

## **DIARY DATES**

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

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



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## **Mission of the Month: Children's Society**



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## **Welcome to our services today A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR TO ALL**

### **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2018 - CHRISTMAS DAY**

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)

1000 **FAMILY COMMUNION at CHRISTMAS**

### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December**

1130 Wedding of Nigel Farnham & Jenni Andrews

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)

1030 The 10.30 Service

*O come let  
us adore Him*

# CHRISTMAS DAY

## COLLECT

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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: Titus 3:4-7

<sup>4</sup> But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour, <sup>7</sup> so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

*This is the Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

## SECOND READING: Luke 2:8-20

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

**Glory to you O Lord**

<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests." <sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." <sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to you O Christ**