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LOOKING AHEAD

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

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY

(Service times listed inside this leaflet)

Sunday 29th December

0800 CCP Holy Communion 1 (*Revd Andy Wilson*)
1000 SJP Holy Communion (*Revd David Lindsay*)
1030 CCP The 1030 Service (Baptism) (*Revd Andy Wilson*)
1800 SJP Compline



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

Sunday 8th December 2019 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

0800 **CCP** The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)
1000 **SJP** Holy Communion
1030 **CCP** The 10.30 Service: Healing Service
1800 **SJP** Compline

This Week's Activities

Monday	0930	SJP	Purbrook Infant School in Church
	1800	SJP	Evening Prayer
Tuesday	0800	SJP	Morning Prayer
	0930	SJP	Purbrook Infant School in Church
	1930	CCP	PCC Standing Committee (Vicarage)
Wednesday	0900	CCP	Morning Prayer (Church)
	1015	CCP	Toddler Group Christmas Service
	1400	CCP	Just Friends Carol Service (Church)
	1400	SJP	Rocking Horse Pre-school in church
	1415	CCP	Christ Church Wives
	1900	SJP	Evening Prayer
	1930	SJP	Bible Study (Broadways Coffee Shop)
Thursday	1000	SJP	Purbrook Infant School in Church
	1400	SJP	Rocking Horse Pre-school in church
	1700	CCP	Building Committee Meeting (Church)
Friday	1300	CCP	Neighbourhood Christmas Lunch followed by Carols & Cake (Hall)
	1400	SJP	Purbrook Infant School in Church
	1800	SJP	Evening Prayer
Saturday	1700	CCP	Christingle making & Band practice

CHRIST CHURCH

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

Christmas Gifts: We are collecting gifts of toys and toiletries for The Roberts Centre and All Saints Hostel. Last day today to bring your donations to church. Thank you.

Healing Service: The 10.30 Service **TODAY** will be a service of healing with Holy Communion.

General Election: The Church Hall is being used as a polling station on **Thursday** and so will be closed to all other users.

Christingle Making: Come and help make Christingles ready for next Sunday's Service. Saturday 5pm in church. (The band will be practicing at the same time!)

Mince Pies: Contributions of Mince Pies please, for after the Carol Service on **22nd December**. Many thanks.

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

www.stjohnspurbrook.org.uk



The Christmas Tree Festival will be held in the Church from 9th December - 6th January

General Election: The Broadways Coffee Shop will be closed on **Thursday** as it is being used as a polling station.

Carol Singing: Please come and join us as we sing carols at the following venues. In each case we will gather in the foyer at the establishment:

Tuesday 17th Dec 3pm: Shilling Place

Wednesday 18th Dec 4pm: Latham Lodge Care Home

Wednesday 18th Dec 5pm approx: Oaklands Care Home

New Year's Eve Party: Tuesday 31st December 2019

Please come to this party to help us welcome in 2020.

Venue St John's Church Hall at 8pm.

All church members welcome – just turn up on the night.

Please bring some food to share. Bring your own drink and a glass.

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

Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. ²⁶ Then he sent him away to his home, saying, "Do not even go into the village."

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

COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (0800 CCP / 1000 SJP)

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 11:1–10

¹¹ A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ² The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³ His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹ They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3:1–12

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

³ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." ' ⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹ Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HEALING SERVICE (1030 CCP)

NEW TESTAMENT: James 5:13-18

¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 8:22-26

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

²² They came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to him and begged him to touch him. ²³ He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village; and when he had put saliva on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Can you see anything?" ²⁴ And the man looked up and said, "I can see people, but they look like trees, walking." ²⁵ Then