

The Funeral of Joy West (Roy's wife) will take place at Portchester Crematorium on Thursday 19th July at 12.30pm, led by Andy Wilson. Roy would like to invite his Christ Church friends to attend.

Christ Church GOOD NEIGHBOURS Group needs a new Secretary. Could you help support the committee at 4 management meetings each year and our AGM plus a little admin in between? If you are interested to find out more please speak to Sheila Gill.

"Holiday at Home" Wednesday August 8th 10.30-4.00pm

The British Seaside comes to Crookhorn for one day only! If you can't get away for a holiday then come along to CoGS for a fun day of Games and Crafts (incl. Bingo), a traditional Fish and Chip lunch, "End of the Pier" Show and a Cream Tea. Sign up and get your ticket for £2 at the back of the Church.

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Mission of the Month: Mission to Seafarers



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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 15th July 2018 – 7th after Trinity

- 0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 2)
- 1030 The 10.30 Service (Holy Communion)
- 1800 The 6.00 Service

This Week's Activities

- Monday 1030 Homegroup (Dave Fowler)
- Wednesday 0900 Morning Prayer
- 1300 Homegroup & Lunch (Jacqui Wilson)
- 1930 Homegroup (Pauline Letters)
- 1930 PCC Standing Committee
- Thursday 1230 Funeral of Joy West (Portchester Crematorium)
- Friday 1415 Friday Friends (in Church Hall)
- Saturday 0900 Church Cleaning
- 0900 Who Let the Dads Out?

Sunday 22nd July 2018 – 8th after Trinity

- 0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)
- 1030 The 10.30 Service (Baptism of Dexter Kendall)

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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: Ephesians 1:3-14

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. ¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Mark 6:14-29

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

¹⁴ King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ Others said, "He is Elijah." And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!" ¹⁷ For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married.

¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, ²⁰ because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²² When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you." ²³ And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom." ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" "The head of John the Baptist," she answered. ²⁵ At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, ²⁸ and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. ²⁹ On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

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