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Sunday 6th March 2022 (First Sunday of Lent)

- 8.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church**
9.00am Breakfast Church at St John's (in the church hall)
11.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church

Services & Meetings this week

Tue 8 th	2.00pm	Lent Course Session 1 (Christ Church Hall)
	7.00pm	Lent Course Session 1 (Christ Church Hall)
Wed 9 th	7.30pm	Christ Church Standing Committee (Christ Church Hall)
Thu 10 th	6.00pm	Vestry Hour (Vicarage)
	7.15pm	St John's PCC (St John's Church Hall – Upper Room)
Sat 12 th	10.00am	Coffee Morning (St John's Church Hall)
	3.30pm	Installation of Bishop Jonathan

Sunday 13th March 2022 (Second Sunday of Lent)

- 8.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church**
9.00am Holy Communion at St John's
11.00am Morning Worship at Christ Church

BREAKFAST CHURCH

This week's service at St John's will begin with breakfast at 9.00am. The service will begin at 9.30 and the speaker will be Elizabeth Mitchell (a member of Christ Church), speaking on behalf of Tearfund, our Mission of the Month for March. Simon Mitchell will be speaking on behalf of Tearfund at the 11.00 Service at Christ Church.

TED HARFIELD

Ted's funeral service has been arranged for 11.30 at The Oaks Crematorium, Havant on Wednesday 16th March with a reception at The Brookfield Hotel, Havant Road, Emsworth PO10 7LF, to follow. Everyone is very welcome.

COVID REGULATIONS

Many of the regulations relating to Covid have now been revoked. However, the government is still advising 'safer behaviours'.

Revd Andy asks that we follow these guidelines for services in both of our churches:

- Consider wearing a face covering for the sake of others
- Do not attend if you feel unwell or test positive for Covid-19
- Respect those who wish to maintain social distancing (and do not assume that others are comfortable with close contact)

There are a range of different views on these issues in our congregations. Please respect those whose views differ from your own.

LENT COURSE: LENTWISE – Spiritual essentials for real life

A shared Lent Course open to all members of both of our churches (and others). This will consist of 5 weekly sessions in Christ Church Hall on **Tuesdays** at 2.00pm, repeated each week at 7.00pm, starting on **Tuesday 8th March**.

You will get more out of the sessions if you have a copy of the book. Please sign up on the list at the back of either church to give us an idea who may attend, and to order a book (suggested donation £5). However, you may prefer to download the Kindle edition (*search for Lentwise Paula Gooder*).

COFFEE MORNING

The next coffee morning will be on **Saturday 12th March** from 10.00 until around 11.30am in St John's church hall. Everybody is welcome to join us for delicious coffee, cake and chat. (Tea is also available!)

LENT LUNCHESES

The Mothers' Union will be hosting two Lent Lunches this year, on **Saturdays 19th March and 2nd April** from 12.00 till 1.00pm in Christ Church Hall. All are welcome. Additionally Sheila Gill will be hosting Lent Lunches in her home on **Saturdays 12th March, 26th March and 9th April** at 12.30pm. Places at these are limited and will need to be booked with Sheila in person or by phone on 07511 032140. The lunches will raise funds for Tear Fund and MU family holidays.

WEBMASTER

Could you be our next webmaster? Would you like to learn a new skill? Matt Doe has done a wonderful job in this capacity for the last eight years at Christ Church and, more recently, at St John's, but it is now time for someone else to take over. Full training and ongoing support will be provided by the diocese. Websites are updated using a really user-friendly interface, so basic IT skills only are needed. Speak to Matt or Revd Andy if you would like to know more.

GLOW NIGHT WALK

On 18th March, Margaret Selby will be taking part on the Glow Night Walk at Southsea raising funds for the Alzheimer's Society in memory of her late husband, Derek. If you would like to sponsor Margaret please call her on 07582 424825.

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SUNDAY 6 MARCH 2022

1st Sunday of Lent

Collect

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

READINGS FOR THE 8.00 SERVICE

Romans 10.8b–13

⁸ 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 4.1–13

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' ⁴ Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' ⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' ⁸ Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' ⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", ¹¹ and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' ¹² Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

READINGS FOR THE 11.00 SERVICE

2 Kings 4:1-7

¹ Now the wife of a member of the company of prophets cried to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead; and you know that your servant feared the LORD, but a creditor has come to take my two children as slaves." ² Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" She answered, "Your servant has nothing in the house, except a jar of oil." ³ He said, "Go outside, borrow vessels from all your neighbours, empty vessels and not just a few. ⁴ Then go in, and shut the door behind you and your children, and start pouring into all these vessels; when each is full, set it aside." ⁵ So she left him and shut the door behind her and her children; they kept bringing vessels to her, and she kept pouring. ⁶ When the vessels were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." But he said to her, "There are no more." Then the oil stopped flowing. ⁷ She came and told the man of God, and he said, "Go sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your children can live on the rest."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 2:1-11

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Note: at The 9.30 Service we will hear part of the reading from John Chapter 2