

TOY & GIFT SERVICE: Thank you for bringing to today's services your gifts of toys & toiletries, socks, pyjamas etc. All to be distributed to families and young people in need at Christmas. They really will be appreciated.

MINCE PIES: Contributions of Mince Pies please, for after the Carol Service next Sunday. Many thanks.

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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Mission of the Month: Children's Society



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Welcome to our services today
Please join us for refreshments after The 10.30 Service.

Sunday 9th December 2018 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)

1030 The 10.30 Service (Toy & Gift Service)

This Week's Activities

Wednesday	0900	Morning Prayer
	1030	Toddler's Christmas Service
	1415	Christ Church Wives (contact Rosemary Nisbet)
	1930	PCC additional meeting (in church)
Thursday	1000	The Thursday Service (Holy Communion)
Friday	1030	Funeral of Michael Leadley (in churchyard)
	1200	Neighbourhood Christmas Lunch <i>followed by</i>
	1400	Carols & Cake (in hall)
Saturday	0900	Church Cleaning
	0900	Who Let the Dads Out? (in church hall)
	1000	Christingle making (in church)

Sunday 16th December 2018 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 2)

1030 Christingle Service

1900 Carols by Candlelight

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4

¹ "I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty. ² But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, ⁴ and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Luke 3:1-6

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

Glory to you O Lord

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— ² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. ⁶ And all people will see God's salvation.'"

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