our Lord,
we cannot live his way,
we need your power, we need your strength,
following Christ each day.**

ALLELUIAS

GOSPEL READING:

John 14.23–29

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

I have said these things to you while I am still with you.

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I am coming to you.”

If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.

And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.’

All Praise to you, O Christ.

ALLELUIAS

TALK

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE PEACE

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives
in them.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you.

Hymn: Lift up your hearts

**'Lift up your hearts!' We lift them, Lord, to thee;
here at thy feet none other may we see:
'lift up your hearts!' E'en so, with one accord,
we lift them up, we lift them to the Lord.**

**Above the level of the former years,
the mire of sin, the slough of guilty fears,
the mist of doubt, the blight of love's decay,
O Lord of light, lift all our hearts to-day.**

**Above the swamps of subterfuge and shame,
the deeds, the thoughts, that honour may not name,
the halting tongue that dares not tell the whole,
O Lord of truth, lift every Christian soul.**

**Lift every gift that thou thyself hast given:
low lies the best till lifted up to heaven;
low lie the bounding heart, the teeming brain,
till, sent from God, they mount to God again.**

**Then, as the trumpet-call in after years,
'Lift up your hearts!' rings pealing in our ears,
still shall those hearts respond with full accord,
'We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord!'**

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

With this bread that we bring

All **we shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring

All **we shall remember Jesus**

Bread for his body,

wine for his blood

gifts from God to his table we bring.

All **We shall remember Jesus.**

THE EUCHARIST PRAYER

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Question Why is it right to give thanks and praise?*Answer*

Listen, and we will hear.

Lord of all life,

you created the universe,

where all living things reflect your glory.

You give us this great and beautiful earth,

to discover and to cherish.

You give us friends and families
busy streets for young and old,
the life of an earthly city
fulfilled in your city to come.
You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels
and sing your praise:

All **Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord,
in pow'r might and wisdom for ever adored,
the earth and the heavens are full of your love;
our joyful hosannas re-echo above.**

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Question Why do we share this bread and wine?

Answer **Listen, and we will hear.**

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it

and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my body, given for you.

Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Question How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Answer **Listen, and we will hear.**

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with the Sts Thomas and all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.

All **Amen.**

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all
share in one bread**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people

**All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father**

During the communion, silence is kept for private prayer and the choir sing:

Hymn: Jesus calls us here to meet him

**Jesus calls us here to meet him
as, through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence
where his people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise;
praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.**

**Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of Life and Lord of All,
sharer of our flesh and frailness,
saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.**

**Jesus calls us to each other,
vastly different though we are;
creed and colour, class and gender
neither limit nor debar.
Join the hand of friend and stranger;
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth.**

**Jesus calls us to his table
rooted firm in time and space,
where the Church in earth and heaven
finds a common meeting place.
Share the bread and wine, his body;
share the love of which we sing;
share the feast for saints and sinners
hosted by our Lord and King.**

**And then the Choir sing the Anthem:
Glory to thee, my God this night - Tallis's Canon**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father

whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:

may we thirst for you,

the spring of life and source of goodness,

through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All **Amen**

All **We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly
banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen**

Hymn: In Christ alone my hope is found.

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
fulness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the love of God was magnified –
for every sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave He rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am His and He is mine –
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

THE BLESSING

Praise God who loves us.

All **Praise God who cares.**

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep
make you perfect in every good work to do his will;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Thank you for joining us in church today. On Sunday morning we normally serve coffee and biscuits in the South Aisle. We do hope that you will join us

If you wish to contact the clergy during the week our office can be found in the Parish Centre in Town Lane less than a minutes' walk from the Minster. Our telephone number is 01983 821961 or email: vicar@newportminster.org

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