

# St Olave's Church, Gatcombe

March 2025



By the time you read this winter will be officially over, we will be in spring. Unfortunately, the weather can often have a different agenda. But the days are lengthening, the birdsong is glorious, bulbs are popping up, and, as I write, we are enjoying some lovely sunny days. No matter what season it is though, we can always be caught out by the weather.

Last Sunday in church we had the reading from Luke 8: 22-25 about Jesus calming the storm. Even for lifelong fishermen on the Sea of Galilee the weather could catch them out. Excuse the pun, but they were out of their depth, struggling and failing to keep the boat afloat in a storm on the Sea of Galilee.

Jesus was in the boat with them, and in the midst of the chaos was having a nap.

Half angry, half desperate they woke him up. He gently reminded them to have a bit more faith and then rebuked the wind and the waves, and it was calm.

Maybe we are in stormy waters in our lives; for a million and one reasons, family break up, ill health, loss of a loved one, anxiety and stress, to name but a few, storms that come to us all.

If we have put our faith in Jesus, never forget, he is in the boat with us, we can always call on him and receive his help. He may not calm the storm as he did in this story, but having him with you makes a huge difference

*Steve Brett-Hill*



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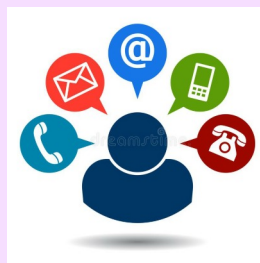
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## In Your Prayers...

At this very troubled time in the world, God give our Leaders the wisdom and courage to resolve the huge problems and dangers which face us all...

.... and to give us ordinary mortals the wit and strength to sort out our more mundane, but nonetheless difficult problems, with courage and humility. *Amen*

*Ann Taylor*



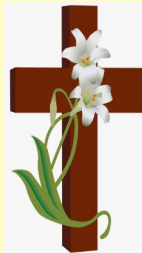
## Gill Ward

It is with sadness that we learned of the death of Gill Ward.

Gill was a long-standing member of the congregation at St Olave's; a loyal supporter of the church who attended regularly until ill health meant this was no longer possible.

Our love and best wishes go to Nick, Lizzie and their family.

Revd Steve officiated at the funeral of  
**Eunice Mary Stamford**  
on Monday 17th February  
at the Isle of Wight  
Crematorium



## Services at St Olave's in March

Sunday 2 March	11am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 5 March		Ash Wednesday <i>NO SERVICE AT ST OLAVE'S</i>
Sunday 9 March	11am	Covid 19 Day of Reflection
Sunday 16 March	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday 23 March	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 30 March	11am	Mothering Sunday

## Ash Wednesday

Services for Ash Wednesday within the Benefice are as follows -  
St John's, Newport at 11am  
The Minster, Newport at 7pm



## Lent Course

A Lent Course is being held during March at the Minster on Mondays 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st from 7pm until 9pm with tea or coffee on arrival.

There is a list at the back of St Olave's Church to add your name to, and everyone is invited by Revd Chris, our Team Rector.

If you are unable to come along on all of the dates, please do feel welcome to come along to as many as you can manage.

All are welcome.

*Harriet Robinson*



## Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday falls this year on March 30th - a Fifth Sunday.

Usually, on a Fifth Sunday the Benefice joins together for one service. This year though each church will have its own special Mothering Sunday Service.

The service at St Olave's will be at 11am and we look forward to welcoming everyone to join us.

*Harriet Robinson*



## St Olave's Gardening Group

St Olave's Gardening Group meet on a Wednesday morning (usually) to tidy and garden in the churchyard.

The group is led by Leonie Terry with professional advice from Debs Goodenough. They met at the end of February and tidied the area by the gate to Gatcombe House. It all looks much much better with tidied graves and a weed-free path. Their lovely planting of Hellebores in the bed in front of the church gates, and the snowdrops either side of the path are looking beautiful.

A huge thank you to everyone.

If you would like an email when the group are meeting again, please look out for the reminder in YPM sent out by Jill Webster. \*

All would be very welcome to join in as help is very much needed.



If you would like to receive YOUR PARISH MATTERS!! emails, please email me on [jill.webster@oulook.com](mailto:jill.webster@oulook.com) and I will add you to the emailing list.

## Dates for 2025!!



We have two more Coffee Mornings booked at the village hall in Chillerton to look forward to; Saturday 5th July and Saturday 6th December from 10am to noon. As usual, lots of delicious home made cake and a chance to catch up with friends. We will remind you nearer the dates, of course!

Next, the Chillerton and Gatcombe Horticultural Show on Saturday 26th July. After the success of our Water or Wine Stall last year, we will be doing the same again this year with the added bonus extra of a few bottles of spirits added into the mix. Do come and join us at this fantastic village event.

St O's are hosting one of the monthly Quiz Nights at the Gallybagger Inn on Friday 14th November at 7.30pm. Get together a team and have a fun evening pitting your wits against the other teams. The bar will be open and there will be a raffle too, so do join us.

