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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 24th November

0800 CCP Holy Communion 1 (*Revd Andy Wilson*)
 1000 SJP Holy Communion (*Revd Tyrone Hillary*)
 1030 CCP The 10.30 Service: Baptism (*Revd Andy Wilson*)
 1800 CCP The 6.00 Service: Refuel (*Sheila Gill*)
 1800 SJP Compline

Sunday 1st December

0800 CCP Holy Communion 2 (*Revd Andy Wilson*)
0930 SJP Breakfast Church (*Revd Andy Wilson*)
 1030 CCP The 10.30 Service (Holy Communion)
 (*Revd Tyrone Hillary*)
 1800 SJP Compline
 1830 CoGS New Wine Celebration (*Revd Preb Mark Melliush*)

Sunday 8th December

0800 CCP Holy Communion 2 (*Revd Andy Wilson*)
 1000 SJP Holy Communion (*Revd Laura Cameron*)
 1030 CCP Healing Service (Holy Communion)
 (*Revd Andy Wilson & Sandra Morgan*)
 1800 SJP Compline



Welcome to everyone attending our Services today,
 Please join us for refreshments after the 10.00 & 10.30 Services

Sunday 17th November 2019 – 2nd Sunday before Advent

0800	CCP	The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 2)
1000	SJP	Holy Communion
1030	CCP	The 10.30 Service (Holy Communion)
1800	CCP	The 6.00 Service (Informal Worship)
1800	SJP	Compline

This Week's Activities

Monday	1030	CCP	Homegroup (Dave Fowler)
	1800	SJP	Evening Prayer
	1930	CCP	Homegroup (Pauline Letters)
Tuesday	0800	SJP	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	0900	CCP	Morning Prayer
	1400	CCP	Homegroup (Jacqui Wilson)
	1800	SJP	Vestry Hour (Broadways Coffee Shop)
	1900	SJP	Evening Prayer
	1930	SJP	Bible Study (Broadways Coffee Shop)
Thursday	1000	SJP	Task review group (Vicarage)
	1900	SJP	PCC meeting (Church Hall)
Friday	1230	CCP	Neighbourhood Lunch (in hall)
	1800	SJP	Evening Prayer
Saturday	0900	CCP	Church Cleaning
	1100	SJP	St John's Christmas Fair

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Mission of the Month: Simeon's Trustees

The 6.00 Service: Refuel returns next week
Sunday 24th November. Before we move into Advent, take time out to be still, to let go of 'stuff' & be refreshed & re-fuelled in the quietness.

Healing Service: The 10.30 Service on **Sunday 8th December** will be a service of healing with Holy Communion. All are welcome.

CHRIST CHURCH ADVENT FAYRE 2019:
30th NOVEMBER: 12-3.30pm

HELPERS STILL NEEDED! What can you do?

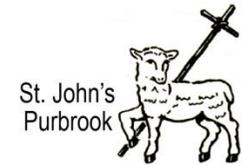
DONATIONS STILL WANTED! Books/DVDs, China/glass, Handbags, Jewellery, Toiletries, Tombola Prizes, Toys/Games, Christmas decorations.

CAKES needed for Cake Stall and refreshments in the Church on the day, can you help?

SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER, very brief meeting for volunteers in church, straight after 10.30 service

Thank you! Sandra, Sue, Vicky.

ST JOHN'S
www.stjohnspurbrook.org.uk



St John's Christmas Fair:
Saturday 23rd November 11am-3pm. If you can help on the stalls or donate items, please see Pat or Val. The St John's Ukulele group will be performing too.

Breakfast Church: Sunday 1st December, 9.30am.
Breakfast and worship for Advent Sunday.

The Christmas Tree Festival will be held again this year in the Church from 9th Dec - 6th Jan. All Church groups and community groups are invited to display their trees. More info from Alfie or Pat Wootten.

NOTES AND NEWS

The Real Advent Calendar is a fun way for parents, grandparents and Godparents to share the Christmas story. The 2019 calendar comes with a free 24-page Christmas story activity book designed to be used every day in Advent and 25 festive chocolates made from quality Fairtrade blend-35% cocoa. To order one, sign up on the list at the back of Christ Church or (if you're at St John's) speak to the Vicar. Cost £3.50.

New Wine Celebration with speaker Mark Melliush (Assistant National Leader, New Wine). **Sunday 1st December,** 6.30pm (refreshments from 6.00pm) at CoGS.

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immediately.' ¹⁰ Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹² 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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

Post Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

COLLECT

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: Malachi 4:1–2a

⁴ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ² But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

Psalm 98

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things. ² His own right hand and his holy arm have won for him the victory. ³ The Lord has made known his salvation; his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. ⁴ He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. ⁵ Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth; break into singing and make music. ⁶ Make music to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the voice of melody. ⁷ With trumpets and the sound of the horn sound praises before the Lord, the King. ⁸ Let the sea thunder and all that fills it, the world and all that dwell upon it. ⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands and let the hills ring out together before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. ¹⁰ In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.

NEW TESTAMENT: 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13

⁶ Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was

not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 21:5–19

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

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶ 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' ⁷ They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' ⁸ And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. ⁹ 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow