

ESSENTIAL JESUS – Readings for this week:

Mon 12 March	18	Psalm 69
Tue 13 March	19	Psalm 110
Wed 14 March	20	Psalm 118
Thu 15 March	21	Genesis 12:1-9
Fri 16 March	22	Jeremiah 23: 1-9

LENT LUNCHES These continue on Saturdays in the Church Hall
MARGERY BUDD: Margery's funeral will be held at Christ Church at 2pm on Friday 6th April.

QUIZ TIME: Sat 28th April 7pm for 7.30pm. Back by request. Same format as before, fish and chip supper or alternatives, BYO drinks, tickets £10 each available now!

DIARY DATES:

The Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday 19th April at 7pm in church. There will be 5 vacancies for PCC members. The revision of the Electoral Roll will commence on Sat 10th March.

Summer Festival: Sat 7th July 2018 12md-4pm.

Advent Fayre: Sat 1st December 2018 12md-3.30pm

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Mission of the Month: Tearfund



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Christ Church

For Christ. For you.

Welcome to our services today.

Please join us for refreshments after The 10.30 Service

Sunday 11th March 2018 – Mothering Sunday

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)

1030 The 10.30 Service (Parade Service)

This Week's Activities

Monday	1030	Lent Course Week 4 (Sandra Morgan)
Tuesday	1930	Lent Course Week 4 (Mark James)
Wednesday	0900	Morning Prayer
	1400	Lent Course Week 4 (Jacqui Wilson)
	1415	Evening Wives (Rosemary Nisbet)
	1900	PCC Standing Committee (venue tba)
	1930	Lent Course Week 5 (P. Letters / D. Fowler)
Thursday	1400	Lent Course Week 4 (Sandra Morgan)
	1930	Music & Worship Committee (venue tba)
Friday	1415	Friday Friends (Church Hall)
Saturday	0900	Church Cleaning
	0900	'Who Let the Dads Out?' (Church Hall)
	1200	Lent Lunch in Church Hall

Sunday 18th March 2018 – 5th Sunday of Lent

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 2)

1030 The 10.30 Service (Holy Communion)

1800 The 18.00 Service (Evening Worship)

MOTHERING SUNDAY

COLLECT

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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**

FIRST READING: Psalm 118:1-6

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures for ever. ² Let Israel say: 'His love endures for ever.' ³ Let the house of Aaron say: 'His love endures for ever.' ⁴ Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love endures for ever.' ⁵ When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord; he brought me into a spacious place. ⁶ The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: John 3:14-21

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

Glory to you O Lord

¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.' ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. ¹⁹ This is the verdict: light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ