

ESSENTIAL JESUS – Readings for this week:

Mon 5 March	13	Numbers 21:4-9
Tue 6 March	14	1 Kings 8:1-21
Wed 7 March	15	Jonah 1-4
Thu 8 March	16	Psalm 2
Fri 9 March	17	Psalm 22

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

MARGERY BUDD: Margery's funeral will be held at Christ Church at 2pm on Friday 6th April.

DIARY DATE: The Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday 19th April at 7pm in church. There will be 5 vacancies for PCC members. The revision of the Electoral Roll will commence on Saturday 10th March.

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Mission of the Month: Tearfund



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Christ Church

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Welcome to our services today. Thank you to Revd Tyrone Hillary for presiding over 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 4th March 2018 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

This Week's Activities

- Monday 1030 Lent Course Week 3 (Sandra Morgan)
- Tuesday 1415 Mothers' Union
- 1930 Lent Course Week 3 (Mark James)
- Wednesday 0900 Morning Prayer
- 1400 Lent Course Week 3 (Jacqui Wilson)
- 1400 Lent Course Week 3 (Sandra Morgan)
- 1930 Lent Course Week 4 (P. Letters / D. Fowler)
- 1930 Music & Worship Committee
- Thursday 1000 The Thursday Service (Holy Communion)
- Friday 1000 Open Church Coffee Morning
- Saturday 0900 Church Cleaning
- 1200 Lent Lunch in Church Hall

Sunday 11th March 2018 – Mothering Sunday

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

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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: Numbers 21:4-9

⁴ They travelled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go round Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; ⁵ they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!'

⁶ Then the Lord sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. ⁷ The people came to Moses and said, 'We sinned when we spoke against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take the snakes away from us.' So Moses prayed for the people.

⁸ The Lord said to Moses, 'Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.' ⁹ So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: John 2:13-22

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

Glory to you O Lord

¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, 'Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!' ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

¹⁸ The Jews then responded to him, 'What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?'

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.'

²⁰ They replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?'

²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ