

**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 18<sup>th</sup> March.

**The 6.00 Service: Refuel** – A quiet space to refresh you spirit. Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February 6.00pm.

**Lent Lunches:** There will be 5 of these in the 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.

**Prayer for our Nation:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2-3pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd Crookhorn. Come and join others praying at this critical time.

**Diary Dates:**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March:** Archdeacon Joanne will be Licensing Revd Laura Cameron as Associate Minister of Portsdown & Purbrook at 6.00 Service. Please come & show your support.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April:** APCM (our church's annual meeting)

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June:** D Day Service

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**Mission of the Month: Church Mission Society**



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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 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – 3 before Lent**

- 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)
- 1930 Homegroup (Pauline Letters)
- Wednesday 0900 Morning Prayer (in church)
- 1400 Homegroup (Jacqui Wilson)
- 1400 Homegroup (Sandra Morgan)
- Friday 1230 Neighbourhood Lunch (in church hall)
- Saturday 0900 Church Cleaning
- 1000 Good Neighbours AGM (church hall)

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – 2 before Lent**

- 0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)
- 1030 The 10.30 Service
- 1800 The 6.00 Service: Refuel

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## **The Third Sunday before Lent**

### **COLLECT**

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.

### **FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12–20**

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup> If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

***Thanks be to God.***

### **SECOND READING: Luke 6:17–26**

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

***Glory to you O Lord***

<sup>17</sup> He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. <sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup> Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <sup>22</sup> Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. <sup>24</sup> But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup> Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

***Praise to you, O Christ.***