

THANK YOU to everyone who worked so hard to make the Advent Fayre a success yesterday and all who supported it.

TOY & GIFT SERVICE – please bring to next week’s services toys and toiletries, socks, pyjamas etc to be distributed to families and young people in need at Christmas.

DIARY DATES:

Sunday 16th December 10.30am: Christingle Service

Sunday 16th December 7.00pm: Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve 3.00pm: Family Carols

Christmas Eve 11.30pm: Midnight Communion

Sunday 13th 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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Christ Church

For Christ. For you.

Welcome to our services today

Prayer Ministry is available during & after The 10.30 Service

Please join us for refreshments after The 10.30 Service.

Sunday 2nd December 2018 – Advent Sunday

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 2)

1030 The 10.30 Service (Holy Communion)

1400 CoGS Advent Fun-day

This Week’s Activities

Monday	0930	Advent Fayre cleanup (church hall)
Tuesday	1400	Mothers’ Union Christmas Tea
Wednesday	0900	Morning Prayer
	1400	Homegroup (Jacqui Wilson)
Thursday	1400	Prayer Meeting (contact June Ames)
Friday	1415	Friday Friends (in church hall)
	1900	St John’s Christmas Concert
Saturday	0900	Church Cleaning
	1400	CoGS Craft Fayre

Sunday 9th December 2018 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)

1030 The 10.30 Service

Mission of the Month: Children’s Society



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ADVENT SUNDAY

COLLECT

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

FIRST READING: Psalm 25:1-9

- ¹ In you, LORD my God, I put my trust.
- ² I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- ³ No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.
- ⁴ Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.
- ⁵ Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long.
- ⁶ Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.
- ⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good.
- ⁸ Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.
- ⁹ He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Luke 21:25-36

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you O Lord

- ²⁵ 'There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea.²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'
- ²⁹ He told them this parable: 'Look at the fig-tree and all the trees.³⁰ When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. ³¹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.
- ³² 'Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.
- ³⁴ 'Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ