

For your Prayers

Please pray

- for the PCCs of our parishes, especially those newly elected or reelected
- for the Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn, seeking a new Vicar
- for those recently bereaved

Christ Church
Portsmouth



St. John's
Purbrook



Welcome to our Services today, especially to Revd Andrew Goy who is leading our 10.30 service this morning

Please join us for refreshments

after Holy Communion at SJP and The 10.30 Service at CCP

Sunday 24th March 2019 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

0800	CCP	The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)
1000	SJP	Holy Communion
1030	CCP	The 10.30 Service
1115	SJP	APCM in the church hall <i>Followed by Lent Lunch</i>
1800	SJP	Compline

This Week's Activities

Monday	1030		Lent Group (Dave Fowler)
	1400	CoGS	Prayer for our Nation
	1800	SJP	Evening Prayer
	1930		Lent Group (Pauline Letters)
Tuesday	0800	SJP	Morning Prayer
	1030	SJP	Funeral of Michael Turner in church
Wednesday	0900	CCP	Morning Prayer
	1200	SJP	Burial of ashes in churchyard
	1400		Lent Group (Jacqui Wilson)
	1400		Lent Group (Sandra Morgan)
	1930	CCP	PCC Meeting
Thursday	1000	CCP	The Thursday Service (Communion)
Friday	1415	CCP	Friday Friends (in church hall)
	1800	SJP	Evening Prayer
Saturday	0900	CCP	Church Cleaning
	1200	CCP	Lent Lunch (in church hall)

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**Sunday 31st March 2019 – 4th Sunday of Lent
(Mothering Sunday)**

CCP	0800	The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)
SJP	1000	Holy Communion
CCP	1030	The 10.30 Service
CCP	1400	Wedding blessing in church
SJP	1800	Compline

NOTES AND NEWS:

Lent Course: The Mystery of God This five-week course will be followed by the CCP homegroups. 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 (CANCELLED)

The funeral of the late **Monica Smith** will be at Portchester Crematorium this Wednesday 27th March at 3.30pm and afterwards at The Churchillian public house. All are welcome to attend.

CHRIST CHURCH

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Lent Lunch: Please join us in the hall on 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.

Prayer for our Nation: Tomorrow 25th March 2-3pm at CoGS. Come and join others praying at this critical time. More information from Pauline Letters.

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

QUIZ: Saturday 18th May 7pm for 7.30pm in Church Hall: Back by popular request! Same format as before, fish and chip supper or alternatives, BYO drinks, tickets £10 each! Tickets available soon from Sandra and Sue.

SUMMER FESTIVAL 2019 – Saturday 6th July 12 md - 4pm live events, stalls, grand draw, refreshments, activities for kids and lots more.

Mission of the Month: Tearfund

ST JOHN'S

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TODAY: 11.20am Meeting to elect two churchwardens and APCM (our church's annual meeting), where we need to elect six PCC members. Coffee will be served before the meeting, and soup afterwards.

Lent Lunches: Each Sunday of Lent (except 31st March) there will be a bread and soup lunch in the church hall following the morning service. Please sign up at the back of church to provide soup.

Sunday 14th April: 9.30am Palm Sunday Breakfast Church

Please contact the Vicar if there are other activities at St John's that would be good to include in this sheet.

did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' ⁶ Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" ⁸ He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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.

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 55.1–9

¹ Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will

abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 63.1–9

¹ O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul is athirst for you. ² My flesh also faints for you, as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. ³ So would I gaze upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory. ⁴ Your loving-kindness is better than life itself and so my lips shall praise you. ⁵ I will bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name. ⁶ My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips, ⁷ when I remember you upon my bed and meditate on you in the watches of the night. ⁸ For you have been my helper and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice. ⁹ My soul clings to you; your right hand shall hold me fast.

NEW TESTAMENT: 1 Corinthians 10.1–13

¹ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless,

God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 13.1–9

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

¹ At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they