

ESSENTIAL JESUS – Readings for this week:

Mon 19 Feb	3	Colossians 1:15-23
Tue 20 Feb	4	Hebrews 1:1-4
Wed 21 Feb	5	1 Peter 2:4-10
Thu 22 Feb	6	Genesis 3
Fri 23 Feb	7	Exodus 32:1-33:6

LENT LUNCHES These are on Saturdays in the Church Hall, throughout Lent, 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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Christ Church

For Christ. For you.

Welcome to our services today, especially to **Bishop Felix** as he joins us for The 10.30 Service

Prayer Ministry is available during & after The 10.30 Service

Please join us for refreshments after The 10.30 Service

Sunday 18th 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 6.00 Service

This Week's Activities

Monday 1030 Lent Course Week 1 (Sandra Morgan)

Tuesday 1930 Lent Course Week 1 (Mark James)

Wednesday 0900 Morning Prayer

1400 Lent Course Week 1 (Jacqui Wilson)

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1930 PCC Meeting in Church Hall

Thursday 1000 The Thursday Service (Holy Communion)

Friday 1230 Neighbourhood Lunch in Church Hall

1900 'Reading Scripture...' at All Saints, Denmead

Saturday 0900 Church Cleaning

1000 CCP Good Neighbours AGM in Church Hall

1200 Lent Lunch in Church Hall

Sunday 25th February 2018 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)

1030 The 10.30 Service (Family Service)

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Colossians 1:15-23

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. ²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been

proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Mark 1:9-15

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

Glory to you O Lord

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." ¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. ¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ