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Welcome to everyone attending our services today

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

Sunday 2nd February 2020 – Presentation of Christ

0800	CCP	The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 2)
1000	SJP	Morning Worship for Candlemas
1030	CCP	The 10.30 Service: Holy Communion
1830	CoGS	New Wine Celebration
1800	SJP	Compline

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 9th February

0800	CCP	The 8.00 Service: Holy Communion 1 (<i>Revd Sandy Phillips / Sandra Morgan</i>)
1000	SJP	Holy Communion (<i>Revd Andy Wilson</i>)
1030	CCP	Parade Service (<i>Sandra Morgan</i>)
1800	SJP	Compline

Sunday 16th February

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

Sunday 23rd February

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

This Week's Activities

Monday	1800	SJP	Evening Prayer
	1930	CCP	Homegroup (Pauline Letters)
Tuesday	0800	SJP	Morning Prayer
	1430	CCP	Mothers' Union (Church Hall)
Wednesday	0900	CCP	Morning Prayer
	1400	CCP	Homegroup (Jacqui Wilson)
	1800	SJP	Vestry Hour (Broadways)
	1900	SJP	Evening Prayer
	1930	SJP	Bible Study (Broadways)
Thursday	1000	CCP	Prayer Meeting (Church)
	1000	SJP	PCC Standing Committee (Vicarage)
Friday	1415	CCP	Friday Friends (Church Hall)
	1800	SJP	Evening Prayer
	1900	SJP	Bride and Groom's Evening (Hall)
Saturday	0900	CCP	Church Cleaning
	1000	CCP	Veterans' Breakfast (Church Hall)

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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 on **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.

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ST JOHN'S
www.stjohnspurbrook.org.uk



Annual Report: Please could all group leaders submit reports for the 2019 annual report to Bill Jeffery by 9th February.

The funeral of Harry Gower will take place at The Oaks Havant Crematorium on **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.

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.

Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' ³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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

Post Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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: Malachi 3:1–5

³ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵ Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24: 1–10

¹ The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, the compass of the world and all who dwell therein. ² For he has founded it upon the seas and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep. ³ 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, or who can rise up in his holy place?' ⁴ 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a lie; ⁵ 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, a just reward from the God of their salvation.' ⁶ Such is the company of those who seek him, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. ⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. ⁸ 'Who is the King of glory?' 'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle.' ⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. ¹⁰ 'Who is this King of glory?' 'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'

NEW TESTAMENT: Hebrews 2:14–18

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was

tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:22–40

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

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' ³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother