

## ESSENTIAL JESUS – Readings for this week:

Mon 26 Feb	8	Psalm 14
Tue 27 Feb	9	Isaiah 59
Wed 28 Feb	10	Amos 5
Thu 1 March	11	Exodus 12:1-30
Fri 2 March	12	Exodus 16

**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.

**ANDY & JACQUI** are attending the New Wine Leaders Conference this week and then taking a few days leave. They will return to parish duty on 6<sup>th</sup> March.

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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.

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

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – Second Sunday of Lent

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)  
1030 The 10.30 Service

### This Week's Activities

Monday 1030 Lent Course Week 2 (Sandra Morgan)  
Tuesday 1930 Lent Course Week 2 (Mark James)  
Wednesday 0900 Morning Prayer  
1400 Lent Course Week 2 (Jacqui Wilson)  
1400 Lent Course Week 2 (Sandra Morgan)  
1930 Lent Course Week 3 (P. Letters / D. Fowler)  
Thursday 1400 Prayer Meeting (hosted by June Ames)  
Friday 1415 Friday Friends  
Saturday 0900 Church Cleaning  
1200 Lent Lunch in Church Hall  
1800 Centenary Celebration for Ladies

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Third Sunday of Lent

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 2)  
1030 The 10.30 Service (Holy Communion)  
1830 New Wine Celebration (CoGS)

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### COLLECT

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### FIRST READING: Psalm 14

<sup>1</sup> The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good. <sup>2</sup> The LORD looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. <sup>3</sup> All have turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one. <sup>4</sup> Do all these evildoers know nothing? They devour my people as though eating bread; they never call on the LORD. <sup>5</sup> But there they are, overwhelmed with dread, for God is present in the company of the righteous. <sup>6</sup> You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge. <sup>7</sup> Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores his people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!

*This is the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

### SECOND READING: Mark 8:31-37

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

### **Glory to you O Lord**

<sup>31</sup> He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." <sup>34</sup> Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup> What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?"

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to you O Christ**