

For your Prayers

Please pray

- For those of our church members unable to get to services because of illness
- For the Church of the Good Shepherd as it seeks a new Vicar
- For the Lent groups starting next week

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*St. John The Baptist
Purbrook*

*Christ Church
Portsdown*

Welcome to our Services today.

Prayer Ministry is available

during & after The 10.30 Service

Please join us for refreshments

after Holy Communion at SJP and The 10.30 Service at CCP

Sunday 3rd March 2019 – Sunday before Lent

0800	CCP	The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 2)
1000	SJP	Holy Communion (Holy Communion)
1030	CCP	The 10.30 Service (Holy Communion)
1800	SJP	Compline
1830	CoGS	New Wine Celebration <i>Speaker: Revd Max Cross</i>

This Week's Activities

Monday	1800	SJP	Evening Prayer
Tuesday	0800	SJP	Morning Prayer
	1415	CCP	Mothers' Union (small hall)
Wednesday	0900	CCP	Morning Prayer
	1900	CCP	Ash Wednesday Cluster Communion
Thursday	1400	CCP	Prayer Meeting (contact June Ames)
	1930	CCP	Music & Worship Committee (church)
Friday	1000	CCP	Open Church Coffee Morning
Friday	1800	SJP	Evening Prayer
Saturday	0900	CCP	Church Cleaning
	1200	CCP	Lent Lunch (church hall)

Sunday 10th March 2019 – First Sunday of Lent

CCP	0800	The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)
SJP	1000	Holy Communion <i>Followed by Lent Lunch</i>
CCP	1030	The 10.30 Service (Parade Service)
SJP	1800	Compline

NOTES AND NEWS:

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.

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.

Sunday 9th June: *Thy Kingdom Come* Diocesan picnic and prayer event at Portchester Castle

CHRIST CHURCH

www.christchurchportsdown.org



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: Please join us in the hall next Saturday from 12.00 - 13.00 for home-made soup, a roll and tea or coffee. Proceeds to Tear Fund and Mothers' Union A.F.I.A. holidays. 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: Tearfund

ST JOHN'S

www.stjohnspurbrook.org.uk

Welcome to **Revd Vickie Morgan** taking the morning service today.

Lent Lunches: Each Sunday of Lent there will be a bread and soup lunch in the church hall. Please sign up at the back of church to provide soup.

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

Sunday 14th April: 9.30am Palm Sunday Breakfast Church

³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE FIRST SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

COLLECT

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: Exodus 34.29–35

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 99

¹ The Lord is king: let the peoples tremble; he is enthroned above the cherubim: let the earth shake. ² The Lord is great in Zion and high above all peoples. ³ Let them praise your name, which is great and awesome; the Lord our God is holy. ⁴ Mighty king, who loves justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. ⁵ Exalt the Lord our God; bow down before his footstool, for he is holy. ⁶ Moses and Aaron among his priests and Samuel among those who call upon his name; they called upon the Lord and he answered them. ⁷ He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the law that he gave them. ⁸ You answered them, O Lord our God; you were a God who forgave them and pardoned them for their offences. ⁹ Exalt the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill, for the Lord our God is holy.

NEW TESTAMENT: 2 Corinthians 3.12–4.2

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of

glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. ⁴ Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 9.28–36

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

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!'