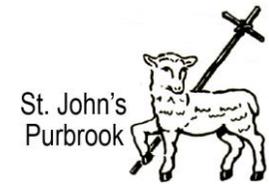


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Welcome to everyone attending our services today

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

Sunday 8th March 2020 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

0800	CCP	The 8.00 Service: Holy Communion 1
1000	SJP	Holy Communion: <i>Followed by Lent Lunch at 12md</i>
1030	CCP	The 10.30 Service: Morning Worship
1800	SJP	Compline

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 15th March

0800	CCP	The 8.00 Service: Holy Communion 2
1000	SJP	Holy Communion (<i>Revd David Lindsay</i>)
1030	CCP	The 10.30 Service: Holy Communion (<i>Revd Tyrone Hillary</i>)
1800	CCP	The 6.00 Service: Revive (<i>Sandra Morgan / Revd Laura Cameron</i>)
1800	SJP	Compline

Sunday 22nd March (Mothering Sunday)

0800	CCP	The 8.00 Service: Holy Communion 1 (<i>Revd Andy Wilson</i>)
1000	SJP	Holy Communion (<i>Revd Rosemary Donald</i>)
1030	CCP	The 10.30 Service (<i>Revd Andy Wilson</i>)
1800	SJP	Compline

Sunday 29th March

0800	CCP	The 8.00 Service: Holy Communion 1 (<i>Revd Andy Wilson</i>)
1000	SJP	Holy Communion (<i>Revd Andy Wilson</i>)
1030	CCP	The 10.30 Service (<i>Sandra Morgan</i>)
1800	CCP	The 6.00 Service: Refuel (<i>Sheila Gill</i>)
1800	SJP	Compline

This Week's Activities

Monday	1030	CCP	Lent Course (Dave Fowler)
	1800	SJP	Evening Prayer
	1930	CCP	Lent Course (Pauline Letters)
Wednesday	1400	CCP	Lent Course (Jacqui Wilson)
	1415	CCP	Christ Church Wives
	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
	1200	CCP	Lent Lunch (Church Hall)
	1600		Licensing and Installation of Richard Hutchins a Priest in Charge of Catherington & Clanfield

CHRIST CHURCH

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Mission of the Month: Tearfund

Lent Lunches: Homemade soup and a roll will be served in the church hall from 12.00pm on the following Saturdays during Lent: **7th, 14th and 28th March and 4th April.** Donations for Tearfund or the Mothers' Union Away From It All holiday scheme.

Richard Hutchins will be licensed as installed as Priest-in-charge of the parishes of Catherington and Clanfield on **Saturday 14th March** at 4.00pm at All Saints Church, 330 Catherington Lane, Catherington, PO8 0TD. Parking is available at Kingscourt School, 182 Five Heads Rd, Catherington PO8 9NJ. Please arrive by 3.30pm.

Annual meetings for Christ Church will take place on **Thursday 23rd April** starting with worship at 7.15pm

ST JOHN'S

www.stjohnspurbrook.org.uk



Lent Lunches: Homemade soup and a roll will be served in the church hall at 12.00pm after the 10.00 service on the following Sundays during Lent: **8th, 15th and 29th March** (after the APCM) **and 5th April.** Please add your name to the list in the Church Porch or contact Pat Wootten. There will be no charge but donations will be gratefully received in aid of the Bishop's Lent Appeal, Christian Aid, Two Saints and MAF.

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

NOTES AND NEWS

The Funeral of June Nelson-Tomsen, who will be remembered by some members of both churches, will take place at Portchester Crematorium on **Monday 16th March** at 11.30am. Details from Marion Pegg.

Andy & Jacqui are on leave until 21st March.

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. See justone.co.uk for more details.

Coronavirus:

Please note the following directions for our churches:

- Please refrain from intinction (dipping the bread into the wine at Communion), as this can introduce germs into the cup.
- We are still offering the chalice at this point, but if you feel unwell, please do not receive the wine. Equally, if you prefer not to receive the wine, then you should take only bread – your communion will be complete.
- If we share the peace in a service, please respect those who prefer not to engage in physical contact, such as shaking hands. This also applies before and after the service.

you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

COLLECT

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 12:1-4

¹² Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' ⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come? ² My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. ³ He will not suffer your foot to stumble; he who watches over you will not sleep. ⁴ Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵ The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand, ⁶ So that the sun shall not strike you by day, neither the moon by night. ⁷ The Lord shall keep you from all evil; it is he who shall keep your soul. ⁸ The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

NEW TESTAMENT: Romans 4:1–5, 13–17

⁴ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the

law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: John 3:1–17

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

³ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' ³ Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' ⁵ Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ 'Very truly, I tell