

## Ride & Stride (Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September):

Please could you spare an hour (or two) to meet & greet participants visiting our church for this annual event? We hope to have the church building open 9am – 6pm. By taking part yourself & visiting local churches, 50% of your sponsorship money goes to *your* nominated church. Please sign up at the back of the church. Thank you. Andy or Linda Banks will answer any of your queries.

**Gift Day (Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September):** Financial giving is an important part of discipleship, so please consider prayerfully your response to our annual Gift Day. We are about to embark on roof repairs which will cost in excess of £10,000, after which we hope to resurface the church drive. We do not receive any external funding, so need to raise these funds ourselves. Please pick up a copy of Portsdown Post today for further details.

## Diary Dates

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September: Ride & Stride  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September: Annual Gift Day  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December: Advent Fayre

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**Welcome** to our services today, especially to Bertie Wilson & all his family & friends, as he comes to baptism this morning.  
**Please join us for refreshments** after The 10.30 Service.

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 – 14<sup>th</sup> after Trinity

- 0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 2)
- 1030 The 10.30 Service (Baptism of Bertie Wilson)
- 1830 New Wine Celebration at CoGS

## This Week's Activities

- Monday 1030 Homegroup (Dave Fowler)
- Tuesday 1400 Mothers' Union Service (in Church)  
1930 PCC Standing Committee
- Wednesday 0900 Morning Prayer  
1400 Homegroup (Jacqui Wilson)  
1930 Homegroup (Pauline Letters)
- Thursday 1400 Prayer Meeting (contact June Ames)
- Friday 1415 Friday Friends (in church hall)
- Saturday 0900 Church Cleaning  
0900 'Ride & Stride' (until 6pm)

## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – 15<sup>th</sup> after Trinity

- 0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)
- 1030 The 10.30 Service (Holy Communion)

## Mission of the Month: Church Army

### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

#### COLLECT

Almighty God, whose only Son  
has opened for us a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
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: James 1:17-27

<sup>17</sup>Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup>He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

<sup>19</sup>My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup>because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. <sup>21</sup>Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent, and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

<sup>22</sup>Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup>Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup>and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup>But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom and continues in it – not forgetting what they have heard but doing it – they will be blessed in what they do.

<sup>26</sup>Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and

their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

*This is the Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

#### SECOND READING: Mark 7:1-8

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark*  
**Glory to you O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus <sup>2</sup>and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup>(The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. <sup>4</sup>When they come from the market-place they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

<sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, 'Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?'

<sup>6</sup>He replied, 'Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

“These people honour me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me.

<sup>7</sup>They worship me in vain;  
their teachings are merely human rules.”

<sup>8</sup>You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to you O Christ**