

For your Prayers

Please pray

- For parliament making important decisions this week
- For the CCP annual meetings on Thursday evening
- For the Thy Kingdom Come events. Remember to pray for people to come to know Jesus for themselves.



Welcome to our Services today
Please join us for refreshments
 after Holy Communion at SJP and The 10.30 Service at CCP

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Sunday 31st March 2019 – Mothering Sunday

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

This Week's Activities

Monday	1030		Lent Group (Dave Fowler)
	1800	SJP	Evening Prayer
	1930		Lent Group (Pauline Letters)
Tuesday	0800	SJP	Morning Prayer
	1415	CCP	Mothers' Union (in Church hall)
Wednesday	0900	CCP	Morning Prayer
	1400		Lent Group (Jacqui Wilson)
	1400		Lent Group (Sandra Morgan)
	1930	SJP	Bible Study (Broadways Coffee Shop) (Keith Skutt)
Thursday	1000	SJP	PCC Standing Committee
	1400	CCP	Prayer Meeting (contact June Ames)
	1930	CCP	Meeting to elect churchwardens and APCM (our church's annual meeting).
Friday	1415	CCP	Friday Friends (in church hall)
	1800	SJP	Evening Prayer
Saturday	0900	CCP	Church Cleaning
	1200	CCP	Lent Lunch (in church hall)

Sunday 7th April 2019 – 5th Sunday of Lent

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:

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)

Thy Kingdom Come 2019

Portchester Castle Beacon Event Sunday 9th June

This is an exciting ecumenical event where we are all invited to join with churches from all over Portsmouth Diocese to eat, pray and worship. (There will parking for up to 1,000 cars in a nearby field bordering the castle).

1.00–2.30pm The big prayer picnic with fun for families and a variety of prayer tents to visit

2.30–4.00pm Prayer & worship event drawing us all together

CHRIST CHURCH

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Annual meetings: Our annual meetings begin at 7.00pm on Thursday evening. There will be a short time of worship, coffee and cake, a look at our church's activities and finance, appointment of churchwardens and PCC members and a look at the future of the church.

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.

QUIZ: Saturday 18th May 7 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.

D Day 75: Tuesday 4th June 7.00pm, a special service to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the D Day vigil held at Christ Church in 1944.

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

Mission of the Month: Tearfund

ST JOHN'S

www.stjohnspurbrook.org.uk



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. **Note that there will be NO LUNCH TODAY.**

Sunday 14th April: 9.30am Palm Sunday Breakfast Church

GOSPEL READING: John 19.25b–27

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

John 19.25b–27

²⁵ Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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

Post Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

COLLECT

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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: Exodus 2.1–10

¹ Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman.² The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months.³ When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river.

⁴ His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it.⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child

for you?' ⁸ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰ When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

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

PSALM: Psalm 34.11–20

¹¹ Come, my children, and listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. ¹² Who is there who delights in life and longs for days to enjoy good things? ¹³ Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words. ¹⁴ Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. ¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and his ears are open to their cry. ¹⁶ The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth. ¹⁷ The righteous cry and the Lord hears them and delivers them out of all their troubles. ¹⁸ The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and will save those who are crushed in spirit. ¹⁹ Many are the troubles of the righteous; from them all will the Lord deliver them. ²⁰ He keeps all their bones, so that not one of them is broken.

NEW TESTAMENT: Colossians 3.12–17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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Thanks be to God.