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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 8th December

0800 CCP Holy Communion 1 (*Revd Andy Wilson*)
 1000 SJP Holy Communion (*Revd Laura Cameron*)
 1030 CCP Healing Service (Holy Communion)
 (*Revd Andy Wilson & Sandra Morgan*)
 1800 SJP Compline

Sunday 15th December

0800 CCP Holy Communion 2
 (*Revd Sandy Phillips / Sandra Morgan*)
 1000 SJP Holy Communion (*Revd Tyrone Hillary*)
 1030 CCP The 10.30 Service: Christingle
 (*Sandra Morgan / Revd Andy Wilson*)
 1800 SJP Compline

Sunday 22nd December

0800 CCP Holy Communion 1 (*Revd Andy Wilson*)
 1000 SJP Carol Service (*Revd Andy Wilson*)
 1030 CCP The 10.30 Service
 (*Revd Laura Cameron / Sandra Morgan*)
1800 CCP Carols by Candlelight (*Revd Andy Wilson*)
 1800 SJP Compline



Welcome to everyone attending our Services today,
 Please join us for refreshments after The 10.30 Service at CCP

Sunday 1st December 2019 – Advent Sunday

0800 **CCP** The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 2)
 0930 **SJP** Breakfast Church
 1030 **CCP** The 10.30 Service - Holy Communion
 1800 **SJP** Compline
 1830 **CoGS** New Wine Celebration

This Week's Activities

Monday	1030 CCP Homegroup (Dave Fowler)
	1930 CCP Homegroup (Pauline Letters)
	1800 SJP Evening Prayer
Tuesday	0800 SJP Morning Prayer
	1415 CCP Mothers' Union Christmas Tea Party (Church Hall)
	1930 CCP Music & Worship Committee
Wednesday	0900 CCP Morning Prayer
	1400 SJP Rocking Horse rehearsal in church
	1400 CCP Homegroup (Jacqui Wilson)
	1800 SJP Vestry Hour
	1900 SJP Evening Prayer
	1930 SJP Bible Study (Broadways Coffee Shop)
Thursday	1000 CCP Prayer Meeting (Church)
	1000 SJP Standing & Finance Committee
Friday	1415 CCP Friday Friends (Church Hall)
	1800 SJP Evening Prayer
Saturday	0900 CCP Church Cleaning

CHRIST CHURCH

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Mission of the Month: *The Children's Society*

A very big **Thank You** to everyone who made yesterday's **Advent Fayre** such a success. So many people brought along things to supply the stalls & gave a great deal of time organizing & contributing their skills on the day. Special thanks to Sandra, Sue & Vicky for their planning and co-ordination. Thank you!

Christmas Gifts: We will, as usual, collect gifts of toys and toiletries for The Roberts Centre and All Saints Hostel. Please bring your donations to church between 1st and 8th December.

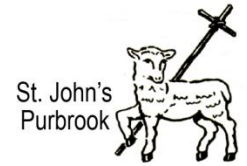
Healing Service: The 10.30 Service on **Sunday 8th December** will be a service of healing with Holy Communion. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES at CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday 15th 10.30am:	Christingle
Sunday 22nd 6pm:	Carols by Candlelight
Christmas Eve 3pm:	Family Carols
Christmas Eve 11.30pm:	Midnight Communion
Christmas Day 10am:	Christmas Day Communion

ST JOHN'S

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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.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES at ST JOHN'S

Sunday 22nd 10am:	Nine Lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve 4pm:	Crib Service
Christmas Eve 11.30pm:	Midnight Communion
Christmas Day 8am:	Christmas Day Communion

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NOTES AND NEWS

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

part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 2:1–5

² The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ² In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their

spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

¹ I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.' ² And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem; ³ Jerusalem, built as a city that is at unity in itself. ⁴ Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. ⁵ For there are set the thrones of judgement, the thrones of the house of David. ⁶ O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you.' ⁷ 'Peace be within your walls and tranquillity within your palaces.' ⁸ For my kindred and companions' sake, I will pray that peace be with you. ⁹ For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good.

NEW TESTAMENT: Romans 13:11–14

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near.

Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³ let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 24:36–44

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

³⁶ 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what