

**HOLIDAY CLUB:** Tuesday 13th – Friday 16th Feb, 10am-12.30pm, for children in school years R-6. The Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn. Booking required. Pick up a flyer for further details.

**LENT COURSE:** This year's Lent Course will be 'Essential Jesus', focusing on how the Old Testament looks forward to Jesus. There will be daily readings, weekly meetings and sermons. Books of the daily readings are available at the reduced cost of £3.

Large print also available. Please sign up at the back of church.

**LENT LUNCHES** These begin on Saturday in the Church Hall, for six consecutive weeks from 12noon-1pm. Please join us for a bowl of homemade soup, roll, butter, cheese and tea or coffee.

Donations to Tear Fund and Mothers' Union 'Away from It All' holidays. We look forward to seeing you.

**READING SCRIPTURE IN PUBLIC WORSHIP:**

Havant Deanery is running two sessions to help those who do, or might like to, read the Bible reading during our services.

Friday 23rd Feb 7-9pm at All Saints, Denmead **OR**

Saturday 17th Mar 10am-12noon at St John's, Rowlands Castle.

Speak to Andy for details or book through Anne Grove at havantdeanery@gmail.com or 02392 256814.

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**Mission of the Month: Church Mission Society**



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**Welcome** to our services today.

**Please join us for refreshments** after The 10.30 Service

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – Sunday before Lent**

- 0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)
- 1030 The 10.30 Service (Family Service)
- 1600 Prayer Walk around the church building

**This Week's Activities**

*(Holiday Club at CoGS: 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> February 10am- 12.30pm)*

Tuesday 1800 Evensong at Cathedral followed by opportunity to meet Bishop Felix

- Ash** 0900 Morning Prayer
- Wednesday** 1415 Evening Wives
- 1900 Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
- Friday 1415 Friday Friends in Church Hall
- Saturday 0900 Church Cleaning
- 0900 Who Let The Dads Out? In Church Hall
- 1200 Lent Lunch in Church Hall

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – First Sunday of Lent**

- 0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 2)
- 1030 The 10.30 Service (Holy Communion)  
Guest: Bishop Felix of Koforidua
- 1800 The 18.00 Service (Informal Worship)

## THE SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

### COLLECT

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup> When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup> Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; the Lord has sent me to Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup> The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, 'Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?' 'Yes, I know,' Elisha replied, 'so be quiet.' <sup>4</sup> Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here, Elisha; the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' And he replied, 'As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.' So they went to Jericho. <sup>5</sup> The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, 'Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?' 'Yes, I know,' he replied, 'so be quiet.' <sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' And he replied, 'As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them walked on. <sup>7</sup> Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. <sup>8</sup> Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. <sup>9</sup> When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?' 'Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,' Elisha replied. <sup>10</sup> 'You have asked a difficult thing,' Elijah said, 'yet

if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours – otherwise, it will not.' <sup>11</sup> As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. <sup>12</sup> Elisha saw this and cried out, 'My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!' And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

### SECOND READING: Mark 9:2-9

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*

**Glory to you O Lord**

<sup>2</sup> After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. <sup>3</sup> His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' <sup>6</sup> (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) <sup>7</sup> Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: 'This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!' <sup>8</sup> Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. <sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to you O Christ**