

For your Prayers

Please pray for

- The forthcoming annual meetings and vacancies that need to be filled
- Couples who will be married in our churches this year
- Those of our church members unable to get to services because of illness

*St. John The Baptist
Purbrook*

*Christ Church
Portsmouth*

Welcome to our Services today.

Please join us for refreshments

after Holy Communion at SJP and The 10.30 Service at CCP

Sunday 24th February 2019 – 2 before Lent

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| 0800 | CCP | The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1) |
| 1000 | SJP | Holy Communion |
| 1030 | CCP | The 10.30 Service |
| 1800 | SJP | Compline |
| 1800 | CCP | The 6.00 Service: Refuel |

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This Week's Activities

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| Monday | 1400 | CoGS | Prayer for our Nation |
| | 1800 | SJP | Evening Prayer |
| Tuesday | 0800 | SJP | Morning Prayer |
| | 1900 | SJP | Fabric Team meeting |
| Wednesday | 0900 | CCP | Morning Prayer |
| Wednesday | 1930 | CCP | PCC Meeting (in church) |
| Thursday | 1000 | CCP | The Thursday Service (Communion) |
| Friday | 1415 | CCP | Friday Friends |
| Friday | 1800 | SJP | Evening Prayer |
| Saturday | 0900 | CCP | Church Cleaning |
| | 1500 | SJP | Wedding of Anthony Laurence and Stephanie Hescott Laurence |

Sunday 3rd March 2019 – Sunday next before Lent

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| CCP | 0800 | The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 2) |
| SJP | 1000 | Holy Communion |
| CCP | 1030 | The 10.30 Service (Holy Communion) |
| SJP | 1800 | Compline |
| CoGS | 1830 | New Wine Celebration |

NOTES AND NEWS:

Today at CCP. The 6.00 Service: Refuel

A quiet space to refresh your spirit.

Wednesday 6th March, 7.00pm: Ash Wednesday Cluster Communion at Christ Church.

Lent Course: The Mystery of God This five-week course will be followed by the CCP homegroups. Additionally, Rev Andy Wilson will lead a group at The Vicarage on Thursday afternoons. Anyone from either church is welcome to join any group.

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| Monday 10.30am | Leader: Dave Fowler |
| Monday 7.30pm | Leader: Pauline Letters |
| Wednesday 2.00pm | Leader: Jacqui Wilson |
| Wednesday 2.00pm | Leader: Sandra Morgan |
| Thursday 2.00pm | Leader: Andy Wilson |

Groups begin the week of 11th March.

On **Sunday 17th March** Archdeacon Joanne will license Revd Laura Cameron as Associate Minister of Portsdown & Purbrook at The 6.00 Service at Christ Church. Please come & show your support.

CHRIST CHURCH

www.christchurchportsdown.org



Welcome to **Revd Andrew Goy** leading The 10.30 Service today.

Electoral Roll: This year there will be a completely new church electoral roll. If you consider yourself a member of Christ Church, are baptized and aged 16 or over, please pick up a form at the back of church and return it to Graham Olway or the Vicar by Monday 18th March.

Lent Lunches: There will be 5 of these in Christ Church, church hall. If you are able to help or make soup, please put your name on the rota at the back of the church. Thank you.

Thursday 4th April: 7.00pm Meeting to elect churchwardens and APCM (our church's annual meeting)

Tuesday 4th June: D Day Service

Mission of the Month: Church Mission Society

ST JOHN'S

www.stjohnspurbrook.org.uk

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Sunday 24th March: 11.20am Meeting to elect churchwardens and APCM (our church's annual meeting)

Lent Lunches: Each Sunday of Lent there will be a bread and soup lunch in the church hall.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 8.22–25

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

²² One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, ²³ and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. ²⁴ They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵ He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

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

Post Communion

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 2:4b–9, 15–25

^{4b} In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶ but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— ⁷ then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. ⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' ¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' ¹⁹ So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all

cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹ So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' ²⁴

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 65

¹ Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid. ² To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins; when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away. ³ Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there. We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house, even of your holy temple. ⁴ With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. ⁵ In your strength you set fast the mountains and are girded about with might. ⁶ You still the raging of the seas, the roaring of their waves and the clamour of the peoples. ⁷ Those who dwell at the ends of the earth tremble at your marvels; the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise. ⁸ You visit the earth and water it; you make it very plenteous. ⁹ The river of God is full of water; you prepare grain for your people, for so you provide for the earth. ¹⁰ You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase. ¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty. ¹² May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness and the hills be girded with joy. ¹³ May the meadows be

clothed with flocks of sheep and the valleys stand so thick with corn that they shall laugh and sing.

NEW TESTAMENT: Revelation 4

⁴ After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' ² At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! ³ And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. ⁴ Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵ Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; ⁶ and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷ the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. ⁸ And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.' ⁹ And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, ¹¹ 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

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