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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 16th February

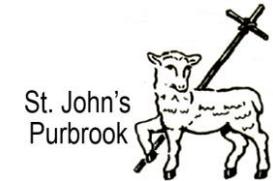
- 0800 CCP The 8.00 Service: Holy Communion 2
(*Revd Andy Wilson*)
- 1000 SJP Holy Communion (*Revd David Lindsay*)
- 1030 CCP The 10.30 Service: Holy Communion
(*Revd Andy Wilson*)
- 1800 CCP The 6.00 Service: Revive
(*Revd Andy Wilson / Sandra Morgan*)
- 1800 SJP Compline

Sunday 23rd February

- 0800 CCP The 8.00 Service: Holy Communion 1
(*Revd Andy Wilson*)
- 1000 SJP Holy Communion (*Revd Tyrone Hillary*)
- 1030 CCP The 10.30 Service: Baptism of Lucas Porter
(*Revd Andy Wilson*)
- 1800 SJP Compline

Sunday 1st March

- 0800 CCP The 8.00 Service: Holy Communion 2
(*Revd Andy Wilson*)
- 1000 SJP Holy Communion (*Revd Andy Wilson*)
- 1030 CCP Holy Communion (*Revd Laura Cameron*)
- 1800 SJP Compline
- 1830 CoGS New Wine Celebration



Welcome to everyone attending our services today

Please join us for refreshments after the
10.00 & 10.30 services.

Sunday 9th February 2020 – 3rd Sunday before Lent

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

This Week's Activities

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| Monday | 1030 CCP Homegroup (Dave Fowler) |
| | 1800 SJP Evening Prayer |
| Tuesday | 0800 SJP Morning Prayer |
| | 1930 CCP PCC Standing Committee (Vicarage) |
| Wednesday | 0900 CCP Morning Prayer |
| | 1415 CCP Christ Church Wives
(Rosemary Nisbet) |
| | 1900 SJP Evening Prayer |
| | 1930 SJP Bible Study (Broadways) |
| Thursday | 1000 CCP The Thursday Service (Communion) |
| | 1700 CCP Building Committee Meeting (Church) |
| Friday | 1800 SJP Evening Prayer |
| Saturday | 0900 CCP Church Cleaning |
| | 0900 CCP Who Let the Dads Out? (Church Hall) |
| | 1030 SJP Grand Jumble Sale |

CHRIST CHURCH

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Mission of the Month: Church Mission Society

The **hearing loop** in church is now working again. If you use it, Andy Wilson or Stuart Davies would be interested to know of its effectiveness.

The funeral of Bryan Scarth will take place at The Oaks Havant Crematorium on **Wednesday 12th February** at 11:30am.

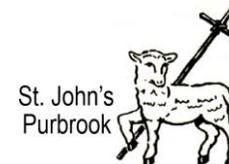
CMS visit: Our outgoing mission partners, Peter & Sally Bartlett will be speaking at The 10.30 Service next **Sunday 16th February**. They will also introduce Bev Richardson, with a view to her becoming our new partner in Paraguay.

Annual meetings for Christ Church will take place on **Thursday 23rd April** starting at 7.30pm.

If you would like to receive this notice sheet each week by email, please send a request to parish.office@christchurchportsdown.org

ST JOHN'S

www.stjohnspurbrook.org.uk



The funeral of Harry Gower will take place at The Oaks Havant Crematorium tomorrow **Monday 10th February** at 1.45pm.

Grand Jumble Sale: Saturday 15th February

10.30 -12.30pm at St John's Church Hall. Please bring all contributions to the hall on Friday 14th after 6pm or to the Broadways Coffee Shop on Thursday 13th after 10am. Thank you.

February's Edition of the Church magazine is NOW. Please collect your copy. Only 40p.

Annual meetings for St John's will take place on **Sunday 29th March** starting at 11.15am.

NOTES AND NEWS

Ash Wednesday: There will be a cluster-wide service of Communion and imposition of ashes at Christ Church at 7pm on **Wednesday 26th February**.

JustOne: Churches across Portsmouth are hosting evangelist Canon J John to speak at Portsmouth Guildhall on **4th and 5th April** (7.30pm). This is a great opportunity to invite just one relative, friend, neighbour or colleague to hear the life changing message of Jesus Christ presented in an accessible manner. Tickets are £5 each and Andy Wilson has some to sell. See justone.co.uk for more details.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:13–16

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

¹³ 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴ 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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

Post Communion

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

COLLECT

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 58:1–9a

⁵⁸ Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. ³ 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. ⁴ Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your

house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. ⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, here I am.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112

¹ Alleluia. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments. ² Their descendants will be mighty in the land, a generation of the faithful that will be blest. ³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness endures for ever. ⁴ Light shines in the darkness for the upright; gracious and full of compassion are the righteous. ⁵ It goes well with those who are generous in lending and order their affairs with justice, ⁶ For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance. ⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil tidings; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. ⁸ Their heart is sustained and will not fear, until they see the downfall of their foes. ⁹ They have given freely to the poor; their righteousness stands fast for ever; their head will be exalted with honour. ¹⁰ The wicked shall see it and be angry; they shall gnash their teeth in despair; the desire of the wicked shall perish.

NEW TESTAMENT: 1 Corinthians 2:1–12

² When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. ⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'— ¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God

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