

**TODAY** we welcome **Peter Hall** as he leads both morning services, before taking up his new appointment as Diocesan Director of Vocations and Ordinands next month. We congratulate Peter and thank him for his ministry amongst us.

**NEW on Sun Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>: The 6.00 Service – Refuel**  
Space to refresh your spirit during this quiet, reflective service. There will be times of silence, quiet music, prayer and reading - come and refuel for the week ahead. There will be the chance to chat over coffee after the service.

**ADVENT FAYRE 2018:** Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Dec: 12 noon to 3.30 pm

**Helpers are still needed!** What can you do?

**Donations are still wanted!** Books and DVDs, Bric a Brac, Handbags, Jewellery, Toiletries, Tombola Prizes, Toys and Games.

**Cakes needed** for Cake Stall and refreshments in the Church on the day, can you help? **SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> NOV:** very brief meeting for volunteers in church, straight after The 10.30 Service.

**DIARY DATE:**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019 10am:**

Revd Andy Wilson to be licensed as Priest-in-Charge of St John the Baptist, Purbrook (no 10.30 service at Christ Church)

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**Welcome** to our services today

**Prayer Ministry** is available during & after The 1030 Service.  
**Please join us for refreshments** after The 10.30 Service.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – 2<sup>nd</sup> before Advent**

- 0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 2)
- 1030 The 10.30 Service (Holy Communion)
- 1800 The 6.00 Service

**This Week's Activities**

- Monday 1030 Homegroup (Dave Fowler)
- Wednesday 0900 Morning Prayer
- 1400 Homegroup (Jacqui Wilson)
- 1930 Homegroup (Pauline Letters)
- Thursday 1000 The Thursday Service (Holy Communion)
- 1400 Funeral of Gwen Marks in church (refreshments in church hall from 1300)
- Friday 1230 Neighbourhood Lunch (in church hall)
- Saturday 0900 Church Cleaning
- 1800 Baptism & Confirmation at Portsmouth Cathedral of Marie-Louise Stedman

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Christ the King**

- 0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)
- 1030 The 10.30 Service
- 1130 Advent Fayre Planning Meeting (in church)
- 1800 The 6.00 Service – Refuel

## SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

### COLLECT

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### FIRST READING: Hebrews 10:19-25

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

*This is the Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

## SECOND READING: Mark 13:1-8

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*

**Glory to you O Lord**

**13** As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!" <sup>2</sup> "Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down." <sup>3</sup> As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. <sup>7</sup> When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup> Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to you O Christ**