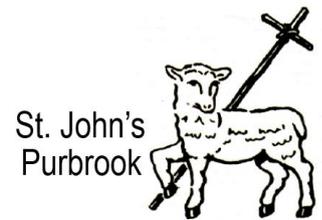




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Sunday 5th December 2021 (2nd Sunday of Advent)

- 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

Meetings and services this week

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| Tue 7 th | 2.15pm | Mothers' Union Christmas Party (Christ Church Small Hall) |
| Thu 9 th | 11.00am | Funeral of Roy Downie (Christ Church) |
| Fri 10 th | 11.00am | Purbrook Day Nursery practise (St John's) |
| | 2.30pm | Good Neighbours Carols & Cakes (Christ Church) |

Sunday 12th December 2021 (3rd 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

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.

REFRESHMENTS

St John's: Coffee and tea are served **after the 9.30 service** in the church hall.

Christ Church: Coffee and tea will be served **before the 11.00 service** (from 10.30am) in Christ Church. If you are able to, please bring your own travel mug. Cups will be available if you don't have your own.

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 bring gifts by Sunday 12th December, so that we have time to distribute them. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 19th Dec	9.30am	Carols & Readings (St John's)
	11.00am	Christingle (Christ Church)
	6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight (Christ Church)
CHRISTMAS EVE	2.30pm	Family Carol Service (Christ Church)
	4.00pm	Family Carol Service (St John's)
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion (Christ Church)
CHRISTMAS DAY	8.00am	Christmas Communion (St John's)
	10.00am	Christmas Communion (Christ Church)
Sunday 26th Dec	9.30am	Holy Communion (St John's)
		No Boxing Day service at Christ Church

Note: All services are subject to change at short notice. Carol services may have fewer carols than in previous years.

FOOD BANKS

Items for the PO9 food bank can be left in the box by the font at St John's.

Items for the Waterlooville food bank can be left in the purple buckets at the back of Christ Church.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

This month's Mission of the Month is Children's Society. Collection Candles for the Christingle service will be available at Christ Church from Sunday. Alternatively you can give online at <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/how-you-can-help/donate>

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Sunday 5 December 2021

2nd Sunday of Advent

Collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.
Amen.

Malachi 3.1–4

¹ 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Philippians 1.3–11

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 3.1–6

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

³ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." '

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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.