

ESSENTIAL JESUS – Readings for this week:

Mon 19 March	23	Micah 5: 1-5
Tue 20 March	24	Zechariah: 9 9-17
Wed 21 March	25	Zechariah: 12,13
Thu 22 March	26	Isaiah 7
Fri 23 March	27	Isaiah 9: 1-7

VICARAGE: Andy & Jacqui are very grateful to those who invited them to meals last week and would welcome offers for this week.

LENT LUNCHESES: Last one next Saturday in the Church Hall

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

QUIZ TIME: Sat 28th April 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £10 each available now. Fish and chip supper or alternatives, BYO drinks.

DIARY DATES:

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 Sat 10th March.

Summer Festival: Sat 7th July 2018 12md-4pm.

Advent Fayre: Sat 1st December 2018 12md-3.30pm

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Mission of the Month: Tearfund



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Christ Church

For Christ. For you.

Welcome to our services today.

Prayer Ministry available during & after The 10.30 Service

Please join us for refreshments after The 10.30 Service

Sunday 18th March 2018 – 5th Sunday of Lent

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 2)

1030 The 10.30 Service (Holy Communion)

1800 The 18.00 Service

This Week's Activities

Monday	1030	Lent Course Week 5 (Sandra Morgan)
Wednesday	0900	Morning Prayer
	1400	Lent Course Week 5 (Jacqui Wilson)
	1930	Lent Course Week 6 (P. Letters / D. Fowler)
Thursday	1000	The Thursday Service (Holy Communion)
	1400	Lent Course Week 5 (Sandra Morgan)
Friday	1230	Neighbourhood Lunch (Church Hall)
Saturday	1000	Renewal of Vows (Richard & Susie Hurman)
	1100	Holy Land Visit Meeting (at CoGS)
	1200	Lent Lunch in Church Hall

Sunday 25th March 2018 – Palm Sunday

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)

1030 The 10.30 Service

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

COLLECT

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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: Micah 5:1-5

¹ Marshal your troops now, city of troops, for a siege is laid against us. They will strike Israel's ruler on the cheek with a rod. 'But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.'

³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labour bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. ⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. ⁵ And he will be our peace when the Assyrians invade our land and march through our fortresses.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: John 12:20-33

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

Glory to you O Lord

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. 'Sir,' they said, 'we would like to see Jesus.' ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. ²³ Jesus replied, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me. ²⁷ 'Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.' ²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. ³⁰ Jesus said, 'This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' ³³ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ