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Sunday 28th November 2021 (1st Sunday of Advent)

- 8.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church**
9.30am Holy Communion at St John's
10.30am Morning Worship online
11.00am Morning Worship at Christ Church

Meetings and services this week

- Tue 30th 10.00am Purbrook Day Nursery practice in St John's
Wed 1st 7.30pm Christ Church Standing Committee (Zoom)
Sat 4th 1.00-3.00 ADVENT @CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday 5th December 2021 (2nd Sunday of Advent)

- 8.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church**
9.30am Morning Worship at St John's
10.30am Morning Worship online
11.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church
6.00pm New Wine Celebration at CoGS

ADVENT @CHRIST CHURCH – Saturday 4th December 1.00-3.00pm

We hope that as many of you as possible will join us for this event. If you are able to, please leave your vehicle at home or away from the church, so that visitors are not deterred by a lack of parking. If you can offer help, please speak to Karina Golledge or Sheila Gill.

NEW WINE CELEBRATION – Sunday 5th December

Worship, teaching and ministry organised by South Hants New Wine Network. The speaker this month is Revd Andy Rimmer, vicar of Christ Church Barnet and former vicar of Crookhorn. Drinks will be served from 6.00pm with sung worship commencing at 6.30pm. It all happens at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Crookhorn.

ROY DOWNIE

Roy's funeral will be at Christ Church on **Thursday 9th December** at 11.00am. If you plan to attend the service, it would be helpful (but not essential) if you would let Andy know.

CHRIST CHURCH HALL

A new damp-proof membrane has now been laid in the church hall. It is important that no-one enters the main hall under any circumstance. Work on the sub-floor will commence this week.

FOOD BANK

St John's is once more collecting for the PO9 food bank. Items can be left in the box by the font.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

We are once more collecting Christmas gifts for three local organisations:

The Roberts Centre: toys and toiletries for young families (unwrapped)

All Saints Hostel: toiletries and clothes (e.g. socks, hats, gloves) (unwrapped) for young people (aged 16-25)

The Grange Hostel: toiletries and clothes (e.g. socks, hats, gloves) (wrapped) for adult males.

All gifts should be new and must have no alcoholic content. They can be brought to either church. Please identify them as 'Christmas Gift' so that they don't get mixed up with items for our Advent event! Please bring gifts by Sunday 12th December, so that we have time to distribute them. Thank you.

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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.

Jeremiah 33.14–16

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25.1–9

¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me. ² Let none who look to you be put to shame, but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated. ³ Make me to know your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. ⁴ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you have I hoped all the day long. ⁵ Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. ⁶ Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love. ⁷ Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore shall he teach sinners in the way. ⁸ He will guide the humble in doing right and teach his way to the lowly. ⁹ All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

1 Thessalonians 3.9–end

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 21.25–36

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

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.