GRAVE TALK: Thursday 21st June, 1.30-3.30pm

Tea, cake and a chance to talk at the Rowans Living Well Centre. Book a place on 023 9224 8011.

VETERANS BREAKFAST: Saturday 23rd June 10.30am

Christ Church Hall. Open to all who have served in the Armed Forces. To book, please contact Tracey on tehawkins@icloud.com

SUMMER FESTIVAL 2018: Sat. 7th July, 12md-4pm

Only 3 WEEKS TO GO!

Sign Up Sheets: helpers still needed, please check the sign up sheets at the back of the church and put your name down ASAP. Like to help but not sure what you could do? Speak to Sandra, Sue or Vicky who will be happy to help!

Grand Summer Draw: Tickets now available from Linda and

Roger Banks, £200 first prize and other great prizes

SUNDAY 1st JULY 2018: a VERY BRIEF meeting in church after

the 10.30 service for everyone helping with the event

Andy & Jacqui are on leave from tomorrow for a week.

DIARY DATES:

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: Mission Aviation Fellowship

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Welcome to our services today. Prayer Ministry is available during & after The 10.30 Service. **Please join us for refreshments** after The 10.30 Service.

Sunday 17th June 2018 - 3rd after Trinity

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 2)1030 The 10.30 Service (Holy Communion)1800 Cluster Compline and Prayer Meeting

at St John's Purbrook

This Week's Activities

Wednesday	1400	Homegroup (Jacqui Wilson)
	1400	Homegroup (Sandra Morgan)
	1930	Homegroup (Pauline Letters)
Thursday	1330	'Grave Talk' at the Rowans Living Well Centre
Friday	1230	Neighbourhood Lunch (in Church Hall)
Saturday	0900	Church Cleaning
	1030	Veterans' Breakfast (in Church Hall)

Sunday 24th June 2018 – John the Baptist / 4th after Trinity

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1) Revd Peter Hall

1030 The 10.30 Service

Leader: Revd Debbie Youell

Speaker: Peter Beer, Mission Aviation Fellowship

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

⁶ Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷ For we live by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. ¹¹ Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. 12 We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. ¹³ If we are "out of our mind," as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no

longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. ¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING: Mark 4:26-34

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

Glory to you O Lord

²⁶ He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."30 Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? 31 It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade." 33 With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you O Christ**